

DISABLED PRISONERS TO BE EXCHANGED

Pope Benedict Receives Favorable Answers to Proposal From King and Kaiser

OTHER POWERS AGREE

Transfers Will Probably Be Made Thru Neutral Countries in January.

Canadian Press Despatch. ROME, Jan. 3.—It is asserted in Italian circles that Pope Benedict has received cordial answers from both Emperor William and King George, promising their assistance in arranging for an exchange of prisoners who are incapable of further fighting, as has been proposed by the Pope.

In addition to the cordial replies of Emperor William and King George, promising their assistance in arranging for an exchange of prisoners, the Pope has received other satisfactory answers from belligerent powers to his request for such an exchange. It is hoped, therefore, that during January arrangements will be made for the return to their homes of a large number of wounded prisoners.

The details under discussion propose that some of the prisoners be exchanged thru Holland and others thru the Scandinavian countries, Switzerland and Italy.

FOR CHRISTIAN CHARITY.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Pope Benedict telegraphed to Emperor William asking the latter's sanction to an exchange of war prisoners who are unfit for further service, and the emperor replied, agreeing thereto, says the London correspondent of Reuters Telegram Co. The correspondent quotes the telegrams exchanged between the emperor and the Pope, as issued at German headquarters. The Pope's message follows:

"Continuing over the Christmas charity with which your majesty is inspired, we beg your majesty to terminate this disastrous year and begin the new year with imperial generosity by accepting our proposals that an exchange of war prisoners not fit for military service may take place between the belligerent states."

"Pope Benedict XV." Kaiser's Heart Softens. Emperor William replied as follows: "Thanks for your holiness' telegram. It is my heart's desire and I assure your holiness that I will do my utmost to soften the lot of the war prisoners unfit for military service finds my full sympathy. The festive season and the Christmas charity which inspired this proposal corresponded to my own Christian vision and desire."

PRAISES IMPERIAL NATURALIZATION

London Times Welcomes Ridance of Old Anomalies From British Dominions

Canadian Associated Press Cable. LONDON, Jan. 3.—Speaking of the new law of naturalization which came into operation on January 1, establishing for the first time the status of citizenship of the British Empire, the Times says: "It is a step which we welcome with peculiar satisfaction, seeing that we have urged it in these columns for years. Hitherto, so far as naturalization was concerned, imperial unity meant nothing. The British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914, the main provisions of which we have already mentioned, now effects the change that has long been desired. As Sir Wilfrid Laurier pointed out at the Imperial Conference in 1911, when reform in this direction was originally discussed, Americans who entered Canada, and became British subjects, under the old law, were regarded as aliens, and if they tried to depart to fall back on the country of their birth, that country refused to have anything to do with him on the ground that he had become a British subject. This legislative incongruity led in some cases to the extinction of nationality and to the loss of the privileges it conferred. This grievance has now been removed, and a step which seems curiously belated has been taken to provide, as Lord Emmott said in introducing the bill in parliament, for a system of imperial naturalization on a uniform and definite basis throughout the whole empire. The Naturalization Act of 1914 required a qualification of five years' residence in the United Kingdom; any period of residence in a British dominion did not count. Henceforth the residential qualification will be five years anywhere in a British dominion. The act does not, of course, take away or abridge any power vested in the legislature of any British possession, but it is to be presumed that the spirit of the agreement reached at the Imperial Conference of 1911, all parts of the empire concerned have expressed their readiness to recognize that the new statute has been so framed as to enable each self-governing dominion to adopt it."

"CLOSER COMMUNITY" PLAN FINDS ENCOURAGEMENT

Special to The Toronto World. BRISTOL, Jan. 3.—The plan for the carrying out of the "closer community settlement" scheme are being rapidly proceeded with and J. H. Haslam, president of the Rural Advancement League, is receiving assurance of assistance from all parts of Canada.

SEIZE OIL STEAMER FOR SECOND TIME

Capture May Prove Great Britain's Contentions Regarding Shipping

"CUSHING" ALSO TAKEN

Canadian Ice-Breaker, En Route to Russia, Chased by Germans.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 2.—News reached Halifax this morning which stated that the oil tanker Brindilla has been caught off the coast of Scotland and taken to Aberdeen. The Brindilla was held up off New York in October last by a British cruiser on suspicion of having on board a cargo destined for Germany, and brought to Halifax. It was claimed at the time that the Brindilla was bound for Alexandria, Egypt, and she was subsequently released. If the report that she has been found off the coast of Scotland is true, Great Britain's contention that deception is being employed by neutral shippers to the detriment of the allies' cause will be immediately strengthened.

Another One Seized. WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—It developed today that another Standard Oil vessel, the Cushing, was also seized by the British cruiser with a cargo of oil, but was released.

GERMANS TRIED HARD.

MONTREAL, Jan. 2.—That the Canadian ice-breaker Earl Grey had a lively time dodging German warships on her long voyage from Quebec to Archangel, on the northern coast of Russia, is shown by a letter recently received by Mr. Tattersall of Welland, Ont. Mr. Tattersall gives a lively description of the trip, as follows: "The Germans were certainly on the lookout for us, as this ship was sent over by the Canadian Government to be turned over to the Russians as an ice breaker, as she is the second largest one in the world, and the Russians for the passage of troops during the winter. It is away in the Arctic circle and pretty cold, about the most northern port in Russia."

STEAMER ELUDE KARLSRUHE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The British vessel Vestris, sister ship of the Vandyck, which was captured by the German cruiser Karlsruhe, steamed into the harbor today at the end of a 12,000-mile game of hide-and-seek with the Karlsruhe, between this port and Suez and Aden, and returned. On both trips the Vestris avoided her usual route and made a wide detour.

TWO BATTALIONS FOR THIRD FORCE

Kingston Military Division Area Responsive to Call for Volunteers for Front

Special to The Toronto World. KINGSTON, Ont., Jan. 2.—Two battalions that are being established in this division will be mobilized at Ottawa and Belleville that of Lieut. Col. G. S. Preston at Belleville and that of Lieut. Col. Stewart at Ottawa. The recruiting will, as was the case of the second contingent, consist of detachments from the regimental headquarters of the militia regiments in the divisional area. The detachment from Kingston will go to Belleville. The 14th has done the best of any place in the division, having now 160 men ready for the third contingent. The two squadrons of cavalry, of which Major Munroe is officer commanding, will be mobilized at Ottawa. An order was issued requiring each member of the 21st battalion to grow a moustache.

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MANY PRAYERS SAID FOR ALLIED VICTORY

Large Congregations Crowded Churches of London to Beseech Intercession

SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S

Those Fallen on Battlefield Remembered by Congregations in Rome.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Jan. 3.—Large congregations crowded the London churches today for the observance of intercession day and offered a special prayer for the success of the allied arms and in remembrance of those who have fallen on the battlefield. Four services were held at St. Paul's Cathedral, the first beginning at 8 o'clock in the morning and being conducted by the bishop of London. The great cathedral was thronged throughout the day. At the church of St. Martin in the Vintry, a large congregation assembled to take part in the special mass provided by the missal to be used in time of war. Similar services were held throughout the British Isles and in the overseas dominions.

PRAYERS IN ITALY.

Rome, Jan. 3.—Special prayers were said today in all the English churches in Italy for the ultimate victory of the triple entente nations. In the chapel of the English College, Cardinal Gasquet and the new British minister to the Vatican, Sir Henry Howard, the latter in full uniform, were among those who participated in the communion service.

Their action was in striking contrast to that of the members of the British embassy to the Quirinal, none of whom was present at the service. It was also remarked that the rector and the vice-rector of the Irish College recently were checked with serious consequences to them. It is asserted that fortified Austrian positions near the German line were destroyed and that 2000 prisoners were captured.

CHANGE IN I.C.R. SCHEDULE.

The Intercolonial Railway inform the public that there will be a general change of their time table effective January 10th. On and after that date the Ocean Liners between Montreal and Halifax will be discontinued, and the Maritime Express will be scheduled to run daily between Montreal and Halifax, and return. On both trips the Vestris avoided her usual route and made a wide detour.

STRONG EFFORTS TO SAVE SOLDIER

Lord Mayor of Leeds Takes Up Private Lonsdale's Case

Canadian Press Despatch. LEEDS, Eng., Jan. 2, via London.—Lord Mayor Bedford has appealed to the American minister at The Hague, Henry Van Dyke, in behalf of Private William Lonsdale, a British soldier who has been sentenced to death in Germany by a superior court martial for attacking officers and guards at the prisoners' camp at Doberitz. Lonsdale belongs to Leeds, and the Lord Mayor, in a telegram to Minister Van Dyke, said that the citizens here were much distressed as a result of the sentence, and added: "Can you by any means whatever to save his life?" Lonsdale at first was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment, but when the case was referred to a superior court martial, the German military authorities decided that his offence was punishable by death.

PRESENTATION TO RAILWAY MAN.

M. Salt, for eight years car-fareman of the C.P.R. coach yards at the Union Station, who had recently been transferred to West Toronto, was presented with a gold pocket watch and a handsome chair for Mrs. Salt. The presentation was made by Thomas Grumblin on behalf of the employees, as a mark of appreciation.

GERMANS PRESSING ALLIES ONCE MORE

Shrapnel Engagements Reported in France and Belgium

CLASH IN STATEMENTS

French and German Stories of Saturday Contradicted Each Other.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The German attacks in France and Belgium, it is stated, in reply to the offensive movement of the allies, have developed a shrapnel engagements, and the allies are now on the defensive along the greater part of the line.

As to the results of recent fighting in Alsace and the Argonne, along the eastern portion of the front, there is a sharp conflict in the statement of Berlin and Paris. The German communication says further ground has been gained in the Argonne and officially denies the claims of the French war office that half of the Argonne village of Steinbach has been captured and the French are making further advance there. The Paris announcement says some of the territory lost to the Germans in the Argonne has been regained and three new lines of houses have been occupied in Steinbach.

The German military authorities say there have been no changes in the eastern campaign except that the German attacks on the line west of Warsaw have been further progress. The Russians war office announces that another defeat has been inflicted upon the Austrian forces in Galicia, whose advance from the Carpathians recently was checked, with serious consequences to them. It is asserted that fortified Austrian positions near the German line were destroyed and that 2000 prisoners were captured.

BRITISH SHIPS MUST HAVE BILLS OF LADING

Production of Manifests Will Prevent Detention of Neutral Cargoes

LONDON, Jan. 2, 5:25 p.m.—The board of trade today notified the British merchant marine that it is essential for the captains of all British merchant ships always to have on board bills of lading and manifest of the cargo. Neglect to comply with these instructions, it is set forth, may result in merchant ships being stopped and detained by warships of Britain or allied navies. It is anticipated that the production of manifests will prevent the detention of neutral cargoes without detention to the ships.

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