

THE BRITISH AND FRENCH ARMIES CONTINUE RAIDS

SCENES ON WESTERN FRONT ARE MUCH MORE ANIMATED

British and French Participate in Successful Raids—Latter Advance as Far as Fourth German Line Between La Pretre and Mort Mare Woods in the Woivre—Casualties Inflicted on Enemy Southeast of Lens—Cologne Cathedral Great Bell Maria Gloriosa Melted.

Paris, Feb. 13.—There was fairly heavy artillery fire last night in the neighborhood of Pincen, on the Aisne front, says today's war office statement. Northwest of Rheims the bombardment was also rather lively. The French carried out successful raids and drove off a German attacking detachment in the Emmermell region. The text of the statement reads:

"There was heavy artillery fighting in the region of Pincen and northwest of Rheims. The French carried out several successful raids east of Aubry and in the Vosges, and brought back prisoners. "East of Emmermell a German attempt against a small French post was without success. Everywhere else the night was calm. "German aviators last night threw down several bombs on Nancy. Three civilians were killed and five wounded."

Canadian Line Quiet.

Canadian Army Headquarters, Feb. 13.—(By W. A. Willison, correspondent of the Canadian Press)—The battle front continues quiet, the only outstanding feature of the past four days being the capture of a German prisoner who, losing his way, blundered into one of our working parties. He was captured only after a rifle duel in which he was slightly wounded. The capture proved to be valuable, not only for purposes of identification, but because the prisoner confirms our impressions of the accuracy of our night artillery and machine gun bombardment. He says that the harassing fire which has been directed at the German lines has inflicted many casualties and has upset his communications and movements as well.

French Advance.

With the French Army in France, Feb. 12.—(By The Associated Press)—In the course of three successful

trench raids early this morning the French advanced as far as the fourth German line between La Pretre and Mort Mare Woods, in the Woivre, and took prisoners belonging to the Ninth Bavarian and the 94th Landwehr divisions. The German entanglements had been destroyed by French artillery last night and the progress of the assaulting columns was favored by a heavy mist. As soon as the French reached the first positions the Germans opened a sweeping machine gun fire as well as an artillery barrage, but the French penetrated the shell curtain almost without casualties, demolishing all the enemy pillboxes and emplacements and returned to their own lines with most valuable information.

While the French attack was in progress the Germans attempted a raid on Rogneville, in the same district, but were repulsed with heavy losses.

Some British Raids.

London, Feb. 13.—"We carried out a successful raid last night upon German trenches southeast of Harcourt, capturing eleven prisoners, including one officer," says today's official statement. "Patrol encounters, in which casualties were inflicted on the enemy, took place last night southeast of Lens. "Apart from hostile artillery activity in the neighborhood of Epoy and northeast of Ypres, there is nothing further to report."

Big Bell Melted.

Amsterdam, Feb. 13.—The great bell of Cologne Cathedral ("Maria Gloriosa") was rung for the last time on New Year's eve, and the metal, which weighs several tons, will be used for war purposes. The bell was first rung on the birthday of William I, on March 22, 1877, and was cast from French guns captured in 1870-71.

ONE METHOD OF IMPROVING A TROLLEY LINE SERVICE

John A. Beeler, Traffic Engineer Who Last July Made Exhaustive Report on the Street Railway System of the New Brunswick Power Co., Tells Washington Transit Commission How to Reduce Running Time and Save Fuel—Recommends That 577 Car Stops, or About 38 Per Cent., Be Cut Out.

The Washington Post has a very interesting article on how to improve street car efficiency in the United States capital, which is herewith reproduced. Traffic Engineer Beeler referred to is the gentleman who, in July last, made an exhaustive report on the street railway system of the New Brunswick Power Co. The article follows:

"More 'pep,' better service and fuel saving will result if the commission adopts my suggestions for a rearrangement of the two street car services calling for the elimination of about thirty-nine per cent. of the regular stops," declared John A. Beeler, traffic engineer, here to help the public utilities commission solve street car transportation problems.

"While I consider the saving of coal an important item," Mr. Beeler added, "I figure that infinitely better service will result if my report is adopted. Results will be at once apparent, and that's what I am down here for."

Time and Coal Saved.

Mr. Beeler's recommendations, embodied in a lengthy report made public yesterday, will reduce running time from fifteen to twenty per cent. and should lead to the yearly saving of 12,000 tons of coal.

The report deals exclusively with "skipping." It calls for the elimination of thirty-nine per cent. of the regular stops of the Capital Traction Company, and 37 1/2 per cent. of the regular stops of the Washington Railway and Electric Company. Of the 576 stops now maintained by the Capital Traction Company, it is proposed to eliminate 224, and of the 944 maintained by the Washington Railway and Electric Company, 353; 57.7 out of 1,520 stops will be eliminated. The plan is based on a spacing of six stops per mile in the suburbs and eight stops per mile in the city.

Fewer Stops on Other Lines.

In addition to figures contained in Mr. Beeler's report, he has recommended fewer stops on other lines, with the following limits: Capital John bridge, 26; Massachusetts avenue to American University, 8; Bladensburg, 10; Columbia line, from Fifteenth and H streets northeast to District line, 26; "It is not in my opinion," says Mr. Beeler, "necessary for Washington to adopt any radical skip-stop or other programme involving long distance between stops, or a plan that would call for the elimination of one-half of all stops regardless of the length of the runs. But what is necessary and must be done before reasonably rapid transportation is possible, is the equalization of the spacing on a rational basis. "The locations for the stopping places must be clearly defined, so as to enable the passengers to be at the exact spot opposite the entrance when the car is brought to a standstill. This will save valuable seconds now lost while the passenger walks all or part of the length of the car. Traffic stations, raised platforms, or well-defined lines, painted on the paving should mark the loading zones. "The report goes into detail naming the proposed stopping places upon a basis of eight stops a mile within the city limits and six stops a mile in the suburbs."

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MANY PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS

Peter Hughes Named to Be Secretary of the Department of Public Works—Some Resignations.

Fredericton, Feb. 13.—The following provincial appointments are announced:

Peter Hughes, to be secretary of the Department of Public Works. Leonard T. Floyd, to be provincial architect from January 1st, 1918. Albert county—F. M. Thompson, to be Judge of Probate for the County of St. Stephen, in place of H. Lester Smith, resigned. H. Lester Smith, to be Clerk of the County of St. John, in place of M. B. Dixon, resigned. H. Lester Smith to be registrar of probate for the county of Albert in place of M. B. Dixon, resigned. The said H. Lester Smith to have authority to act as proctor in any and all matters before the Albert county Probate Court. R. C. Colpitts, Renfrew Mitten, Coleman Sturatt, Blair Garland, O. Lorne Bishop and Leonard Lesman, Ota Bishop and Frank Bishop to be justices of the peace. Henry C. Graves of Egin to be commissioner for taking affidavits to be read in the Supreme Court. J. W. Robinson of Egin to be coroner for the County of Albert. J. B. Babbington of Egin to be coroner for the County of St. John. George Henry to be member and chairman of Board of School Trustees of Kingston Consolidated School. C. Edwin Belyea and Frank W. W. Bartlett to be justices of peace. Madawaska County—Alfred Lebel, of St. Leonard, and Fred B. Levesque, of St. Andre, to be justices of peace; Leon David Bernier of Clair, to be justice of the peace. Leon David Bernier to be justice of the peace. Neigami M. Nadeau, resigned. Queens County—Doctor Hugh Hay, of Chipman, to be coroner. In the City and County of Saint John: Captain Gilbert Aikman Simpson and Lieut. John H. Belyea to be justices of the peace. R. L. Adams to be member of same House.

MEAT CAUSE OF KIDNEY TROUBLE

Take Salts to Flush Kidneys if Back Hurts or Bladder Bothers.

If you must have your meat every day, eat it. But flush your kidneys with salts occasionally, says a noted authority who tells us that meat forms acid which almost paralyzes the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weak, then you suffer with a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sour, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets cloudy, full of sediment, the channels often get sore and irritated, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night. To neutralize these irritating acids, to cleanse the kidneys and flush out the body's urinous waste get four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy here; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with bicarbonate and has been in use for generations to flush and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness. Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure, and make a delightful effervescent little-water drink.

WILL AUSTRIA LEAVE WAR?

Possibility of Separate Peace Between Austria-Hungary and Entente Discussed—Demand on Rumania.

London, Feb. 13.—According to the lobby correspondent of the Daily Mail facts are known which bring the possibility of a separate peace between Austria-Hungary and the Entente Allies much nearer. Great reluctance, he says, is manifested in Austria to ward the prospect of fighting British and American troops on the western front.

Demand on Rumania.

Amsterdam, Feb. 13.—The Berlin Tageblatt says that the Central Powers have addressed a demand to Rumania to enter peace negotiations and requested an answer by this evening. The newspaper says the demand did not take the form of an ultimatum with an inherent threat.

Late last week some of the German newspapers printed report that Field Marshal Mackensen had sent an ultimatum to Rumania on February 6, demanding that peace negotiations be begun within four days.

JOHN McINNES OF MONCTON DEAD

Was Well Known Merchant Tailor and Father-in-law of A. T. Le Blanc, M. L. A.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Feb. 13.—John McInnes, a well known citizen, formerly doing merchant tailoring business on Main street, died this evening after a year and a half of illness. Deceased was born at Lake Umbagog, N. B., but had resided in Moncton for forty-three years. He was formerly employed with McCreaney Bros., and later for many years was cutter in E. C. Coles' tailoring establishment. The last few years he was in business for himself. He was 66 years old and is survived by a widow, three sons, Charles J. McInnes, with the C. E. F. in France; J. H. of the Reed Co.; Fred, of the G. G. R. and four daughters, Mrs. LeBlanc, wife of A. T. LeBlanc, M. L. A., Restigouche; Mrs. Eugene O. McCreaney, Moncton; Mrs. Goodenough, Boston; Anita, at home. Deceased was a member of the Masonic order and highly esteemed.



BE PRETTY! TURN GRAY HAIR DARK
Try Grandmother's Old Favorite Recipe of Sage Tea and Sulphur.
Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome. Nowadays, by asking at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," you will get a large bottle of this famous old recipe, proved by the addition of other ingredients, at a small cost.

LORD NORTHCLIFFE'S NEPHEW IS DEAD

Harold Alfred Vyvyan St. George Harmsworth Was Wounded at Cambrai.

London, Feb. 13.—Harold Alfred Vyvyan St. George Harmsworth, the heir of Baron Rothermere, and a nephew of Viscount Northcliffe, died in London on Tuesday from wounds received in the battle of Cambrai. Lord Rothermere's second son was killed in the battle of the Ancre.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets). It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. E. W. GROVER'S signature on each box.

FUR PRICES SHOWED CONSIDERABLE RISE

Fisher Pelts Feature of New York Auction—Russian Sable in Demand

(Special to The Gazette.) New York, Jan. 29.—Predictions that the prices obtained at the annual winter auction sale of furs, which began in the Masonic Temple here today would establish new record levels, were well borne out by the figures paid. The attendance at the opening sessions was very large and when particularly attractive lots were under the hammer, the bids came so fast that the "spotters" had considerable trouble in keeping up with them.

The feature of the morning session was the sale of a choice lot of fisher pelts to a fur company of this city at \$88 each. Next to this the general interest was the selling of a Russian sable, hardly as big as a sheet of ordinary business correspondence paper at \$230.

The highest price paid for otter was \$21.00. The best dressed blue fox went for \$152, while the highest priced raw blue fox was bought for \$85.

These were the "top" prices paid for the furs offered at the afternoon session. Cross fox, \$130, red fox, \$36.50, and white fox \$34. Buying by manufacturers was active throughout the day and the names on the seating plan showed that there were more of these buyers present than at any previous sale. Much of the buying was of fresh-caught skins for use in making up sample lines for their travelling salesmen. Not a little of the buying by manufacturers, however, was speculative to the extent that they were guarding against the probability of having to pay still higher prices later. The trapping season in most states ends on February 1, and in others on February 15, so about all the furs that are to be bought this season have already been caught. Not only is the catch short for a number of reasons where the trappers have been able to complete their work, but in many cases it was said today the deep snow this winter had either resulted in the traps being buried so deep that they were useless, or had made it impossible for the trappers to find them.

At the close of the sale these comparative prices were announced by the New York Fur Auction Sales Corporation, the comparisons being made with the prices obtained at the October sale in this city: Fisher, 35 per cent. higher; Russian sable, unchanged; northern otter, 20 per cent. higher; southern otter, 40 per cent. higher; blue fox, 20 per cent. higher; cross fox, 10 per cent. higher; wolverine, 75 per cent. higher; red fox, 20 per cent. higher, and white fox, 15 per cent. higher.

OUR MESSAGE—See the splendid assortments of models in Muskrat and Hudson Seal Coats we have and at the prices. Buy now—liberal discounts prevail.

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MYSTERY SHIPS ARE EXPLAINED

They Resembled Tramp Freighters and Had Guns Mounted Behind Swinging Doors in Their Sides—Sailors Disguised as Women.

Boston, Feb. 13.—"Mystery ships" of the navy which have been successful against German submarines were described by Commander John M. Hancock, of the bureau of supplies and accounts of the navy department, at the annual banquet of the National Camera Association last night. The secret surrounding these ships, Commander Hancock said, was a secret no longer. They looked tramp freighters and had guns mounted behind swinging doors in their sides. When beset by a U-boat, the speaker said, the freighter opened and trained guns, with a few well directed shots, sent the U-boat to the bottom.

After shelling the surprised helplessness of long range, Commander Hancock said, the submarine approached to within point blank range to continue her deadly work, but a surprise awaited her, for swinging doors in the freighter opened and trained guns, with a few well directed shots, sent the U-boat to the bottom.

Frederick Samuel Harris to be commissioner for taking affidavits to be read in the Supreme Court. Westmorland: Joseph R. Moore, of Peticodiac, to be justice of the peace. A. K. McQueen, of Dorchester, to be justice of the peace. Courtney B. Copp to be justice of the peace for the Town of Port Elgin, in place of T. T. Wells resigned. Upon the recommendation of the Chief Inspector, under the Intoxicating Liquors Act, the following resignations are accepted of Wilfred McLean, Inspector for Restigouche Co., of Herbert Heberden, Inspector for Minto, Sunbury Co., to take effect on Feb. 23. The services of George D. Cyr, Edmondston, as assistant inspector, are dispensed with.

THE RAILROADS WERE TO BLAME

Grand Chief Warren S. Stone Says They Made Little Preparation for Winter—Employment of Women Denounced.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Lack of preparation by the railroads to meet the winter weather was the cause of the

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Enjoy life! Live your liver and bowels tonight and feel great.

Wake up with head clear, stomach sweet, breath right, cold gone.



WORK WHILE YOU SLEEP

Take one or two Cascarets tonight and enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced. Wake up feeling grand, your head will be clear, your tongue clean, breath sweet, stomach regulated and your liver and thirty feet of bowels active. Get a box at any drug store now and get straightened up by morning. Stop the headache, biliousness, bad cold and bad days. Feel fit and ready for work or play. Cascarets do not grip, sicken or inconvenience you the next day like salts, pills or calomel. They're fine! Mothers should give a whole Cascaret anytime to cross, sick, bilious or feverish children because it will act thoroughly and can not injure.

Of Special Interest

to men who appreciate good clothes at greatly reduced prices.

These odd suits and qualities we're clearing certainly are appreciated when men buy several at a time. They're wise, too, because such an opportunity will not occur again for a long time.

Suits that sold at \$15 to \$28 now

\$10, \$15 and \$17.50

Gilmour's, 68 King St.

great traffic congestion, Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, today, told the railroad wage commission in asking for a minimum wage of \$6 a day and penalties time and a half for overtime.

"Many roads went into the winter with no provision for taking care of their motive power," he said. "There were no doors on roundhouses, no means of heating. I know one instance where 25 to 30 engines were kept burning all night, using perhaps one ton of coal each hour, to keep them from freezing."

Long hours worked by railroad men, Mr. Stone denounced as a menace to public safety. He said a majority of yards were working on an eight hour shift until the movement was begun for increasing wages when the work was lengthened to enable the railroads to show larger amounts paid to employees. More than half the engineers of the country receive less than \$150 a month, he said.

Employment of women in the place of men also was condemned by Mr. Stone. He said women now were being used as engine wipers, cinder shovellers, lumber pilers, freight truck drivers and for other dirty and heavy work although he declared there were plenty of men to fill such positions.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

February—Phases of the Moon.
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First quarter . . . 17d 5h 52m p.m.
Full moon . . . 25d 5h 52m p.m.

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THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 13.—An area of high pressure, accompanied by cold weather, has spread into the western provinces from the northward. It has cleared in all districts from Ontario eastward, but a disturbance now over the southwest states will probably move toward the Great Lakes. Maritime—Fair with moderate temperature. Northern New England—Fair and colder Thursday; Friday fair, light variable winds.

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PERSONALS

Dr. J. D. Maher, who has been in Halifax during the last month, returned to the city yesterday.

Mrs. A. W. Hickson wishes to thank her friends for flowers sent and sympathy expressed in her recent bereavement.

MARRIAGES

TAYLOR-SAYRE.—On February 12, at St. John's (Stone) church, Mr. Frederick Richard Taylor and Miss Doris Kathleen Chipman, daughter of Mr. Frederick R. Sayre.

DEATHS.

BROSNAN.—Suddenly in Camp Teller, Fort Worth, Texas, on the 9th inst., Joseph D., third son of Thomas and Hannah Brosnan, leaving three sisters and three brothers to mourn. Notice of funeral hereafter.

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