

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

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Lloyd George last Tuesday. Wilson also wants the details of the notes to be interchanged between the belligerents to be kept secret.

Practically all shades of British political thought are united in a determination to prosecute the war until victory is won. Men of such opposite views in ordinary times as Sir John Simon and Andrew Bonar Law spoke yesterday in the house of commons in support of a war until Germany is rendered incapable of breaking any more treaties. No treaty was more binding than the treaty torn up when Belgium was wantonly attacked and so no dependence can be placed on treaties with Germany. Thus the empire goes forward in fighting the greatest moral cause for which war ever was fought. In comparison, the moral cause involved in the American civil war was exceedingly tame and even it was sneaked in after two years of hostilities, when it was seen that the war could not receive the moral support of the world unless the slaves were proclaimed free men.

At Washington it was denied by Secretary Lansing yesterday afternoon that the United States Government was thinking of departing from its present policy of neutrality. He said that he feared the note sent to the belligerents, asking the declaration of peace terms, would be misconstrued and that an explanatory note will be sent after the first to make everything clear. It is stated that the Lansing note issued yesterday morning Mr. Lansing said that the United States was finding her position as a neutral intolerable, and that she was drawing near the verge of the war. Outside of the Lansing statements reference was made to the opportuneness of putting the league to enforce peace into effect. As expounded some time ago from Bernese Switzerland, the aim of this league, which was designed by German agents working from Switzerland in the first place, is to induce the neutral powers to put an embargo on exports to all belligerents on their failure to come to terms. In this way it was intended by the real founders of the league, and not the reputed founders, to hurt the allies and to give Germany the advantage in the fighting. So the scheme is really the old one of putting an embargo on shipments of war material and Germany is working it under a new guise of pretended assistance to the cause of peace.

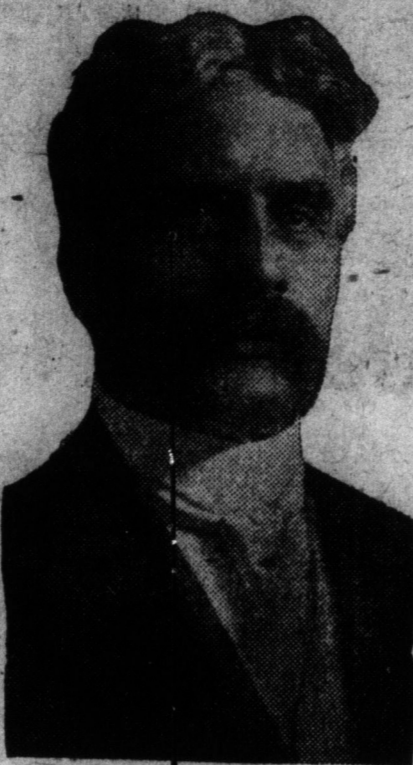
News received from Mesopotamia last night shows that the British force under General Maude is laying regular siege to Kut-el-Amara. Instead of proceeding to its immediate capture by storm. Moving up his heavy batteries, General Maude heavily bombarded the Turkish positions about Sannaiyat and Kut as well as the Turkish shipping above the town. British gunfire destroyed the bridge over the Hal river, near its junction with the Tigris, and British aeroplanes bombed the foe's river craft. Strong reconnaissances have been made by the British west of the Shumran bend of the Tigris.

The Russians are keeping up their offensive in the Carpathians by the slow but sure method of alternate sectional advances. The latest progress was in the wooded Carpathians, where Russian detachments have just gained possession of a portion of the heights in the region southeast of the Kimpolung-Jacobeni railway.

The Rumanian front was characterized yesterday by a violent battle in northern Dobruja. The fighting was begun by an offensive of the Teuton troops. These at first carried several heights, but they were later driven from a portion of the captured ground by Russian counter-attacks. The Russians are proceeding with attacks for regaining the remaining heights. Advanced engagements are being fought north of the Danube.

It is evidently the intention of the British Government to arm all merchant ships as a protection against submarines, for Sir Edward Carson told a questioner in the British house of commons yesterday that the government was devoting its continuous attention to the theory and practice of defensive armament. Experts say that the experience of this war increases the chances of escaping assassination for an armed merchant ship from five to ten to one three guns, posted aft, amidships, they also say, should be armed with arming the ships, however, will be seen from the fact that twenty thousand of the Union Jack before the war, and the net losses have been a few more than 600. Many ships have been requisitioned by the government, but even if 12,000 remain to be armed, they will require 36,000 guns. The difficulty of finding that number of pieces is enormous. As an example of the output of the greatest gun factory of the world before the war, take the Krupp. The total number of guns made in that factory between the year of its foundation and 1912 was around 44,000. Thus, to arm all the British merchant fleet nearly as many guns as Krupp manufactured in one hundred years will be required. This is what makes the problem so immense.

TEAM OWNERS' BANQUET.—Over 200 members of the Team Owners' Association of Toronto attended their annual banquet at the Walker House last night. A splendid spread was provided and a merry evening was spent by all. A short musical program was followed by a number of addresses. Among the speakers were Ald. Graham, T. Foster and Geo. Walker House last night. A splendid



SIR ROBERT BORDEN who speaks tonight at Massey Hall and the Metropolitan Church.

OFFER OF WILSON IS POORLY TIMED

Liverpool Post Credits President, However, With Good Intentions.

AT HEIGHT OF POWER

Allies in No Mood to Give Germany Chance She Seeks.

Liverpool, Dec. 22.—The Post referring to President Wilson's note suggesting that the belligerents make known their desires concerning peace, says:

"President Wilson must not be surprised if, as far as the allies are concerned, his intention produces a state of mind contrary to that at which he aims. The allies will readily give the president credit for the best of intentions, but they will be justified in wondering whether, from their point of view, the note is not particularly ill-timed and ill-judged.

"The president's assurance that the recent German overtures had no prompting influence on his proposals must be accepted. At the same time it is, to say the least, somewhat maladroit that he should be so appealed to by the United States at a moment when the allies are at the height of their power and Germany knows her own apparently favorable position cannot possibly be maintained.

OFFICERS' COURSE IN THE NEW YEAR

Will He Held in School of Infantry—Hold Examinations Soon.

OBJECT TO MACLEANS

Other Units Protest Against Their Recruiting in Toronto.

A new course of instruction for the qualification of officers for captains and field officers' rank will commence on Jan. 4 at the School of Infantry, College street. Examination of officers attending the present course will take place on Dec. 27 and 28 inclusive. A new course for the qualification of lieutenants commences at the School of Infantry on Jan. 3.

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded at the first and third prizes at a "solo contest" to be held at Exhibition Camp on Jan. 17, with C.E.F. Lieut. John Waldron will be judge of the contest.

Of 21 volunteers offering for enlistment yesterday morning at the depot, seven were accepted for active service. The Welland Canal Guard obtained three, Artillery two, Army Service Corps and Royal Canadian Dragoons, each one.

Recruiting Against Macleans.—The 23rd Maclean Battalion has raised some opposition in the recruiting field. In all likelihood, the 23rd will continue to hold Ottawa's approval to recruit in the Toronto district.

In Grey County a "League of the Thousand" of the leading men has been started to further the campaign of securing recruits for the 24th Battalion. Each member of the league is pledging himself to secure at least one recruit before next March.

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Will Hold Manoeuvres.—It has been decided not to cancel the military manoeuvres previously scheduled for today, but to confine them to every man in the order to permit the 50 per cent. of the troops having Christmas leave to be dismissed this afternoon. The manoeuvres will be held on a route march, followed by a short tactical exercise in High Park.

No. 2 High Park. "A" Company's 4th Highlanders, were the guests of the non-commissioned officers, Sergeants McKay and Purdie, at a very successful entertainment party held at Loew's Roof Garden. The platoon commander, Major Fraser and his pipers were in attendance.

BUFFS AND FRIENDS IN CHRISTMAS TREAT

Santa Claus Visits Exhibition Camp and Brings Children Gifts.

A thousand soldiers and between one and two thousand of their relatives and friends attended the big Christmas entertainment held by the 18th Chukchuk-Buffs Battalion, Lt. Col. J. A. Cooper, commander, in the transportation building, Exhibition camp, from 5.30 to 8.30 last night.

The special guests included Major-General Logie, Col. H. C. Bickford, Lt. Col. H. C. Osborne, D. A. A. G. Col. W. G. Macdonald, commander of the 18th Brigade, Lt. Col. P. L. Mason, Hon. Lt. Col. Watts and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Irish. Immense Christmas trees, sparkling with colored electric lights, were set up in the grand hall, one each for "A," "B," "C," and "D" companies, and one for battalion headquarters. More than 500 children of the soldiers were recipients of Christmas presents, Santa Claus being on hand to make his distribution. The electrical decoration of the building was a special feature of the event, two miles of wiring being necessary to install the lights. Another feature of the entertainment was an electric-lighted canopy-maypole under which the battalion band sat to render a concert of patriotic and operatic airs.

ARTILLERY DUELS MARK FRENCH OPERATIONS

German Show Considerable Liveliness With Bombardments—Belgian Guns Engaged.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. London, Dec. 21.—The front fighting with artillery has become lively at various points. The heaviest action was on high ground near Verdun, where the Teutons violently shelled the French lines. The Belgians also fought spirited gun duels in the regions of Dinant, Stenay, and Avesinghe. The German official statement issued today admits a successful trench raid by the British. The French last night brought down four German aviators on the Somme front.

Jury Finds Mrs. E. Purcell Died From Natural Causes

Mrs. Edith Purcell, Wellesley street, who died suddenly in a garage at the rear of 12 Admiral road Tuesday night, came to her death thru natural causes, according to the verdict of the Chief Coroner Johnson, who today was performing yesterday, which showed that the kidneys were diseased.

WHAT SHALL I GIVE HIM?

What shall I give him? This perplexing question can be quickly solved if you will pay a visit to Score's Toggery Shop. Dressing gowns, house jackets, bath robes, umbrellas, caps, gloves, neck scarfs and neckties, any one of which makes a useful Xmas gift, can be found in abundance and at very moderate prices.

BADDOUD BEATS CROSS.

New York, Dec. 21.—Albert Baddoud, European welterweight champion, turned the tables on Marty Cross of this city tonight by outfighting him in six rounds of a ten round bout. Baddoud scored all his points by body blows, inflicting severe punishment.

OFFICERS OF YORK UNIT ACT AS WAITERS TO MEN

Fine Time is Spent at Christmas Dinner at Exhibition Camp.

More than 500 members of the 220th York County Battalion, Lt. Col. S. H. Brown, commander, were present at a highly successful Christmas dinner and concert, held in their honor at Exhibition Camp last night. So as to make sure that every member of the rank and file could take part in the festivities, the officers of the regiment, acting as the waiters during the dinner. The feast included roast young Unionville turkey, sausage dressing and bread sauce, "a la Newmarket"; 220th special plum pudding and "roast young pork for the men of York."

Distinguished visitors attending the event were: Gen. Logie and staff, and Brig.-Gen. W. G. Macdonald and staff. A feature of the dinner was a gigantic Christmas tree, bearing a package for every man in the battalion. The entertainers at the concert included Miss Dorothy Chilcote, elocutionist; Jules Brazil, Duncan Cowan and the 220th Quartet. A wrestling match between Sgt. A. Neylan, 220th champion, and Harvey Adams, city welterweight champion, went two rounds and was declared a draw. Capt. H. R. Pickup, on behalf of the ladies' auxiliary of the battalion, presented the unit with a handsome gramophone. Each member of the battalion also received a box of cigars.

Montreal Stock Exchange Closing Not Yet Decided

Montreal, Dec. 21.—There was a meeting of the stock exchange committee this afternoon, but there was no question of closing except on Saturday, and that is doubtful, unless unforeseen events take place tomorrow. The market closed weak but no one will predict for the future.

LATEST WAR FILM IS GREAT SUCCESS

Scores of People Continue to Patronize "King's Visit to His Armies."

AT STRAND THEATRE

"Crimson Stain Mystery" With Maurice Costello Also Big Attraction.

Scores of people continue to patronize the latest war film, "The King Visits His Armies in the Great Advance," which is being shown this week at the Strand Theatre under the auspices of The Toronto Daily World. This picture has proven one of the best attractions in war films which have been shown in the city, and indications point to the continued increase in numbers who attend the theatre for the remainder of the week.

For the remainder of the week new pictures have been substituted for the Charlie Chaplin picture which ran the first part of the week. These consist of another two-reef intensely interesting play in connection with the "Crimson Stain Mystery," featuring Maurice Costello. This serial is proving itself to be one of the most weird and fascinating mystery stories which have yet been produced. A Vogue comedy film and the Mutual Weekly pictures complete the bill.

This new film, in which King George, President Poincare, King Albert, the Queen of the Belgians and her children, the Prince of Wales and famous French and British soldiers like Joffre, Foch and Haig, pass and repose before us, is an entertainment sure to be popular with the general public. A little, bareheaded girl runs forward and informally offers King George a bouquet. For the moment he is evidently slightly embarrassed. There is the guard of honor ahead, and he will be saluting in a moment; but instantly he bears him-

self like a general who carries flowers at every parade. That offering from the little French girl is more important than the strongest military convention. Then when big bluff General Joffre appears she offers them to him. He bends down to her with a smile and she presses them on the big man; but she will have no refusal. Of course, the soldier ought to have the flowers, but he shakes his head indignantly, and she her to the head of their republic. That sunny scene was not posed. You think the more of Joffre after seeing this film.

WOMAN FRACTURES SKULL

While descending the steps of her sister's home at 354 West King street, with her husband, last night, Mrs. Martha Watts, 37 Cecil street, fell on the back of her head on the doorstep, fracturing her skull. She was removed to St. Michael's Hospital in the police ambulance.

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