

BRANDON MAN WAS WOUNDED AT FRONT; IN THICK OF BATTLE

Frederick J. Bunch, Well Known Among Local Oddfellows is in English Hospital.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

Tells How One Regiment Sustained Unusually Severe and Consistent Losses.

Pte. Frederick Jas. Bunch, of a noted British regiment, who left Brandon on the outbreak of war to rejoin his regiment, has been wounded, according to a letter received by his wife Monday, Mrs. Bunch and three children are living with her father, Mr. T. Mellor, at 2512 Princess Ave. Bunch was a carpenter here and a very well known member of the local Oddfellows society. He was returning officer at one of the polls in the last provincial election. His letter is couched in most beautiful terms, reflecting a worthy love for his wife and three little ones. Bunch has always been a very unassuming fellow and in his letter he does not once refer to his wounds, or complain of his luck, despite the fact that he has been through the thickest of the fighting. In part the letter reads:

Kakeham Military Hospital, City Road, Norwich, Eng. I will now try and write you a few lines. By the above address you will see that I am home in England. We were in the trenches for 20 days up to the time of coming sick. We were in 26 days at the last place and we have been wringing wet the whole time, over the tops of our ankles in water. It has rained steady for two months. It is a nice place we are in. Everyone was so kind to us when we arrived at the station, which was crowded with people, and how they did cheer us, and then they rushed us straight off to the hospital in private motor cars, where there was another lot of people waiting there for us. I guess when we leave here we shall go to some bodies' place for convalescence, and have a fullough, so I may possibly be able to get home to see mother for Christmas. One of the fellows told me that we are to be and picture when we are able to walk as if they get running me around in auto I shall fancy myself. You can't tell how nice it was to get here in a nice bed after standing around in the trenches. Things seem so quiet here at night, with no shooting and Jack Johnsons flying around. It is like going from hell to heaven. We were last entrenched between Armetieres and Ypres. Our poor old brigade has sure been through it. The battalion went out 1,400 strong and we have had seven drafts come out and now we are not more than seven or eight hundred strong. Only last Wednesday they tried to make an attack on us but they found it better to get back. It was too hot for them, and they sure did get it. I have one piece of shrapnel as a keepsake that went through my sleeve and nearly flattened itself on the ground.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO ATTEND CHURCH

Special Public Service to be Held at St. Matthew's Next Sunday Morning.

Outside of routine business the only matter of interest handled at the first meeting of the city council Tuesday was an invitation from the Rev. C. S. Quinlan, to the mayor, aldermen and council officials, to attend a public service at St. Matthew's church next Sunday morning. The invitation was unanimously accepted and it was arranged that the city fathers meet in the church basement before the commencement of the service. The rev. gentleman mentioned in his letter that he had also extended an invitation to the members of the school board. Special seats will be reserved for those invited.

ENGLISHMEN SACRIFICE GOOD POSITIONS TO JOIN LORD KITCHENER'S ARMY

Ready to Journey from District Lands on Hearing of Yorkshire Coast Bombardment.

Petrograd, Jan. 5.—Englishmen returning from employment in the Donetz collieries region have reached Kiev on their journey to England to enlist in Lord Kitchener's new army. They resigned good positions when they learned of the bombardment of the English coast.

NEW CHAFFEUR CHOSEN BY GENERAL JOFFRE

Paris, Jan. 5.—L'intransigeant says that General Joffre recently selected a new chauffeur, a reservist named Edmond Theodore, from Niorce, who passed his conscript service as a naval mechanic. His former driver was Bollet, the famous racing autoist, whose eagerness to gratify the general's fondness for speed caused him to take unnecessary risks. After one particularly hairbreadth escape Gen Joffre reproaching Bollet quietly announced his intention of making a change, not owing to the danger but because Bollet's daring nerves kept him awake. He now sleeps peacefully during his hundred mile rushes along the battle front.

PLEA FOR PUBLICITY ON SEARCHING SHIPS

London Standard Thinks Would Act as a Concession to American Feeling.

London, Jan. 5.—The Standard in an editorial makes a strong plea for greater publicity as a concession to American feeling when American ships are detained for search. It says it would be a great departure from the accepted British practice but it is not unreasonable. It thinks also that a joint anglo-american committee with powers to advise and report would be advisable. The Standard also supports the idea of Great Britain taking the entire cotton and copper supplies.

CANADIAN GIFTS TO PEOPLE OF LONDON; MEMORABLE SCENE

Hearts of Eight Hundred of the Poor of World's Metropolis Were Gladdened Today.

UNIQUE IN EMPIRE HISTORY Gifts from all Parts of the Dominion.

London, Jan. 5.—(C.A.P.)—Down in the sordid east end of this great city a memorable gathering assembled today, when the public distribution of Canada's gifts of money and food was made to the necessitous people of the Stepney parliamentary division at the Palladium music hall, which was crowded. There were 800 recipients of the Dominion's bounty. Many others came and beheld the ceremony, which was quite unique in the Empire's history. Sir George Perley represented the government and the agents general of each province also were present. The gathering further received the personal patronage of Lord Selkirk, the colonial under secretary. Tickets for foodstuffs were distributed, enabling the recipients to participate in the 500,000 bags of flour sent by the Dominion government and the 250,000 bags from Ontario. The province of Quebec sent cheese, British Columbia apples, Nova Scotia coal and New Brunswick potatoes, there being also \$500,000 from the Dominion as a whole. The assembly finally was regaled with a fine show of pictures depicting the land from which all these good things had come. Speeches thanking the donors were delivered by the mayor of Stepney and acknowledged by Sir George Perley and the provincial representatives.

TOWN OF BUCHANAN VISITED BY BLAZE

Buchanan, Sask., Jan. 5.—Buchanan was visited by fire yesterday. The conflagration totally destroyed one barber shop and pool room, one general store, the Massey-Harris warehouse and one harness shop. The cause is unknown. All the losses were partially covered by insurance. The pool room and barber shop were owned by H. A. Byhoffer. The contents were saved, but the building was destroyed. It was valued at \$2,500 and insured for \$1,500. The general store contents were a total loss. It was owned by M. Polotsky and the stock was valued at \$6,000, insured for \$3,000. The building, owned by D. McMurphy, of Preceville, was valued at \$1,200 and insured for \$700. The Massey-Harris warehouse was owned by Mr. Swell-erhonnoff, valued at \$1,000. The contents were valued at \$1,000. The insurance is unknown. It was a total loss. The harness shop was owned by Carl Iverson and valued at \$1,200 and the stock was valued at \$2,200, with insurance of \$1,500.

RIGHT WING OF FRENCH FORCES NOW LESS THAN THIRTY MILES FROM RHINE--STILL ADVANCING

After One of Most Stubborn Fights of War, French Troops Have Occupied the Alsatian Village of Steinbach and the Heights to the Southeast of that Place—French Official Statement Given Out Today Conveys the News of Another Advance Made by the French Forces in Alsace to a Point 14 Miles West of Colmar—Belgians are Also Active in Flanders—Along the Rest of the Western Line No Important Move Has Been Made—Little Change Recorded in Positions of Opposing Forces in Poland, But Further Successes by Russians Against the Austrians are Described in Despatches from Petrograd.

London, Jan. 5.—The right wing of the French army is today less than thirty miles from the river Rhine, holding the Alsatian village of Steinbach and heights to the south-east of the village, after one of the most stubborn localized fights of the war. At no other point of the western front has there been any noteworthy change, the news consequently dwells chiefly today on the bad weather conditions.

The French official statement given out by the war office this afternoon conveys the first intimation of another French advance into Alsace at a point near Orbey or Urbeis, which is some 14 miles west of Colmar. It sets forth also that the French advances in the direction of Cernay (Senheim) to the southeast of Steinbach, have been maintained. There are six points on the battle front from where artillery engagements have taken place, and the Belgian artillery is described as active in Flanders. Advances near St. Georges are also claimed.

Significant News. The French progress in upper Alsace is probably the most significant news from the western front in a number of weeks, and by some observers it is taken to mean that the Allies are trying to break through, maintaining a base on Belfort.

For the moment the swamp condition of the ground in west Flanders precludes a general advance movement in this locality. Furthermore Gen. Joffre's feeling tactics at other points have resulted in no great gain and it consequently would not be a surprise if the heaviest fighting during the next fortnight centered on the eastern slope of the Vosges mountains.

It is down these... seurs, backed by the famous 75 millimetre guns, swept to victory yesterday at Steinbach after some of the most sanguinary fighting of the campaign. Only a slight advance to the south-east, British commentators point out today, will give the Allies possession of Cernay. They now hold the heights to the west of this town, and its fall would throw open the way to Mulhausen. Whether the Turks are exaggerating their successes or not, they are doing some hard fighting in the Caucasus, judging from the despatches reaching London. Even telegrams from Petrograd admit that this situation is becoming one of first importance. There is no sign as yet, however, of Russia moving troops from her western to her southern frontier.

Russian Successes Against Austrians. Further Russian successes in operations against the Austrians are described in official despatches from

AMICABLE SETTLEMENT OF THE CONTROVERSY BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND U.S. NOW IN SIGHT

Decision of Washington Authorities to Certify American Cargoes Before They Leave United States Ports Gives Promise of Clearing Up Difficulty Arising from Seizure of American Vessels.

London, Jan. 5.—The British government was informed today of the decision of the Washington authorities to certify American cargoes and as to their exact contents before they leave American ports. It is felt here that this action will assist appreciably in solving the difficulties which led to the presentation of the note from Washington, concerning British interference with American shipping. Ambassador Page received today from Secretary Bryan a message outlining the circular to American shipping, the issuance of which was decided upon yesterday at a conference in Washington by Secretary Bryan and Secretary Redfield and acting Secretary Peters, of the treasury department. The circular urges that all manifests be made complete and accurate as a protection against delays of American cargoes. It states that efforts to conceal the real nature of goods covered by the manifests may result in great delay and would decided hardships to American shipping. The offer is made by the treasury department to furnish upon request of shippers, agents who will supervise the loading of cargoes and furnish certificates as to the completeness and accuracy of the manifests. Ambassador Page expected to transmit Secretary Bryan's communication to the foreign office shortly. The note is regarded as indication that the American government is making an effort to comply with the suggestion of Great Britain of governmental supervision of cargoes before they leave America for Europe. Secretary Bryan's message makes it clear that in inspection of American cargoes by treasury officials is not obligatory.

CANADIAN ARTILLERY AND CAVALRY SENT TO SOUTH OF FRANCE

Montreal, Jan. 5.—The artillery men and cavalry in the first contingent at Salisbury Plains have been sent to the south of France to complete their training, according to a letter received here today from an officer with the troops. The rain and mud at Salisbury, it is claimed, made it almost impossible to carry on manoeuvres, and horses as well as men were suffering.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR PRINCESS PATS REGT.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 5.—Two hundred and fifty men and seven officers have been recruited for the reinforcements for the Princess Patricia regiment now in France. The men are all trained but the sources from which they have been recruited have not been divulged; but the fact that they are trained men would imply they have been drawn from the battalions now in training. The seven officers have also been recruited from this city and the contingent will depart within the next two weeks. Five hundred men for reinforcements for the Princess Pats are being taken from Canada. They will be held in England until needed in the trenches.

ALL APPROACHES TO ANTWERP ARE MINED

Fear of British Spies Has Become a Mania Among the German Forces There. MANY TRENCHES ARE DUG. Antwerp, Jan. 5.—Thousands of men are employed at eight cents an hour to dig trenches west and south of the city, supervised by German engineers. The laborers find the trenches obliterated. It is said the trenches contain explosives. All approaches to Antwerp have been mined. A silver smelting works has been converted into a depot for nitrification of German dead, which are brought in at night and bound together in twos and threes. Fear of British spies has become a mania, and patrols are ordered to detain all pedestrians who appear to be British.

ALBERTA STOCKYARDS IN FLOURISHING CONDITION

Calgary, Jan. 5.—According to the comparative statement for the years 1912 and 1914 which has just been issued, the Alberta stock yard are in a flourishing condition. A big increase in the amount of business is shown in all classes, the figures, in the case of hogs showing the remarkable increase of 542.8 percent. Sheep also show a very satisfactory increase of 99.8 percent, whilst horses disclose an increase of 52.6 percent, and cattle 22.5 percent.

PEOPLE OF BELGIUM RECEIVE COMFORTING WORDS FROM CARDINAL

Neither Allegiance nor Obedience Due to Power of the Enemy, Says Cardinal Mercier.

Antwerp, Jan. 5.—Cardinal Mercier has written a long pastoral letter which was read Sunday in all the churches in Belgium. Referring to the German occupation of Belgium he says: "This power is of no legal authority, and consequently you owe to it in your heart of hearts neither allegiance nor obedience. The only legal authority in Belgium is that appertaining to our King, his government and the representatives of the nation." The Germans, greatly enraged at the boldness of the cardinal's letter, are searching the clergy houses in order to confiscate the copies.

ARTIST WHO RIDICULED GERMANS IS PROVING COURAGEOUS SOLDIER

Was Sent to Prison at Leipzig for Drawing Cartoons, But Made His Escape.

Paris, Jan. 5.—The Alsatian caricature artist M. Waltz, who is known as "Hansel," has been decorated with the Legion of Honor. Some time before the war broke out "Hansel" was sentenced to one year's imprisonment at Leipzig for cartoons he drew ridiculing everything German in Alsace-Lorraine. He escaped, however, and volunteered as an interpreter in the French army. He has been mentioned in despatches for his courage and as being a splendid example for his comrades.

ASSAULT CHARGED WAS DISMISSED

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 5.—The charge of assault with intent to kill against Vincent Doran, 18, Ottawa, Can., university hockey player, held under \$500 bonds as a result of injuries sustained by Elmer Irving, Cleveland Athletic Club player, when a game between the two teams broke up in a riot Saturday night, was dismissed in police court yesterday. Irving refused to prosecute Doran and asked that the case be dismissed. Irving, who was struck on the head by a hockey stick, is still in a hospital but will recover.

Portuguese Unionists Resign

Lisbon, Portugal, Jan. 5.—The senators of the Unionist party, following the lead of the Unionist members of the chamber of deputies, have resigned, and as a consequence there was no quorum in either house yesterday and no sitting could be held.

PUBLIC SENTIMENT IN ITALY REVIVED BY DEATH OF HERO

About One Million Men Will Be Under Arms Within the Present Month.

NEW GUNS FOR ARTILLERY.

Rome, January 5.—The death of the French battlefield of Lt. Bruno Garibaldi, has caused a revival of public sentiment throughout Italy in favor of war, this feeling being augmented by the belief that the Italian military preparations have now been perfected. About 1,000,000 men will be under arms within the present month and another million men are being formed at a moments notice.

GREEK RESERVISTS TO REPORT AT ONCE

Ordered to be Ready to Rejoin Their Regiments by the First Of March Next.

Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—Instructions have been received that all Greek reservists now in Canada must report at once to the colors. The mobilization order states that they must be ready to take up their duties with their regiments by March 1. Though no explanation accompanies the order to report, it is taken as indicating that Greece is prepared to throw every available man into the eastern theatre of war, immediately the occasion requires it. The Greek reservists are reporting to their consular agents and are receiving instructions regarding transport and

TRAMPS BLAMED FOR FATAL TRAIN WRECK

Were Refused Food at Section House and Believed They Had Sought Revenge.

Springfield, Mo., Jan. 5.—The wreck of a St. Louis and San Francisco freight train near Olathe, Kansas, in which four persons lost their lives, last night, was caused by tramps who had been refused food by a section gang. This belief was expressed here today by officials. The report submitted to General Manager Levy said the tramps when ordered away by the section foreman threatened to make trouble on the road. The switch over which the train was derailed, the report says, showed evidence of having been tampered with.

CONSTANTINOPLE IS IN FEAR OF NAVAL ATTACK

Petrograd, Jan. 5.—Reliable information from the Black Sea is to the effect that great agitation prevails in Constantinople owing to fears that the Anglo-French fleet will shortly enter the sea of Marmora.

The German authorities have divided the region around the Turkish capital into military districts and these are severely administered. They have also summoned the leaders of the young Turks and put them on oath to continue to support the present regime.

The Brandon Markets Thursday, January 7, 1915. Wheat, No. 1 Northern... \$1.14, Wheat, No. 2 Northern... 1.11, Wheat, No. 3 Northern... 1.04, Feed Oats... .43, Milling Oats... .48, Feed Barley... .50, Barley No. 2... .58, Potatoes... .75, Beef, dressed... 9 to 10, Pork, dressed... 8 to 10, Veal, dressed... .12, Chickens, dressed, per lb... 12 1/2, Geese, per lb... .14, Ducks, dressed, per lb... 12 1/2, Turkeys, dressed, per lb... .18, Eggs, new laid, per doz... .50, Butter, per lb... .30, Hay (baled) per ton... \$10 to \$11