

SUSSEX MAN LAYS DOWN LIFE FOR EMPIRE

GAS BOMBS USED IN AIR RAIDS ON VENICE

Dropped in Poorer Section of City and Many of Inhabitants Suffered from Effects of Fumes.

Venice, Dec. 2. (Correspondence)—The use of asphyxiating gas in the bombs dropped on Venice has added a new terror to these aerial raids. These asphyxiating bombs have been used before in the trenches along the fighting line, but not until the air raid of November 18 was the deadly gas used in bombs dropped on cities, either here or anywhere else, so far as is known.

The air raid of November 18 was not a serious raid, but its chief importance was in bringing for the first time the shower of asphyxiating bombs.

The raid occurred near the arsenal, which is the chief port of attack for these raids. None of the bombs, however, fell inside the arsenal grounds. But outside the arsenal ground there is an extensive quarter occupied by the poor people, with narrow streets and low houses. It was in this section that the bombs fell, spreading the effect of their fumes among the civilian population. Only one death occurred, and that was chiefly due to an accident not connected with the explosion.

But a great number of the poor people suffered from the paralyzing effect of the gases, which spread through the whole quarter, paralyzing and numbing the throat, lungs and sight.

The effect of the gas is described as singularly lasting upon the organs affected and on the vitality of the people stricken. Some of the patients remain in a semi-conscious state for four and five days, the face taking on a greenish pallor. The recovery is very slow after this, the gases appearing to carry a poison of the whole system.

In the three raids which have been made thus far, the first two were with explosive shrapnel bombs, and the last one on November 18 with the asphyxiating bombs. None of these raids have reached the main points sought—the arsenal and the railway station—but they have caused damage at nearby points, notably the destruction of the Scala church, near the railway station, the explosions on the quay fronting the Place San Marco, and finally, the gas bomb in the poor quarter near the arsenal.

MERGER OF SUN LIFE AND MANUFACTURERS' INSURANCE COMPANIES

Sun Life Takes Over Business of Manufacturers—Head of Latter Company Going on Active Service.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—Following a meeting of the Board of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company yesterday an announcement was made of an agreement, ratified at that meeting, between the company and the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, under which these two outstanding Canadian corporations will amalgamate, and the business of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company will be reinsured in the Sun Life, of Montreal.

The managing director of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company is Captain M. Ross Gooderham, son of the late Mr. George Gooderham, founder of the company. Captain Gooderham is leaving shortly for active service, overseas, and it was stated unofficially, but authoritatively, that the contemplated resignation of his office, consequent upon his taking up active military duties abroad, was one of the main reasons which impelled the directors of the company to enter into the agreement with the Sun Life.

The shareholders of the Manufacturers' Life will receive the amount of their paid up capital—\$300,000, and the amount to which they are entitled up to December 31st, 1915, as provided by the insurance act. They will continue to participate in the profits of the business of the Manufacturers' Life for a further period of three or four years.

SIXTY-ONE DAY VOYAGE. Sixty-one days from Australia, the former German steamer *Schwarzfels*, now the British freighter *Ascanus*, reached Boston Monday with 5,600 bales of wool to be left at Boston and 4,400 bales for New York. Slides in the Panama Canal made it necessary to follow the longer route through the Straits of Magellan.

GERMANS MAY HAVE TO BEAR WHOLE BURDEN OF ATTACK

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Disarming of Serbians Due to Mistake
Paris, Dec. 16.—A despatch from Athens dated December 15, and received today by the *Havas* News Agency, says:

"Several groups of Serbian soldiers, after the retreat from Monastir, were disarmed by Greek troops that entered Serbia, and it is stated this was done through a misunderstanding of instructions given by the minister of war."

"After a complaint had been made by the ministers of the Entente Powers the Greek government ordered the arms returned to the Serbians, and gave instructions to the troops at the frontier to avoid a recurrence of the incident."

Still Hammering at Gorizia.
Rome, via London, Dec. 16.—The following official communication was issued today:

"With the exception of attempted attacks, which were quickly defeated, in the zone to the west of Montebelluna, in the valley of the Anzón, against Oslavia and on Craso, the enemy infantry gave no notable evidence of activity."

"On the other hand, an intense action continues by the enemy artillery, which is aiming, as usual, at bombarding the countryside especially by means of long range guns. Our artillery replied to that of the enemy and bombarded Gorizia."

"A hostile airplane dropped some bombs on Strigno and Grigno, in the Valisugana. The damage done was slight."

Austrian Report.
Vienna, via London, Dec. 16.—The war office today made public the following official communication:

"Russian front: In the district of the Kormin rivulet the army of Archduke Joseph Ferdinand repulsed a Russian attack."

"Southwest of Olyka an enemy airplane was forced to descend and was captured. One of our aerial squadrons successfully bombarded the stations of Antonowka and Kiewa, on the Miedwese-Sarny railway. A fire broke out at Kiewa. All of our aeroplanes returned safely despite the heavy enemy fire."

"Italian front: On the Tyrolean and Isonzo fronts there have been isolated artillery encounters. In the Flitsch region our troops, by a surprise attack, captured an enemy advanced position."

"Southeastern front: Yesterday, southeast of Glibad, our troops repulsed the enemy into the Tara delta. Other Austro-Hungarian columns in heavy fighting, captured the heights north of Blatopolje, and the ground half way between Rozja and Berane. West of Ipek the enemy began to retreat toward Plava and Gusinje."

"The number of prisoners mentioned yesterday has been increased to nine hundred."

German Statement.
Berlin, via London, Dec. 16.—The text of the official statement is as follows:

"Western theatre of war: There have been lively artillery actions and great activity on the part of aviators along the greater part of the front. Near Vally, two small posts on the southern bank of the Aisne were unexpectedly attacked by the French during the night."

"Lient. Immelmann yesterday caused a British monoplane to fall over Valenciennes after an aerial battle."

"The aim of the aeroplane attack on Muehlheim, Baden, was according to the French, the railway establishment in that town. None of the bombs which the French dropped fell in the neighborhood of these buildings. One civilian was killed and another injured. The railway establishment and damage was limited to the destruction of one window pane in a hospital."

"Eastern theatre of war: Army group of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg: Russian divisions which penetrated into our position north of Lake Drislawata were thrown out again by a counter-attack."

"The neighborhood of the mouth of the Beresina an enemy advance broke down under the fire of our infantry."

REICHTAG WRESTLES WITH FOOD PRICES

Several Resolutions for Regulating and Cheapening Supplies.

SOLDIERS' PAY ANOTHER PROBLEM.
Reduction in Officers' Salaries to Secure Funds to Pay More to Privates One of the Suggestions.

Berlin, via London, Dec. 16.—The budget committee of the Reichstag has adopted various resolutions looking to the regulation and cheapening of food supplies. These resolutions include a reduction in the maximum price of sugar and by products, the fixing of prices for rice and vegetables of all kinds, as well as foodstuffs for live stock, and providing for special allowance of grain to breeders of animals and poultry.

The war minister also has adopted a resolution recommending the reduction of the age limit for old age pensions from seventy years to sixty-five years. Another resolution increasing the war allowances of the families of soldiers and the pay of privates was referred for further action.

The committee also discussed a proposal to reduce the war salaries of the higher officers in order to secure funds for increasing the privates' pay. The Socialists finally offered a resolution demanding a thorough revision of all military salaries.

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CHINA FACES VEILED THREATS ON ALL SIDES

REGINALD MCKENNA SLATED FOR POST OF VICEROY OF INDIA?

Sir Edw. Grey Again Taking a Rest—Marquis of Crewe Filling His Place.

London, Dec. 17.—The Morning Post in an editorial today, refers to a persistent rumor that Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer, is to succeed Baron Hardinge as viceroy of India, and makes a strong protest that Mr. McKenna is a party politician, and totally unsuitable for such a high position.

London, Dec. 17.—Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, is again taking a rest in the country. His place at the foreign office is being filled by the Marquis of Crewe, lord president of the council.

REWARD
A suitable reward will be paid for any information leading to the discovery of the whereabouts of **MR. A. B. SMALLEY** who was last seen on the evening of December 10th, 1915.

A reward will also be paid for the discovery and identification of the remains of Mr. Smalley, at **A. C. SMALLEY, 91 Prince William street.**

ACCEPTS THRONE, TURNING CHINA INTO AN EMPIRE



YUAN SHIH-KAI, WHO HAS ACCEPTED THE THRONE OF CHINA

Yuan Shih-kai, President of the Chinese Republic, has accepted the throne of China tendered to him by the Council of State. He declined the first petition sent to him by the Council of State, but when the petition was forwarded to him a second time he accepted, with the proviso that he would continue to act as President until a convenient time for the coronation.

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TO EXTEND MORATORIUM IN FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 16 (4.30 p. m.)—It was stated today by the minister of commerce that he would submit to President Poincaré for his signature, a decree extending the moratorium applying to commercial engagements to the end of hostilities, except for war contracts. All debtors, it was stated, would be permitted to pay in instalments of 25 per cent.

CORP. JOHN HASLAM OF SUSSEX KILLED IN ACTION

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The casualty list issued at midnight by the Militia Department records the death of Corporal John M. Haslam, of Sussex, N. B., who was killed in action. Corporal Haslam was with the Thirty-First Battalion.

Another New Brunswick man mentioned in the list is Robt. King, Fredericton, N. B., and a member of the Second Battalion, who is reported wounded.

James M. Garnet, Calais, Maine, and member of the First Battalion, is also reported wounded.

First Battalion, Wounded—James H. Garnet, Calais, Me.; Wm. Anderson, (no particulars). Second Battalion.

Wounded—Arthur T. William Lawson, Ottawa; James Crasay, Ottawa; Sergt. Arthur H. Gammon, Portage La Prairie, Man.; Charles H. George, Rapid City, Man.; Wm. H. Nichols, Sunderland, Brock, Ont.

Wounded slightly—Robert King, Fredericton, N. B.; Walter H. Gaskin, England.

Wounded—Coleman Farmer, Island, Fifth Battalion.

Slightly wounded—Lieut. Ashton D. Cockrill, England.

Wounded—Captain Lionel J. Thomas, England.

Ninth Battalion. Seriously ill—S. White, Oil Springs, Ont.

Thirteenth Battalion. Severely wounded—Alfred Franklin, England.

Fifteenth Battalion. Wounded—Corporal Harvey O. Matthews, Clarkburg, Ont.; Matthew Rutherford, Cobalt, Ont.

Mary Pickford As Half-Breed Indian Girl in Alaskan Story

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LUSITANIA VICTIMS' WILLS ASKED THAT BODIES BE CREMATED.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—As the late Elbert G. Hubbard, of East Aurora, N. Y., and Mrs. Hubbard, who lost their lives in the Lusitania disaster, both held stock in the Northern Crown Bank of Canada, the last testament of each has filed here for ancillary probate.

The amount of Mr. Hubbard's total estate is declared at \$297,845 and that of Mrs. Hubbard, \$25,735. The whole, in each case, is divided equally between their two children, Elbert and Miriam.

A direction in each will reads: "I desire that my body be cremated, and not buried in the ground."

YORK L. O. L. INSTALL OFFICERS.
At a meeting of York L. O. L. No. 3, held last night, B. E. Waring, District Master, installed the following officers:—W. R. Spencer, W. M.; Raud McIntyre, D. M.; E. S. Hennigar, chaplain; Hobb Jones, R. S.; A. B. Carliss F. S.; Charles Beers, treasurer; George A. Baris, D. of C.; Alfred Webb, lecturer; Joseph Hazelwood, I. of T.; R. N. Thorne, foreman of committee, the other members being George Baris, Isaac Mercer, Hugh Miller and George Oldford.

York lodge has six of its members in khaki; three are at present at the front, and three others are now ready to go overseas. The latter are James Donnelly, Alex. Clibe and Wallace Perrott. Last night these gentlemen were presented with wrist watches by the lodge.

GERMAN CANADA'S EXPORT IMPORTS FOR

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Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Canadian domestic member last reached high water mark with double that of November, 1914, while the value was \$45,000,000. This is the outstanding record today by the Honorable J. D. Reid, M.P.

The exports of \$52,000,000 are made up products, \$54,000,000 manufactured goods, \$12,000,000 minerals, \$6,500,000 lumber, \$3,000,000. All these show a very sharp corresponding month for 1914; agriculture, \$300,000 to \$54,000,000, manufactured goods, \$900 and animals, etc., from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000, etc. All these show a very sharp increase in the value of free goods imported during the month, \$19,000,000 as against \$12,000,000 for the same month of 1914.

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"The minister then stated that he had a new plan which he had been considering and which he thought deserved attention.

"This scheme," he continued, "is that industrial firms and companies engaged in the business of filling orders for munitions of supplies purchased by Great Britain should conserve their resources as much as possible, and offer to invest, to the extent they were able, in British Exchequer bonds, payable in two or three years."

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