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Winds, mostly easterly and southerly, unsettled and mild with rain.

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ALSACE NOW WAR CENTRE

Stubborn Fighting is Progressing For Supremacy Between German and French Armies in Upper Alsace.

London, Jan. 6.—Apart from the Russian victory over the Turks in Trans-Caucasia which is described in a despatch to the Russian Embassy from Petrograd as "complete," interest in the war now lies chiefly in the stubborn fight which the French and Germans are carrying on for the roads to Cernay and Muehlhausen on the upper Alsace.

The battle in that region, which has been raging for a week, is described in a Berlin despatch as the most violent of the war. The Germans succeeded in regaining one of the trenches which they had lost, but on the whole the French reports appear to show that the French maintain their advantage for every inch of which they had to fight, in many cases with the bayonet.

Along the rest of the western front the tide of battle continues to ebb and flow. On either side of Rheims, particularly to the east of that city, according to reports, the French daily push their lines a few yards forward, while in the Argonne, where more hard fighting is going on, first the Germans and then the French report the capture of another's entrenchments.

Another region where the French seemingly keep nibbling away at the German lines is in the Woivreux, where the gains reported by them last night and again today when consolidated must have gone a long way toward rendering the Germans' long occupation of St. Mihiel on the Meuse, less comfortable.

The Russians, with all their other fronts to cover, have found another army with which to take the offensive against the German position at Mlawo on the East Prussian frontier, and tonight reports the capture of a village on the road to that town.

The Germans still are hammering at the Russian line directly across the roads to Warsaw from the west, but it is reported with less force behind them. In Western Galicia, however, where they have reinforced the Austrians, they have held up the Russian troops near Gorlice.

In southern Poland wet weather has intervened and put a stop to the fighting. Neither side is able to move owing to the high water and mud.

The Russians continue to drive the Austrians through the snow covered passes of the Carpathians and out of Bukovina, and simultaneously are dealing in detail with the remnants of the Turkish armies in Trans-Caucasia which are reported either to have been routed or surrounded.

The Turkish dash into this distant province of Russia it described by military men here as having been an unwise maneuver. Military operations in that part of the world would be difficult in this season at any time, they say, but this year with a particularly severe winter raging there was little chance of the poorly equipped Turkish troops succeeding in their efforts.

Altogether the Russians engaged the Turks in ten pitched battles, in many cases while knee deep in snow and at an altitude of from six thousand to ten thousand feet.

In the realm of international politics the next move by Rumania is awaited with interest, while the arrest of Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, is attracting world wide attention.

TREAT FOR THEATRE-GOERS.

Not in the memory of play-goers of the present generation has any drama scored such a success as that achieved by "Fine Feathers."

Chicago critics threw caution to the winds and unclogged a flood of adjectives in praise of the play. The Chicago American Reviewer said "it is the biggest and most reverberating drama I have ever witnessed." Ashton Stevens, the noted California critic, said, "It possesses scenes that thrill home, and lines almost inspired." The Tribune said, "It is Walter's best play," which is saying a great deal, when it is known that Eugene Walter also wrote "Paid in Full," "The Basest Way," and other big vital dramas.

"Fine Feathers" is a play taken from everyday life, peopled with characters with whom every one is familiar, and containing problems and situations which confront every

EARL KITCHENER IS OPTIMISTIC

Secretary of War in Speech Before House of Lords Tells of Progress of Armies of the Allies.

London, Jan. 6.—The House of Lords met today, a month earlier than the House of Commons, chiefly to hear from Lord Kitchener a review of the military operations for the six weeks since parliament was in session.

While the speech of the secretary of war contained nothing of a sensational character and little not already known, it was listened to with rapt attention by a distinguished gathering of peers and peeresses, members of the House of Commons and public men.

The peers, as usual, were in their robes of office, but beyond this the scene was lacking in the usual color for of the long rows of peeresses in the gallery virtually every one was in mourning for some relative killed at the front.

Lord Kitchener read his speech from a typewritten document and referred briefly to the operations in every sphere, laying particular emphasis on the Turkish defeat in the Caucasus, the Austrian defeat in Galicia, and what he considered even more important—"the severe check to the German aspirations in Poland."

The war secretary spoke also of the noteworthy progress made by the French east of Rheims and in southern Alsace; the extraordinary achievements of the Serbians, which he characterized as "one of the brightest spots in the military operations during December." General Louis Botha's "masterly handling" of the situation in South Africa, the advance of the Indian army in Mesopotamia and the successful campaign in East Africa and Kamerun, the German colony of West Africa.

He paid tribute to the smallest of the allies, Montenegro, which, he said, "advanced into Bosnia and captured important positions in the face of considerable Austrian opposition."

Of the army which comes directly under his command the war secretary told of the surprise and reverse suffered by the Indians at Givichy, on December 20, when they lost a trench, which they afterwards regained, and added:

"The British line thus resumed has since then been entirely maintained."

HEAVY FLOODS PREVENTS TRAINING

Montreal, Jan. 6.—H. M. Moore, the Star's correspondent at Salisbury Plain cables today:

"All training is again suspended owing to the heavy floods. The thousands of men are compelled to remain in their huts, much of the training area being under water."

"Salisbury Plain streets are impassable except for boats. Two Canadians are reported drowned, but their names are not available."

"The ammunition park and mechanical transports are billeted at Shrewton. Many of the horses are sick, and sixty-three have died, the chief trouble being the long standing in mud and water."

The Arnold Orchestra will give their concert Sunday night in the Princess Theatre, Selby street, commencing at 8:45. The soloist for the evening will be the well known Vancouver singer, Miss Amy Adair, who was received so favorably here on several occasions last winter. Admission will be free with a collection at the door.

home. The author shows the double standard of morals obtaining in modern business life—he shows the evils of extravagance, the futility of consumption beyond one's power to produce—and all this is done not by preachment but by a series of bold vivid pictures.

"Fine Feathers" at the Nanaimo Opera House Tuesday, January 12th. As "Fine Feathers" will have but one performance only, intending patrons who wish to see the Lawrence Company in this great play are earnestly advised to book their seats at as early a date as possible.

GERMANY NEARING END RESOURCES

Toronto, Jan. 6.—Edward B. Wyman, of Rochester, N.Y., who as secretary of the American relief fund in London, England, came in touch with many public men of note abroad, has returned from Europe and is at present in Toronto.

Mr. Wyman states that, while the general opinion is that the war would last a long time, the financiers in London, who know exactly how much gold was in the world, have figured out how much was in the hands of the allies and the United States, and have reached a fair estimate of how much there was in Germany. On the result they could not see how Germany could carry on the war longer than the middle of June.

Already, he stated, Germany is paying her soldiers with paper money her credit has gone and much ready money is necessary for the purchase of copper, zinc and other necessities for the providing of ammunition.

LOCAL CHAPTER RAISING FUNDS

Bastion Chapter Daughters of Empire Will Sell Tickets for Big Drawing—Lucky Person Wins Town Lot.

Through the generosity of Mr. R. C. Brumpton, the Bastion Chapter Daughters of the Empire, is enabled to present a very unique and tempting method of raising funds for the work of the Chapter in looking after the requirements of the men now at the front fighting the battles of the Empire.

Mr. Brumpton has donated a lot to the Chapter for which tickets will be sold for a drawing, the lucky holder of the winning ticket securing a fine lot with a clear title. The lot is situated on what is known as the Brookside subdivision at the end of Albert street just off Pine street. It is cleared and is about 50 by 160 feet in size. The tickets will be ready for sale Monday afternoon and may be secured from any of the members of the Chapter. Plenty of opportunity will be given for securing a chance on this lot, tickets being sold at \$1 each. The drawing will be held under the usual suitable auspices and only a limited number of tickets will be sold. As all the money derived from the drawing will be devoted to a noble cause there is no doubt but that there will be a ready response to the appeal to raise money in this way.

A meeting of the Chapter will be held Monday afternoon at 2:30 in the usual place and a full attendance of members is requested. Nominations will be proposed at this meeting.

FASHION STABLES CHANGED HANDS

Mr. Thomas Reynolds, of East Wellington, has purchased the Fashion Livery Stables, Wallace street, from Mr. Thomas Weeks, who has conducted the business for the past eighteen months.

The new proprietor is well known in the district, and as he understands the livery business in every department will no doubt be successful in his new venture. All accounts owing the Fashion Stables will be collected by Mr. Weeks, who will also pay all bills owing by the Stables. In retiring from the business Mr. Weeks wishes to thank his old patrons and solicits a continuance of the same for his successor.

Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 6, via Paris.—President Wilson's note to Great Britain concerning delays to American commerce has been welcomed by the Swiss newspapers which in editorial comments express the opinion that he is acting in the interests of all neutrals and especially Switzerland. Hope is expressed that the American executive's action will meet with the fullest success. It is asserted that it is most important to Switzerland that the American export trade be not restricted for Switzerland depends on the United States for the greater part of her supplies of wheat, corn, cotton, copper and petroleum.

LOCAL COMPANY OPENS THEATRE

Nanaimo Amusement Company Will Open Princess Theatre With Latest Moving Pictures and Eight Piece Orchestra.

There is a new arrival in the Nanaimo theatrical field in the Nanaimo Amusement Company who will open in the Princess Theatre for the first time on Friday night with a free show to which everyone is invited.

The company is composed of local backing and it is the intention to run pictures for the present with a special feature of music, eight members of the Arnold Orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Arnold, having been engaged by the company. It is the intention to not only give plenty of accompaniment but to give extra musical numbers during the show. There will be the usual special features for each show with comedy reels.

Pictures for all shows will be ten cents for adults and five cents for children. For the free show on Friday, the special four reel feature "The Little Gray Lady," will be shown, besides several comedy reels. Saturday night, the special feature "East Lynne" will be presented one night only, besides comedy reels.

The company announce that their policy will be to show the best features with the accompaniment of the best music obtainable at the regular prices of ten and five cents. They guarantee that the house will be kept warm and every comfort provided for patrons.

CANADIANS MAY MOVE JANUARY 15

Montreal, Jan. 6.—A Salisbury Plain despatch to the Herald says:

"There is a persistent report in the camp that the Canadian expeditionary force will move on January 15th. Every officer and man in the contingent believes that in less than four weeks the Canadians will conclude training and enter the theatre of war. Whether or not this report is true it is impossible to say, but there have been several developments lately in connection with the training of the Canadians which would lead one to believe that there is some foundation for it."

DEATH OF MRS. J. L. HOWLING

The death occurred yesterday afternoon at the family residence, 425 Wentworth street, of Jane Grey, wife of John L. Howling, of the local Provincial Police Department.

The deceased had been ill only since Saturday last, death being due to heart failure. She was a native of Newcastle-on-Tyne, aged 45 years, and is survived by her husband and one son two years of age.

Funeral arrangements are in the hands of D. J. Jenkins.

TURKISH CRUISER GOLDEN DAMAGED

Copenhagen, via London, Jan. 6.—A special despatch to the National Tidende from Constantinople says the former German cruiser Goeben, which now flies the Turkish flag, struck two Russian mines in the Bosphorus and was seriously damaged.

She has two big holes on her water line and it will take two or three months to repair her. This fact, the despatch adds, has been kept secret from the people of Constantinople.

OFFER NO OPPOSITION

Renfrew, Ont., Jan. 6.—At a meeting held here today the executive of the South Renfrew Reform Association it was decided to offer no opposition to the election of Hon. T. W. McGarry, the new provincial treasurer. The nomination meeting will be held in Renfrew on Thursday.

RUSSIA REPORTS MORE VICTORIES

Petrograd, Jan. 6.—The official statement from the general staff in the Mlawo region (Poland) tonight says:

"Our troops on January 5 made a sudden attack against the village of Rogosowa, to the west of the road from Przasnysz to Mlawo, near Irozdouk. The enemy, who occupied this village were almost entirely bayoneted. On the left bank of the Vistula the usual cannonading and rifle fire are continuing. Fighting of secondary importance is proceeding in the region of Borjow and near the Mogheli farm."

"In Galicia the situation is unchanged."

"Our offensive is proceeding in Bukowina, where we have occupied Sybot and Kameral, south of Selenin, and Illischestie, on the road to Gurahumora and Plekatchik. On January 4, after an engagement we occupied Gurahumora and Boukchoia. The latter two points are situated on the best and most direct route to Transylvania by way of Bukowina."

A GARIBALDI LAID AT REST

Big Demonstration in Rome at Funeral of Lieut. Garibaldi Killed in France—Populace Cheer For the Allies.

Rome, Jan. 6.—The body of Lieutenant Garibaldi, who was killed in the Argonne Dec. 3, was laid at rest here today.

It is estimated that at least three hundred thousand persons took part in the funeral, among them the British, French and Russian ambassadors and the Serbian, Belgian and Montenegrin ministers. "From windows, flowers were showered down upon the casket as it was taken through the streets, while the people raised cries of 'long live Garibaldi,' 'long live France' and 'long live Belgium.'"

These shouts were intermingled with cries of "down with Germany" and "down with Austria." The police endeavored to repress the foremost of the demonstrators and a scuffle ensued. The demonstrators sang the Garibaldi hymn and the "Marsellaise" when Garibaldian veterans waved their flags. The police seized the flags but the demonstrators later succeeded in recapturing it. Several arrests were made.

Ricciotti Garibaldi, his wife and his sons, the latter still wearing French uniforms, received the body at the cemetery where a few appropriate speeches were delivered at the grave side before the body was interred.

AIRPLANES HOVER OVER DUNKIRK

London, Jan. 7.—A correspondent of the Daily Mail in France, reports that a Zeppelin airship skirted the French seacoast near Grave lines, 12 miles southwest of Dunkirk, Wednesday morning, and then turned westward towards England and that it is rumored that two other Zeppelins preceded it.

"Thereafter throughout the whole day," the correspondent adds, "Dunkirk was subjected to German air raids, and attempted to drop bombs but owing to the vigorous fire of the town's guns but few bombs fell. At one moment six aeroplanes were hovering over the town, but were compelled to retreat. Apparently no damage was done."

D. N. McIntyre, deputy commissioner of fisheries in the provincial service, and P. H. Cunningham chief inspector of fisheries for British Columbia in the federal service, have returned from Ottawa, where they were attending a conference of the Pacific division of the fisheries advisory board. Several matters affecting the industry on this coast were taken up there, and it is said by Inspector Cunningham that the department will do all it can to aid the fishermen at this time of commercial depression.

THOMAS HODGSON IN THE FIELD

Ex Mayor Hodgson Who Will Contest Mayoralty on Thursday Next With Mayor Planta Makes His Announcement.

There is to be a contest for the mayoralty after all, ex-Mayor Thomas Hodgson having entered the lists last night. This makes two candidates for the position, the present incumbent of the office, Mayor Planta, having some time ago announced that he would run again.

There is also to be a contest in every ward for aldermen, the present aldermen all standing for office with new entries in all the wards.

The election will take place a week today.

Mr. Hodgson's election card, which he handed to The Herald last night, reads as follows:

To the Electors of the City of Nanaimo:

Ladies and Gentlemen,—At the request of a large number of ratepayers I have consented to allow my name to be placed in nomination at the forthcoming Municipal election for the office of Mayor, and if elected I will endeavor to serve the city to the best of my ability.

I have always been opposed to introducing party politics into municipal affairs, and since I am not affiliated with any political party, I have got no interest in introducing politics at any time, so you can rest assured that my first and only consideration will always be the interest of the city.

The world-wide unsettled conditions of business generally through the European war, makes it not only difficult but unwise to give a detailed statement of what I propose to do if elected, which otherwise you would expect of me in times of peace, but I can assure you that I will try and adapt myself to the changing conditions as best I can and will try and assist in governing the city on an economical basis consistent with good government and the needs and requirements of the city.

As the time is short between now and the day of election it will be impossible for me to see many of the electors, but I am a long resident of the city and trust that my career and reputation are such as to secure your fullest confidence and also your vote and support on the day of election. I am, ladies and gentlemen, Yours very truly,

T. HODGSON.

AUSTRIA OFFERED SERVIA PEACE

London, Jan. 6.—The Rome correspondent of the Post telegraphs:

"I hear that Austria has offered peace to Serbia on the basis of the status quo, plus northern Albania, including Durazzo and the northern coast of the Montenegrin frontier."

"In other words a complete reversal is made of what Count Berchtold, on October 30, 1902, described as 'essential to Austrian policy.'"

BALKAN KINGS CONFER

Amsterdam, via London, Jan. 7.—The Vossische Zeitung's Bucharest correspondent says the Kings of Bulgaria and Roumania will hold a conference at an early date on Roumania soil. They will be attended by their foreign ministers.

MCQUISH-CORNISH.

At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church yesterday afternoon, Mr. Samuel McQuish, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil McQuish, Milton street was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Cornish, Halfburton street.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. McLennan, the bride being attended by her sister, Miss Lily Cornish, the groom being supported by his brother Archie.

Mr. and Mrs. McQuish are spending their honeymoon in Victoria and will return to take up residence in Nanaimo.

The activity of the German raiding cruisers during the first four months of the war led to the loss of fifty-four British ships, valued at \$11,400,000, their cargoes being worth \$18,800,000. These are official figures.

TURKISH ARMY ANNIHILATED

Only Few Hundred Men Remain out of Two Army Corps—Russians Destroy Fifty Thousand Men.

Petrograd, Jan. 6.—The Russians have destroyed something like 50,000 men trapped in the terrible passes of the Caucasian range, where under German commanders, they contain the sovereignty of Russia on Russian soil. Two Turkish army corps have been slaughtered, and all that remains of them is a few hundred prisoners.

At Sari Kamysh, several days march inside Russian territory, a Turkish army has been engaged for over a week in a stubborn conflict with the Russians. No details of the fighting have been received, beyond suggestive accounts of the terrible cold which recently set in on these mountain heights. The Turks were the attacking party, scores of miles away from their base, and are reported to have been very ill-equipped to meet such terrible weather. For the last three days and nights a battle has been in progress which has now ended not merely in the total defeat, but the annihilation of the Turkish army.

The best army corps of the Turkish army, the ninth, formerly stationed at Erzerum, led the invasion, supported by another army corps drawn apparently from Yuan. Neither now exists. The entire command of the ninth corps was taken prisoner by a single company of Russian troops, which sufficiently indicates the extent to which the Turks were reduced. Its commander, the division commanders of the 17th, 23rd and 25th divisions, and two other division commanders, and 100 other officers are prisoners. The artillery, maxims, ammunition stores and the entire train of the corps have fallen into Russian hands.

The tenth Turkish army corps, although not quite annihilated, is seeking to escape into the hills, hotly pursued by native hill men.

This striking victory coincides with the success achieved in Adahan. The Turkish forces here have been thoroughly dispersed and are fleeing in all directions, with small chances of ultimate escape.

The losses here are also enormous, and here again, as on the Bura, the Siberian corps distinguished themselves. One squadron charged Turkish infantry and cut two companies to pieces, while another squadron cut their way through the eighth Constantinople regiment and captured its standard.

Except for scattered bands of fugitives, Turkey no longer has any strong men on Russian territory.

As this incursion against Russia was directed by German commanders particular satisfaction is felt in Russia at the disastrous ending of the vain-glorious undertaking. Sanders Pasha is reported to have personally organized the invasion.

What the Turks may be thinking can be guessed by the opinions expressed to a correspondent of the Bourse Gazette, who speaking in Turkish was favored by some very outspoken comment by a Turkish colonel who was taken as a prisoner of war. He said:

"Enver Pasha has been our misfortune. This wretched, brainless puppet of Wilhelm and Sanders Pasha has brought Turkey to a pass which imperils the Ottoman empire."

"We knew it, but what can we, the real Turks, do? Only a few days before I left Erzerum I and many other Turkish officers saw a German officer kill a Turkish soldier out of hand for no reason but that he failed to understand the German order, and we stood by helpless. When this was reported to Enver Pasha he actually thanked the German."

"No, there is no true Turkey now. It is only a German province which the Germans are carrying down with them in their own ruin. Our armies have neither food nor clothes. Germany, who before the war, thrust gold galore on us, now sits on our necks and eats our bread."

No mention is made of any German officers being captured, although many are known to be at Erzerum.

ROSS WITH OTTAWA.

Montreal, Jan. 6.—Art Ross, the well known hockey star, whose two weeks suspension by the N.H.A. officials is up today, tonight signed a contract with the Ottawa club and will report in Ottawa immediately.