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BRITISH SUBMARINE, IN BRILLIANT EXPLOIT, SINKS TURKISH WARSHIP Dives Under Five Rows of Mines And Torpedoes The Battleship Mes-sudieh, Sending Her Down With 600 Men

London, Dec. 14—The official bureau announces as follows: "Yesterday submarine B-11, in charge of Lieut.-Commander Norman B. Holbrook, of the royal navy, entered the Dardanelles and, in spite of the difficult current, dived under five rows of mines and torpedoed the Turkish battleship Mesudieh, which was guarding the mine fields.

TRAVELERS HOME, THEY BRING GOOD REPORT OF THE MARITIME BODY

Several members of the Maritime Commercial Travellers' Association returned home yesterday after having attended the annual convention in Halifax. They spoke enthusiastically of the reception by the Halifax members who treated them most royally. Among those present from St. John were W. J. Gilmour, who was appointed one of the resident justifying; L. J. Armstrong, elected vice-president for New Brunswick; R. S. Ritchie, re-elected secretary; C. Simmons and E. A. Hoyt, elected rectors; W. H. Smith, R. S. Sims, George B. Ellis, and C. S. Patterson, messengers passed through to Fredericton. He was appointed one of the St. John branch of the Maritime Commercial Travellers' Association.

LIQUOR SELLING Pocket Peddling Case Brings Interesting Comment

Curry Clark and Thomas Gallagher, arrested on Saturday by Sergeant Kilpatrick and Policeman Garnet, were before Magistrate Ritchie in the police court this morning charged with selling liquor without a license on Sunday. De-mo-nium 6, E. S. Ritchie appeared for the defendants. They pleaded not guilty. Policeman Briggs said that on last Sunday week he saw Clark talking with Jack Porter and Tom Wilson in Hill-yard's ship yard; saw Clark leave there for a few minutes and when he returned he saw him pass a square face to one of the men and saw him receive money from him. He thought it was a \$2 bill. The three then sat on a log and drank out of the bottle. He afterwards saw Gallagher go into a single shed in Hill-yard's ship yard, take two square faces out of his coat and hide them under the shingles; Porter, he said, then went into the shed and after talking to Gallagher, walked over to where the gin was placed and took out one bottle. Guy Gregory, Curry Clark and Dan Maloney were all there and all drank out of the bottle. Maloney passed a bill to Gallagher. Policeman Garnet said he was with Briggs at the time and corroborated his evidence. He said he afterwards picked up a bottle near the shed. The bottle was marked John D. Cuyper, and small of gin. He said that Porter acted as a tender in serving out the drinks in the single shed. The magistrate said he had been speaking to Special Policeman McInnes a few days ago in reference to Sunday drinking in that vicinity and expected there would be a case today, but that the report would come from McInnes. He said he could not understand why it was that with the commission form of government in St. John that the illegal Sunday selling could not be stopped. He said that he had been continually getting letters begging him to see that some action be taken. He referred to one letter in particular which gave minute description of the ring leaders in this business and referred to another case in Britain street where he knew of a little girl who kept on the lookout for the police on Sundays to be able to give the warning when illegal sellers were in danger of being caught. "Why is it," he asked, "that I should be getting this information when a special liquor license inspector has been sworn in to find out such things?" Inspector Jones said that he was frequently getting similar letters but that they were not signed and he had nothing to work on in getting evidence. He asked the magistrate if he would tell him in confidence who had sent him the letter to which he referred. The magistrate replied that he certainly would not, stating that the woman from whom he got the letter said her husband would beat her if he knew she was writing to him about his being able to get liquor on Sunday to make him drunk. The magistrate said that the liquor sellers themselves should take some action in regard to stopping the Sunday selling, saying that it was in their interest to see that the liquor license law was being carried out by all. Policeman Garnet said that in the two years he had been on his present beat, he had seen men gathered in the shipyard every Sunday. He had counted as many as thirty. Asked by Inspector Jones as to the condition yesterday, Garnet said it was exceptionally quiet and there were not more than two or three men about all day. The magistrate then asked when the two defendants were arrested, and on being told that it was on Saturday, he said that the normal condition which existed yesterday was fully accounted for and that if arrests could be made more frequently, the evil would soon be stamped out. The case was adjourned until this afternoon for further evidence.

RO WEATHER DRIVES HUNDREDS TO SHELTER IN CHARITABLE HOMES

Chicago, Ills., Dec. 14—Charitable organizations already swamped with applications for aid have another call as a result of a cold wave which swept the Great Lakes region last night. The temperature dropped thirty-one degrees in twelve hours. All municipal charity houses were packed with homeless men last night.

TER FROM LIEUTENANT C. J. MORGAN RECEIVED

Thomas J. Morgan, Main street, received a letter from his nephew, Lieutenant Morgan on Saturday evening. Lieutenant Morgan recently visited the firing line in France with other Canadian officers, but he makes no mention of the letter in his letter. He stated that they were all drilling hard, and he also made reference to the wonderful sight daily to be seen at Salisbury Plain, when the thousands of men are engaged drilling, he was writing he happened to look out of the window and noticed several planes passing overhead. With reference to drilling, particular attention was given to bayonet and close fighting, said the Canadian troops have dropped the platoon system and have gone over to the eight company basis.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service. Synopsis—An important disturbance has developed with great rapidity centered near the Bay of Fundy, and very heavy gales and rain in maritime provinces. A pronounced wave covers the west. Colder. Conditions—Gales veering to west and west, rain followed by a change to colder with less snow; Tuesday, coldly colder.

Further Gains by The Allies

Paris, Dec. 14—The French official communication given out in Paris this afternoon says: "There has been nothing of importance to report between the sea and the Alps. In the region of the Aisne, to the northwest of Souper, the enemy bombarded violently our entrenchments. We replied and demolished his positions. There were no infantry attacks from one side or the other. Our artillery destroyed an important field work of the enemy in the vicinity of Ailles. In the Argonne, at the forest of La Grurie, we have made slight progress by the use of mines. There were no attacks from the enemy. "On the heights of the Meuse, there has been violent cannonading. Batteries of the enemy would appear to have moved positions farther north. "In the Woerze district, after having occupied a line of entrenchments along a front of 500 yards, in the forest of Morimars, our troops repulsed two violent counter attacks. "In Alsace our advance has brought our front to a line that passes 425 yards to the north of Stenbach, thence to Font D'Aspach and thence to Font de Eglisheim, 5200 yards to the west of Eglisheim. "During the days of December 10, 11 and 12, the enemy continued to retire along the entire front. The Serbian advance guards have progressed as far as Veliki and Bosniak in the direction of Sabaite, and as far as Zavalica in the direction of Lencica. During their retreat the Austrians abandoned many trophies of war."

GERMAN HOLD ON THE MEUSE NOW IS ABOUT BROKEN

French Have Crossed Enemy's Line of Communication With Metz It is Bad, Admits Berlin

New York, Dec. 14—A Herald cable from London says: "By admissions from Berlin, it seems certain that the slender German hold on the Meuse at St. Mihiel, is about to be broken. The French have crossed the German line of communication with Metz midway between St. Mihiel and Pont-a-Mousson, although at a cost of a large number of men killed and wounded and 600 taken prisoners. "The French have been particularly active during the last few days in the Woerze district as the culmination of a steady grinding fight forward from the woods south of Apremont and an equally gruelling advance from the forts south of Verdun. This conflict, almost lost sight of in the larger events of the Flanders campaign, would in any other war have been ranked among the great campaigns. "In October the German left centre made a sudden dash from the Franco-German frontier, in an effort to cut a way through the barrier forts, roll back the French on Verdun and Toul, and compel General Joffre and Joffre to outflank the German right. The dash resulted in the capture of Fort Metz, a hold on the left bank of the Meuse and the occupation of St. Mihiel. There the invading army was checked, but the weeks that have passed have been filled with almost constant fighting to break this arrow-like force projecting into the French territory. "From the north, the south and the west, the French have been battering the German lines. Gradually, their intrenchments have been assured by the two weeks ago, the Germans held only a tiny thread of ground from St. Mihiel in a zigzag, haphazard line, northeast to the Meuse river, and her cargo must be lightened."

Some at Salisbury Plain Write To Themselves ARREST IN ONE CASE

London, Dec. 14—The Caer, who has been paying a visit to the headquarters of the Russian army of the Caucasus, left Tiflis yesterday amid an enthusiastic demonstration. Not Allowed to Leave. London, Dec. 14—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Athens says that Anvey Pasha has left Constantinople to take command of the Caucasus army. Talat Bey succeeds him as war minister. The military governor of Syria has forbidden the departure of all foreign subjects, including the consuls of neutral states. Food For Belgians. Amsterdam, Dec. 14—The Norwegian steamer Obidien, laden with foodstuffs for the Belgians, arrived at Rotterdam today from New York. President Visits Rheims. Paris, Dec. 14—President Poincare yesterday visited Rheims, which is still being bombarded daily by the Germans. After examining the cathedral, he made a donation of \$100 to the poor of the city. Russians Defeat Turks. Petrograd, via London, Dec. 14—An official communication from the Russian army staff of the Caucasus says: "All day Friday fighting occurred on the front extending through the villages of Eyrak, Amerik, Rotterdam (southeast of Erzerum). The enemy was everywhere repulsed, and pursued beyond the Sulphur Ship Ground. London, Dec. 14—Lloyds reports that the Norwegian steamer Obidien, from Rotterdam, for the Belgian ports, has only reached Maas Sluis, seven miles west of Rotterdam. Here she grounded on a sand bar, and her cargo must be lightened."

MAJOR FRINK RECEIVES LETTER FROM BELGIAN MINISTER IN LONDON

The much discussed question regarding the relative value of cash or supplies for Belgian relief work seems to be settled by a letter received this morning by Mayor Frink from the Belgian minister in London. He says definitely that cash is much preferred. In the same letter the minister acknowledges, in appreciation of the \$7,000, since which another \$5,000 has gone forward. Further remittances were delayed until an answer could be received to decide which way the money should be used. In accordance with the reply, another substantial draft will be sent forward tomorrow. A letter from the Belgian minister in London is as follows: Belgian Legation, Belgrave square, London. The Worshipful, The Mayor, St. John, N. B.: Sir—I am in receipt of your letter of 17th ultimo, together with the sum of £1,481.0.1, being contributions from the people of New Brunswick, Canada, towards the above fund. I beg to offer you, and all kind donors, my most grateful thanks for this very handsome donation, and to assure you that a source of comfort it will be to my suffering countrymen, and how greatly it will alleviate their distress. Belgium will never forget the help she has received in this sad hour of trial from people in all parts of the world. With regard to your enquiry, it will be far better for you to send further kind contributions in cash and not in kind. It can then be utilized for the most pressing needs. With renewed thanks, I am, yours faithfully, LALLAIG, Belgian Minister. Contributions: Mayor Frink acknowledges receipt of contributions to the Belgian relief fund as follows—Mrs. E. J. Smith, \$2; J. J. Rowan, \$10; Mrs. E. C. Burpee, \$5; Miss Marjorie Burpee, \$1; Miss Sheria Burpee, \$1; Blackville Women's Institute, per Mrs. Justus Underhill, \$25; proceeds supper at Aroostook, per C. S. Gaines, \$68; a friend, Maugeville, \$3; local patriotic committee, Florenceville, N. B., farmer, \$10; Mrs. E. C. Burpee, \$5; Rev. S. J. Doucet, Grand Anse, parish contribution, \$87; A. Alma concert, additional, per Hon. A. R. McClellan, \$1. Patriotic Fund. C. B. Allan has received contributions to the Canadian patriotic fund, or \$4-

STILL AWAIT WORD ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR SOLDIERS

The ladies who were in charge of the preparations for a Christmas dinner for the soldiers in St. John are still awaiting word regarding the government's plans. They say they had been assured by the military department that they would not provide the men with any special Christmas feast, but that they would go ahead with their arrangements. On Friday the announcement was made from Ottawa that the department will provide special Christmas meals for all the soldiers thus making it unnecessary for anyone else to look after the men on that day. Letters and telegrams were sent to Ottawa immediately asking if this were official and if so what they were to expect but so far no answer has been received.

AMERICAN ARMY AND NAVY HIT BY WAR PRICES

Washington, Dec. 14—The cost of the American army rations has increased to such an extent on account of the European war, that it will cost \$180,000 more to feed the soldiers during the coming year, than during the present year. Even the price of horse food has so increased that \$100,000 more must be paid next year for army forage than this year. The navy also is affected. The war freight rates have made it impossible for the navy to meet out of its appropriations, the cost of sending coal to its various stations. Congress will be asked to authorize the use of the money ordinarily spent in paying freight rates on coal for the maintenance of naval colliers, to be used instead of commercial vessels for this purpose.

MANY THOUSAND JEWS ARE MADE DESTITUTE BY WAR

New York, Dec. 14—One hundred and seventy thousand Jews have fled for refuge from Galicia to Vienna, according to a letter received here from the Austrian Israelite Alliance in Vienna. At the present time there are 150,000 Jewish fugitives from Galicia here, of whom 70,000 are absolutely penniless. Furthermore, 25,000 destitute Jewish fugitives have been placed in barracks in Moravia and 70,000 in Bohemia, where barracks are also being built. These 165,000 poor Jews are in pressing need."

Battalion To Welcome General Hughes Here

He is Expected On Wednesday Morning LOCAL WAR NEWS

Artillerymen Marooned For a Time—Y. M. C. A. Work at Local Barracks—Soldiers Ill With Pneumonia

The men of the artillery garrison on Partridge Island under Lieut.-Col. B. R. Armstrong were practically marooned for a time this morning. The severe storm made it hazardous for the landing of boats on the island, and it looked for a time as though they might be without provisions but later in the morning the tugboat Lily, which has been taken over by the government for transportation purposes, made a landing and brought a stock of rations to the men on duty. The tugboat Lily had started for the island but had been compelled to put back. From now on it is likely that at least a week's supply of rations will be stored on the island for the garrison on guard there. Minister's Visit. Wednesday at 10.40 a. m. is the time anticipated for the arrival of Major General Hughes in the city. He will come via I. C. R. On his arrival the understanding is that the men of the 26th Infantry Battalion will greet him at the depot and escort him to the armory. The men of the artillery, owing to their being stationed on guard on the island, will not be in the procession. Major General Hughes will find the standard units, dragoons, artillery, army service, and infantry well up to the standard of efficiency and they are prepared to stand a rigid inspection. Belgians Coming Here. One hundred Belgian reservists are expected to arrive in the city tonight on the late I. C. R. train from Upper Canada being organized in the city under Major W. H. Harrison, will be quartered in Fredericton. No orders have yet been received, but they are being daily awaited. All the officers of this detachment have now been appointed. Y. M. C. A.'s Good Work. One of the most popular centers at the barracks in South End is the reservation of the Y. M. C. A. arranged for reading, writing and recreation. It is under the direction of H. R. Hill of Toronto, who arrived here last week after having organized a splendid Y. M. C. A. depot there. He was introduced to the local volunteers on Friday night by A. S. McAllister, maritime secretary, and already in the short time he has been at work has made great improvement in the way of convenience for the men on duty. Yesterday there were from fifty to one hundred men in the writing room at different times, taking advantage of the facilities afforded which include a supply of stationery free, thanks to the kindness of some local business men who are aiding in the work. Mr. Hill is being assisted by Ray Pendleton of this city, and together they are arranging for the maintenance of the activities begun, as well as for innovations in the way of athletic sports and other recreation. One of the aims of the association representatives will be the suppression of profanity and intemperance among the troops. Several of the volunteers are ill in the General Public Hospital, some through accidents. Three men of the 26th Battalion—Walter Ross, William Roberts and Howard Coyle were taken to the hospital yesterday ill with pneumonia. Charles Barber of this city, another volunteer, is also seriously ill with pneumonia in the hospital. Church Parade. In the church parade of the 26th Battalion yesterday a portion of the men went to the Cathedral, about 200 in all, under Captain G. Keefe. All the men of the battalion who took part in the parade yesterday made a splendid appearance and many people admired them as they paraded through the streets along the route of march. All men, other than those stationed on Partridge Island, who have handed in their names to go with the Artillery Divisional Column, are requested to report at Major W. H. Harrison's office, Room 38, Royal Bank Building, King street, not later than Wednesday, 16th inst., between the hours of 11.30 a. m. to 1 o'clock and 4 p. m. to 5 p. m.

DARING EXPLOIT IN AIR BY YOUNG BELGIAN

Drops Bombs on German Convoy and a Little Later on Cavalry Squadron

Paris, Dec. 14—A German convoy and a detachment of cavalry have suffered considerable damage at the hands of a 20-year-old Belgian, who only six weeks ago volunteered for flying work. The hero of this daring exploit was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and will probably be decorated. Though a stiff wind was blowing, he set off in the direction of Ostend, but subsequently turned south on catching sight of a German column in motion. With the recklessness of inexperience and youth, he flew very low over the enemy's lines, so low that it was not until he dropped his first bomb that the Germans grasped the fact that this was not one of their own aeroplanes. Before they could open fire on the youngster, the mischief was done. Three motor trucks were destroyed, and the whole transport column, which was hurrying to the front, was thrown into confusion. Having made his escape by rising to about 5,000 feet, the aviator flew in the direction of Bruges. South of that town he observed a detachment of cavalry taking cover behind a cluster of farm houses. The first bomb he dropped went wide, but the second fell into the midst of the squares. The airman was not able to observe accurately the amount of damage he did, for the Germans opened fire with an anti-aeroplane gun, and a shot severed his control wires. He thought he would just manage to maintain a safe height, but he landed in the flooded area near Hamsappelle, directly in the line of fire from both sides. However, he was able to wade ashore and to his own lines. Even the aeroplane was ultimately brought in. MILITARY PROMOTIONS. Col. Piast, deputy minister of militia, has been created a major-general, along with Colonel S. Steele. The latter and Brig.-Gen. Leonard have been appointed inspectors-general. Y. M. C. A. ATHLETICS. Saturday afternoon the Business Mens' Volley Ball league was auspiciously opened in the Y. M. C. A. The dinner given for the lawyers, and the Ministers and proved very interesting. The former emerged victorious with a score of 21 to 20. Hazen and Howard starred for the lawyers, and Dickie and McCasill for the ministers. The second game was also won by the lawyers with a score of 21 to 15. This evening in the senior bowling league Mr. Bent's team will meet Parker's quintette. BURIED TODAY. The funeral of Andrew Hamm was held this afternoon from his late residence in Middle street to Cedar Hill. Speaking of the death of Mr. Hamm, Mayor Frink referred, in the highest terms, to his record in the employ of the city. He was formerly a member of the permanent fire department, and for several years was in charge of the city watchmen at Sand Point, and was always recognized as a faithful and trustworthy employe. PRESENTATION. A pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mrs. A. Ramsay, 627 Main street, on Friday, when about forty friends of William A. Ramsay gathered in honor of his enlistment in the 26th regiment. On behalf of those present, H. Daley presented to him a handsome watch. Supper was served. The table decorations and appointments were in an elaborate color scheme of pink and green. The singing of patriotic songs formed the concluding feature of the evening's entertainment.

GEORGE CURRAN IS NOW IN IRELAND

Letter Comes to Father — Burton Haines in Accident But Recovers

A letter received from Belfast by F. P. Curran, proprietor of the news department in the Union Depot, from his brother-in-law, H. Hanna, told of the safe arrival of his son George V. Curran at the home of the writer there. His visit had come as an agreeable surprise. Mr. Hanna's two sons, Thomas and William G. are now serving as non-commissioned officers with the British army, and the former was home on a short leave of absence during the visit of his Canadian cousin, helping to make his stay all the more enjoyable. Mrs. Leonard Haines, of 96 Autumn street, has received a letter from her son, Burton Haines, now in England with the first Canadian contingent, saying he was recovering after an illness in the hospital in Bulford, caused by an accident sustained in camp. He was confined to the hospital for about four weeks. His friends here will be pleased to learn of his getting better. SPEAKER OF THE FRENCH PARLIAMENT INJURED. Paul Deschamps, speaker of the French chamber of deputies, was injured about the head yesterday in an automobile accident but it is expected he will be recovered in a few days.

SERVIANS SOUNDLY WHIP AUSTRIANS

London, Dec. 14—According to a Serbian despatch to Reuter, an official communication on Sunday announces that all attempts by the Austrians to halt their retreat have failed, and that the Servians are continuing to sweep the country clear of the defeated enemy. "The Servians are advancing successfully in the direction of Milanovatz and Belgrade and the enemy is retreating southeast of Obrenovatz. In the course of the day the Servians captured seven officers and 2,132 men, two flags, sixteen mounted guns, other guns, munitions and supplies."