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## Brilliant Canadian Exploit

### Put an Entire Battalion Out of Action and Took Many Prisoners

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Dec. 25 (From Staff correspondents of Associated Press).—North of Arras certain Canadian troops have just accomplished what British officers declare marks a new phase in modern trench warfare in a raid, which, however, was much more than a raid. They succeeded in putting out of action, temporarily at least, an entire battalion of German infantry. They took 59 prisoners, including one commissioned officer. It is estimated that they killed 150 Germans in dugouts, which were blown to atoms, after their occupants refused to surrender. The Canadian losses are extremely light. The raid took place at three o'clock in the afternoon on a front of 400 yards. The German prisoners admit that they were taken completely by surprise. The officer captured said he was convinced something was about to happen, but believed the attack was coming on Christmas Eve. He reported this to a higher command, but received no support.

## ROUMANIA NOT DOWN-HEARTED

LONDON, Dec. 25.—A Reuter's despatch from Jassy, dated Dec. 22, says the Roumanian Parliament was opened there that day by King Ferdinand. The despatch says the King in his speech from the throne said the war had shown that Austria-Hungary in its present condition could no longer exist as a factor in the equilibrium of Europe. The King said the Roumanian Army had struggled against the forces of four combined enemies in a manner justifying Roumania looking to the future with absolute confidence. According to the despatch the King was received enthusiastically by the Senators and Deputies.

### POLICE COURT NEWS

Mr. Hutchings, J.P., K.C., presided to-day. Twelve drunks who were released the past two days were on the record book. Two disorderlies were each fined \$5 or 14 days and a third \$5 or 3 days. A young chap charged with criminal assault on a little girl aged 13 was remanded for further investigation.

## MORE YOUTHFUL THIEVES

At 5 a.m. to-day Detective Whalen arrested three boys from their homes on a charge of having entered the store of a Syrian on Barter's Hill by breaking in the glass of the windows and stealing therefrom cigarettes, &c., to the value of over \$30. It was believed for a while that they had also got away with \$120 in cash but this was proven to have been a mistake. They came before Mr. Hutchings, K.C., in court to-day. One was sent down for 30 days, another was \$5 or 14 days and another whose first appearance it was was released under suspended sentence.

### THEY JAILED 16 DRUNKS

Saturday evening and night the police brought to the Station 11 prisoners mostly drunks and all were liberated Sunday by order of the Inspector General after making the usual deposits in such cases. Sunday evening and night no less than five erring ones were brought in and most of these were also liberated yesterday. One or two of the most hardened offenders, to whom the lock-up is no stranger, were held in the cells until to-day.

## QUIET FOR CHRISTMAS

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The third Christmas of the European war passed without much fighting on the British and French fronts, where virtually only the artillery was active. The men were feasted and entertained as far as was compatible with the sterner business of war.

Roumania's first Christmas as a participant in the war witnessed heavy fighting on the Roumanian front. Ground was yielded by the Roumanians at some points under pressure by the Germans north of the Buzeu-Runk Road. A height was lost by the Russians in the north-west corner of Dobruja province, in the sector which the Russo-Roumanian retreat had taken them. The army of Field Marshal von Mackensen began an attack on the bridgehead at Watchin, after Isakische, on the eastern bank of the Danube was captured.

In addition to announcing the evacuation of Isakische, the Russians admit the occupation of Tulcha. The Russians claim to have inflicted heavy losses on the Austro-Germans when the latter attempted to recapture a height occupied by the Russians on Sunday in the wooded Carpathians. In Macedonia, except for an artillery struggle, there was no momentary activity, and the same is true generally of the Austro-Italian theatre except for the Julian front, where such operations have been prevented by mist.

## Comforts for Ours

(To the Editor)  
Sir,—I beg to enclose herewith a copy of a letter dated 23rd November, received by His Excellency the Governor from Mr. Arthur Steel Maitland, Chairman of the Newfoundland War Contingent Association, with enclosure from Lieutenant Colonel Hadow, respecting comforts for the men of the First Newfoundland Regiment. Will you kindly publish this correspondence for the information of all interested.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. R. BENNETT,  
Colonial Secretary.

December 26, 1916. 131116.

Dear Mr. Reeve,  
I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 26th which only reached me a day or two ago.

I think your suggestion an excellent one that as the men prefer "home made" clothing they should draw this in preference to War Office supplies. I should be glad, therefore, if you send us 800 pairs of socks. These will come in very useful when we next come out of the trenches. As regards mittens—these are not required just at present, as there has just been a Government issue of them, but they may be required later when the weather is colder.

Shirts are also not required just at present as the men get a change whenever they get a bath, but I should be glad if a consignment of 800 shirts could be got ready so that I could send for them as soon as required.

It is most generous of the Newfoundland people to be so liberal in their gifts, and I should be glad if you would convey to your Committee my sincere thanks on behalf of the Regiment for their generosity and kindness.

Your sincerely,  
(Sd.) A. L. HADOW, Lt. Col.  
Comd. 1st Newfoundland Regt.

Colonial Office,  
Downing Street,  
23rd November, 1916.

Dear Sir Walter,  
Please forgive a very brief note but I thought you would like to see the enclosed copy of a letter from Colonel Hadow with regard to the comforts made in Newfoundland and which are now remitting to the Regiment. In particular, you will like to notice from the last paragraph that it is fully realized that the gifts come from Newfoundland, and that the people there are given full credit for them.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sgd.) ARTHUR STEEL MAITLAND,  
His Excellency  
Sir Walter E. Davidson, K.C.M.G.,  
Governor of Newfoundland.

## OFFICIAL BRITISH

LONDON, Dec. 26.—An official statement from the British headquarters last night reads:—"Successful raids were made during the night of Sunday against enemy's trenches, trenches west of Angres and east of Armentiers, where we took prisoners. The enemy this morning (Monday) exploded a mine at Camouflet, south of Stouel, but the damage was slight. There has been considerable artillery activity at intervals during the day along the front, north of the Somme, where the enemy defences at their headquarters were systematically shelled by us, much damage being done. Elsewhere, the usual artillery activity continued, being most marked in the neighbourhood of Ypres and also south of Armentiers where we bombarded buildings occupied by the enemy in the rear of his lines."

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## SPANISH SHIP SUNK BY GERMAN

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Spanish steamship Marques Deurque, 1063 tons, has been sunk by a German sub, says an announcement made tonight by Lloyds Shipping Agency. The crew of the vessel have been landed.

### AT ST. PATRICK'S.

At midnight Sunday (Christmas Eve) St. Patrick's Church was thronged with devout worshippers, when a Missa Cantata was sung by the Parish Priest, Rev. H. Renouf. The high altar was beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens for the occasion and with the myriad tapers burning and brilliant electric lights presented and bright and beautiful appearance. The choir, under the baton of Prof. P. J. McCarthy was in splendid form and rendered a splendid programme of sacred music. The "Adeste Fidelis" (Novello's setting) as an offertory was given splendid rendition in the solo parts by Mrs. Thos. Jackman, and the "Benedictus" was beautifully sung by Miss May Jackman. The beautifully realistic crib is a splendid feature at St. Patrick's this Christmas Season.

### BAIL OF \$16,000.

We hear that the man Gosse and his wife who were arrested last week on a charge of manslaughter in neglecting their child and causing its death were admitted to bail Saturday, the bonds being fixed at \$8,000 each or an aggregate of \$16,000. The case will come up for trial in due course in the Supreme Court.

## To Employers

Two Retired Volunteers unfit for active service, wish to obtain employment. Both have families and want work immediately. All information can be obtained at the office of "The Mail and Advocate.—3i

### RAMEA NOTES

Messrs. Penny have bought another vessel for the foreign trade, "A. G. Ersnor," commanded by Capt. Sibley. The vessel is now loading at Cadiz for Messrs. Penny for Ramea, after being discharged it's the intention of Messrs. Penny to load for Oporto. Their new vessel, "E. M. Cavell," left Cadiz with a cargo of salt for Ramea for her owners.

The fishery is about over for the season and has been a fairly successful one. Quite a few herring have been secured in nets lately, which is rather unusual at this season.

Ten of our finest young men have enlisted and some of them are now in the trenches and others in the training camp. May they all return after victory without a scar.

## RUSSIAN PRESS ON PEACE

PETROGRAD, Dec. 25.—President Wilson's note has called forth from the Russian press, and from the nation, as represented in official and political circles in Petrograd a torrent of criticism, partly tolerant, partly sharply adverse, but for the most part maintaining a tone of polite and amiable rejection. The Associated Press has been informed that the Russian government received the note in the spirit of friendliness in which it was offered, but while appreciating the humanitarian motives which prompted it will find it impossible at present to suggest any terms which could guarantee durable peace. All newspapers comment on what is termed the inopportune moment chosen for peace mediation and express regret that the favourable impression caused by the American government's refusal to make recommendations in connection with Germany's proposals should now be faced by proposals of its own. The Retz says President Wilson would better have been guided by the negative attitude which he observed in transmitting the offer.

## Good Work of the S. Army

The annual distribution to the poor of the city took place at the Salvation Army headquarters, Springdale Street and despite the inclement weather prevailing there was a large gathering of the Salvation Army officers and rank and file with many of the poorest of the poor who were the beneficiaries of the Army's great charity. Many prominent citizens were in the gathering and His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson graced the function with their presence. His Excellency gave kindly greeting to the poor people whose Christmas was to be made the brighter because of the activities of the Army and extended in a hearty and whole-souled manner to all, the Season's Greetings. His Excellency and Lady were received by Col. and Mrs. Otway and there was ample evidence in the building to show that the efforts of the Army had not been a failure, for on all sides could be seen the parcels which were to render all happy during the joyous season. The parcels were neatly tied up, everything was done with system and decorum and each representative of a poor family, father or mother, went away blessing the Army people for their generous public who helped by their contributions in cash or kind to the success of the distribution. The Army people saw to it that only the really deserving cases received their help and no distinction on religious lines was made, Catholic as well as Protestant being the recipients of enough and to spare to enable them to spend the Christmas happily and comfortably. Parcels were distributed to 300 families, representing 1500 persons and each contained, joint of fresh beef, potatoes, turnips, bread, raisins, sugar, biscuits, tea, apples, oranges, nuts, candies &c. Several aged people were the guests of the Army and those who were too old and infirm to bring their parcels home fond, generous and willing friends in the Army to see that what they had received was safely placed in their humble abodes. To Colonel Otway, his fond wife, the officers and soldiers of the Army great credit is due for the prosecution of this kind service to God's poor afflicted ones. This charity is now an institution in St. John's and our people of all denominations welcome its advent, for to many of us this is the only channel through which the needy can be helped and a ray of sunlight brought into homes, sombre because of the poverty reigning therein and sad because of the hopeless outlook which life presents to their occupants.

### INTERESTING PHOTOS.

We have been shown a group of very interesting pictures of the first zeppelin brought to the ground in England. The pictures show the airship in the air, after the first shot had taken effect, after the first shot had taken effect, and her gradual descent on fire. They were brought over by Mr. McLeod of the Royal Stores Ltd., who has just returned from England, and they will be on exhibition in the window of that firm shortly.

## Christmas Day Enjoyed

### Soldiers Have Elaborate Menus not Restricted to Three Courses

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Dec. 26.—Christmas day was a day of good cheer through the British soldier as he ate his Christmas dinner yesterday, whether in the front of a camp fire, in the trenches or in the secluded security of reserve camps. Eusthuastic toasts were offered to the King and Empire and to the coming New Year, which Britons confidently believe will bring victory to the Allied cause. Soldiers from Overseas, Canadians, Newfoundlanders, Australians, New Zealanders and South Africans drank somewhat wistfully to the folks at home, but soon shook away any tinge of homesickness. The sturdy work of war against war, grim and determined, went forward to-day as relentlessly as yesterday and as it will to-morrow. It was a bounteous Christmas along the British front, and soldiers in the field were joyously immune from the three-course dinners prescribed for the British Isles. Each individual company of the vast organized army had a jubilant Christmas spread. There was much rivalry in the elaborateness of the camp menus.

### THE PROSPERO'S STORMY TRIP

The S.S. Prospero arrived here from the Northward at 9.30 a.m. yesterday. The ship was held up at Trinity all Sunday night owing to the prevalence of a snow storm and on the run north to Griguet the weather was very stormy with gales of S.E. wind, mountainous sea, fog and rain, alternating with sleet and snow. The ship owing to the storm and darkness had to remain in ports called at on several nights, it being impossible to run under such weather conditions. The ship brought up a full freight, mostly of herring taken at Twillingate, Pelley's Island and other places.

### STOLE LARGE SUM.

We learn that last week in an up-town grocery store employing several females, the discovery was made by the owner that a large sum of money was missing. Investigation led to the discovery that one of the girls had been appropriating considerable sums from her own use and that her defalcations ran into hundreds. She was an assistant of several years standing and out of regard for her parents and connections the proprietor of the store was content with dismissing her and would not prosecute her.

### HOSPITAL CASES

A bad case from Arnold's Cove came by train on Friday. A man named James Whiffin while out shooting birds, by accident had his face severely burnt. He is only 18 years old and was taken at once to the hospital. Mr. Eli Whiteway also had messages this morning advising him of two cases coming by train this morning, one from Bay Bulls and the other from Hr. Grace, the nature of which he is ignorant, except that he was asked to have the ambulance ready.

### POLICEMEN GET BONUS.

As the result of some members of the Police Force interviewing the Minister of Justice and pointing out to him the financial stress under which they at present live owing to the high cost of necessities of life the police were granted a bonus Saturday. The sums granted were given according to the grade of the recipient and period of service and went from \$5, the minimum, upwards. The men, of course, were pleased with this but it would please them far more if their salaries were readjusted to meet present day requirement.

### Hospital Report

London, Dec. 24, '16. The crew of the Fogota report that quite a number of harp seals and bedlamers made their appearance last week at Battle Harbor and places further North on the Labrador Coast. The fishermen there put out their nets early, as little or no ice has formed owing to the mildness of the weather and goodly numbers were secured. The Fogota brought up a ton: 1985, Fennell; 1977, Attwood; 1734, Wells (amputation); 2347, Norris; 1671, Shears; 2389, Pearce; 1818, Campbell; 1100, Martin; 2177, Doyle; 2646, King; 1790, George; 529, Moore (amputation); 2251, Hutchings; 2653, Turner; 1828, Lillie; 2700, Duffett; 2466, Mutford; 1954, Caines; 2465, Wheeler; 1086, Short; 259, Lahey; 1441, Gosse. Slight improvement—842, Dalton. REEVE.

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### BOWRING'S SHIPS.

The Portia sails west to-morrow and the Prospero goes north Friday. Both ships will take full freights from port.

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