

Kaiser Claims Great Victory

The Lord Aided Our Heroic Troops, He Assures Grand Duchess Louise

Canadian Press Despatch. KILGER (via Berlin) to London, Dec. 20.—The Kaiser has received the following telegram from Emperor William: "Field Marshal von Hindenburg has just reported that the Russian army, after desperate fighting, retreats and is being pursued along the entire front. It is evident that the Lord aided our heroic troops. To Him alone is due the honor. Emperor William also thanked in a telegram the 14th Army Corps, which participated prominently in the fighting on the Russian centre.

The Kaiser's message was apparently based upon the claim of a sweeping German victory made several days ago, but not later confirmed.

Balkan Allies Press Advance

Sarajevo Will Probably Be Invested Within a Few Days—Invading Forces United

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Serbian and Montenegrin forces have again joined hands after the defeat of the Austrians who invaded Serbia, and are now making their second advance toward Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia. The two armies, the supplies of which have been replenished by captures from the Austrians, have formed a junction near Vukograd, which the Montenegrins have occupied. They expect to be before Sarajevo within three or four days.

It was at Sarajevo that the assassination of the Austrian archduke was carried out. The Serbians made strong efforts to take the city during the trial of the alleged conspirators, but failed.

Belgians Will Pay Huge Tax

Provinces Will Issue Bonds to Meet Levy of Ninety-Six Million Dollars

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Dec. 21.—(2:13 a.m.)—A despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from Amsterdam says: "Under pressure from the German authorities, nine Belgian provinces yesterday held a so-called landtag on Saturday to discuss the levy of 96,000,000 francs which must be paid to the German Government in twelve monthly instalments. The representatives agreed to issue treasury bonds, guaranteed by the provinces, and group of bankers, headed by the Belgian Societe Generale, undertook to advance the money. The German government promised that all regulated goods would be paid for in cash if the instalments were regularly received.

Boer Insurrectionist Paid Death Penalty

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Dec. 20, 4:01 p.m.—A Reuters' despatch from Pretoria tells of the first military execution of a rebel leader involved in the uprisings in British South Africa, which followed the outbreak of the European war. Fourie was shot after being convicted of treason. His military execution was also condemned to imprisonment for five years on account of the captain's admission that he had induced his brother to join in the rebellion.

Prince Von Buelow Met by King of Italy

Canadian Press Despatch. ROME, Dec. 20.—King Victor Emmanuel received Prince von Buelow, the new German ambassador to Italy, who presented his credentials and remained for an hour in cordial conversation with the monarch. Later in the palace, Prince von Buelow said he was greatly satisfied with the result of his audience.

King Victor Emmanuel sent the court gala carriage to the new ambassador's residence to bring him to the Quirinal. Prince von Buelow drove to the palace, accompanied by Baron von Hinderburg, counselor of the German embassy, and a member of the famous field marshal. At the entrance to the palace, buglers played a German air. The ambassador was received by court dignitaries and ushered immediately into the presence of the king.

SEARCHING AMONG THE RUINS OF WHAT ONCE WAS HER HOME.



A Woman Searching the Ruins of her Home in a Ruined Village Near the Aisne.

ITALIAN WOUNDED EXPECTED TO DIE

Probably Fatal Shooting With Intent to Kill at Hamilton Last Night

ONE MAN IS LOCKED UP

Deed Outcome of Row at Celebration of Countrymen in Brant St. House.

By a Staff Reporter. HAMILTON, Monday morning, Dec. 21.—As the result of a shooting affair on Brant street last evening, Calton Mill, 21 Imperial street, is lying in the city hospital with a bullet wound below the heart and Ralph Rufus, an Italian who is well-known to the local police and who has served terms on two occasions for cutting and wounding, is locked up on a charge of shooting with intent to kill. The shooting took place in the Brant street house about 8 o'clock and Mill is not expected to live here the night. He was rushed to the city hospital and placed under the X-ray and the bullet was operated on after 11 o'clock. The bullet was removed, but the doctors state that he will die.

Italians Had Celebration. A number of Italians were celebrating in the Brant street house during the afternoon and an argument started, but no trouble was caused then. Later in the evening the men returned to the house and the argument was renewed. Rufus claims that some one in the crowd shot at him and that he returned the fire. Mill is supposed to have attempted to interfere and received the bullet that was intended for the other man. The police were called in and the injured man was rushed to the hospital, and Rufus was arrested. Other Arrests Expected. It is expected that other arrests may also be made in connection with the case. When it was learned by the hospital authorities that Mill's condition was serious Magistrate Jelfs, Chief of Police Smith and Wm. McHaffie, clerk of the police court, were summoned to his bedside, and his statement of the affair was taken. He stated that he tried to prevent Rufus from shooting the other man and was shot himself. They could not learn last night the nature of the argument, which resulted in the shooting, but it is thought to be the result of drinking. Rufus was arrested after the shooting by Sgt. Hawkins and Constables Duffy and McCure, and will face the magistrate this morning on a charge of shooting with intent to kill in case Mill does not die before that time. An adjournment will be made in the case to await developments, and there is a strong possibility of Rufus facing the charge of murder or manslaughter.

PARIS HONORED BELGIAN VALOR

Ten Thousand Girls Tagged Residents in Aid of Fund.

Canadian Press Despatch. PARIS, Dec. 20.—Today was Belgium day in Paris and three million miniature Belgian flags decorated the coats of the population. All persons received the emblem after they had made contributions to the collection boxes carried thru the streets by 10,000 girls. The money raised is to be used in assisting in the relief of the Belgian refugees. The Belgian President, King Albert and the Belgian ambassador, Prince de Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, were present at the ceremony. The Belgian President, King Albert and the Belgian ambassador, Prince de Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, were present at the ceremony. The Belgian President, King Albert and the Belgian ambassador, Prince de Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, were present at the ceremony.

POLICE BUSY AT GENOA

GENOA, via Rome, Dec. 20.—The police today displayed great energy in frustrating attempts to hold meetings to commemorate the anniversary of the death of Oberdan in the fear that they would assume an anti-Austrian character.

OFFICIAL STATEMENTS

FRENCH

The official communication issued by the French War Office last night says: "There is no modification to report along any part of the front."

The following official communication was given out in Paris Sunday afternoon: "From the sea to the Lys we have gained a little ground, before Nieport and Saint Georges."

"In the region of Lihons, the Germans made two very violent attacks for the purpose of retaking the trenches won by us on the 18th. They were repulsed."

"From the Oise to the Argonne, the superiority of our artillery continues to be manifested by the destruction of the enemy's fire, the destruction of machine gun shelters and observatories, and the dispersion of considerable numbers of troops."

"In the Argonne, in the Forest of La Courbe, we have taken three prisoners, two upon Fontaine Madame, one at Saint Hubert."

"Between the Argonne and the Vosges there has been no salient incident to report."

Last night's official communication was as follows: "In Belgium, in the region of Steenstraete, an attack by the enemy has been repulsed, and we have made sensible progress in the neighborhood of the Kortrijk line."

"The British troops have lost in the vicinity of Neuve Chapelle several of the trenches which they captured yesterday. In the meantime the Indian corps advanced a few hundred metres towards Niehebourg Avenue."

"The enemy has displayed activity in the direction of Thiéval and Lihons. At latter place the enemy has been driven back and captured several machine guns."

"The following official communication was issued Saturday night from general headquarters: "On the right bank of the Vistula (north Poiano) there has been no change. An attempt was made to proceed from the right bank of the Vistula, near Dobryni, was repulsed by artillery fire. The enemy has been repulsed and captured several German soldiers in other regions. The left bank of the Vistula there have been encounters. Six hundred bodies were captured near the enemy by advance guards."

"In the direction of the left bank of the Dounele in the night of Dec. 19, we captured as many as 1000 prisoners belonging to a German division, which already had been engaged in this region. A strong force from the Przemysl garrison attempted to open the railway in the direction of Bierzona, to the south. Our troops are fighting here under unfavorable conditions."

"The following statement of the Russian general staff was issued last night: "On the left bank of the Vistula, on the front of the Buzza and Rawa Rivers, a number of encounters took place of a very fierce description, some of which resulted in a tactical success. Two German companies which had crossed the Buzza near the village of Kuchyn, on a half burned bridge, were immediately attacked by our troops and annihilated. Of this force only 50 men remained. These were made prisoners. "Fighting also is reported in the region of Opoczno (to the east of Piotrkow). In Galicia the situation is without important change. At certain points we have made counter-attacks and captured some prisoners and machine guns. "In the district of Przemysl the Austrians attempted a sortie in great numbers. The movement failed and the outcome was that we took them on the flank and captured a great many prisoners."

GERMAN

Army headquarters today gave out an official communication in which it stated: "On the west front the enemy has ceased his most energetic attacks upon us in the vicinity of the Vistula. The attacks near La Basse, which were made by the French and English, were repulsed. Heavy losses to the enemy. Two hundred colored and English prisoners were captured. Six hundred bodies of English soldiers lay on our front near Niehebourg."

"Dame de Loreste. "Southwest of Biezona we lost a trench 80 metres long, which was taken by the enemy. "We made some progress in the Argonne. We took three machine guns. "On the front of East and West Prussia there is nothing to report. "In Poland the Russians are preparing strong positions near Rawa and Nida. We are attacking them at Zawadzka, Pincot, and other places. The official press bureau gave out for publication the following items: "The German general staff has issued the belief that the German victory in the east will ensure against danger of a Russian invasion for all time, as one commentator puts it, it is beginning to be realized that a victory, as complete as this, will be able to give rest to the Russian people, and also to give rest to the German people."

"The Vienna Neue Freie Presse publishes the statement of an unnamed general, who points out that the retreat guard engagements of the retreating Russian army are getting further away from the Russian lines, and also to give rest to the Russian people, and also to give rest to the German people."

Shaving at Camp



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ITALIANS ACCLAIM FOR UNITED COUNTRY

Demonstrations Suppressed at Celebration of Plot Against Austria

"MARTYR" REMEMBERED

Son of Garibaldi Speaks of Action and Enlistment of Volunteers

Canadian Press Despatch. ROME, Dec. 20.—The police at various points in Italy had some difficulty today in keeping down riotous demonstrations at celebrations of the anniversary of the death of the Italian patriot Giuseppe Garibaldi. The demonstrators at Trieste in 1882 and was put to death for it. During the night of Saturday, although they had been forbidden by the authorities to do so, parties to the movement flocked to the streets with posters referring to Oberdan, and also distributing mourning borders, bearing the inscription, "Remember the Sacrifice of Oberdan!"

The Republican deputy, Cos. Anni, delivered a speech to a sympathetic audience, which frequently broke into applause as the speaker recited the history of the "Triestian martyr" and his ideals, and declared it was necessary soon to the holding of memorial services today in honor of Oberdan. The authorities, however, would not permit the demonstration and even put a ban on the publication of manifestoes. The town was strongly occupied by troops and police in order to prevent possible disorders.

BAN ON MANIFESTOS

CONCERNING, Dec. 20, via Rome.—The Club Maximal and other associations made preparations for the holding of memorial services today in honor of Oberdan. The authorities, however, would not permit the demonstration and even put a ban on the publication of manifestoes. The town was strongly occupied by troops and police in order to prevent possible disorders.

TWO MET DEATH IN NOVA SCOTIA MINE

STELLARTON, N. S., Dec. 20.—Two men, Thomas Blackie, deputy inspector of mines, and James Woodcock, mine superintendent, were overcome by black damp following an explosion in Allan's shaft No. 1 of the mines here, and are dead. O. McLean was rescued unconscious and resuscitated. A pumpman and a boy who were in the mine when the explosion occurred were rescued.

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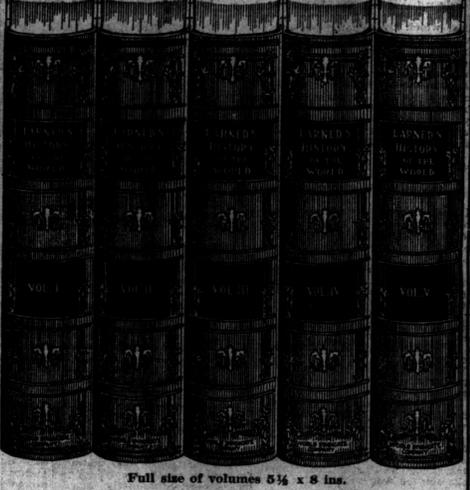
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RIVERDALE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE. Toronto, Nov. 2, 1914. Dear Sir: The report of the teachers of English and history in Riverdale Collegiate Institute is as follows: "We find that Larned's History of the World is a most useful survey of the main facts and movements of history. It is a most useful survey of the information needed. It ought to be of great value to the ordinary reader in search of clear, up-to-date material."

DE LA SALLE INSTITUTE. 28 Duke St., Toronto, Nov. 12th, 1914. Dear Sir: In compliance with your request I have examined, as carefully as my limited leisure would allow, "Larned's History of the World." The book has many advantages. It is nicely bound, handsomely illustrated and not too bulky. But, above all, the author seems to realize that true history must be a record of human progress rather than a mere list of dates and battles. The plan of the book is original and very good. It is a pity, however, that Professor Larned more or less spoils his work from a Catholic standpoint, by viewing things Catholic very often from one side only. To give an instance or two: No Catholic can be expected to see the appropriateness of the adjective "awful," as applied to the doctrine of Papal infallibility, nor why Philip II. of Spain should be so strongly reviled, while Elizabeth's vices are not similarly shown forth. In some points, however, the author is much fairer than most of his predecessors. To sum up: The book will prove of great educational value if one reads it keeping in mind the author's anti-Catholic bias. Yours truly, BRO. AUSTIN.

A WOODSTOCK APPRECIATION. Woodstock, Oct. 20th, 1914. The Toronto World, Toronto Ont. Dear Sir: I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the set of Larned's History of the World, also copy of war map, which arrived in good condition. I am well pleased with them. They are a first-class addition to any library. Yours truly, J. M. NOBES.

COLLINGWOOD COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE. Collingwood, Nov. 6th, 1914. Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your letter of Nov. 3rd re Larned's History of the World, which also came to hand this week. On behalf of the Collegiate, I thank you for the volumes and the map enclosed. I have glanced through the books, and from my brief observation, I have pleasure in noting the very wide scope of effort in the way of history. Yours truly, W. J. FEASBY.

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