

ANOTHER BATTLE DEVELOPING IN THE EAST ON NEW LINE FROM PLOCK TO RACIONZ

KAISER TO TAKE CHARGE OF SUBMARINE BLOCKADE

London, Feb. 18.—Telegraphing from Copenhagen, the Daily Mail's correspondent says he learns from Hamburg that the belief prevails there that Emperor William is going to Heligoland personally to direct Germany's submarine blockade.

SIR EDW. GREY ANSWERS CHARGES THAT U. S. SHIPS UNDUPLY DETAINED

(Continued from page 1) neutral interests, many of the complaints which have been received by the Administration in Washington, and which led to the protest which Your Excellency handed to me on the 28th of December, would never have been made.

WITH THE BELGIAN REFUGEES IN RELIEF CAMPS IN HOLLAND

Nunspeet, The Netherlands, Feb. 16.—The life of the nine thousand Belgian refugees who are enjoying the hospitality of the Dutch authorities in a vast camp here is an interesting sidelight on the war.

which I have set out above are realized, it will be apparent to the government and people of the United States that His Majesty's government have hitherto endeavored to exercise their belligerent rights with every possible consideration for the interests of neutrals.

of education and who give their services as readers to their comrades in distress in the schoolrooms after nightfall. A benevolent resident of the district also has presented a moving picture apparatus for entertainment.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS FRANCE

Paris, Feb. 17.—The following official communication was issued by the War Office tonight:

"From the sea to the Oldur our artillery has carried on an efficacious shelling, which has dispersed a number of gatherings, blown up some caissons, and destroyed some trains.

"To the north of Arras we have taken two lines of trenches, and beaten back violent counter-attacks. We have made some prisoners and inflicted on the enemy heavy losses. A number of German officers have been killed.

"In the neighborhood of Rheims, near Lohrv, the advances made on Feb. 16, several hundred metres, have been maintained and consolidated.

"In the Champagne district we have followed up our gains to the northwest of Perthes, and have captured positions of the enemy on a front of 800 metres. All the German counter-attacks to the north of Mesnil-Les-Hurlus and Beausejour have been repulsed.

"We captured a large bomb thrower and several small ones, and made 200 prisoners. This engagement continues.

"In the Argonne we have made progress in the forest of La Grurie, and maintained our gain notwithstanding two counter-attacks and several very hot actions at close quarters, which resulted in heavy losses to the enemy.

"A strong attack by the Germans was completely repulsed at Four De Paris.

"Between the Argonne and the Meuse we have made progress at divers points.

"In Alsace we have taken control of the ridges which dominate the Sudel fang, and we have retained all the ground conquered.

"Our aviators have bombed the railway station of Freiburg in Breisgau."

HOW ZEPPELINS COMMUNICATE WITH OUTSIDE WORLD.



THE WIRELESS CABIN ON A ZEPPELIN. This picture, drawn specially for this newspaper, the New York Herald and the London Sphere by G. H. Davis, shows the wireless equipment of a Zeppelin. The modern Zeppelin is equipped with a wireless apparatus with a range of 120 miles.

GERMANY

Berlin, via London, Feb. 17.—Today's statement from the War Office is as follows:

"Western theatre: Obviously induced to do so by our great success in the British and French beach especially stubborn attacks at many places. In their unsuccessful attempts to capture positions which they lost on the 14th of February, the British lost in prisoners four officers and 170 men.

"Northeast of Rheims the enemy's attacks were repulsed. Two officers and 179 Frenchmen were captured. Especially strong advances made against our lines in Champagne district frequently led to fierce fighting at close quarters. With the exception of certain separate sections where the enemy has been concentrated and where the battle continues, the troops of the enemy were repulsed everywhere. About 300 Frenchmen were taken prisoners.

"In the Argonne we continued our offensive and captured further portions of the enemy's main positions, taking 350 prisoners, two mountain cannon and four machine guns. In Prierstwald, north of Toul, small successes also were recorded. On this occasion two machine guns were captured. There is no news from the Alsace-Lorraine frontier.

"Eastern theatre: North of the Niemen river our troops have followed everywhere the defeated enemy in the direction of Tauragan.

"In Poland, to the south of the Vistula, there are no new developments."

GERMAN SHELL KILLS MAN WHO DESCRIBED TRUCE IN TRENCHES

(United States Staff Correspondence) London, Feb. 17.—England lost a near-killing when a German shrapnel burst over the British advanced line of trenches in the vicinity of Ypres and numbered among its victims Capt. Robert Patrick Miles of the Shropshire Light Infantry, attached to the Irish Rifles.

"Of all the letters from the front printed in the English newspapers none had breathed such a spirit of optimism nor portrayed with such hope and intimate detail the life in the trenches as those of this officer. Hitherto they had appeared anonymously. The last he wrote was a description of the amazing Christmas truce, governments officially to enter into such an agreement. It did not reach England until two weeks after his death.

"We are having the most extraordinary Christmas day imaginable," wrote Capt. Miles. "A sort of unwarred and quite unauthorized but perfectly understood and scrupulously observed truce exists between us and friends in front. A regular soldiers' peace! The thing started last night soon after dusk, when the Germans started shouting 'Merry Christmas, Englishmen!' to us. Of course our fellows shouted back, and presently large numbers of both sides had left their trenches unarmed and met in the debatable, shorrid, no-man's-land between the lines.

"Here the agreement came to be made that we should not fire at each other till after midnight. There was a half-moon and the ground was covered with hoar-frost, and one could see dim shapes wandering about or standing round in groups, English and Germans, where it would have been death to have shown a winker an hour or two before. The men were all fraternizing in the middle (we naturally did not allow them too close to our lines) and swapped cigarettes and lies in the utmost good-fellowship. Not a shot was fired all night.

"Barbed Wire Terror. Today I took the opportunity of getting a close view of their wire entanglements and upon my word I am sorry I did. I was not half so enthusiastic about charging them as I was. There is to start with, about 20 feet of low wire to stumble through, then (on reflection I had better not go into details about this or the censor will sit up and take notice). The details are revolting. Anyway there are several rows of trenches, each of them swept from the flanks by machine guns, and each with a horrid looking sort of exaggerated crenelated or barbed wire in front of it.

"Charging that little lot under heavy fire will not be a very pleasant business. Confound the fellow that invented barbed wire. At the best, one will take one's only pair of trousers, and at the worst one will get hung up in it while they shoot you in the more tender portions of your anatomy.

"The only real consolation I got out of my scrip was that their trenches seem to be smaller, if possible, than ours. I was disappointed to see such a cheery lot of fellows, as I had hoped to see a collection of living skeletons half covered with rags—animated toast-racks in uniform. The funny thing is that while we are fraternizing here, swapping bully beef for bread, and 'fags' for most execrable cigars (perhaps the gift of a box of those is a symptom of hate), one can hear the dull booming of guns and a certain amount of rifle fire going on in the same old sweet way on our right and left. We neither of us know if our respective artillery behind will respect our little arrangement and abstain from taking advantage of what must be a very tempting mark, but hope for the best, as we are all mixed up in the middle. Some German Canards.

"We had heard some awfully interesting latest news—made in Germany—as given out to our friends in front and which they implicitly believe. The main items are:

- 1. The Germans have taken Moscow.
- 2. Russian casualties in the retreat, three and a half million.
- 3. General Joffre is dead.
- 4. British fleet is practically destroyed.
- 5. The Allies have sued for peace, the terms which have been agreed to and will be published in a fortnight.
- 6. Saturday. The peace which was supposed to terminate at midnight, still continues willy nilly. The bays simply disregard all our warnings to get down from off their parapets, so things are at a deadlock. We get, so things are at a deadlock. We get, so things are at a deadlock. We get, so things are at a deadlock.

"Our guns, from far away in the background, rather in an unspontaneous hand three high explosive shells slap in their trench about ten o'clock. That sent them down for ten minutes or so, and then I dashed if a couple of them didn't come over and complain about it, didn't seem to think it was playing the game at all. I rather fancy the powers that be are not best pleased with this state of affairs, but I do not see how we can help it. We are to be relieved this evening for our usual three-day rest."

The very day they returned to the trenches Capt. Miles met his death.

New York, Feb. 17.—Melvin W. Sheppard, once the world's greatest middle distance runner, holder of many world's records and Olympic championships, set all doubt at rest about his permanent retirement from competition by signing a contract today as a professional coach for the Millrose Athletic Association.

Dr. A. W. GRASE'S 25c CATARRH POWDER. It is used direct to the diseased parts by the improved device. It is the best remedy for Catarrh of the Bladder, Prostate, Uterus, Vagina, and all other Catarrhs. It is a sure cure for all these ailments. It is sold by all Druggists. Write for a free trial.

HIGHER WAGES TO COMPENSATE FOR INCREASED FOOD PRICES

London, Feb. 17.—Replying in the House of Commons today to the Labor party's motion that the government take over the means of transport, and fix maximum prices of food and coal, Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Trade, said that the government had already taken steps to remedy the coal situation at London by pooling the railway cars to prevent congestion. The financial measures taken by the government at the commencement of the war which insured the flow of trade, he said, had prevented food from reaching much higher prices than now prevailed.

OVER NINE THOUSAND CASES FROST-BITE AMONG EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

London, Feb. 17.—The statement made in the House of Commons by Mr. Tennant that up to the end of January there were 9,175 cases of frost-bite among the expeditionary forces, will surprise many Canadians who picture a mild winter in Europe. Two members of the Patriciae are in the hospital at Shorncliffe, suffering from frost-bitten feet, and they informed the Montreal Gazette representative that they have seen numerous cases.

CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—The following casualties among the Canadian expeditionary force were announced by the Militia Department tonight:

Death. Feb. 16.—Private R. L. Phillips, 15th Battalion, from pneumonia. Next of kin, Mrs. Mary E. Phillips, Woodbridge, (Ont.).

Dangerously Ill. Private C. Miller, P. P. C. L. I., at No. 12 General Hospital, Rouen, with enteric fever. Next of kin, Mr. Charles Miller, 43 Wilton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, (Eng.).

The annual general meeting of the Cedarhill Cemetery Co. will be held at the Temperance Hall, Fairville, on Monday the 22nd day of February instant, at 8 p. m., for the receiving and passing of accounts for 1914, election of directors and any other business legally coming before such meetings.

ANDREW G. GREGORY, President. W. H. ALLINGHAM, Secretary.

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HILDEGARDE MASON and GEORGE MURRAY
In a Bright, Breezy and Brainy Skit.
"GETTING HIS GOAT"—A SCREAM
The Big Orchestra and Hearst-Selig News-Photos

LENTEN SPECIALS
of more than passing interest
LILLIAN GISH in the appalling problem play of crook life
"THE TEAR THAT BURNED"
Two parts—Majestic masterpiece.
Keynote—FATTY—Comedy: "An Incompetent Hero"
MONDAY—TUESDAY SOLUTION OF THE BIG SERIAL THE MILLION DOLLAR MYSTERY
Some Startling Revelations.
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"A JOKE ON JANE"
Cute Comedy by the Beauty Co.
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KANSAS CITY BELLE TO WED WEALTHY CALIFORNIAN.



Miss Sidi Wirt, charming daughter of the late Edward C. Wirt, of Kansas City, admits she is engaged to marry John D. Spreckels, Jr., a wealthy resident of San Francisco. The story started in the baggage room of a New York hotel where she is stopping when a fine tiger skin, about sixteen feet long, arrived there from San Francisco. It was said that the name of John D. Spreckels, Jr., was on the box containing it. Miss Wirt, in her apartment on the twenty-first floor, sitting in a chair with her tiny feet on the head of the tiger, was asked about it. "Why, yes, that is perfectly true," she said. "But the formal announcement has not yet been made. Of course, it must not be printed yet, as Mr. Spreckels would not like to see it in the newspapers. You see, it is only six months since that affair of his divorce."

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