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ITALIANS FORCE BACK THE AUSTRIAN HORDES

As a Result of Combined Operations and Continued Barrage, the Enemy is Forced to Abandon the Zensen Bridgehead.

ROME, Jan. 2.—The Austrians last night were compelled in consequence of Italian operations to abandon the Zensen bridgehead where they had been engaged on the west bank of the Piave River, and pass to the eastern bank of the river, the War Office reports. All the Zensen band is now held by the Italians. Text of statement: At Zensen di Piave owing energetic pressure began on Thursday and continued without interruption, the enemy last night was obliged as a result of our combined operation with fire and our detachments, after suffering heavy losses, to abandon the bridgehead and pass again to the left bank of the river. All the ground held is now held by us. On the remainder of the

The "Aurora" Lost

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Daily Mail says: It is feared that the Antarctic relief ship Aurora which took part in the Shackleton Expedition has been lost with all hands while returning to England. It is understood the vessel sailed from Wellington, N. Z., in June with crew of twenty-two and nothing has been heard of it since. Vessels sent out to search for the vessel found only a life buoy marked Aurora and some wreckage. Lloyd's recently posted the Aurora as being considerably overdue. The Aurora was formerly a Newfoundland sealing steamer, and carried the Mawson Antarctic Expedition to Adolie Land in 1913, and rescued the expedition later in the same year.

Warmer Weather

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Relief from cold wave in the East was promised by weather bureau and it began to grow slightly warmer to-night. While the East is suffering from cold, the West part, except in the Pacific, is enduring warmer with temper. 5 to 35 above the average. In the South, temperatures below freezing were predicted for tonight, extending into Central Florida.

New Year Honours

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The New Year's honor list, announced last night, bestows a large number of awards for war services of various kinds, with a sprinkling of literature. Among the most prominent men to receive honors are Sir Frederick E. Smith, Attorney General, to be a baronet, while knighthoods are bestowed on John Galloway and Anthony Hope, authors. Four new peerages are created, the men elevated being Sir Frederick Cawley, Liberal M. P.; Sir John B. Lonsdale, Conservative M. P.; Almerio Hugh Paget, Unionist Leader, and Sir James T. Woodhouse, Royal Commissioner under the Defence of the Realm Act. Baron Furness, the shipping magnate, is made Viscount; Sir Henry Norman, Journalist, traveller and author, and Thomas Richards, a Labor Member of Parliament, are made Privy Counsellors. The new knights include Sidney H. Low, author and journalist; Edwin L. Lutyens, architect; David Murray, R.A., artist, and Leslie Ward, the artist.

WORRY OVER FOODSTUFFS APPARENT IN ENGLAND

The Articles Most Difficult to Obtain are Tea, Butter, Lard and Margarine

LONDON, Dec. 31.—A demand made by the labor convention that the Government secure a most equitable distribution of foodstuffs arose from the constantly growing difficulty experienced especially by poorer classes in obtaining a few staple articles. No difficulty has yet been experienced in obtaining bread, which under the Government subsidy system is the cheapest food on the market. Potatoes and fresh vegetables also are plentiful and comparatively cheap, while meat, although less plentiful than formerly, is still in fair supply and at prices ranging below these of a few months ago. Fruits, fresh and dried for which the country is dependent upon imports are still obtainable, but at higher prices and in limited amounts. Tea and articles most difficult to obtain and which has caused quite a scandal are tea, butter, lard and margarine. It is almost impossible to purchase butter; the scarcity of milk is noticeable only in the poorer districts of the big towns. Lack of milk is due to reduced imports of concentrating feeding stuffs and plowing up of pasture land for growing of cereals. The shortage in milk is being partly met by the prohibition to use milk or cream in the manufacture of sweet stuffs and the stoppage of the sale of milk as a beverage in restaurants and other places. The price of milk, however, is high and the Government is being urged to take steps to secure a cheaper rate to poor nursing mothers and children. The tea scarcity showed itself very suddenly and many persons suspected that this was a trade dodge to divert people to coffee, which it is believed there are ample supplies in the country. Tea is still in very limited supply and at high prices, but the Government promising greater supplies within a couple of months when it is hoped that the requisitioned Ceylon and Indian crops will be marketed. The worst shortage has been in butter, margarine and lard. Most of the hotels and restaurants have been obliged during the past fortnight to refuse to serve butter with dinner and luncheons. The shortage in these fats is due to cessation of supplies from Holland and Denmark. For the moment food prices which were rapidly growing to be a feature of urban life have somewhat disappeared. They were the outcome of bad distribution.

Removed Bodies

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Sarcophagus containing the bodies of Chas. X. of France and members of his family, who went to Austria to live after Charles was dethroned in 1830, have been removed by the Austrian authorities to the Carmelite Monastery in Vienna, according to a despatch from Vienna as forwarded by the Central News.

No Mention Was Made

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The statement by President Wilson reviewing the nine months war issued for publication in the morning papers to-day has been withdrawn with the explanation that the President himself decided it should not be published and requested that no mention whatever be made of fact that it was made. The Committee on public information gives out the following confidential note to the press: "The statement of President reviewing our progress is killed. It is urgent that no mention of the issues be made."

Very Cold Weather

PARIS, Jan. 1.—All of Southern Europe is in the grip of a severe storm and unusually cold weather. Despatches received from Madrid say that snow is still falling heavily in that city and that there is much suffering as a result of a lack of fuel, due to the stoppage of railroad traffic. This evening the temperature throughout France is rising.

Polish Troops

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The first contingent of Polish troops recruited in America for service with the Allies has landed safely in France, it was announced to-day by Col. Jas. Martin of the Military Mission.

New Year Ushered In

LONDON, Jan. 1.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—A Reuter despatch from British Headquarters states:—The New Year was ushered in according to custom. At midnight groups of batteries put over salutes of four or five bursts of a dozen at a time, thus indicating that it was a joyous occasion. The other gunners joined in punctually with firing indicating the numerals 1918, after which bonnettes of gas shells were sent speeding to bid Fritz a Happy New Year. Naturally this form of greeting was resented at some places, notably near Arras and Fresnoy. A wonderful story is being told of the adventure of a young airman who in thick weather landed and asked a peasant his whereabouts. At the moment he beheld a troop of German cavalry galloping towards him. He immediately opened his engine and skimming the ground charged the advancing Germans. The leading officer fired an automatic pistol, the airman opening with his Lewis gun. The casualties included the officer and numerous men and horses. The remainder bolted. The airman intended leaving nothing to chance so he flew a great distance westward to ensure landing on the British side. When he next landed it was needless to ask his whereabouts for he recognized Paris a few kilometers away.

Enemy At Work

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 2.—Nearly two blocks in heart of Norfolk's business district, including Monticello Hotel, were destroyed, three men killed, score injured in a series of explosions and fires today which both police and naval authorities believe were incendiary fires. Loss is roughly estimated at \$2,000,000. Three distinct explosions in as many buildings one after the fire had virtually been brought under control, led to general belief that enemy agents were at work. Mayor Mayo practically placed the city under martial law by turning the situation over to naval officers.

Woman Drowns Herself at Placentia

The following message was received this morning from Magistrate O'Reilly at Placentia: "Mrs. James Hartley, North East Arm, aged forty, suicided last night by drowning; holding enquiry." The unfortunate woman lived about halfway between Dunville and Jersey Side, Placentia, and leaves a husband and a large family.

Peace Off!

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For Fourth Term

TORONTO, Jan. 2.—Major Church was elected for the fourth term in the contest to-day by 7,000 over R. H. Cameron, with only 30 polls to hear from.

M.C.L.I.

The opening session of the Methodist College Literary Institute will be held tomorrow night, when the debate on Military Service, as noted in an advertisement, will come up. The old debating society celebrated its fifty anniversary last year, and members are looking forward to interesting discussions this winter under the Presidency of Mr. G. F. Grimes, M.H.A., who is assisted by a capable staff of officers.

The New Ministry

We learn that it is probable that the New Ministry will be arranged sometime to-day, and we shall be able to make the formal announcement to-morrow.

German Unrest

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Allied air raids over Germany are awakening the people to a recognition of their ruinous, mistaken air ruthlessness. According to an Amsterdam correspondent of the Times there is great nervousness throughout Germany, especially in the more exposed parts he says: "Owing to the reported intention of the Americans to invade Germany by air the subject is discussed, though efforts are being made to calm the anxiety by declarations about American munitions factories are causing our German military authorities anxiety because of the unrest in the districts where they occur."

Lloyd George's Words

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Messages from David Lloyd George, Prime Minister, have been sent to all the Allies, except Russia, but including Greece, to all express the good wishes of the British War Cabinet to the Governments and peoples addressed. To more exposed parts he says: "Owing to the reported intention of the Americans to invade Germany by air the subject is discussed, though efforts are being made to calm the anxiety by declarations about American munitions factories are causing our German military authorities anxiety because of the unrest in the districts where they occur."

Lloyd George Issues New Year Message

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Premier Lloyd George in his New Year message to the nation appeals to all at home to do their utmost for the cause; for the battle for human freedom. We wish in particular to send a message of thanks to the United States Navy for the great services it has rendered in the past year and of greeting to the Young American army now training to take its part in the battle for human freedom. We are relying upon the great addition this army will make to strengthen the Allies in their joint struggle for free civilization, and we are confident that when the time of battle comes they will sustain the great traditions set by their own forefathers, by helping to win complete triumph for the cause to which they have dedicated themselves.

Nothing of Interest

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Except for considerable artillery activity on both sides in the neighborhood of Armentières and Lens, the War Office statement issued today regarding operations on the Western Front in France, there is nothing of special interest to report.

Cossack Victory

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 1.—Ukrainian and Cossack forces in a great battle on the southwestern front, have defeated the Bolshevik troops, taking four hundred prisoners and capturing eight big guns and three hundred and twenty-eight machine guns, according to a despatch received by the Dages Nhyeter from Petrograd. The Cossacks are in hot pursuit of the Bolsheviks.

The Success in Italy

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Jan. 1.—The magnitude of the achievements of the French troops in the Monte Tomba region grows as full details are received. In addition to the 1248 men, including 44 Austrian officers several of high rank were made prisoners and a large number of guns captured, the booty includes sixty machine guns, several trench quick-firers and a great deal of other booty, but the chief object of the stroke is the offensive valor and stirring enthusiasm and success with which the French delivered their blow against the enemy lines.

Air Raids Over Padua

PADUA, Jan. 1.—The third successive night air raid last night scattered havoc among the people. The front of the sixteenth century Cathedral was demolished.

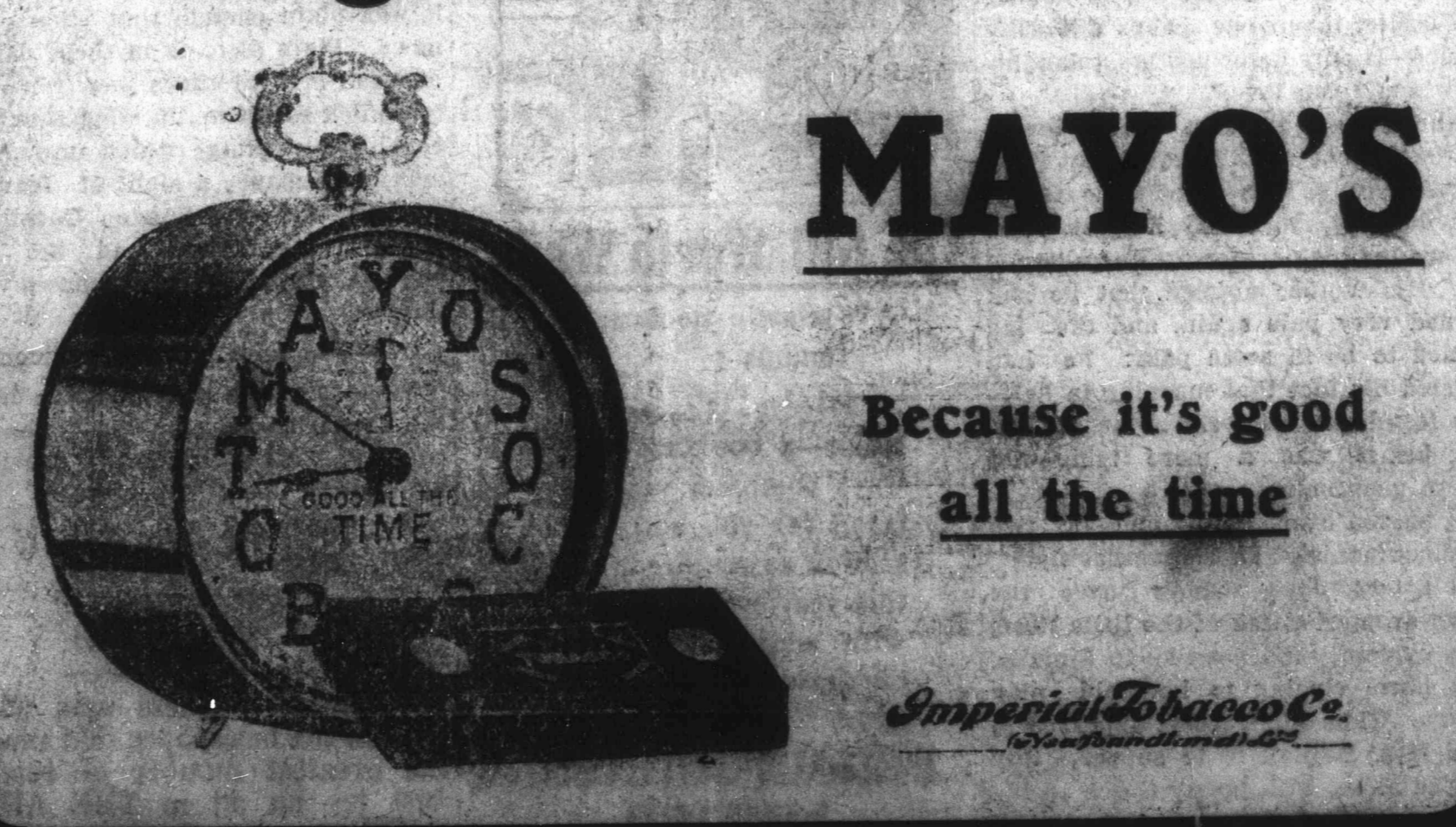
Ambassadors Retire

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Cecil Spring Rice and Lord Bertie, according to the Daily Chronicle, will shortly retire from the British Embassies at Washington and Paris. The newspaper Committee doesn't diminish the odds that it is rumored that Sir George Buchanan is about to resign decisions will be communicated by his post as Ambassador at Petrograd, Premier Orlando.

War Committee

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