

War Summary

London, Jan. 1.—The British battleship *Formidable* was sunk in the English Channel this morning, with the loss, it is believed, of about 600 officers and men. So far as is definitely known, there are 150 survivors of the disaster. The vessel's normal complement was 751 officers and men.

The Daily Chronicle states that survivors of the battleship *Formidable* report that the vessel was torpedoed both fore and aft early Friday morning and sank almost immediately, giving the crew hardly time to escape.

Jan. 4.—No decisive engagements are noted in the latest official communications issued by the various governments. The situation in Belgium and France is not materially changed in several weeks past, while in the east the reports are at variance.

From Petrograd it is announced that the Russians have successfully repulsed the German attacks on the Bzura and Rawka rivers, while the Germans announce the capture by their forces of Borjnow, a strong Russian point of support, in which a thousand prisoners were taken, and that to the east of the Rawka river the German attack is proceeding steadily.

Jan. 5.—Upper Alsace seems to be the centre of the most important fighting in the western theatre of the war. Engagements of a violent nature are being fought out in the region of Senheim, which the French call Cernay, lying about eight miles northwest of Muelhausen. The French forces have occupied the heights around Senheim, and in addition have driven the Germans out of Steinbach, a village farther to the north. Both Russians and Germans admit that no important change has taken place of late on the front along the left bank of the Vistula. In West Galicia the Russians are making steady progress, and, according to their official statement, have captured many Austrian prisoners.

Russian troops have crossed the Crown land of Bukovina and occupied the town of Suczawa, within a short distance of the Austro-Romanian frontier.

It was a German submarine which sank the British battleship *Formidable* on New Year's day in the English Channel. This announcement was made from Berlin, which was so advised by a wireless dispatch from the submarine. The *Formidable*, according to the same authority, met with disaster off Plymouth.

Petrograd, Jan. 6.—A complete and decisive victory over the Turks operating in the Caucasus was announced here tonight. The entire Turkish forces have been routed at Sari Kamish, the war office says. The 9th Turkish army corps, (42,000 men) was surrounded and forced to surrender.

Turkish positions are now said to be all held by the Russians, and enormous quantities of supplies, ammunition and guns have been captured.

The victory followed the arrival of

fresh Russian troops, who manipulated a flanking movement, which resulted in the Turks being split in two.

The Cossacks are now pursuing the retreating Turks.

Another of the three Turkish columns which crossed the frontier has also met with disaster. This is the force which two days ago captured Ardahan.

Paris, Jan. 6.—The following official communication was issued by the war office to-night:—

"Last night our troops took possession of a quarry situated at the crossing of the road from Rouvrois to St. Mihiel, and that from Malzey to St. Mihiel, and also some neighboring trenches."

"There is no other operation to report. The weather continues to be very bad, with incessant rains."

The afternoon statement, after announcing advances of from one-eighth to one-third of a mile, near St. George's, Belgium, the successful bombardment of the enemy at La Suipe, Perthes and Beauséjour, says:—

"In Alsace to the southeast of Col. (Mount) De Bon Homme, we have entered the hamlet of Crux d'Argent, two kilometers west of Orbex, where we are organizing our position. The gains realized by us on the road from Thann to Cernay have been maintained at a distance of one kilometer to the east of Thann. Further, the fire of our heavy artillery at a point two kilometers east of Purnhaupt le Haut, silenced the artillery of the enemy."

Berlin, Jan. 6.—The following official statement was given out to-day:—

"In the western arena of the war, at a point north of Arras, we have blown up a French trench 200 yards in length; we also took some prisoners. The counter-attack of the enemy at this point failed."

"In the Argonne we repulsed several French advances."

"A French attack between Steinbach and Uffholtz was repulsed after a bayonet encounter."

BROOKE

Miss Gertrude Lucas returned to the London Normal school after spending the holidays at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Luckham and Miss Ada Lucas spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Luckham, London.

The Brooke Municipal Telephone System holds its annual meeting in Code's hall, Alvington, on Jan. 15th, at 2 p.m., for the transaction of business and the election of officers.—D. J. McEachern, President; R. J. Lucas, Secretary.

The death occurred on Tuesday, Dec. 22nd, of Jessie Campbell, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Campbell, of Inwood, after a painful illness of some months. The deceased was a pretty and very clever little girl of about nine years. After a short service at the house on Dec. 24th, at 1 o'clock, by the Rev. N. A. Campbell, the funeral took place to Rickard cemetery at Alvington. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have the sincere sympathy of the community during their sad bereavement.—Alvington Free Press.

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bereavement.—Alvington Free Press.

The January meeting of the Brooke Women's Institute will be held on Thursday afternoon at the home of Miss Bertha Rundle. Subjects: "Why I'm proud to be a Canadian," by Miss Nettie McEachern; essay on the life of Pauline Johnston, by Mrs. Russell Powell; reading from Pauline Johnston by Miss Pearl Maddock; roll call, quotations from Canadian authors. Visitors are always welcome. Members are urged to be present at this meeting, as the branch is planning for considerable work in aid of Red Cross Society.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Armstrong, Inwood, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Wednesday, December 23rd, 1914, when their daughter, Adelyn, became the bride of Mr. Foster W. Smith, of Brooke. The bride, who was most charmingly gowned, was led to the waiting room by her father, while the marriage ceremony was read by Rev. N. A. Campbell. After a dainty dinner was served the happy couple left for Toronto and eastern points, followed by showers of rice, confetti and the best wishes of their many friends. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will reside in Brooke on the ninth sideroad.

One of the most enjoyable events of the season was held on Wednesday last at the home of Mr. David Lucas, Sutorville, when he entertained his young friends to an old fashioned husking bee. Mr. Arnold Parker gathered up a sleigh

load of young people and proceeded to Mr. Lucas's where a large pile of corn was awaiting. After husking about fifty bushels of corn, they were all invited to the house, where the hostess had prepared a sumptuous oyster supper, ably assisted by Mr. Fred Copeland. The evening was spent in games and other amusements. The young people left in the wee small hours in the morning, having spent a very enjoyable evening, which will always remain in the minds of those present.

Richard O. VenNatter passed away at his home on the townline Brooke and Inwood, on New Year's Day, aged 64 years, 7 months and 2 days. Deceased had been in failing health for about four years, but his death was hastened by an attack of appendicitis. He was a resident of the township for many years, and, besides farming, made a business of cattle dealing. He took considerable interest in all public matters. In politics he was a staunch Conservative and in religion a Presbyterian. He leaves a wife and five daughters, namely, Mrs. Robert Henderson, Ennskillen; Winnie, Pina, Annie and Lillie at home. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon from the family residence, lot 1, con. 11, Brooke, to the Wyoming cemetery. The Rev. N. A. Campbell, of Inwood, took the service. The pall bearers were Jas. O'Hara, John O'Hara, Wm. Chalk, Chas. Doan, Albert Trowbridge and Alex. Fraser.

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spending a few days at his home
Miss Rose McLeish, of Pe
home on her vacation.

Mrs. Detwiler, of London, is
a few days with her parents,
Mrs. Geo. Rank.

Miss Sarah McKay, of Lond
New Year's Day at her home he

Miss George Davidson, B.A.,
urday for Melbourne, where
accepted a position as continuat
er.

Mr. Fred Eastman spent a
last week in Toronto.

Dr. F. and Mrs. Stoner, of
Mich., are visiting friends in Sa

Mr. Arthur Lampman, of t
newing old acquaintances in t
Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Muma, of
Rapid, Mich., are spending a fe
with Mrs. A. Muma.

Mr. Lloyd Jackson, of To
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The regular meeting of the
Institute will be held at the hon
H. Utter, Saturday, Jan. 9th, a
Mrs. Utter will give a reading,
Pressey and Miss Williams wi
sols. All are cordially invit
tend.

The Late Mrs. Adam

Mention was made last wee
death of Mrs. Letitia Baird, wid
late Adam Baird, which occurs
home of her daughter, Mrs. H. C
18 sideroad, Watford, on Mon
day, Dec. 28th, 1914. Deceased
in the county of Tyrone, Ireland
and consequently was in her 73
the time of her death. She cam
country with her parents in
settled in Watford. She was m
1861 to Adam Baird, who pr
her in the year 1900. From
two sons and three daughters
namely, George G. Baird, Warw
J. Baird, of Mt. Brydges; M
Vance and Mrs. Muxlow, Warw
Deceased was a life-long mem
Presbyterian church, and lived
gettle and consistent Christ
making many friends, who r
demise. The funeral was held
nesday, Dec. 30th, to Bethel
the service being taken by the
Forster, Presbyterian minister
by Rev. W. M. Shore, rector of
The pall bearers were five
James, William and Robert B
Campbell, R. Porter, and a gran
James.

Fowler—Jones

A quiet wedding was solemn
Dec. 30th at the residence of th
uncle, Mr. Charles Warcup, i
street, London, when Rev. R.
wood, rector of Cronyn Memoria
united in marriage Miss Helen
New York, and Mr. J. Harry
B.A., a well-known and popul
paper man of London.

Following the ceremony a nu
friends of the happy couple
with a band and tendered them