

# RUSSIAN ARMEN ENGAGE IN GENERAL FIGHTING

## TEN GERMAN AIRPLANES BROUGHT DOWN AND SIX MORE FORCED TO EARTH

**Aerial Work with Artillery Continued by British Airplanes and Large Railway Sidings at Courtrai, Enemy Billets at Roulers and Other Targets Bombed—Hard Fighting in Air All Along the Line, the Results Being Largely in Favor of British—Turks Hard Hit in Palestine—Hun Bombs Kill Women in Italy.**

London, Jan. 26.—There was great aerial activity on the British front in France yesterday and last night, according to the report from Field Marshal Haldane's headquarters tonight. The text of the communication follows: "During the night the enemy raided one of our posts south of Fontaine-lez-Croisilles, two of our men are missing. This morning a hostile raiding party was driven off by our rifle and machine gun fire north of Paschendale. "Hostile artillery showed some activity during the morning in the neighborhood of Havincourt and Poelcapelle. Much Hard Fighting. "After a thick morning mist on the 25th had cleared there again was great activity in the air. The aerial work with the artillery was continued by our airplanes and large railway sidings at Courtrai, the enemy's billets at Roulers and other targets were bombed. Hard fighting occurred in the air all along the line, the results being largely in our favor. Ten hostile airplanes were brought down and six others were driven down out of control. One of our machines is missing. Many Bombs Dropped. "Last night as soon as darkness came on the aerial activity was resumed and continued until three o'clock in the morning when a heavy mist made flying impossible. More than eight tons of bombs were dropped, several of our pilots making two trips. Five large enemy aeroplanes in the neighborhood of Ghent and also in the neighborhood of Douai were bombed. One hundred and sixty bombs were dropped on a new hostile aerodrome west of Tournai. All of our machines returned safely. Bombs Near Samaria. London, Jan. 26.—The war office tonight issued the following report on operations in Palestine: "A half ton of bombs were dropped Monday on enemy camps and depots on the railway west of Zebasthi, Samaria. Friday bombing squadrons dropped a half ton of bombs on a hostile column 2,000 strong on the Jerusalem-Nabulus road, four and one-half miles south of Nabulus. Hun Bombs Kill Women. Rome, Jan. 27.—There was artillery activity yesterday along the entire front in northeastern Italy, the Italian war office announced today. Enemy forces last night attempted to approach the Italian lines at Capo Sile, near the mouth of the Piave river, but were promptly repulsed. Bombs dropped by the Teuton airplanes on Treviso and Mestre claimed six women victims, three being killed. Three hospitals at Mestre were damaged by the explosives. The text of the statement reads: "At Capo Sile last night enemy parties attempted to approach our entanglements at the bridgehead, but they were promptly repulsed by lively fire. Our troops then counter-attacked and brought back prisoners. Artillery activity, extending along the

## SEPARATE PEACE FOR AUSTRIA

Declares Readiness to Conclude Separate Peace With Russians.

London, Jan. 26.—Austria has declared her readiness to conclude a separate peace without Germany, and to accept the Russian democratic programme, with the exception of self-determination of nations, says a dispatch from Petrograd to the Exchange Telegraph Company. A separate peace with Austria would take the Russo-Austrian border out of the war, and as Germany could send troops over the East Prussian border the advantage would be with the Teutons.

## EX-CHAMPION DEAD

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 27.—John K. McCulloch, 32 years ago amateur skating champion of the world, died in a hospital here last night. McCulloch, a Canadian, was also known as a cyclist.

**FIGHT ON TRAIN.** On a Boston-St. John train recently an interesting static engagement occurred between two German sympathizers and a Bangor business man. During a conversation two men, one thought to be a German, the other a Russian, made some rank statements against the Entente Allies whereupon the Bangor man and another passenger handled the pro-Huns a number of good ones.

## MAN DIES IN YORK CO. OF EXPOSURE

Sad Case Discovered by Neighbors in Lower St. Mary's.

Fredrickson, Jan. 26.—James P. Papp, a well-known resident of Lower St. Mary's, died yesterday at his home, at the age of 75 years. His death was due to cold and exposure, the deceased living with an aged brother, Robert, and neither being able to care for themselves. Yesterday, people visiting the house found them. James was found in a serious state from cold and lack of nourishment. The deceased is survived by a widow, now residing in the United States and by one son, Guy, serving in France in the medical service, who for some years past had practised medicine in the Southern States.

## MARRIED IN ENGLAND.

A wedding of much interest to the people of St. John was solemnized in St. Giles' church, Walton, England, when Miss Alice M. Breakspear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Breakspear, of Walton-on-Thames, was united in marriage to Corp. W. A. Alward of St. John. Corp. Alward was one of the first to enlist in St. John, crossing to England with the 10th Battalion in October, 1914. He went to France with the 15th Battalion. And there, with the exception of a few weeks' furlough, he has been ever since.

**Another Blaze.** Paterson, N. J., Jan. 26.—The Fidelity storage warehouse was burned here last night with an estimated loss of \$150,000. A ball was in progress next door and the dancers were driven to the street.

## CLAIM WOMEN BRIBED VOTERS

Petition Filed at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, to Unseat W. A. Charlton, Liberal Unionist, of Norfolk.

Toronto, Jan. 26.—The first election petition arising from the election which convulsed the Dominion on December 17th last, has been filed at Osgoode Hall. Three farmers of Norfolk county seek to set aside the election of W. A. Charlton, Liberal Unionist, on thirty-nine specific charges of persons who are alleged to have received money, not to mention the others who are said to have received their "traveling expenses and a sum of money." The payments alleged run from \$2 for a single vote to \$50 for the vote of a man and his wife. One lady is alleged to have been a distribution agent of funds and seven women are alleged to have received money for their votes.

## POLITICAL RUMORS

Shediac, Jan. 27.—The Montreal Arcadian says there is a rumor that Hon. Pascal Poirier will be named President of the Senate. The Montrealer also says it is rumored that Mr. C. C. Leger, M.L.A. for Westmorland, has been promised the position of registrar of probate made vacant by the death of Hon. A. D. Ritchie.

## MONTREAL HAS NEW CUSTOMS COLLECTOR

Alderman W. S. Weldon Succeeds R. S. White, Chief Editor of Gazette, Who Resigned Over Year Ago.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 27.—Alderman W. S. Weldon, of Montreal, has been appointed collector of customs for that port, succeeding R. S. White, who resigned over a year ago to become chief editor of the Montreal Gazette. Mr. Weldon, who is well known as manager of the Windsor Hotel, was a candidate in St. Lawrence-St. George division at the last election, but retired in favor of Hon. C. C. Ballantyne. J. H. Bertram, of Toronto has been acting collector at Montreal.

## ALL MAINE STORES CLOSED YESTERDAY

Bangor, Jan. 27.—All stores, except drug stores, were closed today throughout the state by the federal fuel administrator for Maine in Portland. News stands were permitted to open at suitable hours. The closing of fruit stores, candy shops, small stores selling groceries and miscellaneous articles, is in line with the general policy of conserving fuel in every way possible.

## BREAK A CHILD'S COLD BY GIVING SYRUP OF FIGS

Cleanses the little liver and bowels, and they get well quick.

When your child suffers from a cold don't wait; give the little stomach, liver and bowels a gentle, thorough cleansing at once. When cross, peevish, listless, pale, doesn't sleep, eat or act naturally; if breath is bad, stomach sour, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the clogged-up, constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food will gently move out of the bowels and you have a well, playful child again. If your child coughs, snuffles and has caught cold or is feverish or has a sore throat give a good dose of "California Syrup of Figs" to evacuate the bowels no difference what other treatment is given. Sick children needn't be coaxed to take this harmless "fruit laxative." Millions of mothers keep it handy because they know its action on the stomach, liver and bowels is prompt and sure. They also know a little given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which contains directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. Get the genuine, made by "California Fig Syrup Company."

## RUSSIAN GERMAN DIFFER

Count Czernin Explains That Germany Wants Her Colonies Back, but Austria Differently Situated.

London, Jan. 27.—Addressing the foreign affairs committee of the Reichstag Saturday, Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, according to an Amsterdam despatch to the Central News, referred frankly to the differences in the Austrian and German aims. He explained that Germany wanted to get her colonies back, but obviously could not consent to abandon occupied territory before securing guarantees for the restitution of her possessions. Austria, however, was differently situated. She stood everywhere on enemy territory, except in Eastern Galicia. The Cologne Gazette's Vienna correspondent says that Count Von Czernin informed the Austrian delegation Saturday that the text of his speech on the war aims had been forwarded to President Wilson before its delivery. This paper says that the statement has caused an enormous sensation and confirms the belief that Count Czernin's references to the United States were meant to bring about an exchange of views between the western powers and Russia and Germany.

## COMPLAINED OF PILOTS

Capt. Edward H. Martin Examined in Halifax Explosion Investigation.

Halifax, Jan. 27.—Captain Edward H. Martin, R.N., formerly captain here, was a witness at Saturday's sessions of the court of inquiry into the Montserrat collision in Halifax harbor on December 6th. Captain Martin, who was in England when the explosion occurred and who only returned on Friday, was examined at length by Mr. Henry, counsel for the government. Captain Martin told the court that he had understood that the order providing that pilots here should report to the chief examining officer had been carried out all along. He was shown by Mr. Henry copies of letters submitted to that command by Commander Wyatt, chief examining officer, as having been written by him to Captain Martin, complaining of the pilots non-observance of the order to report to the chief examining officer. Captain Martin said that he could not say, without looking over his files, whether he had received these letters.

## FRUIT WHOLESALES TO GET LICENSES

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—A warning has been issued by the food controller to all wholesale dealers in fruits and vegetables who have not applied for a license that they must do so before February 1st. This is the last day fixed for issuing licenses according to the food act, making a license compulsory. "It is questionable," says a memorandum issued by the food controller "if applications not mailed before February 1st, will be considered as strong representations have been that there are too many in the business now."

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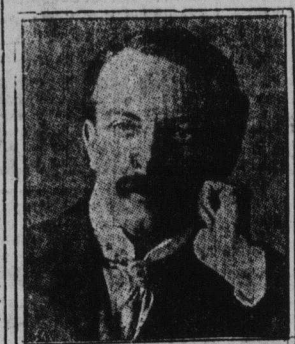
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Washington, Jan. 27.—Rifles ordered by the Russian government from the Remington Arms-Union Metallic Company, at Bridgeport, Conn., and Springfield, Mass., will be taken over by the government. More than half a million rifles, differing only in bore from the Americanized Enfield, are involved. It is understood that the Russian embassy requested and obtained an option on the rifles in the hope of eventually being able to take them over.

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