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Expecting A Big Battle In Roumania

Russians Said To Have Come To A Halt

MORE ACTIVE IN WEST

Artillery Fighting Livelier on Somme - French Patrols Also Busy - How Greece Feels in Reference to Allies' Demands

London, Jan. 3.—The Russian and German communiques today are interpreted as showing that the long and stubborn retreat of the Russians to the Sereth line in Roumania is virtually ended. It is assumed that unarmy "prepared positions" mentioned in the Russian communication are those along the Sereth and it is believed that a big battle which must have important consequences, is impending.

The flank attack on the Moldavian frontier continues obstinately but there is nothing to elucidate the confusing reports as to the results.

The Russian and Roumanian forces still hold Brail, maintaining their grip on the bridgehead which defends their last foothold in Wallachia. The corresponding bridgehead at Matchin in Dobruja, has, however, been further reduced by successful German attacks.

Livelier on West Paris, Jan. 3.—The artillery was rather active north and south of the Somme in the regions of Houvrou and Verdun, around Dreaux Man Hill and Rezonvaux, and also in the Champagne, says today's communication from the "Our patrols were very active and brought in prisoners."

Greece Again London, Jan. 3.—Reuter's Athens correspondent cables the following semi-official note referring to the recent demands of the Entente Allies on the Greek government for reparations for the losses suffered as a result of the recent clash between Greeks and Entente troops at Athens.

The government is considering the latest note presented by the allied powers. Despite its desire to give another proof of its sincerity towards the Entente, certain currents of public opinion make its task difficult.

The government appears to wish to proceed rapidly with its decisions regarding the note and to endeavor to combine the safeguarding of the vital interests of the country with maintenance of the traditional friendship between Greece and the Entente and hopes the latter will assist its efforts.

German Report Berlin, Jan. 3.—(Via Svyville)—Artillery activity of a lively sort in the Meuse sector of the Franco-Belgian front and strong attacks by the Russo-Roumanian forces on the Moldavian front are reported in today's army headquarters statement.

DEATH OF GEO. B. STOREY, VETERAN OF INTERCOLONIAL Montreal, N. B., Jan. 3.—The funeral of George B. Storey, whose death occurred on last Sunday in Boston, will be held this afternoon in Montreal from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. William Gunning. It will be under the auspices of Division No. 162 Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

service will be conducted by Rev. S. A. Baker of the Reformed Baptist church. Mr. Storey was a veteran engineer on the I. C. R. and had run engines for forty-one years, retiring in September, 1915. He was born in Kings county, N. B. in 1851. He left Montreal about two weeks ago to go to Boston to visit his sons and to hear Evangelist "Bill" Sunday. He is survived by four sons, G. F. of Boston; H. K. of Los Angeles, Bruce of Cambridge, Mass., and F. W. of Montreal, and five daughters, Mrs. William Gunning, Mrs. J. E. Fryers and Mrs. L. T. Styles of Montreal; Mrs. W. C. Annand of Halifax and Mrs. C. L. Styles of St. John.

Mr. Storey and family were residents of St. John for some years, living on Carlton street and in the Valley. Many here will regret to learn of his death. He was a man of good qualities, genial, of excellent Christian character.

FUNERALS The funeral of Mrs. Frank Bennett took place this afternoon from her late residence, 84 Brunswick street, to the Cathedral, where services were conducted by Rev. H. L. Coughlin. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary B. Mowry took place this afternoon from her late residence, 88 St. James street. Services were conducted by Rev. H. A. Cody and interment was made in the Church of England burying ground.

The funeral of Mrs. Annie M. Adams, who died in Somerville, Mass., and whose body was brought here for burial, took place this afternoon from the residence of Mrs. Appleby, Champion street, West St. John. Services were conducted by Rev. E. Westwood and interment was made in Cedar Hill.

The funeral of T. W. A. Dum, took place this afternoon from Power's home, taking place from the residence of Rev. Mr. MacDonald and interment was made in Fernhill.

The funeral of John Matthews took place this afternoon from the residence of Armstrong Clifford, 292 Westworth street. Services were conducted by Rev. W. G. Lane and interment was made in the Methodist burying ground.

DR. ATWOOD SENT TO PRISON FOR LIFE

Boston, Jan. 3.—Dr. Elbridge G. Atwood yesterday pleaded guilty to second degree murder for killing Dr. Wilfrid E. Harris, an osteopath physician, and head of the Massachusetts College of Osteopathy, at the Hotel Westminster, on July 18, 1916. He was brought into court in the afternoon and was accompanied by his attorney, George Bean. When asked to plead, he calmly replied "guilty." Judge Morton then sentenced him to imprisonment for life.

FOURTEEN BELOW LAST NIGHT IN FREDERICTON

Fredericton, Jan. 3.—Last night was the coldest here this season, fourteen below. Early in the evening the weather was very mild.

The local government is still in session here transacting routine business. The case of Shortell vs. Williams, action for trespass, is going on to the circuit court.

The city council last night decided to accept delivery of a combined motor truck and chemical engine. This with a horse drawn ladder truck will cost about \$9,000.

The funeral of W. P. Fowler took place this afternoon with services by Rev. Thomas Marshall.

STOLE DRAFT FROM ST. JOHN MAN IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Jan. 3.—For stealing a draft for \$115 from John Burke, of St. John, N. B., ten days ago, Alexander McMillan, of Gillingwood, Ont., was sentenced by Judge Leet to six months in Bordeaux.

McMillan was arrested by Detectives Crowthers and Laberge at the Quebec Bank, when he presented the draft to have it cashed. He said at the time that he had found the draft but later pleaded guilty to having stolen it from Burke with whom he had become acquainted here.

LIEUT. D. PETERS TO KILTIE COMMISSION

Lieut. Daryl G. Peters and G. H. P. Babier, of Edmundston, have been granted commissions in the 289th Battalion.

GREETINGS FROM SCENES OF DEADLY STRUGGLE

Walter Logan, of 185 Victoria street, in receipt of a very pretty Christmas card from Private Fred H. Babston, who is with a Canadian unit in France. On the card is the following verses:

From the Prairies free, far over the sea, To the trenches muddy and wet, Is "some" miles to fray, I needn't say, And a bit of a change, you bet; But it's not of the fight I want to write, Or of the foe with his Hunnish wile, But just of you and how you do in Canadian homes to-night. Now there's not much need for me to plead That "all sometimes give me a thought, For when we come back there'll be no lack.

Of a welcome for those who've fought; Then over the land on every hand We shall hear Britannia cry "On the wings of fame shall Canada's name Through the centuries never die."

FORMER MILK DEALER PUTS END TO LIFE Kitchener, Ont., Jan. 3.—Henry Greig, a former milk dealer living just outside the town, committed suicide yesterday by hanging. It is thought he was temporarily insane.

O. B. COUGLER DEAD Many will learn with regret of the death of Oliver B. Cougler, of Fairville, which occurred this morning. He was sixty years old and was for many years connected with the lumber business as a surveyor. Besides his wife he is survived by two daughters, Miss Sarah at home and Miss Jennie of Fredericton; also two sons, Leonard of Musquash and Purdy, of Fairville.

SENSATION IN RUSSIA OVER DEATH OF MONK

Some Accounts Say Definitely He Was Murdered SOME HIGH UP CONCERNED

Story of Night Drive in Automobile. Then Shots and Cries From Garden of Yusupoff Palace

London, Jan. 3.—The morning newspapers in their Petrograd despatches today feature stories of the reported death of Gregory Rasputin, a monk who, it has been reported, exercised great influence over Emperor Nicholas. The reports of the death of Rasputin evidently are making a stir in Russia, not only on account of his personality, but owing to allegations that two persons of exalted rank and a well known former member of the Duma were concerned in his taking off.

The general assumption in the stories is that Rasputin was murdered and some of the accounts say unequivocally that he was.

According to one story, two young aristocrats drove in an automobile the night of Friday-Saturday to a house in Korovova street, where a man, assumed to have been Rasputin, entered the car, which then went to Yusupoff Palace, which is owned by the young Prince Yusupoff, heir to General Prince Yusupoff, aide to Emperor Nicholas.

Afterwards the palace heard shots and cries coming from the palace garden. Hastening there they saw blood on the snow in the garden and were shown the carcass of a dog which they were told had been shot because it was mad.

Meanwhile, according to another version, the body of a murdered man, wrapped in a fur coat, was placed in an automobile, the driver of which was Prince Yusupoff. The aristocrats took seats in the car and drove to Petrovsky Island in the Neva. Investigation led to the discovery of a freshly made hole in the ice, traces of blood and many footprints nearby. Divers descended into the river and found the body of Rasputin.

The names of the persons suspected are not printed, but it is said that young Prince Yusupoff quit Petrograd for his Crimean estates, but that he returned to the capital. Young Yusupoff is related to the imperial family by his marriage, in 1914, to the daughter of Grand Duke Alexander Mikhailovitch and the Grand Duchess Xenia, sister of Emperor Nicholas.

Rasputin's influence at court was severely reproached by Professor Paul N. Mikoloff, an American, and by other democrats, in a famous speech in the Duma in November.

HIGH POSITION IS OFFERED TO MAJOR T. E. POWERS, D. S. O.

Major T. E. Powers, D.S.O., of this city, who recently returned from the front, has been offered the position of director-general of signalling for Canada and will leave tonight for Ottawa in connection with the position. Major Powers returned home on leave of absence, and it is understood that he declined the position, owing to the fact that he is a Canadian citizen.

TODAY'S PEACE NEWS

London, Jan. 3.—The German government replied to the Danish, Swedish and Norwegian notes of December 29 on January 1, according to an Amsterdam despatch to Reuter's. The reply expressed appreciation of the motives of the three governments and refers the Scandinavian powers to the German note of December 12, and the reply to President Wilson. It concludes with the remark: "It depends upon the reply of the Entente whether the attempt to give back to the world the blessing of peace will be crowned with success."

Talks with Chancellor Berlin, Jan. 3.—United States Ambassador Gerard yesterday discussed the Entente answer to Germany's peace proposal with Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg. He is believed to have learned what possibility there is of Germany acting favorably on a renewed request for conditions of peace should the United States make such a move.

MEADOWS-COWAN

A wedding of much local interest took place this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the home of James E. Cowan, King street, West St. John, when his eldest daughter, Miss Maria Cowan became the bride of James O. Meadows of Montreal. The house was tastefully decorated in pink and white. Rev. Dr. J. A. Morrison was the officiating minister. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a dress of white satin, with veil and carried a bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley. She was unattended. During the ceremony Miss Blenda Thomson sang most acceptably. The groom is a sanitary engineer in Montreal.

After the wedding, luncheon was served. Mr. and Mrs. Meadows will leave the Montreal train this evening for Upper Canadian cities where they will spend a short honeymoon on previous to taking up their residence in Montreal.

THE NEXT BIG DRIVE



BRING REPORTS OF POWERFUL MINES PLACED BY BRITISH

Planted Close to Port of Great Britain

Holland-American Liner's Passengers to New York Give Account of Experience at Port of Falmouth

New York, Jan. 3.—Passengers here on the Holland-American line steamer Nieuw Amsterdam say German mines containing exceptionally high explosives have been planted close to all the large harbors in England, Scotland and Wales.

Upon her arrival off Falmouth, England, from Rotterdam, they say, a British trawler was sent out of Falmouth to sweep the channel for the entrance of the ketch steamship. The trawler struck a mine and was blown to bits and seven of her crew of twelve killed.

Two trawlers then preceded the Nieuw Amsterdam, dragging the channel for the announcement of the sailings and arrivals of vessels. They asserted that mines were anchored in the water and set adrift indiscriminately in the zone about the British Isles and that submarines with compartments for divers were used in laying them.

MAJOR P. McAVITY AND CAPT. GEO. KEEFFE LIKELY ARE TO BE STAFF CAPTAINS

It was learned this morning that Major Percy McAvity, D.S.O., and Captain George Keeffe, both of this city and members of the 86th Battalion, have been recommended by Brigadier-General H. H. McLean, G.O.C. of New Brunswick troops, as staff captains for this command. As yet the recommendations are not approved, but it is regarded as likely that both officers will be attached to this staff within a short time.

CARRANZA BUYING SUPPLIES IN JAPAN?

Tokio, Jan. 3.—It is reported that Colonel Carranza and two representatives of General Carranza are now in Japan to purchase ammunition, rifles, artillery and a steamship.

Phelps and Perdinand WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—A low pressure area which was west of the Mississippi yesterday is now passing across the Great Lakes. The weather is mild in western Ontario and moderately cold in all other parts of the dominion.

Ottawa Valley.—Southeast winds with a fall of snow or sleet. Sleet Or Rain. Maritime—Forecast—Fair and cold today. Thursday, strong east and south winds with sleet or rain. Milder. New England—Rain this afternoon and tonight. Warmer tonight. Thursday, fair, fresh south to west winds.

Murder Mystery In Philadelphia

"The Onyx Girl" is Slain in Her Room

BAND OF 115TH ON THE WAY HOME

News has been received in the city that the members of the 115th Battalion band are now on their way home and will arrive in St. John before long. It is said that with one exception, every member of the band was rejected in the final examination to test their fitness for service at the front. A cable has been received from one of the members of the band announcing his departure from England and several letters addressed to members of the band have arrived here ahead of them.

The bandmen volunteered for a special purpose and "did their bit" in excellent fashion while the unit was recruited and during the period of training. Now that the battalion has been broken up there was no further need for continuing the band as a separate organization and it is understood that the men will receive their discharge. It is said also that the commanding officers of units now being recruited, have been looking forward to the return of these men in the hope of being able to secure some good material for the bands.

GERMAN LINES A BIT AHEAD OF TIME

London, Jan. 3.—A Stockholm despatch to the "Morning Post" says that, according to a financial paper, "Aftarsvarden," the Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd lines have cut their commercial connections to the effect that their ships are ready to receive freight for America from February 1. The ships are said to be undergoing overhauling and equipping according to this story the Hamburg-American officials announced that they are prepared to resume regular sailings "after the conclusion of peace or possibly earlier if hindrances to shipping are removed."

ELEVEN FRENCH GENERALS GIVE PLACE TO YOUNGER MEN

Paris, Jan. 3.—General Lyautey, minister of war, is following vigorously the policy begun with the relieving of General Joffre of supreme command of the armies in France and is constantly injecting new blood into the higher command.

One of his first acts as minister of war was the transfer of eleven generals to the reserve promoting in their places younger men who had made their mark along the Somme and at Verdun.

FIREMEN ASPHYXIATED WHILE IN PUNISHMENT ON NAVAL COLLIER

Manila, Jan. 3.—Three Filipino firemen from the naval collier Abas, which is moored at Cavite, were asphyxiated following confinement in irons for several hours in a scow above the boilers of the ship. They were being punished for mutinous conduct.

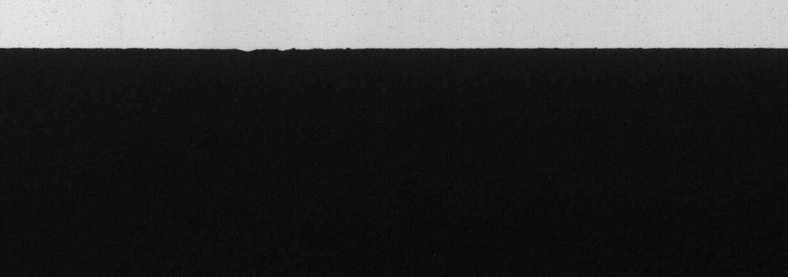
MAY BE BIG FOOTBALL LEAGUES WITH GAMES ON BASEBALL PARKS

Chicago, Jan. 3.—That some baseball magnates are considering a plan to utilize their ball parks for professional football and to back financially a league of national proportions next fall, is a report brought here from Detroit.

FOR SILVER FALLS SCHOOL

The Boys Industrial School at Silver Falls acknowledges a contribution of \$10 from Mayor Hayes.

NEW TREATMENT FOR WOUNDED



A soldier with a shell splintered leg. Note the arrangement of pulleys and weights to keep the leg in place. At the head of the bed is the receptacle for the "pink liquid," which is carried to the dressings by the long rubber tubes.