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LONDON, Dec. 19—3.30 a.m.—The Daily News publishes the following: Reports current in northern France are that the French and British have taken Roulers and also that they are in possession of a part of Lille. However, the capture of Roulers would mean a victory so important that an immediate official announcement would probably be made.

BERLIN OFFERS NO DETAILS OF GREAT VICTORY

Veil Drawn Over North Poland, Scene of Reported Huge Success.

ALLIES GAIN IN WEST

Considerable Progress Made in Week by Steady Nibbling Tactics.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Altho there seems to be no doubt that the Russians are retreating, and that for the present any anticipations the allies may have held of an early invasion of Germany must be dismissed, considerable mystery surrounds the reported decisive victory by the Germans which Berlin celebrated last night.

Vienna gives a few details of the fighting in the east. The claim is made that the Russians have been driven out of their positions north of the Carpathian mountains from Kroseno to Zakliozyn, which would indicate that part of the southern line of railway in Galicia again is in the hands of the Austrians, and that Piotrkow and another central Poland town have been stormed, but silence is maintained as regards North Poland, where the German victory is said to have been achieved.

The German official report dismisses this battle with the statement that "in Poland we are still pursuing the enemy, who continues to give way."

No Details Given.

Amsterdam despatches serve to heighten the confusion over the situation by quoting Berlin papers received there today as expressing disappointment at the fact that no names of battlefields are mentioned, that no tangible results of the fighting are disclosed, and that no lists are given of the number of captured guns and prisoners. Some disappointment is expressed here at the silence of the Russians, and advices from Petrograd are eagerly awaited.

Slow Progress in West.

Th allies' offensive in the west continues to progress very slowly, according to the Paris communication, altho when the gains claimed to have been made during the past week are taken together a considerable advance is indicated in Flanders and in the vicinity of Arras, where the allies seemingly are making their greatest efforts in the belief that penetration of the German lines would compel a general German retirement. It is still, however, a matter of siege warfare in Belgium and France.

Berlin says many of the attacks of the allies are being repulsed with heavy casualties, which are added to when the Germans mine trenches which the allies are compelled to evacuate.

JAPAN WILL RETAIN GERMAN CAPTURES

Kiaochau and Pacific Islands Seized Cost Nippon Blood and Treasure.

HELD AS RECOMPENSE

Public Opinion Averse to Giving Them Up When Ultimatum Was Disregarded.

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LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Tokio correspondent of The Morning Post gives the Japanese attitude regarding the future of Kiaochau and the islands in the Pacific which have been seized from Germany.

To appreciate the Japanese point of view, he says, the circumstances of her occupation of these German holdings must be considered. Emphasis is laid on the conditions of Japan's ultimatum, which promised the return of Kiaochau to China if Germany would relinquish her hold without the use of force, the Japanese pointing to the fact that Germany did not release her hold without heavy cost to Japan. The reduction of Tsingtau cost Japan heavily both in blood and money, and Japan also is put to the expense of policing the Pacific with a widely scattered fleet.

"It is clear," the correspondent continues, "that the general feeling in Japan is that none of the German possessions captured can be lightly released."

THE MOTOR CAR MOBILIZATION

General Lessard, commander of the troops in camp for the second contingent, and Dr. P. E. Doolittle, commander-in-chief of the Ontario Motor League Corps, watching the mobilization in Queen's Park.

FRENCH COURT OF JUSTICE IN ALSACE OPENS

Dramatic Ceremonials at Thann After Forty Years' German Rule.

ALSATIANS OVERJOYED

Old Alsatians Were Affected to the Point of Tears.

Canadian Press Despatch.

PARIS, Dec. 19, 1.23 a.m.—The first court in the reconquered territory of Thann, Alsace, was installed yesterday with ceremonial that was dramatic in its simplicity. The courtroom was crowded with girls in picturesque Alsatian costumes, and old men who had waited forty-odd years for the day when France should return to Alsace.

The courtroom was silent until the guard of honor of dragoons, posted back of the dais, drew their sabres at the word of command from their officers. Another officer then entered the room and advanced to the judge's desk and in solemn tones said:

"In the name of the French people——." The low sobbing of an old Alsatian unable to restrain his emotion interrupted the officer, but after a short pause he continued, "and by virtue of the instructions of the general commanding the First Army we declare Monsieur —— judge at Thann with jurisdiction."

That was all. The young people rushed cheering out into the street while the old men remained for a while in their places in quiet ecstasy.

LODZ WAS EVACUATED SAYS "HIGH AUTHORITY"

German Plan to Capture Right Bank of Vistula and Advance Has Failed.

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PETROGRAD, Dec. 18.—The Den quotes a high authority as stating that the Germans have evacuated Lodz, on finding that the town cannot serve as a base for their military operations.

It is believed that the German plan to capture the right bank of the River Vistula, then advance from Mlawa, and exert pressure on the left bank, has completely failed.

ADVANCE ON KAMERUN ANNOUNCED BY LONDON

Town of Bare Surrendered Railway Rolling Stock and War Supplies Captured.

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LONDON, Dec. 18.—An important advance in Kamerun, the German possession in West Africa, was announced in a statement from the war bureau this afternoon.

"In Kamerun," the statement asserts, "advance has been made along the railway northward from Bonaberi as far as the important native Town of Bare, just beyond the terminus of the railroad. The town surrendered five locomotives, a quantity of rolling stock, two aeroplanes, and sixty European prisoners were captured."

"My Lady's Dress."

The final performances here of the famous dramatic novelty, "My Lady's Dress," will take place this afternoon and evening at the Princess Theatre. No one should miss seeing this remarkable play, as it is undoubtedly one of the very best ever produced.

FOUR ASSAULTS TOOK TRENCHES AT OOSTKERKE

Belgians Showed Great Gallantry in Fighting in Flooded Area.

WEEK OF SUCCESSES

Capture of Roulers and Other Important Points Has Been Effected.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—3.51 a.m.—A Times correspondent in Northern France, writing under date of Thursday, says:

"The allies have advanced. Their troops are reported to have passed Middelkerke and to have broken thru the German line just below Dixmude.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—"The Daily Chronicle prints the following despatch, which is dated "Northern France, Friday":

"A week of successes for the allies has followed the resumption of hostilities in France and Flanders. Roulers has been captured after our fierce assaults on the German trenches outside the town. The inundations between Dixmude and Nieuport have been surrounded by the allied troops, who have pushed northward from Dixmude and southward from Nieuport, and have joined forces on the northeastern side of the floods. Repeated bayonet attacks have been pushed home at Lombaertzyde, with the result that our patrols have advanced to Middelkerke, a few kilometres from Ostend.

Furious Fighting.

"The fighting on the borders of the flooded area was particularly furious. The Belgians advanced toward the entrenched positions of the Germans at Oostkerke, but were driven back by the well posted mitrailleuses of the enemy. Three times they rallied to charge, and three times they were repulsed. The fourth assault, however, crowned the gallantry of the Belgians with success and the trenches were carried at the point of the bayonet.

"So interwoven were the allied and German trenches in this region that the defeat of the enemy at Oostkerke was responsible for the capture of nearly 1000 German prisoners. They were caught in parties varying from 30 to 300 in number.

Automobiles in Action.

"For a time the reckless dash of two armored automobile cars into the Belgian lines nearly saved the situation for them. The cars fired with deadly effect until they were compelled to withdraw.

"The wounded are beginning to arrive at the base hospitals. The German casualties are reported to be very heavy.

"Our sweeping offensive has been no less successful to the south. The French and British troops have arrived at the gates of Lille. Fierce bayonet fighting in the streets of this great industrial city is reported, and a general withdrawal of the main German forces to Tourcoing and Roubaix has taken place."

RUSSIANS ARE POURING TROOPS INTO POLAND

Weight of Numbers Will Decide Struggle Near Warsaw.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—(3.37 a.m.)—The Daily Mail's Petrograd correspondent says: "Russian reinforcements are pouring to the front in Poland, and the issue in the fighting west of Warsaw depends upon which side can fling the larger weight in numbers into the battle line."

HIGHLANDER HELD AS A SPY AND AWAITING COURTMARTIAL ESCAPED FROM BUSTARD CAMP

Victor Cobb, Found in London With Incriminating Papers in His Pockets, Arrested for Espionage, Escaped From Scotland Yard and, Caught by Detective Miller, Again Escaped From Salisbury.

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SALISBURY, Eng., Saturday, Dec. 19.—Private Victor Cobb of the Toronto Highlanders, who was awaiting court-martial on a charge of espionage, escaped last night. He came from Hanover, Ont. Incriminating documents were found on him when arrested in plain clothes in a London hotel two weeks ago. Cobb escaped from Scotland Yard, but later was caught and brought back by Sergeant John Miller of the 48th, a former Toronto detective.

Princess Patricia's Light Infantry have been brigaded with regulars who have returned from India and China. They began preparations to leave for the front today and discarded their Ross rifles.

Corporal Dewilton, who left the Princess Patricia's Light Infantry to join the Life Guards, has been killed in action. Dewilton lived in Toronto for three years.

J. A. Maclaren.

What MacLaren Said of Cobb's First Arrest

In a letter received at The World office last night from J. A. MacLaren, special staff correspondent with the Canadians at Salisbury, mention was made of the first arrest of Private Cobb. The portion of the letter dealing with Cobb's arrest follows:

"Private Cobb of the 48th Highlanders is in the 'clink.' He was placed there the other day, and rumors that he was a spy spread on the downs of Salisbury like a prairie fire. He was supposed to be a criminal of the worst sort. Now, no one really knows whether he is guilty or not. He has not yet been tried, but his commanding officer, Lieut. J. A. Currie, believes that he is innocent. Cobb made a great mistake. He went to London on leave, discarded his uniform, wore a civilian's suit, which is in violation of the military regulations, and saw London, not as a soldier, but as an ordinary tourist. He ran into some friends and wore a dress suit very becomingly at the Hotel Cecil. This of course aroused suspicion and he was arrested by Scotland Yard. It is said that Cobb, who is an athlete, took a strong aversion to the detectives. In fact he started a fight which ended in his favor and he made his escape. He later was arrested by a member of the regiment who was detailed to bring him back to camp. He will be tried by the military court shortly."

PRINCESS PATRICIAS GOING TO FRONT AND HAVE DISCARDED ROSS RIFLES

Corporal Dewilton of Toronto, Who Joined Life Guards From the P.P.L.I., Has Been Killed in Action.

EGYPT MUST STILL PAY TURKEY TRIBUTE

More Than Three Millions to Be Paid Over Yearly.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 19, 4.41 a.m.—Earl Cromer, who has held the posts of commissioner of the Egyptian public debt, comptroler-general of Egypt and British agent and consul-general in Egypt, in a letter to the press, calls attention to the fact that Egypt must continue to pay to Turkey an annual tribute amounting to considerably over $3,000,000. This is obligatory, he says, owing to a promise given by the Egyptian treaty more than thirty years ago.

HUNGARY ON VERGE OF BREAKING AWAY

Bitter Feeling Aroused as Result of Debacle in Servia.

GENERAL DISGRACED

Potiorek Likely to Be Court-Martialed for Colossal Blunder.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 19, 3.10 a.m.—The Morning Post publishes a Budapest letter written by a Hungarian journalist, in which he describes the defeat of the Austrain army in Servia and its sufferings in retreat and declaring that Field Marshal Oskar Potiorek, in command of the Austrian forces, will be tried by court-martial in Vienna.

"The public and official circles," the letter says, "are furious at Potiorek for allowing the withdrawal of three army corps from his front, when he ought to have known it would leave him too weak to withstand the Servians. It is rumored that General Minarelli-Fitzgerald will supersede him.

"In the rear guard action during the retreat the Austrians lost 60,000 in dead or wounded and 30,000 prisoners, besides sacrificing more guns, ammunition and provisions than the Servians ever had in the whole war.

Hungarians Lost Heavily.

"The Hungarian regiments suffered severely, and the remnants of Potiorek's army of about 100,000 are now in Bosnia trying to report."

The correspondent adds:

"The feeling in Hungary has translated itself into demonstrations and riotings in Budapest, Prague and other towns. Count Tisza, the premier, in a sensational speech in the Hungarian Parliament declared that if the importance of an invasion of Hungary was not realized by the general staff, independent Hungary would find a means to concentrate her sons, who are now fighting abroad, in defence of their homes.

"As a result of this speech Premier Tisza was summoned to Vienna and saw the emperor, to whom, on his loyalty being questioned, he tendered his resignation. This, however, the emperor declined to accept."

RUSSIANS NEAR SILESIAN BORDER

German Success Will Be Short-Lived—Invasion of Galicia is Checked.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 19, 3.30 a.m.—The Petrograd correspondent of The Times sends the following:

"The enemy's third incursion into Galicia has been arrested on the borders of the province. Some manoeuvres on the part of Gen. Radko Dimitrieff corps sufficed to check the invading columns, altho they crossed the Carpathians on a wide front, extending between Wieliszka and the headwaters of the San river.

No definite information has been forthcoming as yet regarding the new point of attack in field marshal Von Hindenberg's invasion of Poland.

"All the enemy's efforts, however, can only stave off the day of reckoning. The Russian army is within a stone's throw of the Silesian border north of Cracow, which is the real pivot of all the operations now developing. The desperate flanking moves on the Bzura River and from the Carpathians only serve to indicate that the Russians hold the pivot firmly, whence in good time they will sweep the flanking columns off the road and advance into the heart of Germany."

SUCCESS OF ALLIES ABOVE EXPECTATIONS

Premier Borden So Declares in an Address at Halifax.

Canadian Press Despatch.

HALIFAX, Dec. 18.—The part Canada has played and is playing in the empire's struggle was told at the school for the blind tonight by Sir Robert Borden, the premier of Canada, who delivered an address under the auspices of the Halifax Canadian Club.

The prime minister said that he was in a position to give assurance that the success of the allies up to the present was all, and more than all, that had been anticipated by Great Britain and France.

PREPARE FOR CONTEST IN JACQUES CARTIER

Canadian Press Despatch.

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—A convention to choose a Conservative candidate from Jacques Cartier County for the federal house has been called for Dec. 28 next. The seat for Jacques Cartier riding was made vacant thru the death a few months ago of Hon. F. B. Monk, minister of public works in Sir Robert Borden's cabinet.

UNITED STATES HOLDING ALOOF

No Protest to Germany Regarding Flagrant Violation of Hague Conventions.

Canadian Press Despatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Determined that the United States shall continue uninvolved in the controversy which has arisen between the European belligerents over alleged violations of The Hague conventions, President Wilson and Secretary Bryan will make no representations to Germany concerning the bombardment of the east coast of England by German warships.

Suggestions from the British press, that the United States should take the initiative in protesting to Germany for the alleged infraction of an article of The Hague conventions, which prohibits naval bombardments of "undefended towns," have met with no response from the Washington government.

No formal communication on the subject has come from Great Britain.

HON. LYNDHURST BRUCE MET DEATH IN ACTION

Eldest Son of Lord Aberdare, Captain in Royal Scots Guards.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 18, 8.35 p.m.—The name of Capt. the Hon. Henry Lyndhurst Bruce, of the Royal Scots Guards appears in tonight's list of officers killed in action.

Captain Bruce, who was the eldest son of Lord Aberdare, married in 1906 Camille Clifford, an American actress, whom he met while she was playing in an American musical production in London.

Swagger Soft and Stiff Hats, $1.95.

There's no let up on the demand for these $3.00 hats reduced to $1.95 at Dineen's, 140 Yonge street. The value is unusually good, and Toronto men are quick to detect "a good thing." The soft hats are English and American styles—smooth and velour finish in all the fashionable colors — the stiff hats are black in three heights of crown, new shapes, all sizes. There is also a full showing of wool Balaclava caps, some lined through, some unlined, reduced from $1.25 to 75c, also cloth caps, with fur or wool inside bands, priced $1.00, $1.25, $1.50. These are great values and wanted for this weather. Dineen's is open till 10 o'clock tonight, which will suit many.

PRINCE HUSSEIN CHOSEN SULTAN TO RULE EGYPT

Successor of Deposed Khedive is Guaranteed Protection by Britain.

RECOGNITION BY FRANCE

Britain in Return Recognizes Full French Protectorate in Morocco.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 18, 11.20 p.m.—A British protectorate over Egypt was formally proclaimed today and Prince Hussein Kemal has been appointed sultan and has accepted that position. Prince Hussein is an uncle of Abbas Hilmi, until now khedive. The French Government has recognized the British protectorate over this country, in which France formerly had such important interests, and in return the British Government has given notice that it adheres to the Franco-Moorish treaty of 1912, which, following the Agadir affair, gave France a protectorate over Morocco.

In a letter addressed to Prince Hussein on his appointment the British acting high commissioner for Egypt, Milne Cheetham, details the efforts which he says England made to avoid war with Turkey, and which were frustrated by the war party and the Ottoman cabinet. Mr. Cheetham states that there is ample evidence that Abbas Hilmi had thrown in his lot with the enemies of Great Britain, with the result "that the rights over the Egyptian executive, by the sultan of Turkey and the late khedive are forfeited."

Britain's Guarantee.

In inviting Prince Hussein to accept the office as "the prince of the family of Mehemet Ali most worthy to occupy the khedival position with the title and style of Sultan of Egypt," Mr. Cheetham announces that Great Britain accepts all the responsibilities for the defence of the territories under the new sultan, that all Egyptian subjects will be entitled to the protection of Great Britain, that with the disappearance of Ottoman suzerainty the restrictions placed by Ottoman firmans (proclamations) upon the numbers and organization of the army will disappear, that the relations with foreign powers will be conducted by a British representative in Cairo and that the religious convictions of the Egyptian subjects will be respected scrupulously.

Step Towards Autonomy.

In connection with his letter the commissioner, in a statement tonight, says that in declaring Egypt free from obedience to Constantinople Great Britain has been animated by no hostility toward the caliphate and that in any movement to strengthen and improve the Mahometan institutions the new sultan will have the support of the government. The promise is made that after the war the treaties will be revised and that "in such measure as the degree of enlightenment of public opinion may permit, the governed will be associated with the task of government."

The opinion is expressed by many here that a clearer definition of Great Britain's position in Egypt will accelerate progress towards self-government in that country.

Abbas Hilmi arrived in Vienna today, according to advices received in London.

Eldest Living Prince.

The official press bureau, in its announcement of the appointment, says: "Prince Hussein Kemal Pasha, the eldest living prince of the family of Mehemet Ali, has accepted the Sultan of Egypt post."

The British acting high commissioner for Egypt has addressed the following to the new sultan:

"By reason of your age and experience you have been chosen as the prince of the family of Mehemet Ali most worthy to occupy the khedival position with the title of Sultan of Egypt. I give you assurance that Great Britain will accept the fullest responsibility for the defence of the territories under you against all aggression. All Egyptian subjects will be entitled to receive the protection of the British Government. There will disappear the restrictions heretofore placed by the Ottomans on the numbers and organization of the Egyptian army."

LIMBURG CANNOT PAY THE GERMAN WAR TAX

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AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18.—A despatch to The Telegraaf from Maestricht says that the Germans have imposed a new war tax of 2,000,000 francs ($400,000) on the Belgian Province of Limburg. The population is extremely poor and is unable to pay it.