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ST. ANDREWS, N. B., CANADA.

Saturday, 15th January, 1916.

PROGRESS OF THE WAR

[January 6 to January 12]

The week under review has been as full of incidents connected with the war as almost any week could be. They were not, however, as important as those of the previous week, and the progress of the war up to the present is not altogether a pleasant story for Britons to read, but this is neither the time nor the place to reflect upon it. That it should be published while the war is yet in progress is a proof, if any were needed, of the desire of the British government and people that the whole truth should be made known. To describe the operations as a fiasco, as we have seen them described in some of our exchanges, is neither complimentary nor accurate. They were not altogether an ignominious failure, though they failed to accomplish the prime object for which they were undertaken. We will just leave it at that for the present. Later there will be other reports besides Sir Ian Hamilton's. In the western theatre of the war very great activity prevailed at many points, the Germans mostly, but not wholly, being on the offensive. In the Vosges, south of Hartmannswillerkopf, the French yielded some ground to the Germans in the Champagne district, a fierce drive of the Germans was attempted, but repulsed by the Allies with little loss of ground; and in the Artois district the Allies were on the offensive and inflicted much damage on the enemy's works. The end of the week found but little change in the line of combat.

On the Russian front but little activity was reported from Riga to the Brest region, but thence all the way to the main Russian border, and especially in the Bukovina, some of the fiercest fighting of the whole war took place, both sides being on the offensive. The casualties seem beyond doubt to be in the advantage of the Russians, who advanced their line at several points, and appear not to have yielded ground anywhere.

Russia has reason to regard with satisfaction the Russian front. As to the Italian front, the reports, as usual, have been meagre and conflicting; but there was some activity, and the Russians appear to have had the advantage. Important news was furnished in regard to hostilities in Persia.

The news from Mesopotamia was again far from reassuring. Gen. Aylmer's relief force was said to have reached a point within twenty miles of Kut-el-Amara, but was unable to effect a junction with Gen. Townshend's force at that place because of the stronger enemy forces opposing them. But the news was scanty, and the situation may have been better than it appeared.

The land operations on the Gallipoli Peninsula have been definitely abandoned, or at least for the present, and all the forces of the Entente Allies withdrawn. The withdrawal of all the troops, practically without loss, is said to have been a memorable achievement, and to reflect the greatest credit on all concerned in effecting it. But that the attempt to force a passage of the Dardanelles is altogether to be abandoned is not the case; it is apparent from the fact that after the withdrawal of the British troops from Gallipoli the warships of the Allies continued their bombardment of the Turkish forts on the European side.

The news from Montenegro, which was the only scene of active hostilities in the Balkans during the week, was depressing. The Austrians appear to have been everywhere successful against the brave troops of the Black Mountains, whose little kingdom now seems likely to meet the fate which overwhelmed Serbia.

No important gains for either side were reported concerning hostilities between Italy and Austria, though fighting was continuous through the week.

Of submarine operations and other naval events an account is given in "News of the Sea." The loss of another British battleship is to be deplored, but that it was attended with no loss of life is a source of gratification. This week has been full of political events of prime importance. In Great Britain the question of temporary compulsory service is in a fair way of settlement, the opposition to it in the House of Commons having virtually collapsed. The cabinet will continue in office, the resignation of Sir John Simon being the only defection. As the measure is only temporary, and a necessity, all parties, including the Irish Nationalists, will unite to place it upon the statute book.

No definite developments have been disclosed in the diplomatic discussions between Washington on the one part, and Berlin and Vienna on the other, part, in the submarine outrages of the Hun. Much ink will have to flow and much paper to be consumed before the rights of Americans will be satisfactorily vindicated; but that they will be vindicated ultimately, no one doubts for a moment.

RECRUITING

RECRUITING seems to be making a fairly satisfactory progress throughout the Dominion; and the results in New Brunswick have been most encouraging, though we are yet a long way off the desired total, which at the beginning

of the year was placed at 22,000 men, of whom not more than one-third had enlisted. The returns for the whole Province for the week ending Jan. 1 showed 291 men enlisted, or an average of 310 men per day. At this rate it will take nearly a year to raise the desired 15,000 men. In referring to the necessity of raising this quota the St. John Times, in a leading article on Jan. 6, says: "It is the thing to be done a great number of them must be given to the recruiting campaign. The recruiting committee will need a good deal more assistance than they have been getting from members of federal and provincial governments."

The BEACON has frequently (but quite ineffectually) urged the M. P. for Charlotte County to do more in assisting the recruiting campaign in his own constituency; and if the Charlotte County member of the Legislative Assembly have done anything at all in this campaign they have certainly not done it in St. Andrews. That properly arranged public rallies are effective we have had ample proof in the enthusiastic meetings held by Capt. Tilley and Lt. Col. Guthrie in various parts of the Province, and especially in the one held in Andriole Hall on Monday night. Mr. Hartt, M. P., should have been present at that meeting. So far as is apparent, his arrival at Ottawa a day or two later would not have mattered; indeed, if he absent himself from Ottawa during the whole season of Parliament and devoted his whole time to the recruiting campaign he might render his constituency than is likely to be the case. But with or without the assistance of our M. P. (and we think it will be without his assistance), it is New Brunswick that to raise a total of 22,000 recruits, half of whom must raise her proportion, which will be 1,500, of whom probably not 500 have been recruited already. How are we to get the additional 1,000? We hope there will be volunteers sufficient to make up the requisite total, not only in Charlotte, but throughout the Province; but if this proves not to be the case, then we may fairly expect the draft will have to be applied. It is not machine guns that are now lacking, the shortage is in men.

THE WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

Jan. 15.—British Museum opened, 1759; Henry Labouchere died, 1912; Telegraph opened between Halifax, N. S., and P. E. I., 1850.
" 16.—Louran, death of Sir John Moore, 1809; Fire in Winnipeg, 1911.
" 17.—Abu Ktir, 1885; Benjamin Franklin, born, 1706.
" 18.—Aden, 1839. Capt. Scott, R. N., reached South Pole, 1912.
" 19.—Wilkes explored the House of Commons, 1764; James Watt, born, 1736; Rt. Hon. Augustine Birrell born, 1857.
" 20.—St. Fashan, John Ruskin died, 1902; Montreal, Colima, Mex., 1913.
" 21.—St. Agnes, Henry Hallam, historian, died, 1859; Lord Strathcona died, 1914.

BARON SHAUGHNESSY

The New Year honors this year excited more than usual interest, from the fact that one of Montreal's leading families will henceforth be included in the peerage list. Congratulations to Lord and Lady Shaughnessy have been very numerous and sincere. Lady Shaughnessy is not only a prominent hostess, but has always lent her patronage enterprisingly to charity and philanthropy. At their spacious home on Dorchester street, Lord and Lady Shaughnessy have entertained noble people from all parts of Canada and visitors to the city from the Mother Country and other parts of the Empire, and from Europe. They have encouraged artistic and musical projects, and no list of names for good lectures, or any worthy object, is complete without their names. Since the outbreak of war, Lord and Lady Shaughnessy and her daughters have taken an active interest in patriotic affairs. The New Canadian Baroness is of a kindly disposition; she is a foe to affectation and display, and the hospitality she dispenses is as kind and cordial as the smiles that come to her face when she sees the only Canadian peer resident in the country, and whose title has come to him while in Canada. The family of Lord and Lady Shaughnessy comprises the Hon. Mrs. H. B. Shaw, the Hon. W. J. Shaughnessy, whose wife was Miss Marion Graham; the Hon. Alfred T. Shaughnessy, now overseas with the 8th Battalion, and whose wife is a daughter of Judge Bradford of Tennessee; the Hon. Mrs. Rene Ledmond, and the Hon. Marguerite Shaughnessy.—*Montreal Herald.*

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND COLLECTIONS

The Girls' Branch of the W. A. of All Saints Church have been making a personal canvass of the Town in the interests of the Belgian Relief Fund, with the following results:

Collected by Miss Gwendolen Jack:
Mrs. Wright McLaren \$1.00
Mrs. Kendrick 25c
Rev. G. H. Elliott 1.00
Mrs. Wm. Rigby 1.00
Mrs. Catherine Scallan 1.00
Mr. F. C. Worrell 1.00
Mrs. Catherine Scallan 1.00
Mr. Sydney J. Anning 1.00
Mr. William McCarrroll 1.00
Mr. Charles Haycock 1.00
Mr. E. Sharpe 1.00
Mrs. Wilson 50c
Mrs. D. H. Hanson 1.00
Mrs. Gertrude Cummings 1.00
Mrs. W. F. Craig 1.00
Mrs. E. Andrews 1.00
Mrs. Peacock 1.00
Mr. H. Maloney 1.00
Mrs. Thos. Stinson 1.00
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THE GIRLS' BRANCH OF THE W. A. OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Collected by Miss Gertrude Anning:
Mrs. Allerton 1.00
Friend 1.00
Mr. Reed 1.00
Mrs. R. Stewart 1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Freshwater 1.00
Miss Fannie Billings 1.00
Grand Total \$127.80

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

The treasurer, E. W. Ward, St. Stephen, N. B., has received the sum of \$114.48 from the Pennfield branch, per W. S. R. Justason, treasurer, which amount was collected as follows:
Collected by E. C. Justason \$19.50
" " A. B. Hawkins 8.25
" " Blair Ferris 4.00
" " J. J. Justason 22.00
" " M. Hartney 23.00
Donated by King Edward L.O.L., No. 92 37.73
\$114.48

THE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND FROM LETTICE BRANCH, Wm. E. Martin, secretary, are acknowledged by the treasurer, E. W. Ward, St. Stephen:

Single Payments:
Sandy McNeilan \$1.00
Roland Matthews 1.00
W. R. Wentworth 1.00
Edgar Leslie 2.00
A. Cook 2.00
Arthur Matthews 5.00
Thomas Cook 1.00
Stephen Dick 5.00
Joseph Murphy 2.00
Joseph Murphy 2.00
William Campbell 2.00
B. Dick 1.00
John Leavitt 1.00
Nelson Dick 1.00
D. Douglas 1.00
Isaac Dick 1.00
Elin McNeilan 5.00
John Chubb 1.00
Randolph Mowatt 1.00
Charles Leland 6.00
Mrs. Emma Christie 1.00
Shas Wilcox 2.00
Mekand Wilcox 2.00
Nevine Cameron 10.00
Mrs. S. A. Pheasant 1.00
W. H. Hilliard 1.00
Helen Greason 5.00
James Hoyt 4.00
James McKennie 1.00

Collected by Miss Kathleen Holt:

Mrs. Fred McFarlane \$1.00
Mrs. S. Everett 1.00
Mrs. M. N. Cockburn 1.00
Grand Total \$23.50

Collected by Miss Phyllis Cockburn:

All Saints Girls W. A. \$2.50
Miss Annie E. O'Neill 1.00
T. R. Wren 1.00
A. B. O'Neill 1.00
Edwin Odeh 1.00
W. Kennedy 1.00
G. E. Smith 1.00
E. A. Cockburn 1.00
Wm. Rollins 1.00
M. N. Cockburn 1.00
Neilson Boyd 1.00
C. O. Rigby 1.00
Mrs. Annie Rigby 1.00
Mrs. Wm. Carson 1.00
F. Hallyor 1.00
Wallace Broad 1.00
Mrs. John Lawson 1.00
Mrs. John McFarlane 1.00
Miss Fortune 1.00
Mrs. G. Higgins 1.00
Mrs. Stinson 1.00
Mrs. John Doane 1.00
Mrs. Gaudier 1.00
Owen Rigby 1.00
20c. per month: 50
All Saints Sunday School Messrs. F. W. & S. Mason 1.00
Mr. G. K. Greenlaw 1.00
G. W. Babbitt 2.50
Grand Total \$27.85

Collected by Miss Elsie Finnigan:

A. K. Grimmer \$1.00
E. Finnigan 1.00
A. Thompson 1.00
C. W. Mallory 1.00
H. Burton 1.00
Arthur Calder 1.00
A. A. Shirley 1.00
T. Odell 1.00
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B. R. Tol 1.00
Mrs. McDowell 1.00
G. H. Stickey 1.00
E. B. Stinson 1.00
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H. Lamb 1.00
Mrs. G. Worrell 1.00
Mrs. George McKay 1.00
T. A. Hartt 1.00
T. Conroy 1.00
A. V. Hartford 1.00
Robert Billings 1.00
Mrs. J. H. Black 1.00
J. D. Grimmer 1.00
Grand Total \$21.50

Collected by Miss Florence Anning:

Mrs. Maud H. Clarke \$1.00
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Mrs. G. C. Crimmer 1.00
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Dr. J. P. Worrell 1.00
Mrs. Anderson 1.00
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Miss Beattie Grimmer 1.00
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Mrs. R. H. Keay 1.00
Mrs. C. M. Wallace 1.00
Miss Stella Britt 1.00
Mrs. R. D. Rigby 1.00
Mrs. M. J. McCarrroll 1.00
Grand Total \$14.00

Allen Stewart 1.00
John Dick 2.00
Monthly \$1.00 per month:
S. S. Dines, Thomas Tucker, H. O. Chubb, J. T. Cathune, George Chubb, W. E. Martin, H. H. McLean, John Hoyt, Frank Dick, Vernon McNeilan, Melvin Simpson, Roscoe Burgess, Matthew Mitchell.

Chester Catherine, William Matthews, James McCurdy, Merrill Matthews, Ayard Hooper, James Cameron, Randall Matthews, William Tucker, Charles Matthews, Fred McLean, Collis Dick, John Dick, Bert Dick, Andrew McMahon, Nevin McMahon, Bedford McNeilan, Peter Cameron, William Leland, Arthur Henderson, Robert Wilcox, Frank Leland, Kinman Stewart.

40c. per month: 50
Neil Sealey 50
25c. per month:
Gordon Tucker, Robert Tucker, Willard Tucker, Frank McMahon, Hazen McLean, Bertie Hoyt, John Matthews, Donald Nichol, Stillman Matthews, Harold McNeilan, Angus McVicar, Menzie Chambers, Hiram Wilson, Bert Cameron, George Chambers, Harold Catherine.

25c. per month:
Simon Tucker.

The treasurer, E. W. Ward, St. Stephen, N. B., begs to acknowledge receipt of the following contributions:

Pennfield, per W. R. Justason, treasurer 2nd payment \$19.00
Beaver Harbor, per C. E. Wright, proceeds, December payment 38.19
Proceeds of dance at Clark Bros' factory 6.00
Lettice, per W. E. Martin, treasurer 2nd payment 27.80
Edgar Holmes Shoe Store, Eastport, per centage of sales 97.00
Leonardville, per W. B. Welsh, treasurer, 1st payment 147.75
Lord's Cove, per E. A. Lambert, treasurer, 4th payment 29.20
Welsphort, per C. E. Tobin, treasurer, 2nd payment 46.00
\$322.74

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