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Desperate Fighting Marks Conflict With The Enemy on Western Front

Artillery and Infantry at It And British and French Make Gains

Some Trenches Evacuated as Men Were Up to Shoulders in Sand and Water—Bayonet Used Effectively in Repelling Violent Attack of Germans

Paris, Jan. 8.—The French War Office gave out an official statement this afternoon as follows:—

"The artillery of the enemy showed during the day of January 7 great activity in Belgium and in the vicinity of Arras. The French artillery responded spiritedly and efficaciously.

"Our infantry made some progress near Lombartzyde. We occupied, at a point fifty yards in advance of our trenches, a hillock which had been held by the enemy. To the east of St. Georges we gained ground, and we inflicted serious damage on the trenches of the enemy in the vicinity of Stenstraete. . .

"In the section of Arras, at the forest of Resthovaal, without being attacked, we were compelled to evacuate certain trenches, where our men were up to their shoulders in sand and water.

"To the left of Boiselle, our line of trenches has been moved forward, and we occupied the road from Boiselle to Aveluy.

"In the valley of the Aisne the artillery exchanges yesterday were quite spirited. Our heavy artillery scored good results near Blanc Sablon. At this point, the mine throwers of the enemy inflicted losses on us, but in the afternoon we checked this fire from the Germans.

"In the sector of Rheims, to the west of the Forest des Souaaves we blew up a blockhouse and occupied a new trench 200 yards in advance of our lines. MANY GERMAN KILLED

"The artillery engagement between Bethany and Prunay, was conducted yesterday with great fierceness. The Germans left many dead on the field; our losses were not heavy. Between Jonchery-sur-Saube and Souain, we time and again reduced to silence the artillery of the enemy, demolished his trenches, and destroyed his breastworks.

"In the Argonne, to the west of Haute Chevauchee, the enemy, by means of a mine blew up some of our first line trenches, which were completely demolished.

"A violent attack undertaken at once by the enemy on our position, was repulsed with the bayonet. We took some prisoners and maintained our front except for a distance of eighty yards. Here the demolition of the trenches obliged us to establish our line twenty yards farther back.

"On the heights of the Meuse and between the Meuse and the Moselle there is nothing to report. Here the wind blew a tempest all day January 7.

"Our offensive continued yesterday in the region of Thann and near Aftkirch, and brought important results. We recaptured the trenches on the eastern flank of Hill 426, a position where the enemy two days ago succeeded in re-establishing himself. We then gained some ground to the east of these trenches. Farther to the south we occupied Burnhaupt-Le-Haut, and at the same time we made progress in the direction of Pont d'Aspach and the Khalberg.

"The artillery of the enemy, which had endeavored, without success, to reach our batteries, gave over shooting at our artillery in favor of the exclusive bombardment of the hospital at Thann, which has been evacuated."

FIERCE FIGHTING IN LOWER ALSACE

Geneva, via Paris, Jan. 8.—The fighting in Lower Alsace is daily growing in intensity around Steinbach, Cernay and Thann. Villages, houses and trenches are taken and retaken at the point of the bayonet, and the casualties on both sides have been extremely heavy.

It is said that about 250,000 in all are engaged and that both sides are using heavy guns. The Germans are continuously hurrying reinforcements from the Rhine front.

General Pau, it is said, is in command of the French forces, which have made progress despite the fierce resistance of the Germans. French aviators from Belfort are assisting the artillery, the booming of which is heard day and night in the neighborhood of the frontier.

FLOODS IN FLANDERS WORSE

New York, Jan. 8.—A London Daily Express despatch dated "on the Belgian frontier, Thursday," to the New York Herald says:

"The Germans are continuing their attack to the southeast of Ypres, where their heavy artillery has been steadily bombarding the allied trenches.

"There is a steady rainfall in most of Flanders, and the floods are increasing. In the Dismude area the German infantry reinforcements in some places are advancing ankle deep in mud. The troops have been forced to sleep in the open for the last few days, awaiting orders for the next counter attacks and they are suffering severely in health.

HELIGOLAND NOT ENJOYING HIS VIEW

New York, Jan. 8.—A Herald cable quotes Herr Albert Ballin, managing director of the Hamburg-American Steamship Line, a personal friend of Emperor William, as expressing the view that Germany must admit that her position at Heligoland does not give the German fleet a desirable base of operations.

He also admits that England has brought the whole of Germany's overseas trade to a standstill.

He declares there can be no lasting peace if Germany does not get her fleet station in the North Sea which, at least, will give to Germany the same advantages in Europe as Great Britain possesses.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—The storm has passed to the Gulf of St. Lawrence and is dispersing. Rain has been general from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces. The weather is moderately cold in Manitoba and Northern Ontario, elsewhere mild.

Fine, a Little Cold

Maritime—Fresh westerly winds, fair and mild becoming a little colder tonight Saturday. Fair with a little lower temperature.

New England Forecasts.—Fair and colder tonight, Saturday, fair, moderate southwest to west winds.

VON JAGOW SETTLES IT

Bumptious German Says All Over by June—His Schedule is Interesting

New York, Jan. 8.—A London Daily Express despatch from Amsterdam to the Herald says:

"It is understood from a most authoritative source that in a recent conversation with the German minister to a neutral country in Europe, Herr Von Jagow, German under-secretary for foreign affairs, made the following statement: "We do not need to worry. Things are progressing excellently for Germany. Let me make the following forecast:—

"By the end of February we will have smashed up the Russians. The end of March will see the end of the French army. In April we will finally start reckoning with Great Britain, which I expect will be finished by the middle of May. All Germany's enemies will be beaten before June at any rate!"

EXPULSION BY TURKS, RELIGIOUS REPORT ON EXPERIENCES TO POPE

Six Hundred Reach Rome—No Lives Taken, But Convents, Monasteries and Schools Made Baracks

Rome, Jan. 8.—Pope Benedict yesterday received more than 600 religious men and women—Franciscans, Benedictines, Dominicans, Passionists, Christian Brothers and members of other orders—who have been expelled from Syria and Palestine. They recounted details of their experiences, but said there had been no loss of life.

The Turks, while they respected the lives of holy men, expelled the convents, monasteries and schools held by the religious orders and transformed them into barracks. The expelled monks, however, to pile the furniture into the churches, and permitted the locking up of places which could not be emptied. The libraries, which were seized in the presence of those interested.

The English and Russian communities, and the Italian and Spanish consuls did all in their power to assist the members of the religious orders.

RESULTS FATALLY

Thomas Craig, Hurt on Railway, Dies in Woodstock Hospital

Woodstock, N. B., Jan. 8.—Thomas Craig, who was so terribly injured on Thursday night by falling under the wheels of a moving train at Benton, died in the Fisher Hospital soon after being removed there. He was thirty-five years of age, and leaves his wife and four children. His home was at Aroostook Junction.

WAR NOTES

A Montreal Gazette cable says that weather conditions are growing steadily worse at Salisbury Plain and that an early move of the Canadians to Southern France or an extension of billeting arrangements has become absolutely necessary.

In reply to Count Von Bernstorff's charge that the British government was purchasing dum-dum bullets from American firms, U. S. Secretary of State has sent a letter giving the statements of the companies mentioned that soft-nosed bullets have been made only for sporting rifles, that this ammunition would be of no use in military rifles and that only 960 of such cartridges were shipped to British North America and 100 to British East Africa.

thing important to report on any of the fronts.

Killed in Action

St. Catharines, Ont., Jan. 8.—Word has been received that Lt. George Cameron, nephew of George Carruthers, of this city, former manager of the Merchants' Bank, was killed in action in France while with the Northumberland Fusiliers.

Austria Admits It

Vienna, Jan. 8.—An official statement says: "In the Carpathian forest lands and in the southern part of the crown land of Bukovina, regard for the safety of our advance troops obliged us to fall back on the principal mountain passes before an enemy numerically superior to ourselves.

"On the Hungarian-Galician front everything was quiet. In the higher districts there is some frost and snow. On the Danube River and in Russian Poland, there have here and there been some artillery exchanges."

Big Order for Cocoa

Pittsburg, Jan. 8.—The French government has placed an order with a local firm for thirty tons of cocoa for the use of its soldiers.

To Attack Egypt

Copenhagen, Jan. 8.—A despatch from Cologne says that the Turks have concentrated their principal army, consisting of 120,000 regulars and 70,000 Belgians at Jerusalem for the attack on Egypt.

COMRADES IN ARMS FRATERNIZING



Canadian soldiers of the first contingent having a friendly chat with British soldiers during a jaunt to London.

Roumania About Ready To Join Allies In Fight

London, Jan. 8.—The Morning Post's special correspondent in Paris declares that Roumania has decided to throw in her lot with the allies. He telegraphs a statement by Mr. Diamandy to the effect that the Roumanian people have made up their minds and that active participation by the Roumanian army against Germany and Austria-Hungary is assured.

ITALIANS IN SWITZERLAND GET READY FOR SERVICE

Geneva, via Paris, Jan. 8.—All Italians in Geneva liable to military service, numbering several thousand, have received notification from the consulate to present themselves for medical examination.

It is said that similar measures will soon be taken in other towns of Switzerland. Of the 300,000 Italian residents of Switzerland it is estimated that 40,000 are liable for military service.

GERMANS GET ACROSS BZURA

Now Only 26 Miles From Warsaw, Says Report to London

London, Jan. 8.—News received here today is that Germans have crossed the Bzura River in Poland, and are only twenty-six miles from Warsaw. Military observers think Warsaw will soon be invested.

THOUGHT OFFICER WAS UNDER LIQUOR INFLUENCE

Evidence of Helmsman at Enquiry Into Stranding of the Navarra

Yarmouth, N. S., Jan. 8.—At the enquiry into the loss of the Navarra today, three members of the crew were examined. Their evidence in the main corroborated that of yesterday's. In addition to giving the courses steered, the helmsman said that he could not help but notice that the first officer was under the influence of liquor.

He could not say as to the captain, who was on the bridge. He was not close to him. The pilot who brought the vessel out of St. John was recalled, and is now on the stand.

SENT BACK FROM SALISBURY PLAIN

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 8.—Thirty men of German origin who enlisted in the Canadian overseas expeditionary force at Valcartier and went to Salisbury Plain with the contingent have been sent back to Canada by the imperial authorities and are interned in Canada.

WITH THE SOLDIERS

Again the weather man is favoring the work of drill with the local military units. The members of the 26th Battalion are on a route march this afternoon on the Marsh road and about three or four miles out will have tactical manoeuvring. The members of the Army Service Corps are also taking advantage of the fine weather to have route marches and active out-door drill.

ROTHESAY HOME GUARDS

A well attended meeting of the Rothersay Home Guards was held last night. The members are taking a keen interest in the drill, which is progressing most satisfactorily, and each drill night sees a good attendance.

BARK ARRIVES

The bark Nadura arrived in port this afternoon from Tenerife. She is consigned to George McKean.

AWAITING CALL TO FRONT

London, Ont., Jan. 8.—Dr. Frederick O'Brien, formerly of Brussels, later of Toronto, was found dead under his auto by the little son, according to a message received by relatives from the west.

VOLCANO ACTIVE AGAIN

San Frisco, Jan. 8.—The steamer Honolulu, yesterday reported word that the crater of Mokuawewe on the island of Hawaii, was again in eruption, and that the reflection could be seen for more than ninety miles at sea.

Mokuawewe is a crater of the volcano Mauna Kea. According to Hawaiian tradition it spouts fire but once every seven years.

AT THE HOSPITAL

The condition of Mrs. White, who shot herself with a revolver through the left lung on Monday, is still unchanged, according to the latest report from the hospital.

The two Chinese, one who was shot in the Sand Point riot, Monday afternoon, and another who was injured yesterday on board the steamer Kaduna, are both resting comfortably today.

VETERANS SOCIETY

In the rooms of this society last evening, met together a large number of members for the annual election of officers. Those elected were:—President, Andrew Emery; vice-president, Mr. Alexander; secretary, Mr. Eagles; treasurer, Mr. Gorham. After the business, the evening was spent in an enjoyable smoker, refreshments being served by the members. The meeting closed with the singing of God Save the King.



Captain H. C. Fox, of Toronto, an officer in the Canadian force now engaged at Salisbury.

TERROR IN CONSTANTINOPLE

Internal Disorders as Well as Attacks From Without Feared—Government Getting Ready to Leave

Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan. 8.—(Via London)—Despatches from Constantinople describe the situation in the Turkish capital as increasingly alarming. The local authorities appear to apprehend not only attacks from the outside but internal disorders as well.

The archives of the state have been packed up ready for removal from the city, and many of them already have been sent away. Preparations have been completed also for the removal of the treasury, and locomotives are kept under steam at Stamboul to meet the possible necessity of conveying the officials of the government to a place of safety at short notice.

Preparations have been made at Adrianople for the quartering of the state officials, should eventualities cause the Porte to decide to quit the present capital.

SOLDIERS ATTACK A CITIZEN; WRECK PLACE AND ASSAULT POLICE

Four of 26th in Serious Situation Over Occurrence of Last Night

Joseph May, John Savage, Michael Moran, and Patrick Anderson, four members of the 26th Battalion, who were arrested last night on charge of assaulting John McVane, proprietor of a beer shop at the corner of Garmarthen and St. Andrews street, and doing bodily injury to him and his son, George, also being guilty of destroying property of the man, and later assaulting Police Sergeant Joseph Scott in the discharge of his duty, were remanded in the police court this morning. The magistrate said that he would confer with Colonel McAvilly regarding the matter, and he expected that they would be given their just deserts.

Mr. McVane appeared in court and his battered features gave testimony of the assault. He was not asked to give evidence, as the magistrate remarked that he was in no condition to do so.

To the Times he gave the following account of the fracas: "The four soldiers entered my shop and ordered beer. After they had drunk it they walked into the room adjoining where my son was sitting. They then took out a bottle of liquor and my son told them that they could not drink it on our premises, as we would be held responsible. An argument ensued and after a heated discussion things quieted down. The soldiers then came out into the shop. I noticed one of them with some of my glasses in his pocket and ordered him to put them back on the counter. My son appeared with an empty revolver and ordered them off the premises. They apparently realized that it was not loaded, for they chased him up the stairs of the house and my son wrenched a rung off the banister. What followed I do not recall. All I know is that they were kicked me and dragged me out on the sidewalk. Today I can hardly breathe; my body is so badly bruised and sore. It takes four Canadian soldiers to beat up an old man like me, I wonder how many it will take to beat up a big German!"

The rung of the banister was produced by Sergeant Scott in court. The end of it was besmeared with blood.

Sergeant Scott, who was on his way home last night heard shouts and cursing coming from the place and hurried there to ascertain the cause of the trouble. He attempted to place Anderson under arrest, and says he was set upon by the other three. A message had been sent to the army and to central station by nearby residents and Police-men Rankine and Powers, and an officer from the army were soon on the scene and the soldiers were placed under arrest. They are still in jail.

John Doyle was again in court this morning, having been arrested in Charlotte street last night for drunkenness and shouting. He was ordered out of court and told to return to Halifax where he belongs.

John Egan, a soldier, given in charge for being drunk and disorderly in the army, was remanded. Later he was escorted to the army under guard.

RECEPTION FOR SOLDIERS

In the school-room of St. David's church last night, about 100 soldiers were assembled at a social reception in their honor. An entertaining programme included musical and literary numbers, in which the soldiers contributed, besides the numbers given by the church members. F. J. Punter gave an interesting illustrated talk on his experience in the royal navy. A committee of young women from the church served refreshments. A. O. Crisshank presided. It is the intention of those in charge of the soldiers' recreation movement to have these socials every Thursday evening, and there will also be a social hour on Sunday evening following the church service.

DEATH IN MILFORD

The death of Mrs. Mary Driscoll, wife of Jeremiah Driscoll, took place this morning at her home in Milford after a short illness. She was one of the best known and most highly respected residents of that place, and her death will be heard of with feelings of regret. For the last fifty years she conducted a grocery business at the one stand, and her loving disposition won for her a large patronage. She is survived by her husband and five daughters—Mrs. M. Logue, of Boston; Mrs. Mary Delaney, of Kingsville; Mrs. P. Joyce, of this city; Miss Ada, of Boston, and Miss Margaret at home.

RELIGION IN SCHOOLS

The committee appointed to deal with the matter of the introduction of religion in the schools has been engaged in the preparation of a curriculum to be submitted to the representatives of the denominations for approval. The schedule will require a little longer time in preparation. If approved, it will be taken up with the government.

HOME FOR INCURABLES

At a meeting of the board of the Home for Incurables yesterday one patient was admitted. It was reported that many were on the waiting list for admission. Acknowledgement of \$100 from Gerlton Mayes was made.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Richard Cotter took place this morning from the Mater Misericordiae Home, Sydney street, to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, where requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. William Duke. Interment took place in the old Catholic cemetery.

From his late residence, 229 Duke street, the funeral of A. B. S. Thomson took place this afternoon. Burial services were conducted by Rev. Ralph Sherman, and interment took place in Fernhill.

The funeral of C. F. Godfrey took place this afternoon from his late residence, Dunn Avenue, Lancaster Heights. Rev. Dr. J. A. Morton officiated at burial services. Interment was in Cedar Hill.

SOLDIER'S WEDDING

A military wedding of considerable interest was solemnized in All Saints' church, Clifton, at three o'clock yesterday afternoon when Miss Hazel Wetmore, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Wetmore, was married to Sergeant Eddis E. Flewelling of the 28th Dragoons. The church was tastefully decorated and the marriage was solemnized beneath a canopy of flags. Rev. C. Gordon Lawrence performed the ceremony in the presence of only immediate relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Flewelling have the best wishes of many friends. They will reside in St. John until the contingent leaves for the front. Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Teed of St. John were among the guests at the wedding.

NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERIES

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 7.—Owing to the severe frost in the northern part of the island threatening the speedy closure of all seaboard inlets, American and Canadian fishing vessels at Bay of Islands for the herring fishery are leaving there, some though only partly loaded, because winter and the American vessel were last year several American vessels were sent from Washington to cut them out met the same fate.

AS TO RIGHTS OF NEUTRALS

Washington, Jan. 7.—Secretary Bryan and the eight diplomats who constitute the special commission of the Pan-American Union for the consideration of proposals that would assert more clearly the rights of neutrals in time of war, listened to an extended argument yesterday by Doctor Dominici, Venezuelan minister, urging that a congress of neutrals be held in Washington.

Although no action was taken on the suggestion, beyond referring it to a subcommittee for further study, it was learned that the plan was favorably received.

PRESENTATION TO SOLDIER

About sixty friends of Private Howard Logan of the 26th Battalion, assembled last night at the home of Sergeant James Sullivan, 148 Broad street, in his honor. During the evening, in behalf of those present, Serg. Sullivan presented to Mr. Logan a military watch as a token of esteem. Games and music caused the time to pass pleasantly, with refreshments served about midnight. Among those present were several members of the 26th and Army Service overseas units.