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Birthday Effort Resulted Only In Loss Of Belgian Territory To The Allies

German Attacks All Along The Line Seem to Have Failed

Fighting Even More Intense Today With Great Sacrifice of Enemy's Troops That Any Possible Advance Can Not Justify

New York, Jan. 22.—A London Daily Express despatch to the New York Herald, dated "On the Belgian frontier, Wednesday," says:—"The German army in Flanders thus far has celebrated the Kaiser's birthday by presenting to the allies another strip of Belgian territory. The day, as the Emperor desired, was fraught with great significance, but not in the way he expected. So far as it is possible to ascertain, on the northern frontier, this afternoon, a series of strong preliminary attacks by the heavily reinforced army of the Germans against several points on the allies' lines everywhere failed. "The fighting, which continues today in even greater intensity, judging by the continuous cannonade heard in Belgian villages, shows the Germans still are determined to gain, by a desperate effort, at least one notable position occupied by the British, but if they continue to sacrifice troops in the same lavish manner as during the last two days, in the region of Ypres and Labasse, their losses will be very heavy and not commensurate with any possible advance. "Although strong artillery attacks during the last days of last week gave them possession of two ridges west of the Rooders-Menda road, which previously had been occupied by the allies' outposts, for six weeks, there was a corresponding loss of ground nearer the coast, due to exactly the same cause. They were driven from trenches near the Yser, a mile from Schaarbakke, on Monday night by dashing infantry charges by the Belgians, which came as a climax to a long and accurate bombardment by the allies' heavy guns posted behind the Nieuport railway line. Their retreat was hampered by the mud and by pools of water remaining from the floods. Numbers of them were made prisoners, being unable to move quickly in their heavy coats.

GERMANS BREAK THROUGH RUSSIAN LINES TO TRENCHES BUT DRIVEN BACK WITH BAYONET

Petrograd, Jan. 22.—In a stubborn fight in the vicinity of Snochaczew on the Buzza River, the Germans on Tuesday broke through into the Russian trenches, from which they were repulsed only after bayonet charges. At Atlanta, two miles north of Snochaczew, in a battle lasting thirty minutes, the Germans lost 500 killed.

The battles in Galicia appear to be developing on a broader scale along the Carpathians, for a distance of 100 miles. Both sides appear to attach great importance to the outcome. The Hungarians, it is said, have been concentrating in the Carpathian passes since December, awaiting the arrival of Bavarian reinforcements.

Petrograd, Jan. 22.—The general staff of the Russian army reports:—"Attacks made by the enemy in the vicinity of the villages of Rabskeubly and Kamion resulted in failure. "In the course of January 20, our artillery bombarded, with success, the German batteries located at the village of Atlanta, which is near Snochaczew. "In Galicia, the engagements are developing on a large scale. The front extends from Mount Dukla to Mount Wysskow. On the right wing of the front, we have captured 100 prisoners and two machine guns. "In the vicinity of Kimpolung, on January 25, in the vicinity of Walputna to the southwest of Kimpolung, there was an artillery engagement, some detachments of the enemy, who had been successful in gaining our trenches were despatched at the point of the bayonet.

"On the right bank of the lower Vistula there took place again a series of engagement and encounters with advanced parties of the enemy. In front of the river, in the neighborhood of Sieniec, we were successful in forcing back several German battalions. "The night of January 26 and the day following saw no important change on the left bank of the Vistula. The Germans, however, delivered reiterated attacks against our front in the vicinity of Holmow but in every case these were driven back. During one of these engagements, some detachments of the enemy, who had been successful in gaining our trenches were despatched at the point of the bayonet.

"In the vicinity of Olti, fifty-five miles west of Kars, the Turks, following their custom of recent days of taking the offensive, sent forward an enveloping column. This column was, however, NOT FOR A BIG LOAN BY ALLIES

London, Jan. 22.—The Morning Post denies that the forthcoming financial conference of the allies to be held in Paris is for the purpose of discussing arrangements for a big joint loan. "We are strongly persuaded," it says, "that the impending conference is far more likely to be concerned with such questions as the best means for effecting international payments than with the mere question of raising loans."

Belgian Editors Imprisoned. Amsterdam, Jan. 22.—Several Belgian newspaper editors have been sentenced to one and two months imprisonment by the German military court in Antwerp. The charges are not stated.

Is Getting Better. Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 22.—A cable from Major General Victor Williams states that he is recovering. There is no foundation for the reported discovery of plans to invade British Columbia from the United States.

UP RIVER TRIP POSSIBLE. Several countrymen were in the city today from points along the St. John and Kennebecasis. A resident of Gagetown said that the river was practically open from Indiantown to Eganville; that there were a few miles of thin ice in the Reach, but it was not thick enough to prevent a staunch steamer from breaking through. Above Gagetown the ice was very thin and safe to cross only on foot.

ALDERMAN HIGGINS, NOW. Many friends in St. John will be pleased to learn that a former resident, William F. Higgins, who for many years conducted a tailoring business in Brussels street, was yesterday elected a member of the town council of St. Stephen, N. B. He won by a handsome majority. Mr. Higgins since going to the border a few years ago, has been active in the interests of St. Stephen, has been a "live wire" in the board of trade, and a hearty "booster" for the advancement of the town of his adoption. The news of his election will give pleasure to numerous friends here.

A LONG TIME. In connection with the presentation of a long service medal to John Middleton of the I. C. R. yesterday, it was said that he had been for more than thirty years in the service. The exact period of his connection with the road is thirty-six years and a half, so that the medal given him, was well merited as a recognition of his attendance to duties.

Maritime—Easterly to northerly gales with snow tonight and Friday; much colder tonight; Friday, much colder; Saturday, fair and much colder with cold westerly moderate north winds.

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

Synopsis—The Atlantic coast disturbance is likely to develop into an important storm. The intensely cold weather which has prevailed in the western provinces for several days, is now spreading over Ontario. Storm signals are displayed in the maritime provinces.

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RUSSIAN FINANCES

First Budget With Revenue From Drink Eliminated

No Difficulty in Making it up is Foreseen—Greater Efficiency of Laborers Owing to Enforced Sobriety

Petrograd, Jan. 22.—An official report made by the ways and means committee of the Duma indicates that, despite the war, the government estimates of its ordinary income from direct taxes during the coming year will exceed that of last year by 66,467,000 rubles, (\$23,228,500). The direct taxes will be approximately 342,465,000 rubles, (\$121,282,500).

This is the first budget in which the income from alcoholic drinks will be eliminated. From nearly a billion rubles, (600,000,000) from this source the government revenue will drop to a few million rubles, which will accrue from the sale of industrial goods.

The government anticipates no difficulty in raising by indirect taxes a sufficient amount to cover the deficiency due to lack of revenue from the sales of liquor. Notwithstanding the great percentage of laborers in the ranks of the army it is pointed out that the efficiency of those remaining owing to enforced sobriety, has been increased from fifty to one hundred per cent.

The meeting in Paris with David Lloyd George, Alexandre Rebot, the French minister of finance, and Pierre L. Bark, the Russian minister of finance, present, will be elaborated a plan to create the respective countries' currency smoothly, and maintain the parity of the countries at nearly par.

THEIR DEBT TO BRITAIN

C. W. Eliot of Harvard Declares It at Pilgrims' Luncheon

Civil and Religious Liberty and Example of Efficiency Under Free Rather than Autocratic Rule

New York, Jan. 22.—"All of the early practice of liberty and the teachings of John Milton about civil and religious liberty," the speaker, finally, that national efficiency can be developed to a higher degree under free than autocratic institutions. Such, in the words of Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard, speaking at the annual luncheon of the Pilgrims in the Whitehall building yesterday, is the debt the United States people owe to England, the reason for American sympathy with her in her present struggle.

"I have received many letters," he said, "expressing displeasure at my stand in favor of the allies. They ask me if I am an Englishman and where I was born, and what the British pay me, and what, also, we owe to England. So I have thought about our debt to England."

This debt, he said, lay in her practice of civil and religious liberty; in her example that a nation could be more efficient under free than under autocratic rule.

A memorial was read by Doctor Manning of Trinity Church, expressing the sorrow of the society at the death of Earl Roberts, and honoring the prominent Roberts and the members of the family the deep sympathy which they felt with them in their great loss."

Chauncey M. Depew said that a concerted effort was being made by hypocritical Americans to drag this country into war, and that the chief lesson to be taught by the Pilgrims was the duty of neutrality.

THE KAISER TO THE WAR CORRESPONDENTS

Berlin via London, Jan. 22.—Emperor William, speaking to war correspondents at the general headquarters in the field said:

"Good morning. I pay you my compliments. You wrote famously and I thank you for it. You accomplish excellent things and I read your articles very gladly. Your reports have a high patriotic tone and is of great value to our men in the trenches, when we can send them such matter."

"And now one thing more, and note this to the Kaiser also—is the word of old John Knox, the reformer in Scotland that 'one man with good is always in the majority.'"

The Emperor's birthday was observed at headquarters yesterday with a simple divine service held in the field. The audience included Prince Oscar, the fifth son of the Kaiser, Prince Leopold of Prussia, Prince Waldemar, eldest son of Prince Henry of Prussia; General Falkenhayn, the chief of staff; Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg; Admiral Von Tripitz, the commander-in-chief of the naval forces, and other officers.

London, Jan. 22.—Telegraphing from Copenhagen, the correspondent of the Star transmits an address delivered by Emperor William to a regiment of his Rhineland soldiers. These men came principally from Cologne, and according to the version of the Kaiser said:

"I expect you Cologne boys to march into your fatherland with courage, your heads high, so that your girls can be proud of you. "When the infantry is attacking with the bayonet and driving the enemy in front of them, it is a fine deed, but to endure artillery for months requires a special kind of courage. You have proved your bravery in this respect, and I am happy that the Cologne boys have justified the high military reputation of the Rhine corps enjoyed in the olden times."

MUST TAKE THEM AT ALL COSTS

Kaiser's Order to His Troops— Emperor's Son in Command— Hurling 5,000 Shells a Day

Paris, Jan. 22.—By order of the Kaiser, Thann has to be taken at all costs, and Wilhelm II, his second son, has set his heart on getting back the little provincial town just as he did on getting back Paris and Calais.

Although not dented, as it would be if the Germans held Steinbach or Point 425, Thann is within reach of German guns, posted in front of Cerney, and it is said that on some days recently the Kaiser's artillery men fired as many as 5,000 shells a day at the disputed town.

ALMOST TO FULL STRENGTH

The Ammunition Column at Fredericton— Former Captain Resident Chauffeur to French Staff Officer

Fredericton, Jan. 22.—The section of the Divisional Ammunition Column stationed here has been recruited almost up to full strength of 180. The latest to join is J. C. Spicer, B. A., of Parrboro, a graduate of the U. N. B. and an I. L. B. of Harvard. His cousin, W. S. Spicer of St. John, has also joined as artificer. Government buyers were able to secure only six horses in Woodstock and will forward them to this city for the artillery. There is no lack of suitable horses but the price offered is not sufficiently attractive.

The officers of the garrison here were hosts at a dance at the Palais last evening. Lord and Lady Ashburnham were the chaperons. Miss Jean D. Gillis of Hartland has been appointed head of the domestic science department of the Fredericton high school.

A stiffening of lumber prices is reported. William J. Robinson of Boston, formerly of this city, who went to England in October and joined Kitchener's army is now in France, as chauffeur to a French staff officer. He is a son of Mrs. C. A. Robinson and grandson of Capt. J. A. Read of this city.

TEMPERANCE LEGISLATION

London, Ont., Jan. 22.—Temperance forces from this entire district will wait upon the provincial legislature in March and urge that the three-fifths by-law either be abolished or reduced; also that saloons be allowed to be open only from eight o'clock in the morning until eight at night, every day in the week.

TODAY WITH THE SOLDIERS IN ST. JOHN

An active programme of routine drill occupied the soldiers today with the 26th and 27th regiments. The day passed as the second contingent. Among the guests will be Lieut.-Col. McAvity, Lieut.-Col. McKinnon, Major McKinnon, Major McAvity and Captain McMillan. The latter will be accompanied with the regimental band and the 3rd Regiment possesses a large number of other units, the trophies and these are being assembled at the officers' headquarters on the island.

SOILER MARRIED

The lately made regulations regarding the marriage of volunteers for overseas service presented no obstacles to Frederick White, of No. 5 Co., C. A. S. C., West St. John, who was married on Tuesday night in St. Jude's church, by Rev. G. F. Scovill, rector, to Miss Nellie Hewitt, both are of this city. Following the wedding there was a supper at 50 Mecklenburg street. Many valuable remembrances were received, including a dinner set from Lieutenant and Mrs. Alex Fowler, by whom both bride and groom had been formerly employed; and a less service from the 3rd Regiment, low members in the Army Service Corps.

WILL TRY AGAIN

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—Mr. George H. Bradburn, M. P., has given out that he will introduce his bill "to prevent pollution of navigable streams." For the last three years he has made a persistent fight on this session will be almost purely a war against it is a question whether public bills will be given much consideration. The only other bill of which consideration has been given is that of Robert Bickerdick, M. P., "to abolish capital punishment."

EARTHQUAKE THIS TIME HAS SPARED ITALY

Rome, Jan. 22.—Anxiety prevailed in Rome yesterday owing to a strong earthquake recorded by the instruments in the observatories. As the day passed, however, it was learned that Italy had been spared, and it is believed that the disturbance was in the Mediterranean, or in the Ionian or the Aegean islands, or in Algiers.

Very severe weather continues, with snow, which fell even at Tripoli, which is almost unprecedented.

London, Jan. 22.—The observations in the Azores and Italy yesterday recorded a severe earthquake. It is believed that the disturbance was in far eastern Europe, or in the Mediterranean, or in the Aegean islands, or in Algiers.

THE STRATHCOA MEMORIAL WINDOW TO COST ABOUT \$4,000

Montreal, Jan. 22.—A London cable to the Gazette says that the proposed memorial to Lord Strathcona has been advanced a step by the committee's decision to accept one of three designs submitted for a window, at an approximate cost of \$4,000. If the scheme is approved by the Westminster Abbey authorities the window will be placed beside, and harmonize with, two other windows. The inscription will refer to Lord Strathcona as a great Canadian. His arms, with those of McGill University, will have a place in the design.

TEST IN COURT LEGALITY OF BOMB DROPPING ON AN UNDEFENDED TOWN

Petrograd, Jan. 22.—The Novo Vremya states that in order to establish the legal status of bomb dropping, Russia will place on trial the Germans captured in a Zeppelin which recently attacked Libau. They will be charged with dropping bombs on an undefended town.

AUTO OWNERS REPORTED

Chief of Police Simpson has issued orders to his patrolmen that they are to report any automobile owner who runs his car without the 1915. In consequence of the order, Doctors Roberts and Hogan and William E. Estabrooks and J. Fraser Gregory have been reported.

GERMAN DEAD 20,000 IN THREE DAYS OF FIGHTING

Allies Resist Desperate Attacks and Gain All Along Line in Western Theatre—Kaiser's Birthday Gloomy One For Him

Paris, Jan. 22.—The French War Office this afternoon reported:—"Jan. 27 was the anniversary of the birthday of Emperor William of Germany. Our adversaries announced for this day a very particular effort, but it was made by them it did not result to their advantage."

"The day was a good one for us along all the front. Every German attack was repulsed, while every French attack made progress. "In Belgium the positions of the enemy were shelled and several of his trenches were demolished. To the south of the Lys the British artillery shelled the roads over which the German troops were moving, as well as the points where they were assembling. In the sectors of Arras, Albert, Royon and Soissons there was intermittent cannon-ading and rifle firing at various points. The enemy's infantry endeavored to come out of the trenches at attack, but was at once driven back by a severe fire.

"In the region of Caesone the total losses suffered by the Germans on January 25 and 26 undoubtedly reached the equal of one brigade, (a brigade in the German army totals 6,000 men). The German prisoners in our hands all are under the impression that they have been strongly checked. Our losses in dead, wounded and missing for these two days are about 300 men and they can be explained by the severity of the fighting and by a partial landslide at an old quarry in which two companies of French soldiers had taken shelter during the bombardment. As was reported yesterday, these men were shut up in the quarry, and they, doubtless were taken prisoners. During the first part of this attack, our counter-attacks resulted in bringing again into our possession all of the territory in dispute."

"In the sector of Rheims and from Rheims to the Argonne, there was an artillery duel in which our heavy artillery mastered the batteries of the enemy. As was set forth last night, three attacks in the Argonne were completely repulsed. There was the same outcome to three German attacks in the Forest of Dailly. Detachments of the enemy were driven back at Percy and a Bures. "In the Vosges, we have made perceptible progress to the north of Senones. On the slope of Mount Henri our advance amounts to about 400 yards. We made an equal advance to the southwest of Senones, and in the vicinity of Ban-De-Supt, near Launois we gained ground and broke in upon the supplementary defenses of the enemy.

"We made progress also in Alsace. In the region of Ammersweiler and Bernhaupt-Le-Bas the territory occupied by us was retained. Near Cernay the attack of a German battalion was repulsed. "Judging from the number of dead found on the field of battle, on January 25, 26 and 27, to the east of Ypres, at La Basse, at Craonne, in the Argonne, in the Woivre and in the Vosges, the losses of the enemy during these three days would appear to be greater than 20,000 men."

GOVERNOR TO OTTAWA

Hon. Mr. Wood Has Sever Matters to Attend to There

Lieutenant Governor Wood will leave on Monday, accompanied by his secretary, William Grahbank, for Ottawa to attend various functions in connection with the opening of parliament, and to meet his former friends among the members.

While in Ottawa he will probably attend a meeting of the Dominion Executive of the Boy Scouts, of which the Duke of Connaught is the head. One of the matters which may be before the committee is the appointment of a commissioner for New Brunswick to take the place of Major T. Malcolm McAvity, who has resigned since receiving his appointment with the second contingent. The trip to upper Canada will also give his Honor an opportunity to confer with the heads of the Canadian patriotic fund.

SUDDEN DEATH IN WOODSTOCK

Woodstock, N. B., Jan. 22.—Ralph Chapman, a prominent young man, died this afternoon of apoplexy in Gilson's jewelry store before medical aid could be summoned. He was very popular and will be missed in all circles.

POLICE COURT

In the police court this morning four soldiers arrested on drunkenness charges were remanded. Andrew Irvine, charged with the use of profane language was sent in on a remand. Nicholas Costwick, a Russian, was arrested on Wednesday night on a charge of assaulting Mrs. Walter McKinnon of 60 Harrison street. This morning in the police court he said that he did not understand English. As none of the witnesses were present he was remanded. It is said that he entered Mrs. McKinnon's home and seized her by the shoulder. A charge was entered against him and later in the night Policeman Garnett saw him getting off a street car near the corner of Douglas Avenue and took him into custody.

WANT 21 YEAR LEASE.

At the meeting tomorrow afternoon the common council will be asked, on the recommendation of Commissioner Russell, to issue a new lease to the C. P. R. for the north Rodney wharf on which their coal pocket is located. When the old twenty-one year lease, which they had taken over, expired a short time ago, they applied for a renewal and this was granted at \$1,200 instead of \$800 a year. When the lease was issued it was made out on the usual seven year form and the C. P. R. took exception to this on the grounds that they were entitled to a renewal for the same length of time as the old lease, especially as they were paying a third more rental.

THE MONMOUTH IN

The C. P. R. liner Monmouth, Captain Lewis arrived in port this morning and docked at No. 1 berth, Sand Point. She brought out a general cargo. The steamer left Plymouth on Jan. 16 and encountered excellent weather for several days, but towards the latter part of the voyage the weather became unsettled and delayed her. She made the voyage in eleven days and twenty three hours. Nothing eventful occurred on the voyage.

FOSTER CUNARD DEAD.

After a lengthy illness, Foster Cunard passed away today at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Cunard, his parents, 99 St. Patrick street. The funeral will be held from there with service at 2:30 p. m. on Saturday, Mr. Cunard was seventy years of age. He is survived by his parents and one brother, Frank.

RELIEF SHIP AT ROTTERDAM

Grateful Belgians Send Their Thanks to Canadian Donors

Montreal, Jan. 22.—A London cablegram received today by H. Prudhomme, from the national committee for the relief of the Belgians, announces the arrival of the steamer Calcutta from Halifax, at Rotterdam on January 7, and the distribution of foodstuffs in Belgium as follows:—Antwerp, 600 tons flour and wheat; Brussels and Brabant, 1,400 tons; Tournaï, 300 tons; Luxembourg, 280 tons; Limbourg, 600 tons; Liege, 440 tons. Sundry foodstuffs distributed in Brussels and Brabant, 110 tons; Tournaï 28 tons; Luxembourg, six tons; Limbourg, 22 tons; Liege, 40 tons. Balance of cargo in sundry places.

About thirty friends gave an agreeable surprise to Private Daniel E. Oram last night at his home, 117 Main street, when they assembled in his honor and presented to him a handsome silver watch prior to his departure overseas with the 26th. The presentation was made in behalf of those assembled on Wednesday evening, and was followed by a pleasant time with games, music and refreshments.

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MORE PRESENTATIONS TO SOLDIER BOYS

At the home of Private W. Van-Bushkirk, 225 Main street, last evening friends assembled and as a mark of remembrance presented to him a handsome wrist watch prior to his departure overseas with the 26th. The presentation was made in behalf of those assembled on Wednesday evening, and was followed by a pleasant time with games, music and refreshments.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Mrs. Thaddeus White took place this morning from her late residence, Adelaide street, to St. Peter's church, where requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. J. Jackman, C.S.R. Interment took place in the new Catholic cemetery. Relatives acted as pallbearers.

Another Cabinet Crisis.

Lima, Peru, Jan. 22.—Ferdinando Gaspari, minister of foreign affairs in the Peruvian cabinet, has resigned and another cabinet crisis is imminent. It is expected other members will resign at his moment.