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Perhaps Waiting Issue Of Conflict In Poland

Fighting on Western Frontier But The Germans Generally on Defensive—Some Reports Say Enemy Has Begun Backward March—The King's Visit to Soldiers

London, Dec. 1.—Throughout Belgium the Germans are remaining generally on the defensive and immediate signs of a renewal of attempts to reach their way to the French coast are lacking.

Some despatches say that the Germans already have begun to fall back from their rear entrenchments, but as the official statements make no mention of this, it is assumed it is only a guess of correspondents working on the theory that the Russian success has been overwhelming and final.

King George's visit to France seems greatly to appeal to the popular imagination. The newspapers are featuring His Majesty's trip, pointing out that it is the first time that a reigning British monarch has been with his armies in the field for 171 years.

Paris, Dec. 1.—The French official communication given out in Paris this afternoon says:—

"In Belgium there was a rather spirited artillery attack during November 30, but no attack was made by the German infantry.

"The enemy continues to show considerable activity to the north of Arras.

"In the region of the Aisne there was intermittent artillery fire along all the front. In the Argonne the fighting continues, but without bringing any change in the situation.

"In the Woëvre district and in the Vosges, there is nothing to report."

REPORTS GENERAL GERMAN RETIREMENT AT DIXMUDE

London, Dec. 1.—Telegraphing from Amsterdam, the correspondent of the Central News says the German front before Dixmude has begun a general retirement.

GERMAN WAS IN BRITISH ARMY AT THE FRONT

London, Dec. 1.—Seifried Schneider, a German, started the officials and spectators at the Bow street police court today by calmly admitting that he had served for some time in the British army in France and that everybody in the Red Cross Corps to which he was attached was aware of his nationality.

The prisoner was dressed in the regulation khaki uniform. The charge against him is that he failed to register as an alien and traveled more than five miles without a permit.

He was arrested at the general military hospital in Boulogne where he was serving as a member of the staff under the name of Frederick Taylor. The court refused the prisoner without bail.

BULWARK DISASTER NOT AN ACCIDENT?

New York, Dec. 1.—A Herald cable from London says:— The authorities, it is stated, are not absolutely satisfied as to the disaster to the battleship Bulwark was due to an accident. According to the Daily Express, just about the time the vessel was blown up by a man in military bearing, with his hair and moustache close cropped, was seen on the bank of the Medway near the scene of the calamity. A description of him has been sent to the police throughout the country.

RODNEY SLIP MUD BAR TO BE DREGDED

Depth of Water to Be Increased to 25 Feet by the Dredge Fieiding

The mud bar at the entrance to Rodney slip, West St. John, is to be removed at once. Several weeks ago the presence of the bar and the possibility of danger from it were drawn to the attention of Commissioner Russell and he took up the matter with Hon. J. D. Hazen. After receiving the report of the district engineer of the public works department, Mr. Hazen arranged for the work to be begun and instructions were received in St. John to this effect today.

The bar is estimated to contain about 18,000 yards of material. The government dredge fieiding will be placed on the job at once. At present there is only ten feet of water over the bar. This tide and the dredging will increase the depth to 25 feet.

Although no accidents ever have occurred at this place there was some danger that a steamer entering No. 7 berth in a gale might be blown on the bar and damaged. This danger will be obviated and the work will also improve the entrance to the Rodney slip.

DISTINCT IMPROVEMENT

An up-to-date private branch telephone exchange is being installed in the operators' room at the Union Depot in order to cope with the increasing demands upon the telephones now in use. There will be eight main trunks so that a good service is expected. The central at the depot will have control over the communication with the several I. C. R. offices including the freight warehouse and a city ticket office.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Phelix and Pierdmand Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—The weather is very mild from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic, attended by showers and moderately cold in the west.

Showerly. Moderate southwest to west winds, mild with a few scattered showers, chiefly tonight and on Wednesday.

New England forecasts.—Partly cloudy light and Wednesday; slightly warmer; light to moderate variable winds.

HOME FROM BORDER

D. Arnold Fox and Fred C. MacNeil returned this morning from St. Stephen where they took part last evening in a smoking entertainment given by the St. Andrew's Society in honor of the day.

President Andrew Mungall occupied the chair and the evening was a pleasant one.

BOTH PLEAD NOT GUILTY

Doctor and Woman Arraigned in Mildred Sullivan Case

CHANGE OF VENUE APPLIED FOR

Counsel For Dr. Dudley Asks That Trial Take Place Somewhere Else Than in Aroostook County

Houlton, Me., Dec. 1.—Dr. Lionel Dudley and Alice Pelletier were arraigned here on Saturday afternoon on the charge of murdering Mildred L. Sullivan on Sept. 4 at Pesquisse Isle. Both pleaded not guilty. Kate Michaud and Ambrose Bridge were not arraigned.

Judge Haley said that he understood that Dr. Dudley and Miss Pelletier wished to have the state appoint counsel for them and this was done; also for Kate Michaud. Counsel for Dr. Dudley and Miss Pelletier then asked for change of place of trial to some county other than Aroostook. Decision was postponed.

GERMANS' DESPERATE EFFORTS TO GET TO COAST HAVE FAILED

British Officers Home From Front Bring Cheering Word—Lions of the Day in London—"Battle of Flanders is Dead"

New York, Dec. 1.—A London cable to the Herald this morning says:— "The danger is over, but there is plenty of hard fighting still to be done."

This is the message from Field Marshal Sir John French, which British officers, who are here from the front for a few days, brought to their families and friends. The officers are back for a glimpse at civilization, and society is lionizing them.

Dinner parties with khaki-clad officers at many tables enlivened the prominent hotels and clubs in London yesterday. The officers look splendidly fit, and have gained weight. They say the best food London can provide is not so good as the fine bacon and other delicacies they receive daily.

The officers, almost without exception, say that Lord Kitchener's "strict economy and no war correspondent policy have saved thousands of lives, and they say the Russian method of announcing news after it is all over is the best model. This also explains, they believe, why so little is said about the victorious Russian operations in Poland.

London, Dec. 1.—The Paris correspondent of the Times, who has been allowed to inspect the battle front in Belgium, wires:— "The battle of Flanders is dead. The German dash for the coast, made with four cavalry and fifteen infantry corps, and opposed at first only by the war-worn Belgian army and a thin line of allied troops, has worn itself to extinction."

ALLIANCE PROTESTS SUNDAY NIGHT CONCERT PLANNED HERE

Letters From Headquarters to Mayor and Police Chief—Asked What Will be Done, Chief Points to Law

Despite the object of the concert to be given in the Imperial Theatre on Sunday evening for the benefit of the Red Cross Society, the attention of the authorities has been drawn to the fact that the charge of an admission fee is contrary to the law.

Major Frink has received from Rev. W. M. Rochester, Toronto, Dominion secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, a communication referring to the concert and asking that an admission fee be charged and enclosing a copy of the Dominion act of parliament which reads as follows:—

"It shall be unlawful for any person, on the Lord's Day, except as provided in any provincial act or law now or hereafter enforced, to provide, engage in or be present at any performance or public meeting, elsewhere than in a church, at which any fee is charged, directly or indirectly, either for admission to such performance or meeting, or to any place within which the same is provided, or for any service or privilege thereat."

The major remarked that there are Dominion and provincial laws covering this matter and that it is outside the jurisdiction of the city. The authorities of the government, such as the chief of police, who is a provincial officer, have the power to enforce the laws and he had no doubt that they would do their duty. Personally, he thought that the object of the meeting, during a time of war, might place it in a different category from other entertainments, but he recognized the importance of preserving the Sabbath and in this case the law was specific.

Chief of Police Clark also received a letter from the general secretary of the alliance in connection with the concert. The writer forwarded a copy of the Lord's Day Alliance Act pertaining to such affairs. He also urged the police and the community to discourage such entertainments on Sundays for the purpose of raising patriotic funds. He said that the Winnipeg police board had given instructions that such a performance should not be held at any place within which the same is provided, or for any service or privilege thereat.

When asked regarding his course of action, the chief's reply was—"There's the law; there's nothing more about it."

LARGE NUMBER AT FUNERAL OF LATE ALD. MCGOLDRICK

The funeral of ex-Alderman John McGoldrick, conducted this afternoon from his late home in Rockland road, was particularly lengthy, and in the cortege were citizens of all ranks, attending to the general esteem and popularity in which he had for years been held.

The body was taken to Holy Trinity church, where the pastor, Rev. J. J. Walsh, officiated. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery. The pallbearers were: C. D. Jones, John Kelly, Richard Sullivan, A. R. C. Clark, John Walsh and M. Dolan. In the cortege were the mayor and commissioners, commissioners of the hospital, and delegates from the C. M. B. A.

A great many floral tributes were received, including a cross of cream roses and carnations, H. M. Hopper; basket of pink and cream carnations, Mr. and Mrs. W. O'Keefe; sheaf of white and tango roses from the local Elks; wreath of pink and cream roses from the Donaldson line; cross of white roses and carnations from J. Walsh; sheaf of pink and white carnations, W. Pederson; sheaf of crimson roses, T. G. Morgan; wreath of cream and pink roses, T. J. Morgan; crescent of carnations, W. Morrison; wreath of pink and white roses, J. B. Monahan; cross of cream and pink roses, John Kelly; sheaf of pink and cream roses, Misses Harley; crescent of cream roses, Mrs. Frank Mullin; wreath of chrysanthemums and roses, W. H. McQuade; anchor of pink and white roses, R. C. Clark; cross of pink and white roses, M. A. Harding; crescent of cream and pink roses, F. C. Wesley; anchor of pink and cream roses, Mrs. John Collins; crescent of roses, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foster; sheaf of pink roses, Miss E. Donnelly; wreath of pink and cream roses, J. A. Kelly; wreath of cream roses and carnations, Geo. McArthur; bouquet of carnations, Miss C. J. Cotter; sheaf of chrysanthemums, Dr. J. B. Travers; wreath of pink and cream roses, W. C. Sharkey; crescent of pink and cream roses, R. J. Wilkins, Boston; anchor cream and pink roses from mayor and commissioners; wreath of carnations, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stentford; wreath of crimson and pink roses, Mr. and Mrs. John Elmore; besides other remembrances.

Mr. McGoldrick's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGoldrick, of Fredericton, came to the city today to attend the funeral, as did Mr. and Mrs. N. Gustavson, of Halifax. T. J. Morgan, who was in Boston, returned home to attend.

Many friends this morning attended the funeral of John McGuey, who was killed on Saturday in Stetson, Cutler & Co's mill in Indianow. It was conducted from his late home, in Bridge street, to St. Peter's church, where Rev. E. Walsh officiated at requiem high mass. Interment was in the old Catholic cemetery. Relatives acted as pallbearers.

London Says The Germans Have Not Yet Been Beaten Decisively By The Russians

Great Battle Still on But Enemy Has Broken Cordon—Great Russian Victory Still Possible But Reports Have Been Premature

London, Dec. 1.—Thought it seems clear now that the German army in Russian Poland, or that part of it which the Russians surrounded near Lodz, narrowly missed annihilation, the Germans fought with such fury that the cordon encircling them was broken and as German reinforcements are coming up, the issue is not yet decided.

The British press, interpreting the news despatches from Petrograd, contends that a Russian success on a colossal scale is still possible, but in all quarters it is admitted that the recent statements of a complete Russian victory were premature.

Poland, with Emperor William on the field, will likely continue to overshadow all other war areas for some days to come. Even the London press is devoting more space to the battles there than to the conflict in Flanders. This party is due, of course, to the fact that there has been so little change in the western situation, conditions which may persist until some sharp turn occurs in the eastern struggle.

GERMAN ARMY DIVIDED INTO THREE PARTS

Paris, Dec. 1.—The present situation in Poland, according to Ludovic Naudou, the special representative of the Journal de Paris, who is at the Russian headquarters in the field, is as follows:—

"General Mackensen's (eighth) German army, is separated into three groups. The first, between Gombin to the north and Brzezyno to the south, is being attacked on three sides. There remains an opening on the western road toward Kutno, which, however, will be threatened by Russians advancing from Lodz. Part of this first group at Głowno and Strykow is almost entirely surrounded.

The second group, to the south at Rzgów and Tuszyn, is trying to force its way through to the north, but is opposed by the Russians at Lodz and Brzezyno, and the western road is closed to it by the same Russian army which recently beat two German corps at Wliscyn.

"The third group, to the west, is in a critical but not a desperate position for, by a right flank at Zdzanska Wolan, on the Warta, it still holds the position at Kalisz, which could serve either for retreat or for reinforcement if General Von Hindenburg thinks it still possible to try to save his eighth army."

LOOKS BAD FOR GERMANS IN POLAND

London, Dec. 1.—The Times correspondent telegraphs from Petrograd:— "That the Germans are fighting well between the Vistula and the Warta, is the candidly expressed opinion of their generous foe."

"The Russians ungrudgingly record the honors awarded to Field Marshal Von Hindenburg. The battle which he initiated is likely to be prolonged and deeply to affect the whole course of the war, but scarcely in the sense hoped for by the Germans."

"The Germans were compelled to engage more and more troops in order to save their lost legions. The majority of their eastern forces is involved, and even if a portion returns, they are bound to suffer enormous and irreparable losses in men and material."

"The Reich critic considers the task of destroying the enemy's troops between the Vistula and the Warta bound up with the fate of their army and even of the German and Austrian empires."

SOME WOULD SAY OTHERWISE

New York, Dec. 1.—A Herald cable from London says:—

The Berlin version of events in Poland was made public last night in a despatch reaching here via The Hague, and which said that the presence of the Kaiser at Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's headquarters, "is interpreted as indicating that everything is thought to be going well."

NEW ENTRANCE TO HARBOR PLANNED

Plans for new channel or entrance to the harbor are being considered by the federal departments of public works and marine and fisheries. The present channel has the disadvantage of being curved somewhat in the shape of the letter S, and in attempting to widen it a ledge of rock was struck. The new channel which has been recommended by the resident engineer, F. C. Goodspeed, will be almost in a straight line.

It will pass to the westward of the former location of the old Beacon light and will cut across where the Beacon has formerly been situated. Changes in the lights and buoys will be required if the plan is adopted and this feature of the plan is now receiving the attention of the department of marine and fisheries.

Local subscriptions received today by the treasurer, C. B. Allen, are as follows:—Friend, \$5; G. Wetmore Merritt, fourth month, \$10; Miss G. Smith, Norton, \$6; H. M. Holly, \$3.

A second installment from the employees of the inspector's department in the post office towards the patriotic fund was received this morning, totalling \$83.85, as follows:—Dr. R. N. Colter, \$9; C. Whitaker, \$7; Alex. Thompson, \$6.50; W. Hatch, \$5; John Emmerson, \$5; R. J. Freeze, \$5; E. B. MacLeod, \$4.50; J. C. Henderson, \$3; Miss L. L. Howard, \$3; F. M. Shannon, \$2.25; Miss Elsie Knowlton, \$1.60; Solomon Logan, \$2.

Belgian Fund Mayor Frink received today for the Belgian Fund the following amounts:—D. W. Newcombe, \$1; Late F. M. Reed, Chester, Pa., \$3; Mrs. Thomas Reed, \$2; C. S. Reed, \$1; Thomas L. Reed, \$2; J. S. Flagler, \$1; H. Heffer, \$1; J. T. Dixon, per T. L. Reed, \$1; D. A. Vaughan, \$1.

GALES SWEEP ENGLISH CHANNEL

New York, Dec. 1.—A London cable to the Herald says:—Heavy southwesterly gales are raging in the English channel and great waves are breaking over ships and the breakwater at the Admiralty pier extension at Dover.

SAVINGS BANK

During November the deposits in the local branch of the Dominion Savings Bank were \$67,208.80 and the withdrawals \$58,261.66.

WIFE OF BANK OF MONTREAL OFFICIAL DEAD IN WEST

Mrs. Sweeney Native of Halifax—A Son in British Army in France

Montreal, Dec. 1.—Mrs. Campbell Sweeney, wife of the superintendent of the Bank of Montreal branches in British Columbia, a former Montrealeer, is dead in Vancouver. She was Miss Blanchard of Halifax. Her husband, two sons, one an officer with the British army in France, and one daughter survive.