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ORDER FLEET TO KEEP IN READINESS

Germany's Naval Activity Again Rouses British Anticipations of Sea-fight Very Soon

London, Dec. 5.—It is learned from an authentic source that the British battle fleet off the west coast, has been ordered by wireless to keep in readiness to proceed at once to the North Sea, at full speed.

Allied Ships Ready to Make Heroic Dash

Berlin Reports British and French Assembled Near Some German Port Unnamed.

London, Dec. 7.—The Central News correspondent at Copenhagen says that the following despatch has been received in the Danish capital from Berlin:

Canada's Aliens Must Earn Living Clearing Ground

Interned Subjects of King's Enemies Won't be Allowed to Eat Bread of Idleness.

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—General Sir William Otter, who has charge of interned alien enemies in Canada, has arranged for employment during the winter months for the majority of them in clearing land for agricultural purposes.

German Lines Of Communication Are Jeopardised

London, Dec. 6.—The French have seriously interfered with German communications between Metz and the Woevre region.

Gen. French Gets The Order of Merit

London, Dec. 7.—During his visit to France, King George conferred the Order of Merit on Sir John French.

FIVE WARSHIPS SEEN OFF PERU BOUND TO NORTH

Lima, Peru, Dec. 6.—Five warships passed Malabrigo, bound northward. Their nationality is unknown.

PORT DE GRAVE DISTRICT GIVES BIG PROPORTION AVAILABLE MEN TO FIGHT FOR THE EMPIRE'S CAUSE

One Man Out of Every Twelve Between the Ages of 20 and 35 is a Volunteer.

PRACTICAL INTEREST SHOWN IN THE WAR.

Crowded Halls Greet the Premier and Messrs. Clift and Grimes Throughout the District.

During the past two weeks the various local patriotic committees of Port de Grave District have held a series of meetings addressed by local speakers which with the work of the Women's Committee have aroused considerable interest in the volunteer movement.

Met by Delegation.

At Brigus station they were met by a delegation consisting of Revs. W. H. Maddock and Dr. Murphy, Capt. Wm. Bartlett, Messrs. Thos. Roberts, James Pearce, J. Shook, A. Hearn, Dr. Gill, Magistrate Thompson and others with the Brigus band.

A stop was made at the Court House where the Premier made a short address. Luncheon was then partaken of after which the party drove to Cupids to address a meeting in the Orange Hall.

On the Platform.

On the platform with the speakers were the Revs. Dr. Murphy and W. H. Maddock and Mr. A. Smith, while occupying front seats were the officers of the Local F.P.U. Councils, Messrs. Willis LeDrew, Tobias LeDrew, Kelly and Whelan.

Glorious Unity.

He referred to the glorious unity prevailing among all classes, creeds and races throughout the Empire in sinking their differences, uniting in a common cause and against a common enemy.

Servians Give The Austrians A Big Set Back

Capture Two General Officers, Twenty-four Hundred Men and Large Stock of Supplies.

Nish, via London, Dec. 6.—The Serbian War Office has issued the following official note: "On the whole from the success of the Serbian army is reported.

Russ. General Spoiled Plans Of Grand Duke

London, Dec. 4.—The Morning Post's Petrograd correspondent says he hears that the Russian general, Rennenkampf has been superseded because he was two days late in taking a position through which the German armies in Poland were to have been hemmed in.

Mr. Clift followed and being an old acquaintance felt at home. In a practical and interesting speech he brought home to his hearers their duties and responsibilities to the Empire in the terrible conflict she finds herself engaged.

Mr. Grimes followed and recalled to mind home deeds of our forefathers in their great struggle for liberty which, handed down to us should strenuously preserve and improve by deed as well as by word.

At Clarke's Beach.

At eight o'clock the meeting at Clarke's Beach took place being held in the Methodist School Room which was packed to the staidway.

The meeting was presided over by the Rev. Oliver Jackson who introduced the speakers who in order were the Premier, Messrs. Clift and Grimes. Their remarks were much along the lines of the afternoon addresses and were enthusiastically received.

Between the addresses songs were sung by Mr. Procuier, accompanied by Miss Noseworthy. The Rev. Jackson proved to be the right man in the right place as chairman who adding a spice of humor in his remarks after each address kept the audience in good spirits.

Straight Talk.

The Rev. Dr. Webber moved the vote of thanks and in a straight-forward the shoulder talk brought home to his hearers their duty as citizens of a great Empire. He took issue with the speakers that the meeting was a true indication of whole hearted interest in the war.

General Interest.

It is evident from the interest shown in the meeting that deep interest is being manifested in the war throughout the district. Those who have gone to the front have mostly attached themselves to the Naval contingent. As far as can be learned the number who have joined either of the forces include Port de Grave 18, Barneed 8, Ship and Blow-Me-Down 6, North River and Clarke's Beach 3, Cupids and Burnt Head 9, Brigus and Georgetown 17, Goulds 2; a total of 60 out of 725 males between the ages of 20 and 35, or 1 in 12 for the District.

HOSPITAL SADLY OVERCROWDED

London, Dec. 4.—News reaches here that the American hospital at Munich already has had more than six thousand patients, although it can accommodate no more than fifty.

Aeroplane Bombs Did No Damage

London, Dec. 6.—An Austrian aeroplane dropped bombs on Cetinje. No damage resulted.

LODZ CITY IN THE HANDS OF GERMANS

City is One of the Most Important Manufacturing Centres of Russia.—Has a Population of 150,000.

Berlin, Dec. 6.—It is officially announced here that the Germans occupied Lodz on Sunday.

Desperate Battle.

Around Lodz a desperate battle has raged for days and countless thousands have fallen in desperate hand to hand conflicts and from the shells of hundreds of guns.

It is evident from the occupation of Lodz by the Germans that the heaviest kind of fighting has been going on for, late advices told of a vicious attack on and bombardment of Lodz and of fighting on the outskirts.

The city of Lodz which has long been the objective point of the German army has grown in recent years from an insignificant place to one of the most populous cities in the Russian Empire.

Furious Fighting Rages 'Round Lodz

Petrograd, Dec. 6.—Furious combats continue to rage on the Lodz front, notably in the Lodz region.

THREATEN MASSACRE OF 'XTIANS

Moslem Priests Exhort the Faithful to Slay all Infidels as Soon as Foreign Warships Appear

Athens, Dec.—The authorities at Beirut, Syria, have organized a warlike mass meeting.

Moslem priests have preached in the mosques to the Faithful, exhorting them to slaughter infidels indiscriminately on the first appearance of hostile fleets.

The Vail of Smyrna has ordered the Greek banks to transfer their cash to the Imperial Ottoman Bank as deposits.

It is reported that Rumania has seized 125 railway trucks containing Turkish war supplies (deletion here by the censor).

Saturday Was Quiet In Belgium

German Field Fort Destroyed by Allies but Most of Northern Front Absolutely Calm.

Paris, Dec. 6.—In Belgium yesterday not far from the Hassur House, the capture of which was reported yesterday, our heavy artillery destroyed a German field fort.

On the rest of the northern front there has been absolute calm. It was calm also in the region of the Aisne. In the Champagne district our very active heavy artillery successfully counteracted the batteries of the adversary.

In the Argonne the war of the Sapper was pursued. We continued to

IRISHMEN PLAY A BIG PART IN THE PRESENT GREAT WAR

John Redmond, Nationalist Leader, Says at Least 89,000 Are in the Army From Great Britain and Many Thousands More With Overseas Forces.

London, Dec. 6.—Speaking at a great demonstration at Tuam today, John E. Redmond, leader of the Irish National Party, replied to statements that Ireland was not doing her duty in the present crisis.

He quoted official figures, showing that despite the fact that emigration had drawn from Ireland the flower of her population, there were serving with the military forces of the Crown on Nov. 30th 89,000 Irishmen, who had been in army before the war began, or who had joined as reservists or recruits.

If to that we added tens of thousands of Irish recruits who were joining the colors of Britain or were now in the ranks of Canadian, Australian, or New Zealand contingents, he said, it was safe to say that 130,000 to 140,000 Irishmen were with the colors.

Nfld. Reservists On the "Queen Mary"

It is reported that some of the First Contingent have been drafted into the Coast Guard Service, and that 25 of the Naval Reservists have joined the battle cruiser Queen Mary.

The Queen Mary is one of the new ships, 27,000 tons, steams 28 knots and carries 1000 men.

Sweden Floats \$5,000,000 Loan In The U. S. A.

And the Entire Proceeds are to be Devoted to Purchasing Goods in America.

New York, Dec. 5.—The Government of Sweden, it is learned here, has sold to a syndicate of international bankers \$5,000,000 of two-year-old treasury notes, which will be honored in this country at par at a rate of interest not yet disclosed.

It was understood that the loan was similar to that recently arranged by the French Government with bankers of this country, and that the entire proceeds would be expended for general merchandise and other materials in the country.

200 Airships Built in U.S. For Europe

Rumor Says They Are Intended For Use of Great Britain—To be Sent Without Guns.

New Haven, Dec. 5.—The Mayo Radiator Company of New Haven has just finished the construction of the first of 200 aeroplanes which are to be sent abroad for use in the European war, according to a report which has been verified by officials of the company.

No verification could be obtained progress slowly repulsing all the enemy attacks. Slight progress was likewise made in the region south-east of Varennes where the German artillery has been silenced.

On the remainder of the front there is no notable occurrence to report,

SITUATION ON 2 FRONTS UNMODIFIED

London, Dec. 5.—The French Government reported lively cannonading round Nieuport, Ypres on the right bank of the Moselle, Lesmeuil and Dixon. A signal station has been occupied.

The Russian official report for Dec. 2nd says that the German offensive continues to the west of Lodz battlefield. Beyond the Carpathians we captured 1,200 prisoners and six machine guns.

On Dec. 3rd there was obstinate fighting on the front from Glowno to Lowicz, and on the western roads towards Lodz and Plotkow. On the other fronts there are no essential modifications.

Russians Capture A Przemysl Fort

Petrograd, Dec. 7.—The Russians have occupied one of the outer fortifications of Przemysl.

KING RETURNS FROM THE FRONT

London, Dec. 6.—King George returned from France last night.

Unknown Warship Reported Aground Off Ocean City, Md.

Ocean City, Maryland, Dec. 6.—An unknown warship is reported aground one mile off shore, and three miles north of the Beach Life Saving Station, six miles from this city.

N. PACIFIC NOW CLEAR OF GERMANS

No Truth in Presence of Hostile Warships There as Reported by Japanese Liners.

Seattle, Dec. 5.—The North Pacific is entirely safe without a single hostile ship in it, says an official announcement by the Canadian Government. It asserts that the Japanese steamship Tacoma Maru was incorrectly advised when it picked up a warning to the effect that German cruisers were in the North Pacific.

The wireless caught by the Tacoma Maru was sent out by the westbound Chicago Maru, which subsequently reported that she was mistaken. The report said that three German cruisers which had been operating off the coast of South America had changed their base to the Aleutian Islands and were patrolling the trade route between Puget Sound and the Orient.

The German Pacific squadron had not left Chilean waters, according to advices to British Columbia officials.

Belgian Criminals.

The gravest task in store for the authorities is the rounding up and concentrating of former inmates of Belgian prisons, who were liberated wholesale by the Belgian authorities before the arrival of the Germans, and now are considered a public menace.

In addition to the refugees there are 45,000 Belgian soldiers who crossed the border into Holland and were interned. These men also are being supported in special camps.

The expense of their maintenance eventually will be paid by the Belgian government, according to international law.

of the report that the air craft are to be sold through the medium of a third concern to the British Government, but officials of the company pointed out that inasmuch as the airships are not to be equipped with artillery in this country, they could be sold to Britain or any of the warring nations without violating neutrality.

The single air craft now completed has been constructed under the direction of its inventor, Virginus J. Mayo, head of the company, and G. Oscar Vogt, a Chicago aero engineering expert. The contract calls for the completion of the entire number by spring when the shipment will be made.

ROUMANIA WILL HELP THE ALLIES

Swiss Paper Says That the Roumanian Authorities Have so Decided, But Are Undecided When to Act.

Geneva, Dec. 7.—The Journal de Geneve publishes a despatch from Bucharest which says that Roumania has definitely decided to enter the war on the side of the Allies.

This decision, according to the despatch, is in accordance with the wish of the whole country, including King Ferdinand and all the Roumanian statesmen with the exception of the Minister of Finance.

The question of when Roumania will make her entry into the conflict is still being discussed, however, one side desiring to avoid a winter campaign, but the military authorities express the fear that Serbia may be defeated before the spring.

The attitude of Bulgaria still remains doubtful. Greece, Serbia and Roumania have proffered certain concessions, which, however, Sofia seems not to consider sufficient inducement.

Dutch Refuse Share Good Work With The U.S.A.

Say They Want no Help Looking After the Belgian Homeless—Costing Them \$4,500,000.

The Hague, Dec. 5.—The Dutch government has declined all offers of financial aid for Belgian refugees in Holland, which were recently unofficially offered by an American charity.

While deeply appreciative of the generous proposal, the government says it feels that it would be incompatible with the country's honor to allow another nation or individual association to assist in their mercy work, and that Holland desires to provide for all her neighbors who come to her.

300,000 Penniless. Of the million Belgian refugees who fled into Holland at the beginning of the war, 300,000 penniless ones remain. One-half of these are living in the two southern provinces of Brabant and Zeeland. The remainder are divided among 800 communities.

Winter is approaching, and these refugees are now being gathered together in specially constructed camps situated on the dunes of Heath and at other healthful spots. For this purpose a special budget of about \$1,500,000 has been passed, to cover the expenses until January. After that, a further credit of \$3,000,000 will be given.

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