

RUSSIAN STEAM ROLLER AGAIN ON MOVE IN BESSARABIA NEAR CAPITAL OF BUKOWINA

"Second Battle" Launched by Four Fierce Attacks on Enemy Near Toporoutz and Boyan—Turks in Panic-Stricken Flight Before Czar's Army in Caucasus—Montenegro Breaks Off Peace Negotiations With Austro-Hungary—Weather Checks Progress of Forces on Way to Relieve British Garrison at Kut-el-Amara.

Relief on Way to Kut-el-Amara Held Up By Weather.

New York, Jan. 19.—A news agency dispatch from London this afternoon says—British forces advancing to the relief of the besieged garrison at Kut-el-Amara have been unable to make further progress because of the "atrocious" weather.

Russian Again on Move Forward. After only a slight pause since the conclusion of the "New Year's Battle" on the Eastern front, the Russians again have begun a strong offensive against the Austro-Hungarians on the Bessarabian frontier east of Caernowitz, capital of Bukovina.

Vienna had a forecast that the second phase of the battle in this region was imminent by the announcement that the Russians were throwing strong reinforcements into East Galicia.

The Germans have attacked Russian bases at Tarnopol, East Galicia, with an air squadron. While the Turkish war office asserts that the Russians in the Caucasus have abandoned their offensive along the entire front of nearly 2,000 miles, owing to the reinforcement of the Ottomans and their assumption of a violent offensive, the latest Russian official communication describes the Turkish army in this region as having been disorganized and dislodged from a strong position, extending over sixty-six miles, the Turkish retreat taking on the character of a panic-stricken flight.

Several Turkish units, the communication adds, were almost annihilated, hundreds of bodies covering the fields of battle.

King Nicholas On Way to Italy. With the announcement that Montenegro had broken off negotiations for peace with Austria-Hungary comes the official statement, in a Paris newspaper, that King Nicholas and his family and suite already are on their way to Italy. It is presumed that with the severing of the peace parleys, the Austro-Hungarians again will take up where they left off the campaign of crushing the little kingdom, as Serbia was crushed.

Although artillery bombardments, mining and counter-mining operations and aerial attacks continue almost exclusively on the western line in France, the Germans report the capture of trenches along the Yser river. Entente Allied armies have dropped bombs on Metz and Arrasville, doing some material damage.

Several attempts of the Austrians to approach Italian positions on the Tolmino sector and near Osilava were repulsed. Bombardments have prevailed elsewhere. Another war council of the Entente Allies, attended by the British and French members, has been held in London. Nothing is known concerning the council, except that it was held for the discussion of plans for further prosecution of the war.

Great Britain has informed the United States, through Ambassador Page, that "Innocent" mail taken from steamers by the British authorities is not being unnecessarily delayed, but forwarded to the addressees immediately. Mail and parcel post matter which is not classed as "innocent" is being held for the prize court.

The total casualties in the German army for the war number 2,535,768, according to an announcement made in the House of Commons by the parliamentary under secretary for war, Harold J. Tennant.

Enemy Blockhouse Destroyed. Paris, via London, Jan. 19.—The following official communication was issued by the war office tonight: "To the south of the Somme, in the sector of Lihons, an enemy blockhouse was destroyed by our fire.

Between Soissons and Rheims our French guns caused serious damage to the enemy works in the region of Allies, west of Craonne.

In the Argonne we cannonaded moving troops in the region north of Les Courtes Chances.

In Lorraine a fire carried out against a group of houses occupied by the Germans near Allencourt, west of

CANADA RECRUITED 15,536 MEN IN TWO WEEKS

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—(Via leased wire)—The announcement that 15,536 recruits were enlisted in Canada between January 1 and January 15 last for service in the expeditionary forces, was made by Sir Robert Borden at the opening of the sitting of the commons today. Sir Robert included in his speech on the address in reply to the speech from the throne a statement regarding enlistments for active service. At that time he gave the

MOST ABUNDANT HARVEST IN THE HISTORY OF CANADA

Total Value of Field Crops of Dominion Last Year Estimated at \$800,000,000.

Ottawa, Jan. 19 (via leased wire)—Final returns of "The most abundant harvest in the history of Canada," were given out today in a crop bulletin issued by the census and statistics office. The total value of the field crops of the Dominion last year is estimated at the huge figure of \$800,000,000. New high records are established both as to quantity and quality and market value. The earlier estimates as to the grain yields of the prairie provinces have had to be revised upwards. Canada's total wheat yield is now estimated at 378,308,000 bushels, or 215,028,800 bushels more than the previous year, with an average yield per acre of 28.38 bushels, as compared with 15.67 bushels per acre in 1914. The average yields of oats, rye and other cereal crops show similar results.

APPOINTMENTS IN CIVIL SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AT FRONT

Resolution to this Effect to be Brought Before House of Commons.

Special to The Standard Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 19.—Mr. Edwards (Frontenac) will ask the government: 1. Does Armand Lavergne, M. P. of Quebec, still retain his rank as a colonel in the militia of Canada.

Mr. A. K. MacLean (Halifax) will ask how many subscriptions for \$1,000 or under, and how many in multiples of \$1,000 were received in connection with the domestic war loan.

Mr. W. S. Middlebro will move a resolution in the House of Commons "that in the opinion of this house, in all future appointments to the civil service of Canada, preference should be given to those properly qualified candidates who have served with the Canadian expeditionary forces in the present war."

MILITARY CENSUS IN TORONTO A FAILURE. Toronto, Jan. 19.—The military census in Toronto has proven a failure. The returns as given out by the police department show that out of nearly 70,000 cards distributed barely 20,000 were returned filled up.

Chateau Ballins, has given the best results. "In the night of January 18-19 two German aeroplanes, having dropped four bombs on Nancy, one of our squadrons immediately took the air and bombarded the railway stations at Bies and Arnaville. Twenty-two shells were dropped on the buildings, which suffered some damage."

Pugsley's Attack too Vicious For the Decent Liberal Press

What the Ottawa Free Press Thinks of Shameful Conduct of St. John Member.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 19.—The political sensation of the day here is a stirring editorial attack upon Hon. William Pugsley, by the Free Press, the official Liberal organ in Ottawa, for his speech in the Commons last evening during which he made a bitter attack upon the shell committee and issued general charges of graft and misdeemeanor. The Free Press says:

"The Dominion Shell Committee, appointed by General Sam Hughes within six weeks of the outbreak of the war under the chairmanship of General Alex. Bertram, practical mechanic, manufacturer and soldier, established in Canada an entirely new industry that has brought and distributed throughout the Dominion, hundreds of millions of dollars.

"Six weeks after the opening of the war, and six months before Britain compelled by her necessities decided to do the same thing, Canada proceeded to organize its privately-owned industrial resources for the manufacture of the shells that General Sam Hughes confidently predicted would be demanded in appalling quantities.

"It was a tremendous task, one for which there was no precedent, one which meant generally and largely a groping in the dark. It was a task for practical men, for captains of industry particularly connected with the metal trades, for those familiar with the manufactures of the country and their equipment, for tactful and essentially honest leaders.

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"Firms with which the commissioners were connected were given orders at the outset because they were included among the few willing to try the experiment of making shells; Sir Alex. Bertram has denied that he has any but a nominal connection with Bertram & Sons. Comparatively high prices had to be fixed in order to tempt Canadian manufacturers into the new industry and at that the total, we are assured, was \$15,000,000 less than the amount allowed by the war office, often times date of delivery offset a lower offer in price.

"Many Liberal firms have handled contracts from the commission. It was such a heinous offence for a member of parliament or for a candidate for parliament to bring the war facilities of certain firms to the attention of the shell committee. Many scores of firms who at first refused to have anything to do with the experiment flocked to Ottawa when they discovered that others had tried it and had succeeded well.

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"The assertion that there are in the country men, politicians possibly, mean enough to sponge on manufacturers who have received orders from the shell committee and bold enough to pretend that only on payments to them could future orders be obtained, is quite unbelievable, after some of the revelations in connection with the horse purchases, but that men of the stamp of General Bertram, who, despite the rumors which Mr. Pugsley now gives voice to, was created a Sir Knight by His King a few weeks ago, would be a party to such contemptible tricks is unthinkable.

"Owing to the extraordinary growth of the munitions business in Canada which started with so small an order that the difficulties of its inception were added to, the work of the original shell committee may not have been conducted with the complete system that the great task demanded, but the fact remains that results have shown that the Bertram committee was one of the most efficient that has ever been appointed by a government of this country.

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Folly to Try to Hide Fact That All Not Going Well in Germany Declares Member of Reichstag

Censorship Scathingly Denounced at Closing Session of Parliament—World Knows England's Blockade is Effective and it is Useless to Send Out Highly Colored Phrases That all is Well.

Amsterdam, Jan. 18, via London, Jan. 19.—(Delayed)—The debate at the closing session of the German Reichstag today was notable for the extreme outspoken criticism of the censorship, especially as it is applied to the Socialist newspapers, as well as to general news concerning the war situation.

According to the report of the Cologne Gazette, the Socialist member, Wilhelm Dittmann, bitterly complained that this censorship was political and not military, and charged that the Prussian government was making careful preparation that the elections should turn in their favor.

"We must," said Herr Dittmann, "destroy this pernicious mania which only regards voices claiming conquest as the expression of the will of the people. The people are against a will which cries for conquest." Herr Fischbeck, Progressive, and Dr. Strommann, National Liberal, also strongly denounced the censorship and demanded the relaxation of the continuous state of siege. They scathingly criticized a government policy of only allowing the people to hear opinions favorable to Germany.

Turks Disorganized and Driven From Positions of Front of 66 Miles The In Caucasus by the Russians

Petrograd, via London, Jan. 19.—The official communication issued from the general headquarters today reads as follows:

"On the Riga-Dvinsk front there have been frequent flights of German aviators who were observed in the region of the Aa river, Courland, near Skotel, west of Friedrichstadt, and on Dvihak, where the Germans dropped many bombs.

"A German attempt to land on the bank of the Dvina facing Lennewa, below Friedrichstadt, was repulsed by our fire. Southeast of Friedrichstadt near Samman, the Germans liberated asphyxiating gas against us.

"Positions on Dvinsk after an active artillery fire in the region of Torenfeld, the Germans opened two attacks, but both were repulsed.

"Caucasus: By our furious and unexpected attack on their centre, the Turkish army was disorganized and dislodged from a strong position over a front of more than a hundred versts (66 miles) extending from the region of Lake Tortum, to the region of Charanson river north of Molagiert, and retreated in the direction of the fortified plain of Erzerum. At many places this retreat assumed the character of a panic flight. Several Turkish units were almost annihilated; hundreds of bodies covered the route of our offensive.

"At many points our troops had to advance on heights above the clouds, cutting trenches in the deep snow during heavy snow storms. We occupied the village of Kopyrkaui, on the Arax, fifty versts east of Erzerum. In the course of the fighting on the 17th, we took prisoner five officers and 308 men, and captured much material, including machine guns and calasons. We seized a Turkish ammunition depot at the village of Taurachel, in the Charanson district.

"Persian campaign: Southwest of Lake Urumiah, there have been engagements with Kurds, who were repulsed southward."

Derby Launches New Campaign on Voluntary Lines in Hope of Making The Compulsory Bill Dead Letter

London, Jan. 19 (6.30 p. m.)—Another recruiting campaign, on voluntary lines, was inaugurated today at a meeting in Downing street, between the Earl of Derby and the Central recruiting committee. The intention is to make another attempt, through the stimulus of a widespread appeal by posters and other advertising measures, to lend such a measure of success to the voluntary movement.

ANOTHER VACANT SEAT IN SENATE BATHURST CURLERS LOSE AT HALIFAX

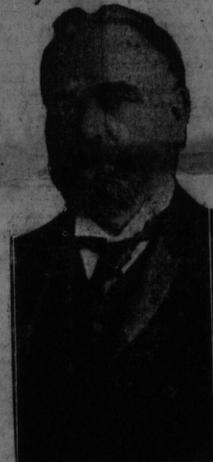
Victoria, B. C., Jan. 19.—Senator Geo. Riley, Liberal, died at Victoria this morning, at the age of 73. He was born at St. Catharines, Ont., and came to British Columbia in 1885. He was a unsuccessful candidate for the House of Commons in 1900, but was elected in 1902, and re-elected in 1904.

WANDERERS WIN FROM TORONTO. Montreal, Jan. 19.—The Wanderers defeated the Torontos here tonight in the N. H. A. fixture by a score of 7 to 4. Play was rough. Sprague Cleghorn, of the Wanderers, came out of the game with a sprained ankle and a badly gashed neck.

QUEBEC AND CANADIENS TIE. Quebec, Jan. 19.—Quebec and the Canadiens scored two goals each here tonight, the game ending in a draw.

Both teams played considerably on the "safety first" principal.

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