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VICTORY RESTS WITH THE ALLIES

Russian Forces Continue to
be Victorious Before Aus-
trian and German Armies
—Hard Fighting With the
Turks.

London, Jan. 2.—Another fifty men
from the battleship Formidable, lost
in the English Channel on Friday,
have reached safety, after riding out
a fierce gale for upwards of twenty
hours in an open boat, making a to-
tal of 201 survivors out of a crew of
780.

The latest survivors landed at
Lyme-Regis, on the Dorset coast. All
were in a state of exhaustion after
their terrible experience. They de-
clared that there is little hope
of any further survivors, as the tre-
mendous sea which was running at
the time, would make it impossible
for men to live long enough to be
picked up by passing boats, while
many of those clinging to the wreck-
age undoubtedly were killed when
the second explosion occurred.

The admiralty has not issued any
statement in reference to the cause
of the disaster, or where it occurred.
The land fighting, which is occa-
sional in the west, but more contin-
uous in the east, has brought about no
material change in the situation. The
artillery is playing the biggest part
along the western front although at
points there has been close range
fighting in which a few yards have
been gained or lost.

The Germans deny the French re-
port that they have been driven out
of part of the village of Steinbach,
upper Alsace, which has been the
scene of very sanguinary fighting for
a week, the infantry finding cover
behind the houses.
There have been engagements on
the rivers Bure and Rawka, in Po-
land, but seemingly the Germans are
no nearer Warsaw than they were a
week ago. They have commenced of-
fensive operations in the direction of
Kielce one of the larger towns of
southern Poland, which doubtless
has for its object holding the
Russians advanced through Galicia on
Cracow.

Another attempt on the part of
the Germans to advance from Miawa
to divert the Russian threat to out-
flank their centre by crossing the
Lower Vistula, northwest of War-
saw, has been checked by the Rus-
sians.

According to Petrograd reports the
Russians continue to sweep the Aus-
trians westward along the southern
Galicia railway towards Grybow and
Neuhauze and out of the southern
foothills of the Carpathians. The
Muscovites also are credited with
having organized a new campaign a-
gainst Hungary, advancing in four
columns along the mountains. This,
it is said, will not be like previous
raids, but will be a regular invasion.
Further east the Russians are
marching across Bukovina, not far
north of the Roumania frontier, to-
wards Transylvania. It is consid-
ered likely Roumanian action will be
hastened by this step.

On the Caucasian front where

NEW YEAR AT THE LOCAL JAIL

By permission of the commanding
officer, Major Coote, the 104th West-
minster Fusiliers guarding the Ger-
man and Austrian war prisoners in
the Nanaimo Jail, on New Year's
Day gave a most enjoyable dinner,
the personnel of the guard being:
Sergeant Taylor, Corporal Hout, Cor-
poral Beaumont, Corporal E. Wilcox, Bugler
Haupt, Ptes. Foster, Wilcox, Vivian
Kennedy, Knorr, Gibson, Smith, Wil-
son, Ross, Kitching, Houston, Ren-
nie, O'Connor, Cadieux, La Rock,
Rochon, Moffatt, Holland, Fee, Foley,
French, Pearce and Green. The cooks
were Ptes. Wright, Orlich and Falle.
The toasts of the day were as fol-
lows:

"King and Empire," Officer of
Guard; "Commanding Officer and Of-
ficers," Sergeant of Guard; "The Men,"
Officer of Guard; "Nanaimo and Its
Citizens," Corp. Beaumont.

"God Save the King"

OFFICIAL REPORTS OF WAR OPERATIONS

Paris, Jan. 1.—The following com-
munication was issued tonight:
"Last evening an attack from the
enemy, who after lively firing en-
deavored to debouch from the wood
of Forges (on the left bank of the
Meuse) was immediately repulsed.

"The positions which our troops
have gained in Steinbach have been
kept and we continue to attack those
of the enemy.

"From the other parts of the front
we have received no information
worth mentioning."

Vienna, Jan. 3.—An of-
ficial statement issued by the war de-
partment today says:
"The general situation remains un-
changed.

"After the severe fighting of the
last few days, to the south of Tar-
now, in the central Carpathians, calm
now prevails.
"Superior hostile forces have forced
back a little our troops which are
fighting in the Ussok."

Petrograd, Jan. 2.—The following
statement from the general staff of
the Russian army in the Caucasus
was given out here tonight:
"The fighting in Sarikamish (in
Trans-Caucasia, 35 miles southwest
of Kars) is going on with the same
fervency.

"In the region of Ardahan (45
miles northwest of Kars) and also in
the region of Olti (55 miles west of
Kars) no fighting occurred on Jan. 1.
"On the other front the situation
remains unchanged."

Field Marshal Von Der Goltz is to
take command, the Turks have taken
the offensive and crossed the Rus-
sian frontier at three points. Heavy
fighting is now reported to be in pro-
gress.

By request of King George tomor-
row will be observed as a day of in-
tercession and special prayer for
the success of the allies.

600 MEN LOST WITH FORMIDABLE

Explosion Occurred Middle of
Night—Admiralty Does Not
Give Location Nor Cause of
Accident.

London, Jan. 2.—Five hundred and
seventy-nine men perished by the
sinking of the British battleship For-
midable in the English Channel on
New Year's day, according to the
latest estimates. Of the crew of 780
men, 201 were saved, a cutter with
fifty living aboard reached land since
the first casualty list was compiled.

Many of the survivors of the For-
midable were landed at Brixham,
Devon, others at Lyme-Regis, which
indicates that the disaster occurred
at the western end of the English
Channel, although the admiralty has
not given the locality, nor has it
made a definite statement with re-
ference to the real cause.

London, Jan. 2.—Another cutter
from the British battleship Formi-
dable, which was sunk in the English
Channel yesterday, has reached Lyme
Regis, Dorsetshire, with fifty men,
bringing the total of saved up to
201 men.

When the cutter left the Formi-
dable she had sixty or more men a-
board, but all but fifty succumbed to
the exposure, having been in an open
boat for some twenty hours in a
violent storm.

Albert Edward Cooper, master-at-
arms, one of the survivors landed at
Lyme-Regis, said the explosion oc-
curred between 1:30 and 2:30 o'clock
in the morning. When he reached the
cutter the ship had begun to settle
on the starboard. Boats were
launched and remained near the ship
to pick up survivors, but some of
the boats, which stood about twenty
yards off, were swamped by the
waveage.

The men were all scantily clad and
suffered terribly from the cold dur-
ing the twenty hours occupied in
reaching shore. Some died during
the day and were put overboard. On
the arrival of the cutter at Lyme-
Regis at 11 o'clock last night six
more were found dead in the bottom
of the boat. A policeman on duty
heard cries for help, and going to
beach found the cutter with the men,
none of whom could land without as-
sistance. Some of them were so
exhausted that artificial respiration
had to be resorted to.

A terrific southeast gale was
blowing all the time, and although
the men took turns at the oars it
was impossible to keep them warm.

HOCKEY GAME ENDED IN FIERCE FIGHT

Cleveland, Jan. 2.—The third game
in a series of hockey matches be-
tween the Cleveland A.C. and the Ot-
tawa University broke up tonight in
a riot, when 2,000 spectators crowd-
ed into the ice following a dispute
between the players with less than
two minutes to play.

Five members of the two teams
were seriously hurt, one, Elmer
Leving, right forward of the C. A. C.,
team, so seriously that he was taken
to a hospital with a fractured skull.
His recovery is said to be doubtful.
Redmond Quinn and James Burnett,
of the Ottawa team, also were injur-
ed, as were Caddy Winters and Claren-
ce Jameson of the local eleven.

Rivalry between the two teams
has been intense. Cleveland was
leading tonight by a two to nothing
score. Last night's engagement en-
ded in a three to two draw. The
Thursday local boys were two to
one victors.

BLJOU THEATRE

The sixth series of Tanhouser's
serial story Zudora will be shown
Monday and Tuesday. This episode
shows the case of the McWinters' family,
portrayed on the moving picture cur-
tain. Here we have the startling
situation of a man about to be hanged
and saved through the wonderful
detective ability of Zudora. This and
following episodes will show some of
the cleverest work ever attained by
screen actors. Three other reels of
good films will also be shown and
this program will be shown Monday
and Tuesday.

RELIEF CONCERT AT YELLOW POINT

A concert in aid of the Belgium Re-
lief Fund was given in the East
Oyster School, Yellow Point, on
Wednesday evening, December 30.

The school, which had been beauti-
fully decorated with evergreens and
festoons of red, was well filled by a
most sympathetic and appreciative
audience.

Mr. F. A. Paton, who occupied the
chair, was in excellent form, and the
happy manner in which he performed
his duties added greatly to the en-
joyment of the evening.

The candy stall was a huge suc-
cess, Mrs. Michael and Mrs. Bren-
stein being kept busy during the in-
terval supplying the needs of the
numerous customers.

The program was as follows:

Part I.

Chairman's Remarks.

Christmas Carols.

Recitation—"At the Front" Miss

Mina Trudell.

Instrumental Quartette—(a) "Ora-
dis" (b) "Simple Even" Mrs.

Bain, Mr. Bain, Master C. Ferguson,

Master S. Trudell.

Song—"The Tar's Farewell" Mr.

Wilson.

Recitation—"Macco Bozzaris" Mrs.

Michael.

Instrumental Selections—Mr. J.

Bennie and Mr. C. Bennie.

Song—"Ole Man Moon" Mrs. Bro-

witt.

Interval.

Part II.

Miss Kate Trudell.

Recitation—"After the Great War"

Song—"Marching to the Front"

Mr. Wilson.

Recitation—"The Jackdaw of

Rheims" Mrs. Wilson.

Violin Solo—"Serenade" Mr. Bain.

Song—"The Trail of the Lonesome

Pine" Mr. D. Bennie.

Song—"Love's Old Sweet Song."

Mrs. Brown.

"God Save the King."

After the concert the floor was

cleared for dancing. Mr. James

and Mr. Charles Bennie kindly

supplying the music.

The sum of \$30.50 was realized, and

has been forwarded to the secretary

of the Belgium Relief Fund.

MR. T. HODGSON

NOT DECIDED

Has Been Asked to Stand For

Mayoral Election But Has

Not Yet Made Any Decision

in Matter.

Ex-Mayor Hodgson when interview-

ed last evening in regard to the

rumor that he was going to be a

candidate for the office of Mayor,

said that while he is not seeking the

office, yet he has been requested by a

large number of ratepayers to stand

for election, but that he had not fully

decided what to do in the matter

as yet.

SCOTCH RUNNER WON

Edinburgh, Jan. 2.—G. McCrae, of

Bannock, Scotland led from the be-

ginning to the end of the Powder

Hall fifteen mile marathon run to-

day, winning by 400 yards from W.

Kohlemainen, the Finnish runner.

McCrae's time was one hour, twenty

minutes and ten seconds. The title

holder, Hans Holmer, the Ameri-

can long-distance runner, finished

third. Fourteen men competed in

the race.

PURCHASING FOR FRANCE.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—The Hudson Bay

Company has been appointed the gen-
eral purchasing agent for the French
government in Canada. The French
government has already placed heavy
orders for saddlery in the dominion
and it is expected that many heavy
orders for equipment and clothing
will be shortly placed in Canada.

ARRESTED BY AMERICANS.

New York, Jan. 2.—Four German
army officers were taken off the out-
bound steamer Bergenstorf tonight
by government agents on the charge
of conspiring to use passports fraud-
ulently. Carl Ruodde, formerly for-
warding agent for a German steam-
ship line and John Aucher, alleged
associate of Ruodde in an agency to
reservists, also was arrested.

The public schools of the city will
reopen on Monday morning at 9:30.

EXPLOSION AT COAL CREEK

Inspector of Mines Evans the
Only Man to Lose His Life
While Making an Investi-
gation.

An explosion occurred in one of the
Coal Creek mines at Fernie yester-
day morning as a result of which Mine
Inspector Evan Evans lost his life
and other three men had narrow
escapes. Happily there were no men
in the mine at the time of the ex-
plosion, and Inspector Evans lost his
life while making an investigation of
the mine following the explosion.

According to the information re-
ceived in town the explosion occurred
in No. B North mine about 7 o'clock
in the morning. There were no men in
the mine at the time, but the force
of the blast was such that two men
employed outside the mine were in-
jured.

Following the explosion, Mine In-
spector Evans, accompanied by Man-
ager Corfield and mine foreman Fa-
gan and Admonson entered the mine
to make an investigation. They were
all equipped with Draegar helmets
and outfits, but all appear to have
been overcome. It is probable that
when they felt themselves in difficul-
ties they made the best of their way
towards the mine entrance. At least
Messrs. Corfield, Fagan and Admon-
son were all brought round, but In-
spector Evans, who is a big, heavy
man failed to respond to treatment,
although all means, including the ap-
plication of the pulmotor, were tried.

The cause of the explosion has not
yet been explained, and it is even
more inexplicable that an accident
should have occurred to men equip-
ped with the Draegar apparatus.
Chief Inspector Graham left Victo-
ria last night for the scene of the
explosion.

Fernie, Jan. 2.—An explosion in
the No. 21 drawing the lucky num-
ber, 27 drew the cushion and 443
the satchel. The first and second
prizes are to be had from Mrs. W. J.
Ferguson, Haliburton street, and
if not claimed in one week another
drawing will be held.

Just after the men had gone off
shift and before the new shift had
come to work a roar was heard and
the ground seemed to lift over the
workings.

Following the explosion, Mine In-
spector Evans, equipped with rescue
apparatus, entered the mine, seeking
anyone who might be there. He was
overcome by gases and died this af-
ternoon.

Several hundred men narrowly es-
caped death in the underground work-
ings of the mine from the mere fact
of changing shifts.

WRITES HOME FROM SALISBURY PLAINS

Writing to his sister, Miss Lillie
Hickling, in this city, Mr. Horace
Hickling, one of the Nanaimo boys
at Salisbury Plains writes as fol-
lows.

Dear Lillie—I received yours and
mother's letters safely but as we
have been moving from the tents in-
to huts, I have not been able to
answer before, so here goes.

Until a week ago last Thursday we
have been living under canvas, and
believe me it was no fun, for we were
walking about in mud and water over
our boot tops and sleeping in damp
blankets, but still we made no com-
plaints and the last Sunday we were
in that camp General Alderson came
and visited the camp and he raised
cain, telling Col. Currie, "You tell
me the men have no complaints, why
this is far worse than I ever thought
it was, it isn't fit for pigs, let alone
men and they have got to be taken
away from here, I shall wire off as
soon as I get back and rush the work
on the huts."

Last week I was Orderly Corporal
and I have been promoted to Lance
Corporal now and I shall be a full
Corporal before we leave for the
Front from what I have heard so I
am not doing so very bad for the
short time I have been in the army,
and I am not going to stay away
there for when we get to the Front
I only wish we were out there now.
I only wish we were out there now.
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I expect that we shall get a very
good Christmas leave from what I
can hear from the officers and I shall
go and spend it with Maggie and the

From your loving brother,
HORACE.

I am having the three of us photo-
graphed this Christmas and I will
send you one when they are finished.
You can tell everyone who asks after
me that I am in the best of health
and only feeling mad to think that
they are keeping us in England so
long before sending us to the Front.
With love to all,

From your loving brother,
HORACE.

TURKISH ATTACK ON RUSSIAN SEAPORTS

Petrograd, Jan. 2.—Sergius Sazonov
Russian minister for foreign affairs,
today published an Orange Book,
which deals with the events preced-
ing the Turkish attacks on Russian
seaports in the Black Sea.

The Orange Book contains ninety-
eight documents, and is intended to
throw light on what is termed in a
summary of the contents issued
through Petrograd telegraph agency
the "clandestine and obstinate
methods employed by Austro-German
diplomacy in forcing the Turkish gov-
ernment reluctantly to war against
the Triple Entente powers."

"The documents in the book," it
is stated in the official summary,
"gave evidence that the independence
of the Ottoman empire was already
impaired when the German military
mission was established in Constanti-
nople. It vanished definitely from
the moment the German cruisers Go-
ben and Breslau took refuge in the
Dardanelles."

MASQUERADE BY PYTHIAN SISTERS

The Masquerade Ball given by the
Pythian Sisters of Nanaimo was a
most successful affair. There was a
large attendance both of maskers
and spectators, the prize winners
being as follows:

Best dressed lady—Mrs. F. Gouge.
Best original character—Mrs. B.
Fisher.

Best dressed gent—Dyson Hirst.
Best National character—Mr. S.
Thompson.

Best comic group—Kilties Band—
Messrs. G. Knapton, M. Wardill, P.
Meakin and B. Work.

Special prize—Miss T. McKenzie.
Prize Waltz—E. Cottle and Miss
Hannah.

The drawing for the doll resulted
in No. 241 drawing the lucky num-
ber, 27 drew the cushion and 443
the satchel. The first and second
prizes are to be had from Mrs. W. J.
Ferguson, Haliburton street, and
if not claimed in one week another
drawing will be held.

CARSON-DOCHERTY

On New Year's night a pretty
house wedding took place at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. William Doch-
erty, Macleary street, when their
daughter, Janet, was united in mar-
riage to Alexander Carson of Exten-
sion. The bride was attended by
her sister, Williamine Docherty, and
the groom supported by Mr. Andrew
Adams. After a short honeymoon
the young couple will reside for the
present in Extension.

On the evening of New Year's Day
the Loyal Band, an organized class
of the Wallace St. Methodist Sunday
School, met at the home of their
teacher, Mr. A. B. Snider, Franklin
street. A very pleasant evening was
spent in playing games, etc., and
during the course of the evening the
class presented their teacher with a
handsome tie pin. The presentation
was made by Garnet Dean, president
of the class, and was accompanied by
a nicely worded address which was
responded to by well chosen words
from Mr. Snider. After refresh-
ments were served the gathering
broke up, each boy asserting that he
has spent a very enjoyable evening.

kiddie and I may run to Lincoln for
one day but have not yet decided
whether I shall or not, it depending
upon the length of leave I get.

They are building sufficient huts
here for 60,000 troops so that the
camp looks like a Canadian city and
each hut holds about 40 men and we
have a stove in each one and four
tables and eight forms, but it is very
dull of an evening here nothing to do
but lay around until lights out, ex-
cept one plays push half-penny and
tippit. We had woolen caps given
us and sweaters, also a very nice
jack knife and we are to get a pair
of gloves. We have had two pairs
of boots given us and they are both
about finished for they were no good,
letting in the water just like brown
paper the uppers are.

I am having the three of us photo-
graphed this Christmas and I will
send you one when they are finished.
You can tell everyone who asks after
me that I am in the best of health
and only feeling mad to think that
they are keeping us in England so
long before sending us to the Front.
With love to all,

From your loving brother,
HORACE.

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LOCAL EXCHANGE MADE PROGRESS

Nanaimo Branch B. C. Tele-
phone Company is Now
The Fourth City in The
Province.

Of all the branches of the B. C.
Telephone Company no branch made
a better showing during the past
year than the Nanaimo branch. At
the present time the local exchange
has 775 telephones in use, compared
with 659 on the first of January, 1914
an increase during the year of 116.

The gain made during the month
of December was 23, of which num-
ber 25 were installed on the Five
Acre Lots, in connection with the
new circuit which the company in-
augurated last month.

In addition to the work of instal-
ling new phones the local exchange
has during the year made a number
of improvements about the city, in-
cluding the placing of cables under-
ground on Bastion and Commercial
streets.

The business of the local office in-
creased considerably during the past
year, some much that it is now the
fourth city in the province, whereas
before Manager Wasser assumed
charge here, it was the seventh city
of the province.

During the year the local exchange
installed a new toll board and all
toll lines between Bastion street and
the office were placed in cable. A
new office at Parkville was also cre-
ated during 1914 and a new exchange
opened at Colquitz.

REPORTED TURKISH SUCCESS.
London, Jan. 3 (4:09 a.m.)—"The
Turks have occupied Ardahan, pen-
etrating fifty miles into the Russian
Caucasus," says the Constantinople
correspondent of the Exchange Tele-
graph Company.

Ardahan is a fortified town on the
Kur, 45 miles northwest of Kras, in
Trans-Caucasia. Fighting between
the Turks and Russians has been
going on in the region of Ardahan
for several days.