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## BRITISH SCORE SUCCESSES; GERMANS WIN IN ROUMANIA

### TURKS ARE ROUTED AT KUT-EL-AMARA

British Win in France and Macedonia, But Russians and Roumanians Retreat Before Terrific Drive of Von Mackensen--Teutons Capture Entire Bridge-Head at Nanesti and Take Town Itself.

**BRITISH MAKE SUCCESSFUL RAIDS IN FRANCE — PETROGRAD ADMITS TEUTON VICTORY IN NORTHERN ROUMANIA—FRENCH CARRY OUT SURPRISE ATTACK ON GERMAN LINE IN DIRECTION OF SENONES.**

London, Jan. 21.—The report from British headquarters in France issued tonight says:

"A successful daylight raid was made this morning against enemy trenches southeast of Loos. Dugouts full of Germans were bombed and destroyed. Many casualties were inflicted on the enemy with small cost to ourselves. We secured some prisoners.

"We also entered the enemy's lines last night north of Neuve Chapelle. The enemy's artillery was active at intervals during the day in the neighborhood of Rancourt and Serre and in the Ypres section. We effectively bombarded the enemy positions in St. Pierre Vaast wood and the neighborhood of Gommecourt, Arras and Armentieres."

#### Russians Routed.

Berlin, Jan. 21, via Sayville.—The entire bridgehead position at Nanesti, on the Sereth line, in Northern Roumania, fell into Field Marshal Von Mackensen's hands with the town, the war office announced today. The Russians suffered severe losses in retreating across the Sereth bridges, and 566 prisoners were taken.

An attempted attack by the Russians in the Putna Valley, on the western Moldavian front, was broken up and minor attacks elsewhere along this line were repulsed.

Only minor operations in the other war areas are reported in the official statement:

"Front of Field Marshal Von Mackensen: Together with Nanesti, on January 19, the entire bridgehead there, still tenaciously defended by the Russians, fell into our hands. Pomeranians, Altmarians and West Prussians stormed several hostile lines which had strongly entrenched points of support. The town itself was taken in a violent struggle from house-to-house. The Russians, streaming back across the Sereth bridges, were caught by our outflanking batteries and machine guns and suffered severe losses. One officer, 565 men, two machine guns and four mine-throwers fell into our hands."

#### Russians Pressed Back.

Petrograd, via London, Jan. 20.—(British admiralty per Wireless Press) In the face of an attack of considerable force in the Nanesti sector along the Sereth line on the Roumanian front the Russians were pressed back towards the Sereth, the war office announced. Heavy fighting along the Moldavian frontier is continuing, and an attempted offensive by Teutonic forces was checked by the Russian south of La Munteiu mountain, as was another offensive further to the south.

The text reads: "Roumanian front: In the region of Baras, 10 miles south of La Munteiu mountain, the enemy attempted an offensive but was thrown back by our fire. Southeast of Rakotich the enemy also assumed the offensive without success. In this section the enemy used exclusively explosive bullets.

"Under cover of concentrated fire by night and heavy artillery the enemy launched an attack with considerable forces on the Nanesti front, in the vicinity of the River Rimnik, and pressed back our detachments towards the River Sereth.

"During the last engagements with the Turks it was discovered they used explosive bullets."

#### At Kut-el-Amara.

London, Jan. 21.—The war office communication issued tonight concerning the operations in Mesopotamia says:

"The enemy has been expelled from a small strip on the right bank of the Tigris, in the bend of the river northeast of Kut-el-Amara. The whole trench system, on a front of 2,500 yards to a depth of 1,100 yards, is now in our possession, and the right bank of the river from Kut-el-Amara down stream has been cleared of the enemy. Further progress has been made against the enemy's trenches on the right

bank southwest of Kut-el-Amara."

#### Berlin's Version.

Berlin, Jan. 21, via Sayville.—Repeated attacks by the British east of Kut-el-Amara on the Tigris have been repulsed, Turkish army headquarters announced in its statement of January 19. Heavy losses were sustained by the British in these operations, and in an attack by Turks on a British cavalry brigade on this front.

#### French Statement.

Paris, Jan. 21.—The bulletin issued by the war office tonight on the campaign reads:

"North of the Somme our batteries took under their fire and dispersed enemy troops on the marsh in the region of Mont St. Quentin.

"On the right bank of the Meuse both artilleries were very active in the sectors of Vacherville and Chambray and the Causeries wood. North of Ban-De-Sept, after a spirited bombardment, we carried out a surprise attack on the German line in the direction of Senones."

The Belgian communication: "There was artillery fighting in the direction of Dixmude and on the Steenstraete-Het Sas front."

#### Successful Raid.

London, Jan. 20 (11.40 p. m.)—The official statement on the campaign in France, as issued tonight from British headquarters reads:

"We carried out a successful raid last night east of St. Eloi. There was considerable artillery activity during the day on both sides, particularly on the line north of the Somme.

"We dispersed enemy working parties northeast of Neuve Chapelle and carried out effectively some bombardments of the enemy's positions in the neighborhood of Las Basces Canal and southeast of Bois Grenier."

#### A Surprise Attack.

Paris, Jan. 20 (11.50 p. m.)—The official communication issued by the war office tonight reads:

"In the region south of Lassigny artillery fighting continued this morning quite violently. A surprise attack by the enemy directed against one of our trenches failed. Northwest of Soissons an attack launched against the enemy lines in the sector of Vignereau resulted in bringing back prisoners.

"In Alsace there was an encounter between patrols in the sector of Burschaupt. A strong German reconnaissance, which attempted to reach our lines in the region southwest of Altkirch, was repulsed.

Belgian communication: "A bombardment on both sides took place in the sector of Ramspelle. The Belgian guns counter-shelled the German batteries in the neighborhood duels were fought. Spirited actions of Dixmude, where violent artillery occurred in the direction of Steenstraete and Het Sas."

### FATHER OF THE AUTO DIES IN FRANCE.

Paris, Jan. 21.—Amodeo Bolles, Sr., the inventor, known in France as "the father of automobilism," is dead. M. Bolles was the builder of a steam car which he first operated in 1872.

### COL. MACDONALD KILLED AND 4 HURT BY TRAIN

Deplorable Accident in Union Station, Toronto, Last Night—Light Engine Hits Group of Militiamen.

Toronto, Jan. 21.—One of the worst accidents in the history of the Union station occurred tonight as a troop train bearing 600 soldiers was pulling out for the east. Lieut-Colonel Wm. Campbell MacDonald, a brigadier attached to the headquarters staff at the exhibition camp, was instantly killed by a light engine backing through the train shed. Four others sustained injuries, and a score or more narrowly escaped a similar fate.

### 300 KILLED IN EXPLOSION

BULLETIN.  
London, Jan. 22.—Latest estimates place the total number of victims of the East London munitions factory explosion Friday night as high as 300.

### 207TH BATTALION REACHES AMHERST

Special to The Standard.  
Amherst, N. S., Jan. 20.—The 207th Battalion, Lt.-Col. McLean, officer in command, arrived at Amherst last night and will be quartered here for an indefinite length of time. The unit hails from Ottawa and numbers slightly over eight hundred men. Owing to slight accidents to their trains the battalion has been three days on the road.

### STORM RAPIDLY MOVING ON NEW BRUNSWICK.

At an early hour this morning a heavy storm was heading this way and easterly gales with snow, sleet or rain, or all three, are expected today, followed by another "cold wave" Tuesday.

The disturbance started in Arizona Saturday and is moving eastward with rapidly increasing energy. Last night the storm centre was in Michigan. A heavy snow storm began in Ontario early Sunday and moved on Quebec last night. The storm will probably be very heavy on the north shore.

A severe cold wave is in the wake of the disturbance. Last night the mercury went down to 24 degrees below zero at Batford and Prince Albert, 22 below at Edmonton, 23 below at Winnipeg and 27 below at Calgary.

### DR. BOURQUE, M.L.A., KENT, IS SENATOR

Popular Richibucto Physician Honored by Premier Borden.

EMINENT ACADIAN IS WESTMORLAND NATIVE

Prominent Labor Man, C. E. Tanner and A. B. Crosby, Also Appointed to Senate.

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, Jan. 21.—Seven of the fourteen senate vacancies have been filled. Four of the appointments went to Ontario, two to Nova Scotia and one to New Brunswick.

The new senators are: Col. Frederick Nicholls, Toronto; George Lynch Staunton, K. C. Hamilton; Gideon D. Robertson, Welland; H. W. Richardson, Kingston; C. E. Tanner and A. B. Crosby, Halifax; Dr. T. J. Bourque, M. L. A., Richibucto.



DR. T. J. BOURQUE.

This is the first occasion upon which a Canadian government has recognized the loss to the extent of appointing a representative labor man to the senate.

#### to Telegrapher.

Senator Robertson is president of the Telegraphers' Union, and was the intermediary requested by Hon. T. W. Crothers to go to Winnipeg on the occasion of the recent trouble between



CHARLES E. TANNER.

the C. P. R. and its trainmen. His good offices resulted in an agreement, and he was warmly thanked by both the government and the C. P. R. His appointment to the senate was made upon the recommendation of the Minister of Labor.

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### THE YARROWDALE AT SWINEMUNDE

Crews of Steamers Captured by German Raider Now in Prussia--Four More Steamers Sunk by Teutons ---German Vessels Sighted Off Brazilian Coast of Rio Grande del Norte.

### \$30,000 BLAZE IN AMHERST YEESTERDAY

International Engineering Company's Plant Damaged—Munition Factory Escapes Flames.

Special to The Standard.  
Amherst, N. S., Jan. 21.—A serious fire broke out in the boiler shop of the International Engineering Company at an early hour this morning while the thermometer was far below the zero mark. The resultant damage will probably amount to \$30,000 although an exact estimate has not yet been made.

If the huge electric cranes were disabled by the flames it is possible that the loss will be even higher. The blaze commenced in a small one story building known as the fitting room, catching from a small stove installed there.

The roof of the boiler shop soon caught and within a brief space of time was surely in the grip of the flames. The local department, working under difficulties, had the fire under control after a few hours of hard endeavor.

Fortunately the flames did not reach the munition making portion of the plant and the work of the shell making departments will not be impaired. The loss is fully covered by insurance, distributed over several companies.

### "S. O. S." CALLS FROM VESSEL IN DISTRESS

Swedish Steamer Scandinavia Asks British Freighter for Assistance.

Boston, Jan. 21.—Wireless signals of distress from the Swedish steamer Scandinavia, three times repeated and the last call very faint, were picked up early Friday morning by the British freighter Star Point, her officers reported upon the steamer's arrival from Liverpool today. As the Scandinavia's calls gave no position, and as the Star Point at the time was battling with a gale, it was explained, no attempt was made to reach the distressed vessel.

### ONE HUNDRED CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH IN MASSACHUSETTS IN YEAR

Boston, Jan. 21.—One hundred children were burned to death in this state last year, according to state house statistics. The deaths were all caused by the children playing with matches or with rubbish fires.

Fire Prevention Commissioner John A. O'Keefe announces that he has made plans for a campaign of education to be carried on in co-operation with schools, women's clubs and motion picture theatres.

### HUN SHIPS INTERNED IN RIO JANEIRO MAY ATTEMPT TO PUT TO SEA AND ESCAPE—BRAZILIAN WARSHIPS WATCHING COAST LINE TO PREVENT VIOLATION OF NEUTRALITY—BRITISH CRUISER AT RIO.

Amsterdam, Jan. 20, via London—According to an official statement from Berlin, says the Cologne Gazette, the British steamer Yarrowdale, carrying crews of steamers captured by the German raider in the Atlantic, was brought into the port of Swinemunde, Prussia.

The official statement from Berlin Friday night, reporting the arrival of the Yarrowdale in harbor on December 31 as a prize, did not indicate the port at which she arrived.

#### Four More Sunk.

London, Jan. 21.—The sinking of four steamers, one of British and three of neutral registry was announced last night by Lloyds. The Britisher was the steamer Nallsaccourt, of 2,152 tons net.

The neutral steamers sunk were the Spanish Parahyba, 1,887 tons net, and the Norwegians, Marietta Digtor, 888 tons, and Asp, 1,100 tons net. A despatch from Madrid says a Norwegian steamer Gasa, 1,002 gross tons, has been torpedoed.

#### German Sighted?

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 20.—The captain of the Brazilian steamer Maranhao, says a report from Pernambuco, encountered off the coast of the State of Rio Grande del Norte two cargo vessels, accompanied by two auxiliary ships, all flying the American flag. The vessels are supposed to be German, the report adds.

The minister of marine has received a telegram from the captain of the Port of Pernambuco confirming the previously reported declaration of the commander of the Maranhao.

The Brazilian government, in addition to sending out the coast defense ship Deodoro to guard the northern coast of Brazil, has decided to despatch the scout cruiser Rio Grande do Sul, which will cruise between Port Natal and Fernan Da Noronha Island and keep close watch on the coast in those waters. The two vessels will leave for the north Tuesday.

The Rio Janeiro newspaper A Noticia says that about a hundred sailors from the German gunboat Eber, interned at Bahia, are reported to have embarked on the Swedish steamer St. Croix, which left Rio Janeiro four days ago and is said to have met the German raider on the high seas for the purpose of putting these men aboard. Those sailors had been interned on Cobras Island, in the Bay of Rio Janeiro, for more than a year.

#### German Hqd Steam Up.

A representative of this newspaper inspected the German steamer Hohent-

staufen in Rio Janeiro harbor and declares that the vessel was taking on provisions and water, and had steam up. The Hohentstaufen and another German steamer, the Caproca, according to A Noticia, have made preparations to put to sea.

Reports have been received here that manifestations in favor of the Germans took place on board the Spanish steamer Leo XIII, when the work of the raider became known. A number of the passengers aboard protested.

The minister of marine declared today that the Brazilian warships which are watching the coast have been given the strictest instructions to capture any raiders operating in any manner that might injure Brazil's neutrality. Without attaching any credence to the reports that German steamers were planning to escape from the ports where they are interned, the minister said emphatically that orders had been issued to the captains of the ports to prevent any secret departures.

#### British Cruiser at Rio.

The minister of marine has thus far received no exact information as to the nationality of steamers reported on the north coast. This referred to a despatch from Macao to the newspaper A Notti, reporting the presence of vessels near Touro, north northwest of Port Natal.

The British auxiliary cruiser Edinburgh Castle entered Rio Janeiro harbor today. The German steamer Alrich, which has been interned here, is filled with war material.

#### NOVA SCOTIA DEFEATED.

New York, Jan. 21.—Bob McAllister of California outought and outpointed Roddy McDonald of Glace Bay, N. S. in every round of a ten-round bout in Brooklyn last night. McAllister weighed 163, and McDonald 159 pounds.

#### THE MASK OFF.

(Ottawa Journal.)  
The mask is off among the Laurierites of Quebec. Their candidate in Dorchester, Mr. Cannon, announced himself as specially approved by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and proclaiming Sir Wilfrid to be an opponent of National Service, thunders out to a French-Canadian audience, "Are we going to ruin ourselves for England?" and thunders the answer "No!" And so he answers his own rank falsehood, put under the guise of a query by a spurt of racial venom. For it is not for England that Canada fights. It is for Canada and for the British Empire, including ourselves, and for France, and for freedom in the world, including that of Quebec. This Laurier candidate in Dorchester merely concentrates in two sentences all the scoundrelly misrepresentation, the miserable selfishness and the specious poison which have paralyzed Quebec in the war, and which never pertained in Quebec in consequence of merely the war, but have leaped out from a mean racial malice which had long rankled pre-

viously.

And so in Canada we have Sir Wilfrid bidding to be put into power by the aid of such as this candidate in Dorchester—asking to be entrusted with the conduct of Canada's effort in the war, when in Quebec his chosen candidates shout to French-Canadians: "Are we going to ruin ourselves for England?" "NO!"

And over the water, England pours out her blood for France.