

PLUCKY BELGIAN ARMY, IN THICK OF FIGHTING AGAIN, RENDER VALUABLE ASSISTANCE TO ALLIES

RUSSIANS HAVE RE-TAKEN PRZASNYSZ FROM THE ENEMY

Czar's Army Again on Offensive in East and German Retreat Spreading Over Constantly Widening Front — Capture 19 Officers and 1,592 Men in Eastern Galicia — Belgian Artillery Shatters German Works Near Dixmude and Aviators Drop Bombs Into Ostend.

Petrograd, Feb. 28.—The following official communication from headquarters was issued Saturday night:

"During Feb. 28 the Germans appeared to pass to the defensive along almost the whole front. On the left bank of the Niemen, on the roads to Symno and Sorey, there have been actions following the progress of our advance guard.

"North of Grodno the battle has taken on an intense fire by the enemy. At the village of Tcharnevo a German battalion, with support, advanced towards the Bobr Valley. Our artillery, seizing the moment when part of the column had crossed to our bank, almost annihilated it. The survivors, consisting of five officers and a few score men, were made prisoners.

"The guns of the fortress of Osowetz are successfully engaging the enemy's heavy batteries, which include eleven-inch and twelve-inch mortars.

"Our offensive at Przasnysz has been vigorously pursued. We have re-captured the town of Przasnysz, which the Germans had temporarily occupied.

"The German retreat is spreading over a constantly widening front, at some points assuming the character of a disorderly flight.

"The prisoners we have taken, up to the present, number forty officers and 3,600 soldiers; our captures are constantly increasing. Our cavalry continues in pursuit of the retreating Germans.

"There has been no change on the left bank of the Vistula, on the Dunajec river, or in the Carpathians.

"In Eastern Galicia, in the Rosnaw district, we have repulsed desperate Austrian attacks, and captured, in the last few days, 19 officers and 1,592 soldiers, taking also five machine guns."

BELGIANS DOING GOOD WORK.

Paris, Feb. 28, via London.—The following report was issued today on the progress of the war:

"Near Dixmude, Belgian artillery demolished two of the enemy's works; the Belgian infantry captured a farm on the right bank of the Yser, and one of the Belgian aviators dropped bombs on the enemy's harbor station of Ostend.

"The Germans again bombarded Rheims. Some sixty shells were fired, half of them at the cathedral.

"In the Champagne district important progress was made late Saturday. We carried two German works, one north of Perthes; the other north of Beausjour. In addition we gained ground between these two points, and to the northwest of Perthes. We made 200 prisoners.

"The total number of German soldiers who have surrendered during the past ten days amounts to more than 1,000.

"There have been fairly lively artillery engagements on the heights of the Meuse.

"In the Woerthe day was calm. In the Vesges, in the neighborhood of Hartmann's-Weilerkopf, we made some progress."

COL. BEER, FOUNDER OF 74TH REGIMENT, DIES AT HALIFAX

Special to The Standard.

Sussex, N. B., Feb. 28.—Word was received here today of the death of Col. E. B. Beer, which took place at Halifax yesterday. The remains will be brought to Sussex for interment, and the funeral will take place from Trinity church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at which Rev. Canon Scovill Neales will officiate. The deceased, who was 82 years of age, was a life-long resident of Sussex until some seven or eight years ago when he removed to Halifax. Col. Beer was the founder of the 74th regiment of which he was commanding officer for 27 years, and was a well known figure in military circles. He is survived by one son Leonard Beer of Truro, N. S.

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VON POHL NEW COMMANDER OF GERMAN FLEET

Berlin, Feb. 27, via London.—Admiral Von Pohl, chief of the Admiralty staff, has been selected as successor to Admiral Von Ingenohl, whose removal from command of the German battle fleet was made known yesterday. No reasons have been assigned for the change in command, news of which has not been published in Berlin.

SAYS EIGHT OF EVELYN'S CREW WERE LOST

Washington, Feb. 27.—Minister Van Dyke at The Hague, cabled today an unofficial report that eight of the crew of the American steamer Evelyn, sunk by a mine in the North Sea, had been lost. Yesterday he sent an unofficial report that the missing boat load was safe.

GRAND COUNCIL C.M.B.A. ASKS POSTPONEMENT OF RATES INCREASE

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—Notice is given in the Canada Gazette that members of the Grand Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada are applying to parliament during the present session for an act postponing and suspending the coming into force of any increase in the assessments proposed to be levied under the legislation of two years ago, until the grand trustees submit to a regular or special convention of the association, the proposed increased assessments.

SOCIETY BELLE "SNAPS" HER FIANCE ON PALM BEACH. THE MONGOLIAN IS AT HALIFAX



MR. ANGIER B. DUKE, PHOTOGRAPHED BY HIS FIANCEE

"Wait a minute!" was the sharp command of Miss Cordelia Biddle, of Philadelphia, to a photographer, who was about to photograph her fiancé, Mr. Angier B. Duke, on the steps of The Breakers, at Palm Beach, Fla. "I will make the picture with that cute little microscopic camera of yours," said she. Taking the camera as an expert would, she smilingly gave directions to her fiancé as to how he should pose. "Turn your head a little this way—now hold still—smile—look at the camera." Click, and the picture was made. "That's a good picture, I think. I liked the pose; it was just what I want. I want to get the whole lot of those pictures," said Miss Biddle. After the snap was made they took a bicycle ride through "the jungles." Miss Biddle is full of life, wears a broad, undying smile, quick in all her actions, pleasant and sociable. She is wanted everywhere and is very popular with friends, and her wedding, which will take place in the spring, will be a big event among the younger set in society.



MISS CORDELIA BIDDLE

MARVELOUS BALSMIC ESSENCES CURE CATARRH NO DRUGS TO TAKE—A DIRECT BREATHING CURE

Statistics. Nearly seven per cent of Canada's population is infected with the germ of Catarrh.

This disease, is most dangerous owing to its tendency to extend to the Bronchial tubes and lungs, where it causes Consumption. Unfortunately the people have had faith in quacks, ointments and snuffs, which can't possibly cure, and in consequence catarrhal disease has become a national curse. Science is advancing every day, and fortunately a remedy has been discovered that not only cures but prevents Catarrh. This new treatment "Catarrh-Exone" has sufficient power to kill the germs of Bronchitis, Catarrh and Asthma. It contains pure pine essences and healing balsams that go to the re-

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MORE MEN THAN NEEDED IN LESS THAN THREE WEEKS OF RECRUITING

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 28.—In less than three weeks since recruiting commenced for the Sixth Canadian Mounted Rifles and the 40th Infantry Battalion, the two Maritime Province units of the third contingent, have become over strength. Reports received on Saturday night gave a total number of recruits for both units of 1,296. To these must be added 274 men who have volunteered from the active militia now on duty, making a total of 1,570, 40 for the mounted and 1,025 for the infantry.

REMINISCENCES OF THE EARLY LIFE OF FRENCH COMMANDER

A writer in the France de Bordeaux et du Sud-Ouest, who recently returned from Rivesaltes, the birthplace of Gen. Joffre, publishes some interesting reminiscences told him by a younger sister of the general. The family is of Spanish descent, and the name originally was De Gouffre. Of the eleven children born to Joffre's father, an honest cooper, there are only three left. The general's sister and a brother, who is a tax collector. After studying at the school of Perpignan, Joseph, then fifteen and a half years old, went to Paris to prepare himself for the Ecole Polytechnique. He entered the school at the age of seventeen, ranking fourteen at the examination. "And do you know why only fourteen?" asks the sister. "Because the German language gave him so much trouble. He has learned it since." Mathematics was his favorite study.

Joffre had been barely a year at the Ecole Polytechnique when the war of 1870 broke out. As sous-lieutenant of the corps of engineers he won his first spurs during the siege of Paris. After the conclusion of peace, Joffre was entrusted with the designing of plans for fortifications, notably around Paris, and soon achieved distinction. At Versailles and Montpellier, as well as in China, in Africa, and wherever the French had colonies, his designs were adopted; he was rapidly promoted, and at the age of forty-nine Joffre was a general.

But whenever he returns to Rivesaltes, to see his old father, the writer goes on to say, Joseph Joffre shows himself the same good son, the same simple, amiable, reserved dreamer he has always been. There he finds a pleasant pastime in a game of cards with his father, his uncles, and his friends. They talk Catalan, according to old custom. On one occasion he advised his father to dig trenches on his property at Bompas, in order to allow the waters to flow off and prevent the spring floods. "I know something about trenches," he said; "they are my specialty."

In Honor of St. John Lady

Mrs. F. C. Beatty, of St. John, is the guest of Mrs. S. H. McKee, Fredrickton. On Tuesday afternoon Miss Margaret Lynds entertained at The Palms in honor of Mrs. Beatty, and Wednesday afternoon the Council of Ashburnham also entertained at the same place in honor of the same lady.

Pumps kept water in check until the steamer reached port.

Halifax, Feb. 28.—The Allan Liner Mongolian from St. John, Nfld., for Glasgow with over 200 passengers on board, arrived here today, leaking in the forepeak. Some of the plates put on at St. John opened up and the ship sprang a leak. There was no great excitement, and the pumps were able to keep the water in check. The Mongolian came to port under her own steam, but was conveyed by the American revenue cutter Seneca, which stood by her from the time of the first wireless calls for assistance were sent out.

In Tropical Countries Liver Chills Very Common

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OVER HALF MILLION VISIT PANAMA FAIR DURING FIRST WEEK

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—The attendance at the Panama Exposition for its first week was officially announced today as 619,000, a daily average of 88,428. According to the official statement the attendance at the Chicago exposition for the same period was 257,306 and at St. Louis 352,142.

An Old Story.

(Washington Star.) "My neighbors have grown troublesome," said Grandpa Leolith. A man of prehistoric type whom some have called a myth. "I long for peace, which I consider every mortal's right." (This is a free translation. His own words were less polite.) "At last," he said, "I have attained the object of my life. I've made a weapon which must put an end to human strife. I've bound a stone unto a club. Its force none can withstand. And universal peace must reign—with me in full command."

Things looked right well for grandpa, till at length there came a time. Made memorable by the work of old Prognathous Prime. Said he: "The tyrannies which now we suffer are severe. I'll fix those old-time despots with my modern shield and spear. With an equipment such as this, the havoc we can make. Will cause the stoutest fighter to fall back and quail and quake. With threats like this at hand, they'll scarcely dare to disagree. And if they do they'd better let me be the referee."

The bow and arrow man drew near and said he'd make the scene. So terrible that men would seek henceforth to live serene. Gunpowder came, and dynamite, with engines grim and great. Each guaranteed to bring at last a calm, uplifted state. Yet on our seas volcanoes ride with menace to the world. And dire destruction from the distant sky is fiercely hurled. And still we hear the boast that, echoed bravely in the past: "Mankind has learned the lesson and this war shall be the last!"

Ornithological.

The wife of a Methodist minister in West Virginia has been married three times. Her maiden name was Parridge, her first husband was named Robins, her second Sparrow, the present Quale. There are now two young robins, one sparrow and three quales in the family. One grandfather was a Swan and another a Jay, but he's dead now and a bird of Paradise. They live on Hawk avenue, Eagleville, Canary Island, and the fellow who wrote this is a Lyre and a relative of the family. —Valley Enterprise.



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