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GREAT BATTLE NEAR WARSAW NOT FINISHED

Tales of the German Decisive
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Be Premature.

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HAT'S IN RING FOR MAYORALTY

Dr. Stevenson Announces His
Intention of Contesting
January Race.

AGAINST HIGH SALARIES

Announces Platform as Being
One For More Economical
City Management.

Dr. H. A. Stevenson, now a member of the public utilities commission, announced his mayoralty intentions to The Advertiser today. Dr. Stevenson was endorsed by the Trades and Labor Council at its last meeting. Since that time he has been in New York, and only arrived home on Sunday.

The announcement was not unexpected, and it will add zest to the coming election fight.

Dr. Stevenson's platform, as outlined today, will be one of more economical management of city affairs.

"We are having too many high-priced officials at present," declared Dr. Stevenson. "My object will be to reduce the cost of city management and to place it on a businesslike, economical basis. This applies to the public utilities commission as well as the city employees."

HARRY K. THAW
TO BE EXTRADITED

Supreme Court Decides He
Must Go Back to New
York State.

[Canadian Press.]
Washington, Dec. 21.—Harry K. Thaw lost his fight today in the supreme court of the United States against extradition from the state of New Hampshire to the state of New York.

In a brief decision by Justice Holmes, which was the unanimous decision of the court, it was held that the celebrated prisoner should be turned over at once to the New York authorities to answer an indictment charging conspiracy to escape from Matteawan Asylum for the Insane.

Whether his escape from the asylum while, as his counsel contended, he was insane, constituted a crime, and other questions of law, dismissed with the comment that they could not enter into a habeas corpus proceeding, and that they were proper questions for the state of New York to decide.

Actually, the celebrated Thaw case—the killing of Stanford White—was not before the supreme court. Merely the question of returning Thaw to the conspiracy indictment was up for decision.

Canadians in Egypt

Letter Received From First Royals Private Describes Life
There—Fighting Expected Soon.

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, Dec. 21.—That at least one Canadian regiment is in Egypt, and that it is doing well, is a letter received today by Honore Bertrand from his brother, Louis Bertrand, a private in the First Royals, Montreal. In this letter, Bertrand describes the life of the men in Egypt and says that they expect soon to be fighting.

How the French Air Squadrons Work—
A Flying Machine Raid Described

Special War Correspondence.
Paris, France, Dec. 21.—The aeroplanes on war duty are now organized into squadrons, each squadron having six to eight flying machines and commanded by an officer. Each unit of the French squadrons reconnoiter within a radius of 100 miles daily, if in trim, and return to a given rendezvous where they post their information, deliver it to their commander, who in turn files it with the proper army department.

I talked today to a member of the aviation corps. He described to me a typical end-of-the-day experience as follows:

"One by one, from the four points of the compass, the aeroplanes return like homing pigeons. Soon the whole squadron is here, and while pilots and observers go to headquarters to make reports, the mechanics get to the machines. Suddenly, just when we are thinking that the day's work is done, we hear the droning of a motor. All eyes are fixed on the heavy clouds on the horizon. A black spot shows against their grey, grows, and takes shape. No, it is not a Prussian, but a French aeroplane, that of the Pilot X. He has some news for us—very important news. A German convoy is advancing along a little branch line some 30 miles away. Immediately the air-camp is full of bustle."

"In less than a quarter of an hour the whole squadron is up and off. X's little aeroplane leads the way. On we speed in single file, our eyes fixed on our leader. Then suddenly, beneath us, a flame rises from the ground, and a great wave of air rocks our machine. X must have hit something. We cut off the motor and descend. The aeroplane in front of us has just made the same manoeuvre, and has dropped its bombs. To judge by the columns of thick smoke that arise here and there, it will be our turn soon."

"Still we descend. And now we can distinguish what is going on beneath. An engine is lying on its side, a great hole torn in its flank, and behind it is the black, confused mass of a convoy, from which flames and smoke are pouring. X's aim has been true."

"But a little further on, when the smoke of the burning blows momentarily aside, we see another convoy in flight. We switch on our motor, overtake it, aim, and drop our bombs. No time to watch their effect. If we have missed we must leave it to those who follow to do better."

"In front of us lies a village, from whose houses issue little dark specks in hundreds, as from a disturbed ant-hill. We drop more bombs, and this time we are sure we have not missed. Columns of smoke rise up, the movement among the dark specks becomes more marked, and great billows of air cause our machines to roll like a boat on the high seas."

"Now the chief of the squadron signals to us to return. Regretfully and dropping out last projectiles, we sweep round and make for home, amid a hail of ineffective bullets. Below us the convoys are burning still, throwing out yellow tongues of flame into the gathering darkness. Far away in the horizon we can see the friendly flicker of the lights that denote our landing place. The day's work is over. There will be many a German battery position that will wait in vain for the promised and sorely needed munitions."

ALLIES TRIUMPHANTLY ADVANCE ON WHOLE FRONT WITHOUT SINGLE REPULSE RECORDED

The Duke of Connaught Inspecting Montreal Regiments

At One Point Gain of Twelve
Hundred Yards Is
Reported.

ARTILLERY SUCCESSFUL

Enemy's Guns Silenced and
Part of Battery Sent
Head Over Heels.

[Canadian Press.]
Paris, Dec. 21.—Progress all along the line is claimed in the French official statement given out in Paris this afternoon. There is not one single mention of a German success or a French repulse.

Gains, although slight, are recorded in Belgium, between the Lys and the Aisne, in the Champagne country, and in the Argonne. At one point an advance of 1,200 yards is recorded, and at another the French made 500 yards.

Progress has been made in the Argonne and the Meuse, on the right bank of the Meuse, and on the heights of the Meuse.

The French heavy artillery is described as having been successful in the Aisne, near Rheims, and elsewhere.

The statement says: "The day of December 20 brought nothing of importance in Belgium, if exception is made of some progress in the region of Lombray and St. Georges, and at a point to the southeast of the town of Kortrijk, which is southeast of Bixchoote; the occupation of some houses in Wartelem, south of Zillebeke, and the bombardment by the enemy of the Ypres Hospital."

"Between the Lys and the Aisne we have occupied a forest near the route between Nieuwille and Souchez, and we also took possession of the first line of German trenches between this highway and the first houses of Notre Dame de Lorette, southwest of Lorette."

"The enemy has been bombarded at Arras. Artillery Smashed. "Our heavy artillery silenced on repeated occasions the artillery of the enemy to the north of Carnoy, which is to the east of Albert. This artillery also demolished the German trenches, and sent head over heels two cannon of a battery established near Horn, which is to the southeast of Carnoy. The heavy artillery also secured distinct advantages on the Aisne and in the section of Rheims."

In Champagne, in the region of Fromes, Perthes and Beaumont, as well as in the Argonne, we made along our entire front appreciable advances."

Positions Taken.
"This is particularly so in the northeast of Beaumont, where we won and occupied 1,200 yards of the enemy's trenches. In the Forest of La Grurie we blew up four mined saps, and we established ourselves in the positions thus made."

"Between the Argonne and the Meuse there has been progress along all the front, particularly in the region of Varennes, where the Brook of Cheppes has been left 500 yards in our rear, and in the region of Gerocourt-Bethincourt."

"On the right bank of the Meuse we have gained ground at La Croupe; at a point two kilometers northwest of Brabant, and in the Forest of Consoyevoy."

"Finally, on the heights of the Meuse we have made slight progress in the Forest des Chevaliers, to the northeast of the Port of Coney."

AS TOLD BY GERMANY.
[Canadian Press.]
Berlin, Dec. 21.—Via London, 4 p.m.—The French attacks yesterday at Nicourt (Belgium) were repulsed.

Between Rheimsburg, Faves and the canal of La Bassée, we attacked the positions of the Anglo-Indian troops, stormed and captured their trenches, and dislodged them from their position with heavy losses. We captured one piece of artillery, five machine guns, two mine throwers and 270 Anglo-Indians, including ten officers. The trenches we lost to the enemy December 18, near Notre Dame de Lorette, have been recaptured."

In the neighborhood of Soumain, to the northeast of Chalons, French troops yesterday delivered a fierce attack. In one place they penetrated our outposts, but they were repulsed. The great activity shown by the French along our entire front has been explained by an army order dated December 17 and signed by Gen. Joffre, commander-in-chief of the French troops, which was found on a French officer."

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MILITARISTS SEND KAISER TO FRONT IN SPITE OF DOCTORS

[Canadian Press.]
London, Dec. 21.—3:10 p.m.—The departure of Emperor William for the front, announced yesterday, is said by the Exchange Telegraph Company's correspondent at Amsterdam, to have been decided upon against the advice of the Emperor's physician, who strongly opposed his making the trip at this time. The military chiefs, however, insisted, the correspondent adds, that the Emperor spend Christmas with his troops, and he decided to do so.

Police Swoop Down On
Old-Time Cock Fight

Bag Forty-One Spectators and Fourteen Birds and
Bring in \$307.50 to Court Coffers This
Morning—Auction Sale of Birds.

Heading a squad of cops in strategic divisions of scouts, lookouts and rangers, Sergeant "Bob" Birrell, broke into a Victoria street house in the very early hours of Sunday morning, and extracted the following, who were engaged in, or looking on at a cock fight:

Forty-one men.
Fourteen game cocks—two dead.

Followed pleadings and legging on the part of the forty-one, and screeches and defiance from the game cocks. The men were all in police court today, and they formed a two-ply ring around the court room.

Each one paid a \$5 fine and \$2.50 costs, making a grand total of \$307.50. The game cocks are in the police station garage. They will be auctioned off to the highest bidder tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock by Sergeant Birrell. A fine array of Christmas poultry!

Scouts Bring In News.
Early on Saturday evening there were "signs" of the coming event on Victoria street.

The first really tangible one was a man carrying a box covered with a cloth, and inquiring plaintively of a street car conductor how much he had to pay for a Victoria street car.

P. C. Wm. McCullough, who said nothing, but hid himself to Victoria street.

Another cop appeared.

Then they all gathered in the shadow of a clump of trees near that house on Victoria street. It is down near the river, a fine place for shadow doing.

Then the real attacking force came up, with Sergeant Birrell in command. He posted two men in sight of the house as decoys for the house was being guarded by two watchmen of the enemy. To P. C. Fulcher was assigned the arduous work of lying for one hour in a snow drift, like an Eskimo, only more so, watching the theatre of action.

It was a long, long wait, for P. C. Fulcher.

"The Bull is On Us."
The really brilliant strategical manoeuvre of the evening—for remember it was all by moonlight—was when Sergeant Birrell and an aide-de-camp executed a flank movement on the house while the two posted decoys kept the attention of the enemy.

The sergeant broke in the back door. "My Gwaaaad! The bull is on us!" a sentry yelled, and quaked down stairs.

"Merry Christmas!" said the jovial sergeant, and then blew a whistle, thus calling in the reserves, who surrounded the house in close order.

Down stairs, the sergeant found a nicely-leveled first floor, and in the centre, a nicely-leveled cock-pit.

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Chauffeur's Possession.

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Seek To Attach Blame.
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The summons for Cheu's arrest charges him with keeping opium several months ago, but the authorities will try to trace the ownership of the black bag to Cheu, and the story Cheu tells in the police court.

Cheu denies that he knows anything about the opium, and disclaims the ownership of the black bag which Erwin, his chauffeur, said belonged to him.

Girls Slaves of Habit.
It was stated today that a number of girls in London had contracted the opium habit through association with men who had the habit. One or more of them are said to be under treatment at the present time. They are said to have resorted to a certain place in the business section, which the police have visited in connection with the finding of the drug.

PREACHES TO THE PARSONS

Mayor Roasts Citizens Who
Teach Children Public
Men Are Graffers.

CLERGY IS TOO DISTANT

Do Not Give Civic Authorities
Co-operation, According
to Graham.

At a meeting of the Ministerial Alliance, held in the Y. M. C. A. today, Mayor Graham expressed himself as being disgusted with the ordinary citizen's idea of politics.

Thinks Them Gruffers.
The mayor declared that the people taught their children to believe that nearly all public men were gruffers and in public life for what they could make out of it.

He also complained that his office had been graced on very few occasions by local clergies, and that there had been a lack of co-operation between the head of the city and the heads of the local churches.

Should Take More Interest.
The mayor spoke on the relationship of the minister to municipal affairs. In conclusion, he accused the ministers of not taking the interest they should in public questions.

KILLED BY SHOCK ON
TOP OF STREET CAR

Former Londoner Electrocuted
While at Work in
Kingsville.

[Special To The Advertiser.]
Kingsville, Dec. 21.—A. W. Westman, superintendent of the W. E. and L. S. Electric Co., was electrocuted this morning at 6 o'clock. He was on top of a car which was going to send out on the local line, and had been in charge ever since the road began operating. He received a shock, killing him instantly. Mr. Westman was an expert electrician, and had been in charge of the line since the road began operating. He leaves a wife and six children, the eldest a boy about thirteen years of age.

Mr. Westman was the eldest son of Harry Westman, 218 Richmond street, this city, who died in London the morning for Kingsville, Ont. He was foreman of the linemen of the London Street Railway Company a number of years ago, and his son, who was in charge of the superintendent of the W. E. and L. S. Co. at Windsor.

BACK TO ENGLAND.
[Canadian Press.]
Kingston, Dec. 21.—Col. J. H. V. Crowe, formerly commander of the Royal Military College, has returned to London from India, and is engaged at the war office.

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