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Allies Begin Real Campaign to Rid France and Belgium of Enemy

OFFENSIVE BY ALLIES FORCES GERMANS BACK

Roulers and Thourout May Be Already in Victors' Hands.

IN SUPERIOR STRENGTH

Enemy's Defence Has Not Crumbled. But Retirement is Gradual.

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LONDON, Dec. 15.—The allies have pushed forward in Belgium until they now are occupying positions before Roulers and Thourout, if they are not actually in those places.

A defensive as stubborn and unyielding as that presented by the Germans east of the Yser River cannot be said to have crumbled but the German line is nevertheless slowly drawing back. The corresponding advance by the British and French may be regarded with some dubiety, as it will place the allies in occupation of ground recently held by the Germans, which has been entrenched, fortified and possibly mined to meet attacks from the west.

Many rapid movements of troops have been taking place within Belgium recently, which, it is believed can only portend a retirement to newly prepared lines of defence, where the Germans will go into winter quarters.

GENERAL ADVANCE.

Cable Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 15, 9.30 p.m.—The offensive movement of the French and British has become general and is being pushed with strong forces, particularly in Flanders, the Argonne the Woevre and Alsace. While the French claim to have been successful at all points except at Steinbach, in Alsace, the German official report says that the allies' attacks have been unsuccessful at several places.

On the whole, however it would appear that the allies, who now have a superiority in numbers as well as in artillery, have succeeded in making some progress and have withstood vigorous counter-attacks delivered by the Germans.

Hollebeke Held.

The fact that the allies are in possession of Hollebeke, in Flanders, and that heavy fighting was going on again today, shows that they have made an appreciable advance during the past two days, as last week they were being attacked by the invaders two miles to the west of St. Eloy, which is on the Ypres-Armentieres road.

In the Argonne region, the French simply say, "We have made progress and maintained our advance of the preceding days."

The force which has been checked at Steinbach is the left wing of the army which for some time has been fighting its way toward Muhlhausen and which has cleared a considerable part of Alsace of the Germans.

Concentrate at Courtrai.

It is evident that while the Germans are prepared to offer stubborn resistance to attempted advances in the regions mentioned in the official communications, they expect the main attack of the allies to be made in another direction or are themselves preparing for an offensive, for they have gathered considerable forces at Courtrai from which point they could be quickly transferred either to Flanders or southward across the French frontier.

U.S. SHIPS MAY ESCAPE SEARCH

Shipmasters Required, However, to Satisfy British Consuls at Ports of Departure.

Canadian Press Despatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, advised the state department today that his government was willing to forego the exercise of the right of search of vessels carrying cargo from American ports if the shipmasters would confer with the British consuls at the ports of departure and satisfy them as to the neutral character of their cargoes.

The department today received a note from the French Government stating that France was prepared to give the same assurances as had been given by the British Government in regard to the non-contraband character of American cotton.

CANADIANS OFF TO EGYPT IN JANUARY?

First Battalion Will Go, Writes Army Service Corps Member.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 15.—In a letter from Salisbury Plain, Roy McLeod, a local newspaper man, who enlisted with the Canadian Army Service Corps, declares that the first battalion of the first contingent is to be despatched to Egypt early in January. A large number of London men are attached to this battalion, and Lt.-Col. Campbell Beecher, commanding officer of the Seventh Fusiliers of this city, is junior major.

KAISER'S ADVISER HEARS HIS SON IS PRISONER

Von Bethmann-Hollweg Has Confirmed an Earlier Report.

Canadian Press Despatch.

BERLIN, via The Hague and London, Dec. 15, 11.33 p.m.—The Imperial German Chancellor Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg today received word that his eldest son, who is a lieutenant of cavalry, has been made prisoner by the Russians in Poland. He is suffering from a bullet wound in the thigh, which he received while patrolling.

The announcement from Berlin confirms a previous despatch that a son of the German chancellor had been seriously injured at Piotrkow, Russian Poland, and was in the hands of the Russians.

SCORES PUT TO DEATH IN MEXICAN CAPITAL

Wholesale Executions Carried Out During Past Ten Days.

Canadian Press Despatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—During the past ten days from 100 to 150 Mexicans have been executed in Mexico City, according to official reports which reached the U.S. Government today from one of its agents there.

Just who ordered the executions has not been disclosed, nor are any of the names of those put to death known.

Except for these executions, which are understood, according to the report, to be happening daily, conditions in the city itself are quiet and Provisional President Guitorrez, with the allied Villa and Zapata forces, is maintaining order.

GERMANY LOSES ANOTHER CRUISER

Cormorant Voluntarily Interns at Guam, U.S. Possession in Pacific.

OFFICIALS RELIEVED

Problem of Observance of Neutrality Has Been Easily Solved.

Canadian Press Despatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Voluntary internment today of the German converted cruiser Cormorant and her 22 officers and 355 men at Guam, an American Pacific Ocean insular possession, brought what promises to be troublesome questions, involving the observance of American neutrality in this case, to a prompt and final adjustment.

As soon as it was learned at the navy department that the Cormorant had put into Guam short of coal, food and water, there was immediate discussion as to the extent to which the warship could replenish her supply in an American port.

In view of Guam's remoteness from any German port, the decision to intern was expected, but in the meantime Capt. Maxwell, governor of the far-away naval station, was instructed to observe strict neutrality in all his dealings with the German commander.

Bought From Russia.

Little is known of the Cormorant here except that she is a converted cruiser of 5000 tons displacement, acquired by Germany from Russia. It is supposed the ship has been employed by the Germans as a destroyer of commerce in the Pacific.

This is the second German warship to intern in American waters since the outbreak of the war. The other the Geier, interned at Honolulu some time ago. The officers and men of the vessels will have to remain interned until the close of the war, unless the allies consent to their parole.

Mary Boland a Real Star.

Stately Mary Boland, she of the auburn locks, who for several seasons has been leading lady for John Drew in different comedies, is now a real star on her own account in "My Lady's Dress," the dramatic novelty at the Princess Theatre this week. Miss Boland always a charming actress, is seen at her best in this play. The famous dress about which the play was written by Edward Knoblauch, could not be shown to better advantage than by Miss Boland as she appears in the final act of the play. All ladies who admire a beautiful gown should see her.

Dresden Has Left Port Bristol Now in Chase

Official Announcement Made That Fugitive German Cruiser Cleared From Punta Arenas Sunday Night—Bristol Followed Next Day

Canadian Press Despatch.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 15.—An official communication received here from Punta Arenas announces that the German cruiser Dresden left there the day before yesterday evening (Sunday).

The communication adds that the British cruiser Bristol arrived at Punta Arenas Monday, but left there immediately.

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 15.—The Dresden left Punta Arenas without taking on coal. The British cruiser Bristol has gone in pursuit.

PURSUIT OF AUSTRIANS BY SERVIANS GOES ON

Four Divisions of the Army Which Occupied Belgrade Are Cut off and Surrounded.

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PETROGRAD, Dec. 15.—Four divisions of the Austrian army which occupied Belgrade have been cut off and surrounded, and will be forced to capitulate, if they have not already done so, according to an interview given out here by M. Spalaikovitch, the Servian minister to Petrograd.

The Servians are continuing their pursuit of the Austrians, advancing on a line thru Mokragona, Zavlokla and Douriva toward the River Drina.

Minister Spalaikovitch expressed an appreciation of the immense services which have been rendered by the British naval power, which, he asserts, exerts a silent pressure on Germany and Austria apart from the fighting of actual battles, which is of incalculable benefit.

"Great Britain will cover herself with glory on the sea such as has long been unknown," he said.

BULWARK LOST THRU ACCIDENT

Ignition of Ammunition Caused Disastrous Explosion is Official Explanation.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 15, 8.26 p.m.—The official press bureau announced tonight that the sinking of the battleship Bulwark apparently was not due to a hostile act. Investigation has disclosed no evidence of treachery on the part of any persons aboard the vessel or of any act by an enemy.

An enquiry, according to the official press bureau announcement, shows that it was the result of an explosion due to the accidental ignition of the ammunition on board.

The British battleship Bulwark was destroyed by an explosion on Nov. 26, while lying off Sheerness. About 800 lives were lost.

SANTA CLAUS SHIP OFF TO SALONIKI

Canadian Press Despatch.

GENOA, Dec. 15, via Rome, 6.10 p.m.—The United States naval collier Jason, which brought Christmas gifts from the American people to the children of the belligerent powers, left here today for Saloniki.

Those Who Drive Must Dress Accordingly.

The intense cold and penetrating winds now prevailing have taxed the stamina and endurance of those who are compelled to motor or do other methods of driving.

The demand for fur garments so necessary for protection is at its height and the business at Dineen's — 140 Yonge street—is exceptional even for this time of year. Of course, the extraordinary sale prices are a powerful magnet apart from weather severity. Also the fine selection and high-grade quality of motor robes coonskin, Wallaby motor rugs and handsome bear and musk oxrobes for driving. Coachmen's outfits, including capes, collars, gauntlets and caps, are priced below makers' cost. Fur and fur-lined coats are similarly reduced and should be purchased before the season is further advanced.

U.S. WARSHIPS WILL GO TO PANAMA ZONE

Wilson Decides on Course as Means of Guarding Against Neutrality.

Canadian Press Despatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Wilson and his cabinet decided today to send American warships to the canal zone to guard against violation of neutrality there by belligerent ships.

Just how many ships and whether destroyers or cruisers or battleships, shall be despatched will be determined after a full report has been received from Col. Goethals, military governor of the canal zone, and Captain Rodman, naval officer at the canal.

If the canal zone is being used as a base of supplies, Col. Goethals will be instructed to use his land forces to prevent such violations. Should it develop that the wireless is being used within these territorial waters, the navy department will ask for an explanation from its naval officers, as the question of wireless regulation was placed by executive order of President Wilson on August 5 in the hands of the navy department for enforcement and Col. Goethals, according to war department officials, has no authority over the radio situation whatsoever.

GERMAN CONSUL CAUGHT IN TRAP

U. S. Officials Prove He Tried to Supply Provisions to Cruisers Off San Francisco.

Canadian Press Despatch.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Agents of the department of justice working here informed the attorney-general today that the German Consul Baron E. H. Von Schack supplied the funds with which a cargo of groceries, clothing and ship chandlers' supplies were bought for shipment to Valparaiso aboard the American steamship Olson and Mahony. Clearance for the vessel was refused and the cargo unloaded.

Baron Von Schack positively denied that he had any connection with the purchase of the cargo of the Olson and Mahony. The alleged evidence offered by the government agent consisted, it is said, of conclusions reached by tracing bank cheques.

The Olson and Mahony is the third vessel suspected of carrying supplies to the German Pacific fleet. One of these vessels has disappeared and the other, the American steamship Sacramento is in the hands of the Chilean authorities.

Brighter Outlooks

The war situation is certainly brightening. The article of The New York Times to the effect that Germany must be crushed because of her defiance of the common rights of other states and her arrogant declaration that might is right will meet with wide endorsation on both sides of the Atlantic.

The allies do not seem to be worrying over the situation on the fighting line in France and Belgium, and the Germans are more than concerned over the fighting line in Poland and East Prussia, and deeply agitated over the condition of things on the lines between Austria and Servia. Nor are things at sea any better for the kaiser's ships or trade.

The business outlook is improving daily in the United States, in Canada; there is no brightening in Germany.

Now's the time to begin to talk for better things and to be an optimist all the time.

J. J. WARD DEAD AFTER ILLNESS OF TWO YEARS

Was Prominent in Municipal Life of Toronto for Twelve Years.

HAD HOST OF FRIENDS

Alderman Five Years and Member of Board of Control Seven.

After an illness extending since nearly two years ago, when he was seized with paralysis, John J. Ward, one of the best-known figures in municipal life in Toronto for 12 years, passed away at 11 o'clock last night at his residence, 162 Close avenue.

Ex-Controller Ward was born in London, Ont., and moved to Toronto at an early age, and lived in South Parkdale since his arrival in Toronto. His father served with the British army at Gabraltar and India and his paternal grandfather was a veteran of the Peninsular war and fought at Waterloo.

Youngest Councillor.

In 1888 Mr. Ward was elected councillor in St. Matthew's Ward, being then only 21 years old and the youngest councillor in Canada. From 1900 to 1904 he was alderman for Ward Six. In 1905 he was elected to the board of control by the city council, and was vice-chairman of the board for two years. In 1909 and 1910 he was president of the city council, acting mayor in the absence of Mayors Oliver and Geary.

For ten years he was a director of the Canadian National Exhibition. He was honorary president of the Canadian Union of Municipalities and chairman of the technical school board in 1901.

Prominent in Sports.

He took a great interest in athletics and for several years was treasurer of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada. He promoted the Ward Marathon race and also was president of the Canadian Baseball League. He also held a similar position with the Tecumseh Lacrosse Club, Parkdale Hockey Club, Parkdale Football Club and Queen City Bicycle Club.

Mr. Ward also was a member of the Toronto Rowing Club. His interest in the laboring class always was very strong. He was vice-president of the Trades and Labor Council for several years.

The late Mr. Ward was educated in London at St Peter's Roman Catholic School. He had been in business in Parkdale for about twenty-eight years as a merchant tailor and continued his business until about a year ago.

Funeral Arrangements.

The funeral service will be conducted by Rev. Father Coyle, on Friday, at the Holy Family Church, corner of Close avenue and King street, and the interment will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery. He belonged to several lodges including the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Chosen Friends, the Workmen and the Holy Name Society.

He is survived by his mother Mrs. Margaret Ward aged, 66, his brothers, George William of 662 West Queen street, Thomas of Orangeville, Martin of 1342 West Queen and three sisters, Mrs. James Mahoney, 66 Cowan avenue; Miss Edith Ward same address, and Miss Lillian of Orangeville. His immediate survivors are his wife, one son, 11 years of age and one daughter, Mrs. J. Bastedo, 162 Close avenue.

A Long Illness.

In the last two years he had been ailing, but in the last month was taken to bed with nervous breakdown. During the last year he took treatment at the General Hospital.

BRITISH CONSUL FREED BY TURKS

Porte Promises to Make Full Reparation for Insult Offered to Italy.

Canadian Press Despatch.

ROME, Dec. 15, 9.55 p.m.—The negotiations between Italy and Turkey, over the removal of G. A. Richardson, the British consul from the Italian consulate at Hodeida, Arabia, are approaching a satisfactory solution. The Turks have returned Mr. Richardson to the consulate and presented excuses for his removal. They also promised to punish those guilty of the breach of diplomatic relations.

EX-CONTROLLER J. J. WARD

Who died at 11 o'clock last night after an illness extending over several years.

VANCOUVER NEWSPAPER HOPELESSLY INSOLVENT

The World Must Be Wound Up Without Delay, Says Receiver, Who Owes Fifty Thousand

Canadian Press Despatch.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Dec. 15.—An application on behalf of F. B. Wintemute, receiver for the debenture holders to wind up The World Printing and Publishing Company was made before Chief Justice Hunter in the supreme court chambers this morning and adjourned for final argument until Friday.

"The business is hopelessly insolvent. The receiver owes $50,000, and the business gets worse each day. It is quite hopeless," said Douglas Armour, who appeared for the receiver and other debenture holders in objecting to any delay in the winding up.

SON OF EX-PREMIER IS SLAIN IN FRANCE

Canadian Press Despatch.

PARIS, Dec. 16, 1.10 a.m.—A son of former Premier Barthou has died from wounds received at Thann. Altho only eighteen years of age, young Barthou volunteered during the first days of the war.

GERMAN DEFEAT IN POLAND CONFIRMED

Column Which Moved Thru Mlawa Toward Warsaw Has Retreated.

AUSTRIA AGGRESSIVE

Carpathians Crossed in Effort to Lift Siege of Cracow.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The only news from the east this evening is the admission of the German general staff that the German column which advanced thru Mlawa towards Warsaw "has reoccupied its old positions owing to the superiority of the enemy." This, in a measure, confirms the Russian accounts of a victory on this part of the battlefront.

The Austrians have succeeded in again crossing the Carpathians, and, according to their account, are driving the Russian left back toward the River San. This Austrian army, assisted by German reinforcements, has undertaken the rather difficult task of forcing the Russians to withdraw from in front of Cracow, and also of relieving Przemysl. The Austrians apparently have met with at least partial success in the former project.

Almost Out of Servia.

Their army in Servia, however has not recovered from the surprise which the Servians gave it. Just when they were thought to be beaten, the Servians turned on the invaders and drove them westward and northward out of Servian territory. The only part of Servia remaining in Austrian hands comprises a small territory, including the Towns of Shabats and Loz itza.

The little Montenegrin army is doing its share also, and, according to a Cettinje report, has succeeded in cutting off part of the Austrian right wing, which retreated into Bosnia. It is now announced in behalf of Servia, that the previous retreats were due to lack of ammunition and that the stores had been replenished by captures from the Austrians.

Headquarters in Vienna, dealing with the situation, asserts that the retirement of the right wing made it advisable to abandon Belgrade, which was evacuated without fighting.

FIVE DIVISIONS OF CANADIANS SOON FOR WAR

In Addition to First Expeditionary Force, Four More Are Being Organized.

ONE OF MOUNTED MEN

Sir Robert Borden Announces Composition of Dominion's Regular Army.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—The details of the allocation and mobilization scheme of the 50,000 troops which were recently ordered to be recruited over and above the first overseas contingent were made known by Sir Robert Borden today. The troops are classified as follows:

1—Troops forming the second Canadian division.

2—Lines of communication units.

3—Regiments of mounted rifles.

4—Battalions of extra divisional infantry.

Composition of Division.

The second division consists of three infantry brigades, one of which is in England, two companies of cyclists, three brigades of field artillery, one heavy battery, one ammunition column, two field companies of engineers, one divisional train, and three field ambulances.

The line of communication units included in the second contingent are provided by the Army Service Corps, with the exception of a general hospital the personnel of which will be drawn from McGill University. Some of the A. S. C. units are being mobilized at Toronto, others at Montreal. A remount depot will probably be added.

Mounted Infantry Strong.

In all there are to be 13 regiments of mounted rifles, grouped in four brigades. Manitoba and Saskatchewan will supply one regiment and British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces one each. The remainder are allotted provisionally as follows:

Ontario two regiments, Manitoba and Saskatchewan two, British Columbia one, and Alberta two.

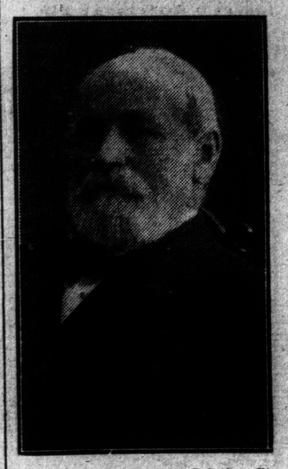
Two More Divisions Nearly Ready.

Of the battalions of extra divisional infantry, which may be expected to make up overseas contingents after the second has sailed, seven have been for some time in process of mobilization at Toronto Montreal and Quebec, Halifax, Winnipeg, Calgary and Victoria.

In addition there are 19 battalions, the mobilization of which has just commenced, and will be carried on with expedition. Seven of these battalions will be raised in Ontario, two in the London district, three in the Toronto district, and two in the Kingston district. Two will be raised in Quebec, one at Montreal, and the other at Quebec, the latter being a French-Canadian battalion. One will also be raised in the Maritime Provinces probably at St. John, one in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, one in British Columbia, and one in Alberta.

Thus after the second division sails there will be mobilized 26 battalions, or two infantry divisions, for future contingents, as well as the division of mounted infantry.

HON. ROBERT JAFFRAY



President of the Globe Printing Co., and president of the Imperial Bank, whose condition this morning is critical.