

Those Held By Enemy of no Advantage to Them—All German Attacks Between the Lower Vistula and the Pelica Rivers Repulsed—200 Officers and 15,000 Soldiers Captured By Czar's Forces in Two Days Fighting—Enemy's Army in Region of Dukla Passes Disorganized and in Retreat.

London, Dec. 29.—A Petrograd despatch to the Times says that military circles point out that all the important passages of the Carpathians are again in Russian hands and that these still held by the enemy afford them no advantage.

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—The following statement from the general staff of the Russian command-in-chief was issued tonight:

"On the 27th there was no important engagements between the Lower Vistula and the Pelica Rivers. The German attacks were everywhere repulsed. The Germans suffered heavy losses, especially during a vain attack they made to the southeast of Skieniewice.

"Between the Pelica and the Upper Vistula the enemy has now added the defensive.

"Our troops stormed the village of Sztynki, which was stubbornly defended by the Austrians. The enemy has definitely evacuated the left bank of the Nida.

"To the south of the Upper Vistula on the front of Opatow-Biecz the fighting continues to develop to our advantage. From the 18th to the 26th we captured there 200 officers and 15,000 soldiers and forty military trains.

"The enemy's retreat in the region of the Dukla Passes and on the road to Lisko is becoming more and more precipitate and disorganized. On the 26th we captured in this region as many as five thousand prisoners.

"The efforts of the enemy to transport his forces from the direction of Czenstochowa toward the Carpathians was a complete failure owing to our manoeuvres."

AMATEUR NURSES MAY APPEAL TO SENTIMENT OF WOUNDED SOLDIER, BUT CAN'T MINISTER TO HIS ILLS

London, Dec. 28.—"Too sick to be nursed today," a placard said to have been placed over the bedstead of a soldier wounded in the South African campaign, is much needed in British hospitals now, according to the National Council of Trained Nurses, which has sent to Lord Kitchener a protest against the employment of incompetent nurses. In acknowledgement of the resolution, the Secretary of War asked the council to submit evidence in support of its charges, and a report on the matter is expected shortly.

The professional trained nurses are complaining that young women of means and social influence, attracted by the sentimental side of nursing at the front, have stormed the hospitals, and have, in many cases, obtained positions, notwithstanding that they knew nothing of the work. "If Lord Kitchener had asked for five hundred thousand nurses to enlist for service,"

ENGLISH THE TOUGHEST FOE THEY MEET

Germans Acknowledge Fine Fighting Qualities of British—Changed Attitude Towards French and Belgians.

Berlin, Dec. 25.—Evidence of the fighting qualities of the French soldier before this war began. The tendency to belittle the fighting qualities of the enemy continue to accumulate.

Soldiers' letters and returning soldiers speak in terms of high appreciation of the military prowess and soldierly qualities of their opponents, and among several hundred wounded with whom the correspondent of the Associated Press has talked in his visits to hospitals in the last fortnight no one was found who refused to credit the enemy in general, Russian, French and Belgian and English with bravery and military skill.

Distinctions are drawn, it is true, the British being generally reckoned as the toughest opponents on the west front.

The Germans had a high opinion of the fighting qualities of the French soldier before this war began. The fighting which occurred on the march from the Belgian frontier to the Marne and Paris tended to lessen their respect for toughness of French men-at-arms, but the last two months have changed that again and soldiers' letters reflect increased respect for them.

The recent fighting of the remnant of the Belgian Army in Flanders also has greatly raised the German estimation of the Belgian soldier, who, in the general army opinion, had not greatly distinguished himself at Liege, Namur and Antwerp and the intervening field engagements.

As to the British, field post letters continue to bear out the statement from fighting qualities. One of the latest of these letters, printed in the Cologne Gazette, contains the following striking passage:

"People at home appear to have

TWENTY SECOND WEEK OF WAR, KAISER'S PROMISES FAR FROM FULFILMENT

Christmas, birthday of Prince of Peace, half the world's war! Yesterday, in Germany, tenderest festival of German year, half a million Teuton men in Silesian east of the grave! Bitterest lie of civilization! Peace on earth, good will to men! Berlin, London, Paris, under leaden skies, could make no home rejoicings, successful, feverish entertainment of fighting men, feverish charity to poor, to starving, hopeless refugees expressed all that men and women could do, stricken themselves they strove, and kindly word to those worse off, while civilization's big guns spread death's Christmas cheer. An airman thinking to find British with dulled gorging, assayed bombs for London, found plum pudding secondary to national defence—back to Fatherland without Christmas gift for his war-lord.

Kaiser! unhappy Christmas of his life! Kaiser, unable to make war personally, unable to stop it, knowing not how and when 'twill end, passing Christmas in armoured train, defended by every weapon of science, issuing calls of courage to bitterly disappointed troops earlier promised this year to be "home by Christmas," promises lying unrequited in thousands of blood-soaked trenches; unredeemed in half a million graves. On Kaiser's Christmas tree were to have been glittering baubles of his own. Paris, Brussels, Warsaw, Calais, with candles burning at his command, South Africa, Ireland, India, Russia, Brussels, Antwerp, Louvain alone lit and legible yesterday. Kaiser's Christmas tree shown the world how the world could be conquered. By Christmas great German triumph, the only measure of triumph which would enable Germany to dictate the world's future, was to have been two-thirds won by Christmas—Alies driven south of Loire; England disastrously invaded, her fleet harried in the Channel, her Russian armies annihilated before Moscow or Petrograd! All this mass of "Revised Rules for Artillery" Kaiser yesterday could read printed bitter epitaph of high hopes, beliefs, delusions: "I. The lessons of war do not agree with the teachings given in times of peace; 2. Maximum production of German factories will not be able to supply our army indefinitely with ammunition."

Were forces at work solely military Kaiser might nourish hope, but they're also moral, material, religious, fanatical. Tages Zeitung says: "Germany is facing desperate situation." Kaiser knows she is.

Look which way he pleases, the Kaiser sees no hope of fulfillment of what he promised his people, promised himself. His chancellor, in his name, has just solemnly pledged Reichstag "Germany will win this war." August last German master, went forward to "victory with the Lord on our side"—sure guarantee of triumph. Telegraphs from Paris, Brussels, Antwerp, Calais, December 1st, had brilliantly supported him—"in victory by his husband. Telegraphing President of Reichstag, December 1st, we humbly receive fortune and misfortune." Eyes on Christmasmorn, Berlin, where Reichsbank said August German credit was organized to stand, Kaiser sees December Reichsbank notes at 12 per cent, discount; clergy being requested to use efforts to induce country folks to surrender their gold, general commanding at Munster (Westphalia) put up this proclamation to burghers:

"Who will give to the Fatherland gold for silver and paper money? Change all the gold you possess at the postoffices and railway stations, or any other public office.

"It is a sacred God-imposed duty for every one to help struggling Fatherland. Let us not let the gold of the Fatherland be continually useless, especially in the country regions. Let nobody believe that paper is less valuable than clinking metal. That who not so the general commanding formally and solemnly assures every one, and the holder shall not experience one penny of loss, now or ever.

"Therefore open your purses, chests and drawers, and bring what gold you have instantly to a public office. Just now at Christmas time so many gold pieces creep from concealment. Go, therefore, and change them, not for self-indulgence in the shops, but at the postoffice or railway. Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's. This command is also valid here. Let every one beware lest his negligence at this serious time should brand his soul.

Assured, August, Germany had food enough for eighteen months, Kaiser sees December Bavaria's new Commission of Food Economists telling German people how to eat economically, live sparingly in war time because enemy has a wicked plan to cause Germany to starve—"you are helping the enemy when you do not choose the right foodstuffs and consume them frugally." Adds Vorwaerts so important is little bit of food: "Boil potatoes with their skins on, never cut a slice of bread unnecessarily." These for the stomach. Precepts for the mind, failure, too. Everywhere Kaiser's vast army of explanations, advancing justification—hy explanation always needed, not stated—Belgium, Louvain, Dinant, Rheims, Whitty, Scarborough, each of these magnificent Palladium feats of war having to be argued December in the corridors of time, where German professors divided the world among them and for its vesture cast lots in August of them says Tagelblatt: "The German intellectuals have a share in the kicking neutrals in the stomach and it is evident this practice does not lessen the enormous difficulties which Germany has at present to overcome. Anybody who knows something of contemporary history will refrain from singing the praises of the diplomats. But the so-called intellectual leaders sometimes have less political insight than the youngest attaché. The hearts are loyal but they are apt to forget that the welfare of our soldiers and our power to hold

BELT AND FOOTWEAR TO EVERY MANITOBIAN AT SALISBURY PLAINS

London, Dec. 28.—Kenneth MacKenzie, of Winnipeg, impressed with the trying climatic conditions at Salisbury Plains, has made a present of a body belt and footwear to every Manitoban with the Canadian contingent. Mr. MacKenzie who is a director of the Canada Life Assurance Company, the National Trust Company and other corporations, expresses optimistic views as to Canada's present position, pointing out that the loan and trust companies, as well as the wholesale houses, are generally gratified at the satisfactory collections and the redemption of obligations.

W. A. RUSSEL, K. C., JUDGE OF PROBATES, DIED AT SHEDDIAH LAST NIGHT

Moncton, Dec. 28.—W. A. Russell, K. C., judge of probates for Westmorland, died at his home in Shediac last night, about ten o'clock, of heart trouble. He was about 55 years of age.

BOUND FOR NOVA SCOTIA, BLOWN FOUR THOUSAND MILES OFF COURSE

Boston, Dec. 28.—The four-masted schooner, Lewiston, which left this port three weeks ago for Bridgewater, N. S., arrived at Mayaguez, Porto Rico, according to a cablegram received by the schooner's agents here.

Captain Ginn reported that his vessel had been blown two thousand miles off her course by westerly gales, but was undamaged.

INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY MUCH DIMINISHED

London, Dec. 28.—Apropos of the cable despatches stating that the Canadian government has decided that it will be unnecessary to take further action regarding the exportation of copper, your correspondent recently met at Rotterdam a wholesale hardware merchant of Hartford, Conn., who had just travelled from Italy via the Rhine. He had received many inquiries as to the possibility of getting copper from America. "We have the supply," was his answer, "but to supply you is another matter."

In cities such as Frankfurt, he detected a greatly diminished industrial activity.

HALT FIGHT OVER SUNDAY

Merritt, B. C., Dec. 27.—Joe Bailey, former lightweight champion of Canada, and Johnny Moore battled seven rounds of a twelve round match here on Saturday night, but were unable to finish the fight before Sunday arrived. They agreed to continue the fight on Monday at eleven a.m. There were no knockdowns and the battling was even for the seventeen rounds.

APPLE AND DATE SALAD.

Cut pared apples into tiny strips. Cut dates into similar pieces, using about one-fourth as much date as apple. To each pint of material add two tablespoons of olive oil and turn the mixture over again. Let stand, closely covered, for half an hour. Turn into a bowl lined with lettuce leaves. Serve with bread and butter at luncheon or supper.

MARRIED.

COCHRANE-HOLMES—On December 26, 1914, by Rev. Ralph J. Houghton, Harry Alton Cochrane, of Montreal, to Janet Holmes of this city.

DIED.

MCCANN—In this city, on the 27th inst., Jane, wife of Patrick McCann, leaving her husband, four brothers and two sisters to mourn.

Funeral from her late residence, 61 Erin street, on Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m. Friends invited to attend.

FRASER—At Gardner's Creek, on Sunday, the 27th inst., Miss Beattie Fraser, leaving one sister to mourn.

Funeral from her late home on Wednesday, the 30th inst., at 2 o'clock.

HUTCHINGS—In this city on Monday, 28th inst., after a short illness, Sarah J., daughter of the late Thos. Hutchings, leaving one brother, Charles H., to mourn.

Funeral on Wednesday, at 2.30 from the residence of her cousin, H. M. McAlpine, 18 Horsfield street. No flowers.

FUNERAL NOTICE

Members of St. John Council 937, Knights of Columbus are requested to meet in their rooms, Coburg street, Tuesday morning at eight o'clock to attend the funeral of their late beloved chaplain, Very Rev. Monsignor W. F. Chapman, V. G.

Dress—Dark clothing with silk hat. Light tie.

J. E. MORAN, Recorder.

MUTUALIZATION PLAN IS APPROVED BY POLICY HOLDERS

New York, Dec. 28.—Mutualization of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company was endorsed by the policyholders at a meeting held here today. Only about 1,600 voted against the plan, while 65,000 gave their approval. Most of the votes were by proxy.

Mutualization already had been approved by the stockholders and directors. The proposal now goes before the State Superintendent of Insurance, and if he gives his approval control of the company will pass into the hands of a board of directors.

OTTAWA COLLEGE HOCKEY TEAM TRIMS NEW YORK PLAYERS

New York, Dec. 28.—The Ottawa College hockey team defeated the Crescent A. C. team of Brooklyn here tonight, 7 to 3. In the first period the Crescents successfully defended their goal for nine minutes but play then gave the visitors five goals within four minutes play. Ottawa added two more in the second period.

GOV'T INTERVENTION MAY BE NECESSARY TO STOP FURTHER RISE IN RATES

London, Dec. 28.—The resumption of the freight markets after the Christmas recess showed another extraordinary rise in rates, especially from Egypt, as well as from North and South America.

The Morning Post thinks the situation is becoming so serious in its effect on the prices of foodstuffs that the governments will be obliged to intervene with the object of preventing a still further rise. The newspaper says such intervention is being freely discussed in shipping circles.

EXEMPT FROM LICENCE FEE CAFES SELLING NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS

Paris, Dec. 28.—Proprietors of cafes who give an undertaking to sell no spirituous liquors will be exempted from license dues after January 1st. The Chamber of Deputies today voted to exempt all cafes, despite the opposition of the government and the budget committee of the Chamber, who consider that the measure constituted a bounty to liquor sellers, whose excessive numbers the government is striving to decrease, and a direct encouragement to drunkenness. The exemption, in addition, it is pointed out, will represent a loss to the treasury of \$7,400,000.

The Senate took the government's view and refused to ratify the measure. Finally a compromise was reached by the two Houses, whereby only the sellers of beer, wine, cider and non-alcoholic beverages come under the exemption clause.

IMPERIAL THEATRE New Year's Eve, After the Regular Picture Show

The High School Alumnae Will Present a Splendid Local Company In THE STIRRING BRITISH PLAY "OURS"

Assisted by 200 Men from Our Splendid Overseas Regiment.

NOTE—The Imperial Theatre and St. John Globe are co-operating in this entertainment in appreciation of the splendid support given their serial story schemes by the school children of St. John.

TICKETS: Downstairs and 3 Rows Balcony 50c, Balance of Balcony 35c. Top Balcony 25c. Box Chairs, 75c.

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JAPAN SHEA

Fall of Tsing-tung are at end Japan sign

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The repeated military circles. Japanese troops hope has met, with certain quarters in other circles the proposal is grave. Japan could shatter Germany was not yet situation in Europe went well for what the extent of despatch to Europe to assist end.

At all events it is a source of comfort to the British allies that if the millions of Russian and Belgian soldiers to suppress the millions of Japanese reckoned with, for an army of 5,000,000, as she has the East.

One of the most serious of the Far East, is it seems to have killed and Japan. There has been in a disposition of a disposition of potential of revenging frequently confidant of the Russian press has quickly disappeared. Both now seem to realize that Germany had with promoting the ed in the Russian. There is now in Japan for closer relations. Power, even to the present alliance.

What such an alliance concluded now view of the mutual and Japan and China as a salient point in the present war. picion with which self to be regular states will do not meaning closer fr. The interests are in this country



FRANCIS QUIMET

Francis Quimet, the famous golfer, has branched out in the sport world and is now a full fledged manager of a Boston hockey team composed of golfers. And, like all real managers, he has cast his challenge to the world. He wants it understood that his hockey seven is ready to meet teams from any golf club.