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FRENCH OFFICIAL NOTICE

Enemy Driven Back Along the Entire Battle Front.

Optimistic News is Handed Out Officially at Paris.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—There was artillery fighting from the sea to the Lys during the day of December 8th; according to the French official announcement given out in Paris this afternoon, and all the positions won by the French during the past two days have been strengthened. 5 6 6

The text of the communication follows: "During the day of December 8th there was artillery firing from the sea coast to the Lys. In the region of Arras and further to the south, there was nothing to report. All the positions won by us during the past two days have been organized and consolidated.

"In the region of the Aisne, artillery exchanges and fighting by our infantry resulted in appreciable gains for us. Several German trenches were occupied; we made progress along the entire front with the exception of one single point; here the enemy blew up one of our trenches with a mine.

"On the heights of the Meuse, our artillery showed itself distinctly the master of the artillery of the enemy. In this region, as well as in the Argonne we have made progress along the entire front and occupied several of the German trenches. The same thing happened in the forest of Le Pretre.

"In the Vosges we repulsed several attacks to the northwest of Sionnes. In the remainder of the segment of the Vosges no progress was made; endeavor during the day of December 8th to deliver any serious attacks on the positions occupied by us last week.

"Russia: The stubborn attacks of the Germans against the front from Ilow to Lowicz, and from Strykow to Lodz, and also along a line running north and south, 16 kilometers (to miles) to the west of Piotrkow, were repulsed. Nevertheless, because of the exposed position of Lodz at the end of a wedge, the Russians have found it advisable to evacuate this city.

"In Galicia, the Austrians, who appear to have received German reinforcements, have resumed the offensive in the region of Neu Sandec, to the southwest of Cracow against the Russian left wing.

"Serbia: The Serbian armies are making progress in the upper valleys of the western Moravia and on the left bank of the River Ljda. They have taken possession of the heights of Meljen, capturing numerous prisoners, and also taking cannon from the enemy. In the region of Kosmaj, the Serbians are in contact with the Austrian troops."

GOT SIX YEARS SAULT STE MARIE, Ont., Dec. 9.—J. C. Richardson, insurance agent, was sentenced to a term of six years this morning when he appeared for sentence before Judge Stone on charges of misappropriation of funds.

SAXON KING THERE LONDON, Dec. 9.—12.45 p.m.—The Central News has published a despatch from its Amsterdam correspondent, who says the king of Saxony has arrived in Saxony. This information reaches Amsterdam in a despatch from the Belgian capital. Recent despatches from Copenhagen said the King of Saxony was going to Belgium to encourage the troops and represent Emperor William during his majesty's absence in the eastern arena of the war.

ONLY 13 MORE SHOPPING DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS GRANDMA SEE Hev you got a little Sherlock Holmes in yer house? Better send his presents to yer neighbor's house till Christmas.

GREAT KRUPP PLANT AT ESSEN BOMBARDED FROM THE SKY BY AN ALLIES' AVIATOR.



THE KRUPP WORKS AT ESSEN. FROM THE AIR. FRAU BERTHA KRUPP VON BOWLEN UND HALBACH.

An aeronaut of the Allies dropped bombs on the Krupp factory at Essen, the great plant at which are manufactured the famous German siege guns, as well as smaller arms and ammunition, according to a despatch from The Hague. This message quotes a despatch from Berlin to the effect that the bombs were dropped on the buildings devoted to the manufacture of cannon. It is said that the airman escaped uninjured, and that the extent of the damage has not been ascertained. The world famous works of the Krupp firm, at Essen on the Ruhr, were founded in 1811-1812 by Frederick Krupp, who started them "for the production of English cast steel and all other products resulting therefrom." A few months later—on April 26, 1812—the merchant's son, Alfred, was born and he it was who was destined to "make" the firm, to raise it, after his father's early death, from difficulties and almost from failure to the great position it holds.



MAP SHOWING ESSEN AND ITS RELATION TO THE WESTERN BATTLE LINE.

Alfred Krupp died on July 14, 1887, bequeathing his vast properties to his son, Friedrich Alfred Krupp. The latter died in 1903 and left the Krupp works in the form of a stock company with a capital of \$40,000,000 to his eldest daughter, Bertha, who was then seventeen years old. She was married on October 15, 1906, to Dr. Gustav von Bohlen und Halbach, a Prussian diplomat, who took the name of Krupp by order of the Emperor. The Krupp works before the war employed 255,959 workers and the establishment consisted of the cast steel and gun works at Essen, the Asthomer works in Annen, the Gruson works at Buckau, blast furnaces at Reinhausen, Duisburg, Neunfeld and Engers, four coal mines and many iron mines in Germany, several iron mines in Spain and a proving ground at Mappen with a firing range of fifteen miles, besides operating the Germania Ship and Engine Building Company, of Berlin and Kiel.

DEPENDS ON OTTAWA IF THE PROFESSORS MAY DEPART

Dr. Falconer Will Do Nothing Without Authority— Hinted That Partiality is Shown for Germans In Pay Question.

TORONTO, Dec. 9.—The dramatic situation of a high treason trial, with President Falconer of the university playing the role of the accused is not likely to be realized as a sequel to the controversy over the German professors. "It is true that Dr. Falconer has suggested the exchange of the Toronto professors, now on leave of absence, with instructors from American colleges, but it is asserted with some authority, that the president will attempt nothing until the Dominion Government and the university government approve. If the federal department would object to the departure of the Toronto professors, they must remain in Canada. If Ottawa frowned upon the proposal to import professors it would not be pressed. WHAT THE "CHIEF" SAYS. "Those professors would be treated the same as any other alien who tried to leave the country," said Chief of Police Grasset, when asked whether the police would arrest Professors Mueller, Benzinger and Tappier if they went to the United States in trade for three professors from universities over there.

RUSSIAN OFFICIAL NOTICE

Algerine and Shearwater Cleared for Action Against German Cruisers—Rainbow Challenged the Leipzig, but Was Not Given Battle.

OTTAWA, Dec. 8.—The explanation of the finding of "wreckage" from British warships off the coast of California is now known in Government circles here. This wreckage, comprising the wooden fittings of warships, was found in the Pacific early in the Fall and the discovery led to a report that the Canadian cruiser Rainbow had gone down following an action with German ships. The Rainbow afterwards turned up, steaming north with the little British warships Algerine and Shearwater. The wreckage came from these two vessels. Thereby hangs a tale thoroughly in keeping with the best traditions of the navy. The story is old, but worth telling. The Algerine and Shearwater are small, old and unprotected and had been destined for patrol work in Behring Sea before going to Mexican waters to protect British interests there. When the war broke out the commander of this little fleet shrewdly suspected that he would get orders to go into a United States port to be interned. The notion was not to his liking and the two vessels started up the Pacific. Both were painted white and there was no grey paint aboard. The sailors mixed white paint with

TWO LITTLE SHIPS WERE READY FOR REAL BATTLE

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lamp black and smudged the sides of the ships. Then they cleared for action, throwing overboard every bit of woodwork that could be ripped from its fastenings. Thus prepared they steamed up the coast determined to put up the biggest fight they knew how before they must be blown out of the water by the heavily-armed fast German cruisers known to be in those waters. Luck favored them and they were able to meet the Canadian cruiser Rainbow which had gone south in search of them. The three ships arrived safely in British Columbia ports and most of the Algerine and Shearwater crews went to the Miobe. The old Rainbow, during this cruise southward also made ready for a fight. The fast modern German cruiser Leipzig was then going in and out of San Francisco harbor. Commander Hope of the Rainbow knew she was there and knew that though the Rainbow had bigger guns the Leipzig had the advantage of speed and modern construction. Despite this he deliberately made his whereabouts known to the enemy by sending his position by wireless into San Francisco. The Leipzig was between him and the harbor and must have caught the message, but would not come out.

POPE URGES PEACE FOR CHRISTMASTIDE AMONG THE NATIONS

MILAN, Dec. 8.—(Despatch to London Daily Chronicle)—Pope Benedict XV, in approaching the belligerent states with a view to a mutual suspension of hostilities during Christmastide beseeches them in the name of the Divinity, whose patronage they have so frequently invoked or claimed, to cease the clang of arms while Christendom celebrates the feast of the world's redemption. It is stated that his holiness has directed that the particulars of his appeal be communicated to the German Kaiser and to the Austrian emperor and that he is not without hope of favorable consideration for it. Seeing, however, that Christmas

VICEROY OF IRELAND

DUBLIN, Dec. 9.—Via London, 12.58 p.m.—The Freeman's Journal reports that Baron Wimborne probably will succeed the Earl of Aberdeen, lord lieutenant of Ireland, early in the new year, when the office will be raised to the rank of viceroy. There have been reports for some time past that the Earl of Aberdeen was about to resign as Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland. Lord Wimborne is the son of Baron Wimborne, who died this year. He brought the winning British polo team to America last summer. Premier Hearst was the guest at a civic luncheon in Guelph on the occasion of his visit to the Ontario Winter Fair.

60,000 WOUNDED IN HOSPITALS IN VIENNA

VENICE, Dec. 9.—Reports received from Austrian official quarters admit that 60,000 wounded soldiers are now in the Vienna hospitals and that at least double that number are slightly wounded or convalescent. By order of the police, all public resorts in the Austrian capital are closed at 1 o'clock, and no music is allowed after midnight. The official order declares that it is unseemly that the residents of Vienna should be dancing or otherwise amusing themselves by night while the young manhood of the nation is fighting at the front. Endless trains of military convoys, continues the despatch, are passing

LONDON REVIEWS OUTLOOK

Check to Russian Forces Not Considered a Defeat.

Summary of the War Situation in Europe.

LONDON, Dec. 9, 11.45 a.m.—The left of the German line in Russian Poland having occupied Lodz, it is continuing to push on to eastward after the retiring Russians, according to official announcement made in Berlin. Nevertheless, the strain on both sides has been terrific and the loss is heavy, so that a lull probably soon will be set in on this part of the eastern battlefield, while troops recuperate. The Russians continue to assert that their retirement from Lodz was strategic necessity, rather than a defeat, but it will take future developments to show whether this claim is correct or not. Twice driven back from Warsaw, the Germans are again in a position to advance on the capital of Russian Poland and even the British press, which minimizes the importances of the taking of Lodz points out that it is on the trunk line railroad between Kalis and Warsaw, which line is now held by the invaders probably to a point considerably to the east of the occupied city. The fighting in the vicinity of Lodz is retrospect, it would seem, a crushing victory almost within its grasp and lost it by not being able to unite her forces, while later the Russians were successful in gaining a dominant position which they could now hold. In the western arena, while it would appear generally true the Germans are more on the defensive than the offensive the news that they have made a violent attack to the south of Ypres indicates that they have not abandoned the idea of breaking through to the French coast and it is expected that the pick of the German western army has been concentrated for this last effort. The fate of General Byers in S. Africa has not yet been absolutely cleared up. If he is dead, as is believed, it will remove the last of the important South African rebels. Gen. De Wet is a prisoner, Col. Maritz's fugitive and most of the commandos have been broken up.

KAISER IS TOLD TO STAY AWAY FROM THE FRONT

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 9.—There is published here to-day a speech made on December 3 by Emperor William at one of the army camps, composed of Germans and Austrians, which he visited on his recent trip to the eastern front. "You are fighting for a just cause, for liberty, for the future to exist as a nation, and for a future of prolonged peace," said the Emperor. "We shall continue to fight with success as heretofore, for Heaven is on our side. With God we shall achieve a prolonged peace, for our nerves are stronger than those of our enemy."

N. D. Neill Won the Case

Judgment was given yesterday at the County Court of the County of Brant in the case of Neill v. Brandon. The plaintiff, who is a shoe merchant in the city, asked for \$500 as the value of six shares in the Brandon Shoe Company as remuneration for services rendered to Mr. Brandon when he located his shoe manufactory in the city. Brandon denied the claim and said he never was aided in any way by Mr. Neill. After a lengthy hearing, Neill was given the decision and awarded three shares in the Brandon Shoe Co., at \$100 each, and the value thereon since the company commenced operations. The defendant will appeal this verdict.