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Breslau Sunk by Russians In Battle In Black Sea?

New York, Dec. 24.—A news agency despatch from London published here today says:— Rome despatches today reported that the Turkish cruiser Midilli, formerly the German Breslau, has been sunk and the Turkish Dreadnought Sultan Selim, formerly the German Goeben, damaged in a battle with the Russian squadron in the Black Sea.

TODAY WITH THE SOLDIERS HERE

Christmas Preparations at the Army—Officers Home After Taking Courses

Chief interest in military circles now centers in tomorrow's festivities, and it would seem that the soldiers who remain on duty over the holiday will be well looked after and will enjoy a "Merry Christmas." The army, being the 6th are quartered presents a most attractive appearance, having been pretty decorated under the direction of the officers, aided by Captain A. J. Muloahy, in preparation for midnight mass.

Officers Home Several officers who have been taking courses of instruction in artillery have returned to the city including Lieutenant E. H. Turnbull from Kingston, Lieut. Douglas J. White, from Quebec, and Lieut. D. King from Quebec. The latter stopped off at Newcastle to spend Christmas at his wife's home. Lieut. L. T. Allan, who has been on duty at Halifax is also home.

Recruiting Capt. L. P. D. Tilley, recruiting officer, returned home last evening from Fredericton where yesterday he was in conference with Lieut. Col. P. A. Guthrie regarding a vigorous recruiting campaign to be inaugurated immediately after the new year.

To Take Course C. S. Williams and F. T. Barbour of this city will leave early in the New Year for Quebec accompanied by G. A. Bedford, of New Glasgow, N. S., to take an Army Service course. The school will open on January 10.

Two Recruits Despite the storm today several applicants sought to be enrolled at the recruiting offices and two were attested, Theodore Williams of Moose Mountain, Carlton, N. B., and Samuel Dakes, of Mineral, Carlton, N. B.

BRITISH CASUALTIES ARE WELL ABOVE HALF MILLION

London, Dec. 24.—Replying to a written question by W. A. Molteno, M. P., Premier Asquith today gave the total British casualties up to Dec. 9 at 528,227.

SO THE GERMANS SAY Berlin, Dec. 24.—The Germans have completely regained the position on Hartmann-Wellerkopf, recently taken by the French. All the French have been driven out of the trenches they still occupied on the northern slope of the peak.

ANOTHER OVER WHARF Early this morning Sergeant Joseph Scott found Arthur Crandall lying in a slip at the foot of Charlotte street and with the assistance of some men got him back on the wharf. As he was apparently injured he was sent to the hospital. This afternoon his condition warranted his dismissal. This is the second man in the last few days that the police have found unconscious in slips and they owe their lives as they would have been drowned when the tide came in if they had not been found.

THE LATE MRS. JAMES PORTER The death of Mrs. Josephine Porter, wife of James Porter, occurred yesterday after a lengthy illness at her home, 124 Waterloo street. Mrs. Porter was a daughter of the late Captain James Thomson of this city; was born here and had resided in the city all her life. She is survived by her husband, one brother, Oliver D. Thomson, and two sisters, Mrs. S. J. Gilbert of Worcester, Mass., and Mrs. David Deamers of St. John's. The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock from her late residence.

French Chief at Saloniki London, Dec. 23.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Saloniki says:— "General Edouard de Castelnau, chief of staff of the French armies, arrived unannounced in Saloniki and conferred at length today with General Sarrail, the French commander."

WANTS RECRUITS Lieut. T. William Barnes, of the 104th machine gun section, was in the city today, registered at the Midtown House. He is seeking recruits for the machine gun detachment of his battalion, and would like to receive the names of any volunteers desiring to serve. A steady nerve and an inclination for mechanism are valuable factors towards being an enlisted.

ANOTHER SON IS WOUNDED

Alex. McAllister of City Road in Casualty List of December 15 Mrs. James McAllister, 247 City Road received from Ottawa this morning word of the wounding of her son, Pte. Alex. McAllister. He was hit in the arm, on December 15, while fighting with the 2nd Battalion.

Another son, Pte. Edward McAllister, who left here with the first contingent, was also wounded but was invalided home some time ago.

News of Maritime Province Men in the War

Back to the Front. Capt. Geo. O. Taylor, M. D., who is now with the 5th Brigade, has just returned to the front after being wounded in the right arm by shrapnel. His father, W. P. Taylor, general store-keeper of the I. C. R., Moncton, has received a letter from his son, who writes "I am after spending some days in the hospital I was able to return to his duties and although his arm is still painful, he expects to be all right in a few days. Capt. Taylor was attending a wounded soldier, prior to his being taken to a hospital, when he was hit by a flying piece of shrapnel. Capt. Taylor, who is a native of Hillsboro is well and favorably known in Moncton, having practised there for some years.

Wounded by Shrapnel. Captain Brouard H. T. McKensie, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McKensie, of Moncton, has arrived home on October 18th, has arrived home to spend a month's furlough.

Fortunately the piece of shrapnel did not penetrate his skull but inflicted a severe scalp wound. His father, Mr. McKensie, had a close call from death. Fortunately the piece of shrapnel was shot away may have deflected the piece of shell. Despite the fact that his father was shot through the chest, McKensie remained with his men until six o'clock when he went to a dressing station and was later sent to a hospital in England.

Both of the Moncton officers, Lieut. F. H. Tingley of the 8th Battery and Captain McKensie were wounded by flying shrapnel.

For Motor Transport The following have passed the examination conducted a few days ago by Captain May at the recruiting rooms in Mill street for admission to the mechanical unit of the transport corps. They will leave for Halifax on January 3, to report for duty: Edmond J. Dooey of the Bank of British North America; Gordon Gilbert, of J. A. Pugsley & Co.; Harold Goodwin with A. Le Goodwin; Germain street; Ansell Baker, representative of the Regal Car Co., and Edward McKinney.

Of Fighting Stock Mrs. William DeVany, Upper Clements, N. S., has two sons who are soldiers of the king—Joseph, aged twenty-three, with the 6th Mounted Rifles, now in the trenches, and Jack, aged nineteen, in the 6th King's Own Canadian Infantry. These boys come from a long line of fighters—their great-grandfather having been one of Wellington's heroes at Waterloo, and other relatives having fought in the Indian Mutiny and the American Civil War.

The Campbells are Coming Inverness county, C. B., has a record to be proud of in having four brave boys from one family serving their king and country—three "Somebody in France" and one has recently enlisted for service overseas. The names of these soldiers of the king are—Murdoch Campbell, Angus Campbell, Alexander Campbell and John Campbell. They belong to Campbell's Mountain, near Whyconough, and are all sons of Murdoch Campbell.

UP GOES WHEAT Chicago, Dec. 24.—Breaking of high price records for the 1915 crop continued today in the wheat market here. High concerns were active buyers and there was only scattered selling. The opening here, which ranged from 8-8 to 7-5 with Dec. 123 1-5 to 123 1-2 and May at 126 to 129 1-2, was followed by substantial further gains.

POLICE COURT In the police court this morning four men appeared to answer charges of drunkenness. One was an Indian and he was remanded in order that the police might find out who supplied liquor to him. Another fell in Prince William street and was badly cut and bruised about the right eye. The magistrate ordered him sent below and a doctor summoned. An old offender was severely reprimanded and later allowed to go to the army with a military escort. The fourth was fined \$5 or two months in jail.

To Disclose Great Plot

Koenig, Chief of German Secret Service in New York, Makes Partial Confession

New York, Dec. 24.—Paul Koenig, whose figure is said to shadow the men higher up in the gigantic spy plots, has made overtures to government officials looking toward a confession. This was the startling information that came last evening from an official source. The information said that the ostensible chief of the German secret service in New York has already made a partial confession to representatives of the department of justice. Federal officials in New York refused to discuss the apparent change of front by Koenig. It was definitely established, however, that Koenig was in telephonic communication with the office of Captain William M. O'Leary.

SERBIANS AND BULGARIANS IN GLASH AGAIN

Rome, Dec. 23.—Prince Alessa Kargi Orpritch of Serbia, a cousin of King Peter, has arrived here with his wife after an adventurous escape from Albania. He says that what is left of the Serbian army has resumed contact with the Bulgarians east of Elbasan, where fighting has been going on for three days.

King Peter went on horseback from Scutaria to Thessa, the prince says, and then to Avlona, from which place he is watching the operations of his army, which is commanded by General Misch.

SINKING OF STEAMER BY THE GERMANS ENRAGES SWEDES Washington, Dec. 24.—If official reports bear out the press dispatches regarding the torpedoing of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru by an Austrian submarine in the Mediterranean, it is said in official circles that this case now pending between this country and Austria over the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona will be seriously complicated.

A vigorous protest will be made to Austria or Germany if official reports confirm the statement that the Japanese liner was torpedoed without warning, even though it may be shown that all on board escaped.

Vienna, Dec. 24.—In all quarters, the conviction is now entertained that the differences between Austria-Hungary and the United States are susceptible to amicable settlement.

SON OF REV. CANON DANIEL TO WED IN MONTREAL

A wedding of interest to St. John people will be solemnized this evening at 6 o'clock in the church of St. James the Apostle, Montreal, when the actor, Rev. Mr. Baker, will unite in marriage H. Heber H. Daniel, and Miss Emma Lyster. Mr. Daniel is a son of Rev. Canon and Mrs. Daniel of this city, and is popular here. He has been in Montreal for the last four years with the Bank of Montreal. Following the ceremony the bride and groom will leave for Roxbury where they will spend part of their honeymoon.

TRIED TO GET SOLDIER TO DESERT; RUN AWAY WITH HER

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Sadie McMillan was found guilty today of endeavoring to persuade Herbert Walsh of the 94th to desert or leave the service, leave his wife and run away with her. Sentence was deferred.

NEW BRITISH ORDER

Washington, Dec. 24.—Great Britain has suspended the issuance of permits for shipment of hospital supplies of any description from the United States to Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey.

This became known last night, and at the same time it was learned that the state department, at the instance of the American Red Cross, had made representations to the London foreign office seeking withdrawal or modification of the new order.

INDIA AS QUIET AS IT WAS A YEAR AGO

New York, Dec. 24.—Bishop Frank W. Warne, until recently stationed at Lucknow, in north India, has received a letter from a colleague there, who travels all over the district, stating that "India is as quiet today as it was a year ago." The letter was written about a month ago.

Guests of Royalty

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The children and teachers of St. Bartholomew's Sunday school were entertained by the Duke and Duchess of Connaught at a tea and Christmas treat in Rideau Hall yesterday afternoon.

NO THOUGHT OF PEACE WHILE GERMAN POWERS UNBROKEN

Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs Expresses Determination of Government to Carry War to a Successful Issue—To Deal Firmly With Persia

London, Dec. 24.—The Petrograd correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Company, writing under date of Thursday, says:—To a full sitting of the budget committee of the Duma today, minister of foreign affairs Sazonoff made a long statement on the present situation, in the course of which he said that the relations with Greece following the entente allies fortification of Saloniki were perfectly well defined. He continued: "The occupation of Hamadan and Kum enables us to prevent the Germans causing trouble in Persia. In the future it behooves Russia to adopt a firm attitude in regard to Persia." Professor Milschoff put a question about peace rumors to which Mr. Sazonoff replied that they had no foundation and re-affirmed the unshakable determination of the Russian government to carry the war to a successful issue. The budget committee afterwards adopted resolutions affirming that Russia could not think of peace while the power of the German forces remained unbroken.

FIGHTING NEAR TEHRAN. Petrograd, via London, Dec. 23.—Semi-official reports from Tehran state that the Russian troops have joined battle twenty-five miles from Tehran at at Babatkerim with forces commanded by Emir Khakichim, supported by attendants. The fighting is rapidly coming near the city. Telegraphic communications have been cut and no particulars are obtainable.

TWO KILLED IN RAILWAY CRASH

Passenger Train Rammed by Rear Section—Two Dead and Five Are Injured

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 24.—The second section of Delaware, Lackawanna and Western passenger train No. 9, en route from New York to Buffalo, which was rammed at Stateford, near Delaware Water Gap last night by the third section of the same train, causing the death of two persons and injuries to five others reached this city early today bringing the victims who were taken to local hospitals. While one or two of the injured were seriously hurt, it is believed all will recover. The killed were both colored, one a porter of the wrecked train and the other Miss Anna Jones of Ithaca, N. Y.

ESCAPED FROM NAPPAN BUT WAS RECAPTURED

Amherst, N.S., Dec. 23.—Frits Vidal, the German prisoner who escaped from the government experimental farm at Nappan, where he was working a week ago Wednesday, will take his Christmas dinner in the internment camp here this day, having been recaptured at Pugwash today. The prisoner proved very talkative and told an interesting story of his escape and wanderings.

FOOD FOR GERMANY BY PARCEL POST

Christiania, via London, Dec. 23.—The Norwegian steamer Kristianfjord, which sailed from New York December 1, has arrived here. The vessel brought 1,200 sacks of Christmas mail.

The use of the first class mails for the carrying of food shipments to Germany was first undertaken on a large scale with the sailing of the Kristianfjord from this port on December 1. About 160 packages, each weighing seven pounds, were mailed at an average cost of \$3.45.

NO TIMES TOMORROW

The Times will not be published tomorrow, Christmas Day.

WEATHER MAN'S PROMISE FOR TOMORROW

Synopsis—Frost is very high over Pacific state, while depressions exist in Oklahoma, Ottawa Valley and Maine. A marked cold wave is spreading into northern Ontario from Hudson's Bay.

Feeling Cold—With snow for Christmas Morning—Strong breeze to moderate local gales, gradually to west and north occasional sleet or rain today, Saturday, becoming colder, with local snow flurries.

New England Forecasts—Increasing cloudiness tonight; Saturday unsettled, probably followed by rain or snow; variable winds.

Not Enough Single Men Among Derby Volunteers

Reported That Lack May Involve Danger of Conscription—Cabinet Said to be Divided With Strong Force Against Compulsory Service

London, Dec. 24.—The repeated postponement of Premier Asquith's announcement of the figures of the Earl of Derby's recruiting campaign are now said to be due to pressure brought to bear on the ministers by anti-conscriptionists. It is also alleged that the premier can only hold his ministry intact by introducing some form of conscription, although he himself is not in favor of that course. According to parliamentary gossip the number of single men attested under the recruiting scheme was only a quarter of the total of single men on the national registry and it is asserted that when men unfit for service or engaged in munitions work are eliminated only a very few will be available for the army. Of course it is impossible to confirm these statements before the official figures are forthcoming but there is little doubt that there is a strong force within the cabinet working for conscription on the ground that the single men responded inadequately to the appeal of the Earl of Derby.

On the other hand, there is a very strong party in parliament dead against conscription. According to the Weekly Nation, this party numbers 200 and is well organized and determined to fight. It consists of virtually the whole Irish party, a majority of the labor leaders and a large number of Liberals and Radicals. The Nation contends that if the conscriptionists prevail, a serious crisis will be produced and strong Liberal ministers will resign.

MADAME BERNHARDT'S MALADY INCURABLE

Suffering From Obscure Disease of Bones—Doubtful Whether She Will Be Able to Make American Tour

Paris, Dec. 23.—Sarah Bernhardt, a report of whose dangerous condition was denied yesterday, is now said to be afflicted with a malady of the bones, which is obscure and perhaps incurable. It does not prevent her from giving occasional public recitations, while sitting in a chair. These performances are artistic and effective.

Madame Bernhardt talks of her American tour and is going ahead with the arrangements. Nevertheless, she appears to be doubtful whether she ever will be in sufficient health and strength to undertake the trip. She does not get on very well with an artificial leg, she has probably every variety of artificial leg, presented by the maker or by friends. She says she intends to try them all, and then use the one she likes best. But in reality she does not trust herself to any model. She seems to lack courage for such practice.

A specialist on this subject doubts if she will ever walk easily. She now uses two canes, and is assisted by two persons on entering the theatre. She finds the use of an artificial leg causes her considerable discomfort.

Notwithstanding her present condition, she shows remarkable patience and constant good humor, even gaiety. She laughs and jokes, tells amusing stories, and is the wit of any gathering about her.

Her Statement Paris, Dec. 24.—The Petit Journal today publishes a telegram received from Sarah Bernhardt, who is at her home in Andernos, near Bordeaux, relative to her reported illness. Her message is quoted as follows: "I was suddenly stopped while Les Cathedrales was in full tide of success, by congestion of the lungs. I thought myself cured and came back to Paris too soon. I had a relapse but am again well."

"Doctors Pozzi and Michel and Obernier will not allow me to leave for America, but will permit me to go to England in a week's time."

PLEDGE CARDS IN PROHIBITION INTEREST

Another Move in New Brunswick Campaign—Fredericton in Storm's Grip

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 24.—Fredericton is today in the grip of the worst snow storm of the season. It began a little after midnight and up to noon six inches had fallen. The morning trains were all delayed and the Christmas market was smaller than usual.

The executive of the N. B. Branch of the Dominion Alliance held an important meeting last evening. It was decided to issue pledge cards and obtain the greatest possible number of pledges in support of prohibition. The following form was adopted:—

"I am in favor of a prohibitory law for New Brunswick and agree to use my best influence and vote at the next elections for such candidates as pledge themselves to support the enactment and enforcement of such a law."

Reports handed in showed that the work of organization was proceeding satisfactorily. Cash contributions are coming in and the executive hopes to inaugurate the largest campaign fund on record for temperance work in New Brunswick.

The body of Mrs. Gordon Jonah, which was brought here from the west yesterday, was laid to rest this afternoon with services by Rev. J. E. Wilson. Soldiers in barracks here are preparing for an elaborate Christmas feast tomorrow.

SENT TO MAYOR. The mayor has received various contributions totaling \$109 for the Belgian fund; \$8 for the Serbian fund and \$3 for the soldiers' comforts.

HENRY FORD ON HIS WAY BACK

Returning to America on Advice of Physicians IS SICK AND DOWNCAST

Others of Party, Ignorant of Fact That Leader Has Left Them, Are to Arrive in Stockholm This Morning

Christiania, Dec. 24.—(Via London)—The papers report that Henry Ford is on his way back to America. They relate that he was at the railroad station with the members of his mission, but was secretly boarding a train for Bergen to take the steamer Bergenfjord which was leaving Thursday night for New York. Most of the other members of the expedition, entirely ignorant of the fact that the leader's having left them, will arrive in Stockholm on Friday morning.

Three members of the expedition, who remain here to select the Norwegian members, would neither confirm nor deny that Mr. Ford was going back to the United States. They say that the expedition has the full and enthusiastic co-operation of Mr. Ford.

The newspapers add that Mr. Ford is sick and quite downcast and that he left Christiania on his physician's advice.

CASUALTIES IN THE NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 23.—The latest casualties in the Newfoundland regiment are: Lance Corporal Hubert Ebsary, St. John's, died of wounds.

Sergeant Wm. Edward Barnes, St. John's, wounded.

Edward Caldwell, Brigus, Conception Bay, wounded.

Joseph Michelin, Hamilton Inlet, Labrador, wounded.

James Moore, St. John's, wounded.

THE TURKS' VIEW OF IT

Constantinople, Dec. 23.—The Turkish war office tonight gave out the following statement: "The situation on the Irak front in Mesopotamia is unchanged."

"On the Caucasion front Russian detachments which attempted to approach us in the Milo sector were repulsed."

"On the Dardanelles front five torpedo boats and one cruiser were compelled to retire, the cruiser having been hit. At Seddul-Bahr there was a violent artillery action on the right wing. A hostile aircraft was shot down at Bithene."

Sweden's Coldest Weather Stockholm, via London, Dec. 24.—Sweden is experiencing the severest cold of the last 150 years. The temperature at some points has fallen to sixty-two degrees below zero.