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NOTE FOR A WARD FOR A MAJOR

SWEEPING TRIUMPH FOR THE ALLIED ARMS WAS SOMME BATTLE, SAYS GENERAL HAIG

British Leader Points Out That Only Unfavorable Weather Saved German Army From Collapse and Crushing Defeat

London, Dec. 29.—The battle of the Somme is pictured as a sweeping triumph for allied arms in a report by Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, which covers operations from July 1 to November 18. Gen. Haig terms the battle a triumph, in which the German western armies were only saved from complete collapse and decisive defeat by a protracted period of unfavorable weather, which prevented the Anglo-French forces from taking full advantage of their successful advance. He declares that nevertheless it was a triumph which proved beyond doubt the ability of the allies to overthrow Germany "when the time comes." The British Commander shows himself a firm believer in the doctrine that the allies can win the war on the western front.

Results Beyond Doubt

"I desire to add a few words as to the future prospects," he says at the close of the despatch, which covers sixteen pages. "The enemy's power has not yet been broken, nor is it yet possible to form an estimate as to how long the war will last. The Somme battle has placed beyond doubt the result. The German army is the mainstay of the Central Powers and it will have to be defeated, despite all advantages of the defensive and supported by the strongest forces of the world. Neither victory nor a negotiated peace will forestall this, and, although bad weather has given

the enemy a respite, there are many thousands in his ranks who will begin the new campaign with little confidence in their ability to resist our assaults or overcome our defence.

More Training Wanted

"Various possible alternatives as to the western front had been studied and discussed by Gen. Joffre and myself, and we were in complete agreement as to the front to be attacked by the combined French and British armies. Preparations for this offensive had made considerable progress, but the date was dependent on many doubtful factors.

Terms of the Entente For a Peace Settlement

Unofficial Summary of the Concessions Upon Which the Allies Will Insist That Germany Yield

London, Dec. 29.—The Spectator devotes the greater part of its issue to answering President Wilson's question as to what are the peace terms of the Entente allies. Briefly summarized the principal demands as outlined by the Spectator follow:
"The peace terms are to start from the status quo before the war," thus including the evacuation of the whole of Northern France, Belgium and Luxembourg and of all lands taken from Serbia, Roumania, Russia and Montenegro.

war, the Allies are to insist upon the demilitarization of the German government.
"The Kiel canal to be neutralized under an international non-German Commission, including the Entente countries, the United States and other neutrals."

"Alsace-Lorraine is to be restored to France. The Danish portion of Schleswig-Holstein is to go to Denmark and Posen, Polish Prussia and Austrian Poland are to be added to the new sub-kingdom of Poland, which the Czar has pledged to create.

Although the document has not been made public, it was said Gen. Carranza's insistence on the unconditional retirement of the American forces is not so significant a demand, chiefly because of the new military situation in Northern Mexico. Neither does he flatly repudiate the protocol already signed by his representatives at Atlantic City.

"The German colonies to remain in the hands of the Entente. Moreover a money indemnity for ruin Germany has done in Belgium, France, Serbia, Montenegro, etc.
"Regarding shipping, Germany to make reparation in kind for all ships of commerce destroyed ton by ton, neutral shipping to be replaced only after all the demands of the allies have been satisfied.

"The German navy to be handed over and distributed among the Entente nations.
"As a guarantee against future

The Canadian Engineers are carrying on a recruiting campaign in Brantford, and in this connection, it is often asked, "What is a Sapper and what does he do at the front?" The Sapper is the Private in the Engineers, and some idea of his importance in this war can be had from the following:
In France, trench construction, road construction, but building, water supply and the dozen and one other forms of Engineering work are drawn from the "working parties" laid out from the infantry and other units under the supervision of sappers, each sapper having a working party of fifteen or more under his direction. The sapper lays out the work and reports to his N.C.O., who reports to the Engineer officer in charge of working parties as to the quantity and quality of work done.

The efficient sapper, therefore, is a man who can handle a gun, can lay out work, and whose intelligence and training make him certain of what he is doing before he does it. The sapper is specially trained in the construction work necessary to modern warfare, and, being a valuable man at the front, he is conserved as much as possible.

Then there are "sappers' mates," as they are called at the front, who are men of various trades kept at work in the Engineer parks, making standard frames of dug-out, bomb-proofs, and all other materials that require to be made up before being sent to the trenches.
Men who have had experience in construction work of any kind, and who can handle a gun, are specially desirable as sappers, and the best men who are assured that by joining the Canadian Engineers they will be in a position to utilize to the utmost their ability and training.
Men Qualified to Join the Canadian Engineers.
Civil Engineers, surveyors, architects, lumbermen, fitters, loggers, railwaymen, trackmen, bridge-builders, construction men and tradesmen of all kinds, such as plumbers, carpenters, harness-makers, black-

Visited Premier
By Courier Leased Wire.
London, Dec. 29.—12.44 p.m.—United States Ambassador Page called Premier Lloyd George in Downing street this morning. It was a call of courtesy, offering the American representative his first opportunity of seeing Mr. Lloyd George since he became Premier.

WILL NOT SELL.
By Courier Leased Wire.
Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 29.—Gen. Tolson, chief of the Kansas City baseball club in the American Association, in a telegram from Miami, Fla., last night denied he was considering the sale of the team to John Gangel, its new manager, as was reported recently.

FOUR OF THE FAMILY OF SERGT. AND MRS. WALLACE WHO ARE DOING THEIR BIT FOR THE EMPIRE

CAPT. STANLEY R. WALLACE
Eldest son of Sergt. Wallace, now with the 125th in England.

LIEUT. CHESTER H. WALLACE
Second son, at present in Toronto, Attached to Casualties.

GLADYS R. WALLACE
Eldest daughter. She is now nursing duty in a Canadian Hospital in England.

LIEUT. WILLIAM J. WALLACE
Third son. He is with the 58th Battalion. Now in the Imperial London General Hospital, suffering from dangerous wounds in the Somme fighting. For his bravery in being bombed in trench parties, he has recently been awarded the Military Cross.

CARRANZA GROWS MILDER

Does Not Insist So Emphatically Now on Withdrawal of U. S. Troops

Washington, Dec. 30.—Gen. Carranza's latest communication, asking modification of the protocol covering withdrawal of American troops from Mexico, was examined closely yesterday by Secretary Lane, chairman of the American members of the joint commission, who has summoned his colleagues to confer with them here as soon as possible. They will decide what answer to give the Mexican representatives, when another session of the commission is held early next week.

SUFFERED FROM STORM.
By Courier Leased Wire.
New London, Conn., Dec. 29.—With practically all of her wood-work ripped out for fuel, the Norwegian steamer Thorjen was towed into port today by two tugs. The steamer, a new craft, in ballast, left Quebec December 6 for New York. She encountered a series of heavy gales, was four times driven off her course and ran out of fuel after taking on coal here she will proceed to New York.

STEAMERS SUNK.
By Courier Leased Wire.
London, Dec. 29.—11.15 a.m.—The British steamer Copwood, 528 tons gross, has been sunk. The Norwegian steamship Ida, 1,300 tons, is reported to have been sunk.

WANT 1000 MEN.
By Courier Leased Wire.
Toronto, Dec. 29.—The government employment bureau has received an order from a munition firm to supply them with 1,000 men as soon as possible. This is one of the largest orders received here since the bureau was opened.

CLOCK PUT BACK QUARTER CENTURY

In Matters of Speed and Comfort, Says London Journals of New War Changes

By Courier Leased Wire.
London, Dec. 29.—(New York Herald cable).—With the New Year it is calculated that 400 passenger trains will disappear from the British railway time tables. Many of the remaining trains will run more slowly and with a larger number of stops. Long distance non-stop expresses will be as rare as they were thirty years ago.

CANADIAN OBSERVATION OFFICERS AT THE FRONT ALL DESERVE THE VICTORIA CROSS

Cross-Examination
By Courier Leased Wire.
San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Cross-examination of Charles C. Crowley, chief of the detective bureau instituted by the German consulate here at the outbreak of the war, is to begin to-day in the trial of Consul-General Franz Bopp and associates accused of conspiracy to violate American neutrality.

Crowley testified on direct examination yesterday that his duties as a confidential agent for the consulate took him into Canada. He denied all connection with the dynamiting conspiracy which the government's chief witness, Louis J. Smith, had charged against him and the consulate heads.

Interesting Story of the Work of the Canadian Artillery, and the Manner in Which the F.O.O. Plays His Part at the O'Pip

London, Dec. 30.—The following special article on the Canadian artillery is written by Charles G. D. Roberts, for the Canadian war records:
"If the Canadian artillery has won special distinction in the war, no small share of the credit is due to our field observation officers with their telephonists and line-men. It has been said, and with more truth than usually, that every one of our F. O. O. ought to have the V. O. or Military Cross, and the proposition might well be extended to include his telephonist who crèches on the ground in front of the battery under the naked expanse of the open under the storm of shells and bullets repairing the wire by which he sends back his directions to the guns.

When these duties have to be carried on across the rolling red fields between the Somme and the Ancre, where the once smiling green of the farm lands has been swept clean of every shelter and churned into a deep and hideous slime by the hissing shells—where the shells holes lie everywhere so close together that it is like threading on a mass to pick one's way between them, where the depths of many of these holes or petty craters is often sufficient to engulf a horse, and the rider in the pursuing mire which half fills them—where one sapper's grave—either also—over some 500 ft. or more of the wide, stony struggle—then is the work done, nerve wrecking, the accomplishment of its doubly significant purpose.

It repaired. The job just here seemed one of certain death. But the communication had to be maintained at all costs for the advance of the infantry was depending on the exact and immediate support of the guns behind it. At last the battery commander but one line-man left, and he, though he knew his job thoroughly, was a younger man than the others. He had the experience of doing his job before. There was no time to get an old hand from another battery so he was sent out alone, from the main battery in the pursuing mire that was half full. No one could follow his progress through the night, but it was soon evident that he had succeeded in his mission. He had the shattered remains of one of his predecessors, buried him in a shell hole and marked the spot with two bits of stick whipped together into the form of a cross. He had also found another of his mates, wounded, had bandaged his wounds and deposited him in the parties shelter of another shell hole awaiting the coming of the stretcher bearers.

"Here is an instance from one of our recent battles on the Somme of how quickly such raw soldiers, under the supreme test, may harden into the veteran and the hero. The wire to one observation post, over a peculiarly dangerous piece of open ground, was being cut by shells continuously. Line-man after line-man was killed in the effort to keep

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RUSS STEAMER STRIKES MINE

Kursk Had Aboard 126 Passengers; Three Men Drowned

New York, Dec. 30.—The Russian Steamship Kursk, while bound from Archangel, Russia, for New York, with 120 passengers aboard, struck a mine on November 29, off Kirkwall, Scotland. One passenger and two members of the crew were drowned while lifeboats were being launched.

BOATMEN TO BE RECRUITED

In Canada for Transport Service on Egyptian Rivers

Prince Albert, Sask., Dec. 30.—A commission has been forwarded by the British Government to Captain J. M. MacLeod, of this city, to recruit fifty boatmen to be employed in river transport service on the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, carrying up supplies to British troops fighting the Turks. Captain MacLeod was a pioneer in steam navigation on the Peace River, and he has operated boats on practically every large river in Canada. It is understood that a hundred rivermen from all over Canada are to be assembled at Montreal to go to England for training.

SHIP ABANDONED BY CREW AT SEA

The Fannie Palmer Was on British "Blacklist"

Boston, Dec. 30.—The five masted schooner, Fannie Palmer, last of the vessels built for the once famous Palmer fleet, sailing out of this port, has been abandoned at sea during a voyage with coal from Newport News from Cartagena, Spain, her captain reported by cable to agents here today. The crew was saved, probably by transfer to a passing steamer, and landed at Gibraltar.
The Fannie Palmer, recently sold to Jacob Swinston of Portland, Me., was one of the American vessels placed on the "British blacklist" because of a cargo of coal delivered at Buenos Aires, which it was claimed reached German consignees. The schooner registered 1,726 tons.

DOCTOR DEAD.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Dr. James London, former president of Toronto University, died at his home, 83 St. George street, this morning after a short illness, aged 73. He was born in Toronto and was connected with the university for over forty years as student, (gold medalist) professor of mathematics, and president from 1892 to 1906. He leaves a widow and three sons, one of whom, Captain D. London, has just returned from the front, wounded.

ROUMANIAN HAS GABINET CHANGES

Reconstruction Leaves Premier Bratiانو at the Head
By Courier Leased Wire.
New York, Dec. 29.—According to a news agency despatch from Jassy, Roumania, to-day, the Roumanian cabinet has been reconstructed on a coalition basis, with M. Bratiانو as premier and foreign minister.

Rev. A. C. Cummer, rector of St. Paul's Church, Beaverton, was presented with a communion service set, to be used in his work as chaplain of the 182nd Overseas Battalion.

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Weather Bulletin
Toronto, Dec. 30.—Pressure is high over the greater portion of the United States and eastern Canada and fair and cold weather prevails in all sections from Manitoba to the Maritime provinces. Milder conditions set in over Alberta.
Moderate winds, fair and cold today and on Sunday.