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GUNS ROARING ALL ALOE VOSES ROUT

French War Office Reports Intense Activity—Athens Believes Enemy Hesitates to Attack at Saloniki

Paris, Dec. 28.—The War Office reports: "In the Vosges there is intense activity on the part of the artillery over the whole front. At Hartmanns Wulfskopf, on the southeastern slope of the hill at Rohlfenstein, an attempt of the enemy to make a sortie from his trenches was arrested by a curtain of fire. "There were no events of importance along the rest of the front."

Berlin, Dec. 28.—An offensive movement by the French, who have attacked the German lines at Hirsstein, is announced by German army headquarters in today's official statement. Details regarding the outcome of the attack are lacking.

TWELVE INCH MAIN CLEANING COMPLETED

The cleaning of the twelve-inch main, with which some unexpected difficulties were encountered, was completed yesterday when the cleaning apparatus came out at the Marsh bridge. A leak in the Marsh road section is being repaired today, and it is expected that there will still be some work on the pipe, re-water stop-cock, boxes, etc., but this will not interfere with the service.

PULLMAN PORTERS ARE TO GET A RAISE

A despatch to J. M. Robinson & Sons says that the Pullman Company announces a 10 per cent increase in wages for conductors and porters on January 1, and the Reading Iron Company announces an advance in wages from 5 to 10 per cent.

E. B. ARNAUD IS DEAD IN ENGLAND

Annapolis, N. S., Dec. 28.—A cable announces the sudden death of E. B. Arnaud, who came to Canada in the service of the Bank of British North America about fifty years ago, and served in the Merchants' Bank of Canada, Pictou Bank and Union Bank of Halifax.

HAD TO CUT OFF BOY'S FINGER

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AN INVITATION FOR THE RETURNED WOUNDED

C. B. Lockhart, of the committee on wounded soldiers, would like to get the name and address of every returned wounded soldier in the city. W. S. Harkins has informed Mr. Lockhart that he would like to have all of them as his guests at the Opera House performance on Friday evening and would reserve space for all of them to sit together. He would like to know the number as soon as possible, and Mr. Lockhart asks that all of them communicate with him, that he may make the arrangements.

BOY IS DROWNED

London, Ont., Dec. 28.—Jack Armstrong, twelve-year-old son of A. D. Armstrong, of Bridgen, was drowned last night in the Sydenham river. While skating with a lantern, he went through an air hole.

Look For Break Between Austria and States

Paris, Dec. 28.—Unconfirmed advices from Vienna, as published by the Petit Journal, say the impression prevails in Austro-Hungarian governmental circles that the forthcoming reply to the second American note regarding the Ancona incident, will bring about a diplomatic rupture between the two nations.

MORTALITY IN SERBIA IS APPALLING

Typhus, Smallpox, Starvation Decimating Population

CHILDREN ESPECIALLY SUFFER

Many Serbians Shot Down or Hunged by the Invading Enemy—Country Already Apportioned Between Austrians and Bulgars

MORE DIFFICULT FOR NEUTRALS TO GET INTO THE KAISER'S COUNTRY

The Hague, Dec. 28.—Americans and other neutrals are further restricted from entering Germany under new regulations issued by the German foreign office. In order to obtain a visa to his passport, the holder in fact must be accompanied to proceed personally to the German diplomatic or consular office and provide two photographs for filing, similar to those affixed to the passport, and also show birth or naturalization certificates. He must prove in a satisfactory manner the urgency of his journey, whether of a private or a business nature, and submit his business papers and furnish the names of the persons he purposes visiting.

THE COBAN LIKELY IS TOTAL WRECK

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 28.—The Dominion Coal Company's steamer Coban went ashore at Placentia, during a heavy gale yesterday, and probably will be total wreck. The crew is believed to have been saved.

THE GREEK KING IS BEGINNING TO SEE GERMANS MUST LOSE

St. Expresses Himself in Interview With Chief of French General Staff

POLICE COURT

Seven sailors, members of a Donaldson liner in port, appeared in the police court this morning to answer a charge of broaching cargo. H. McLean and W. McLaughlin pleaded guilty and the other five denied any knowledge of the act.

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BIRTHDAY PARTY

A pleasant time was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Godose 61 Harding street, Fairville, last evening when, in honor of her eighth birthday, little friend of Willie Woodley tendered a birthday party. Lunch was served in the dining room which was prettily decorated in red and green. Among the little ones present were Francis Haynes, Roland Hamilton, Audrey Hamilton, Lillian, Irene, Bernice and Eoid Schell, Lillian Finley, Berton and Clarence Godose. Miss Nina O'Brien helped Miss Helen Godose entertain the little folks.

SUNDAY TRAINS

The last Sunday trains of the season will be run over the C. P. R. and I. C. R. next Sunday, The Montreal, leaving at 6.50 and arriving at 12.30, will be taken off on Sundays following and the same will apply to the I.C.R.

PRIVATE J. A. L. BANKS KILLED

Was Bookkeeper in Refinery Here, Joined 6th C. M. R. and Was Transferred to 12th Battalion

Stockholm, Dec. 28.—A public meeting held last night under the auspices of the Ford peace expedition is characterized here as the most enthusiastic demonstration for peace that Europe has since the war began. Nearly 1,000 citizens attended. Every mention of an early end to the war provoked prolonged applause. When Louis Lochner, secretary of the expedition, announced that certain ones of the belligerent nations were willing to negotiate for peace, the meeting became tumultuous.

PRIVATE BANKS

Miss Florence Innis, 61 Millidge avenue, has received a letter from Mrs. Banks of London, telling of the death of her son, Private J. A. L. Banks, who was killed in action on Oct. 18. Private Banks enlisted in St. John with the 6th C. M. R. and was transferred to the 12th Battalion. Before enlistment he was bookkeeper in the sugar refinery and had lived three years in St. John.

TRANSPORT OF OUR SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The transportation of Canadian soldiers, both in Canada and on the ocean has been remarkably free from accident or mishap. By rail 255,000 men have been transported with only one fatal accident, that of a man who fell from a train en route to Vancouver.

MRS. EDDY'S SON DEAD

Geo. W. Glover Was 72 Years Old—Was Not Christian Scientist

Ledyville, South Dakota, Dec. 28.—George W. Glover, seventy-two years old, only son of the late Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Christian Science religion, died yesterday at his home in the Blackhills, near here. He had lived in the hills for several years. He was a picturesque character.

IN HONOR OF MAJOR BROWN

A complimentary dinner in honor of Major W. R. Brown of the 29th Battalion and in recognition of his gallant conduct which won him the Distinguished Service Order, is to be given by Mayor Prink and others of his friends in the Royal Hotel on Thursday evening.

NOT AWARDED

Tenders for supplies for the county hospital were opened at a meeting of the committee of the board of commissioners this morning, but no action was taken towards the award of the contracts for the present.

GENERAL BERTRAM

Toronto, Dec. 28.—The attorney general, the Parry Sound Lumber Company and the Bank of Montreal are plaintiffs in an action against Angus Sinclair, the Canadian Northern Railway Company, and Mackenzie, Mann & Company, to recover \$67,720 for damage alleged to have been done to timber in the township of Street by trespass and fire. The limited amount is for some 77,000 trees. It is alleged that some trees were cut and that fires started by employees of the defendants caused damage.

CUSTOMS OFFICIALS HERE

E. S. Busby and J. A. Forbes of Ottawa are in the city today on a visit of inspection to the customs house.

SAYS SOME OF BELLIGERENTS ARE FOR PEACE

Ford's Secretary Makes Statement in Stockholm

"WOULD ASTONISH WORLD"

Rev. Chas. Aked Criticizes United States For Not Giving Peace Movement The Support That is Desired

CITY HALL AND THE FINANCES

World-wide rather than local financial conditions will govern the financial policy of the city for the coming year. St. John is prosperous, probably more so than before the war, with a great volume of business, and more work for all classes of workers, economy in civil affairs is regarded as desirable. This is not merely a general concession to the desire for economy in war times, in order that as much money as possible may be left free for war purposes, but is regarded as necessary in view of financial conditions in London. It is to the old county that St. John has looked for financing on a large scale, and the prospects for floating debentures in the London market are not such as to make such a course attractive. Some loans have been floated locally, but with the competition of Canadian government war issues in sight this field is limited also.

PACKAGES TAKEN OFF THE S.S. UNITED STATES

New York, Dec. 28.—The steamer United States, which arrived today from Scandinavian ports, reported that on December 18 she was stopped east of the Shetland Islands by a British cruiser and taken to Greenock for examination.

HOUSE, WHITLOCK AND BOY-ED SAIL

New York, Dec. 28.—Three men who figure prominently in the diplomatic relations of the United States, have cabins on the Holland-American line steamship Rotterdam, leaving here today for Rotterdam by the way of Falmouth, Eng. They are: Colonel E. M. House, friend and confidential adviser of President Wilson, who goes to Europe at the request of the president.

FOOD TROUBLES CAUSE RIOTS IN AUSTRIA

London, Dec. 28.—An Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that according to reports in Vienna, the palace of Archduke Stephen of Austria was attacked on Christmas night by a mob armed with pitchforks and axes as a protest against the squandering of food on an elaborate entertainment. The police dispersed the rioters but stones crashed through the windows damaging several pictures.

JAIL SUPPLIES

Contracts for supplies of the county jail have been awarded as follows:—Groceries to the St. John Mercantile Company, meats to John Crowley in the City Market, and bread to McMurray Bros. of Fairville.

SENDING LARRIGANS TO BOYS IN THE TRENCHES

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 28.—Large shipments of larrigans, a type of shoe pack made in the maritime provinces, are being sent to the Canadians at the front. They are well adapted to the wet and damp conditions of the trenches, being warm as well as waterproof.

Reported Seizure Of Mail By The British

Berlin Says Taken From Two Steamships on Way From America to Holland—How Washington Views It

Berlin, Dec. 28.—British seizure of American mail from two steamships on their way to Holland is reported in a Rotterdam despatch. The Dutch steamship Nieuw Amsterdam, from New York, December 14 for Rotterdam, and the Norwegian steamship Michigan, from New York, December 8 for Rotterdam. "Washington, Dec. 28.—The allies, it is explained here, intend to seize and examine all mail passing between the United States and European neutrals, which there is reason to believe is intended for Germany. Hitherto the seizure has been confined to parcel post, but now it is said the allies are to extend the search to first class postal matter. In justification of the action, it is said the allies will first plead military necessity, second that there is no involuntariness of mail to the Teutonic Powers because Turkey did not subscribe to the Hague Convention, which covers it. For that reason it is contended the other belligerents are excused from respecting it. Furthermore the action is based on an article in the Hague Convention which provides that immunity of seizure of mail shall not apply to correspondence destined for or proceeding from a blockaded port.

DESTROY TWO GERMAN POSTS

Russians Successful in Surprise Attacks—Believe Submarine Sunk

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—An official statement reads as follows: At Schmalen in the direction of the coast region, a Russian detachment organized a surprise attack upon a German post. At four o'clock in the morning the Russians approached without being seen, cut the wire obstacles in many places, threw themselves upon the German posts, flung hand grenades through the windows and after a hand-to-hand encounter destroyed the whole post. Six prisoners were taken. In spite of a heavy fire from the south the Russians retired successfully with insignificant losses.

News of Maritime Province Men in the War

Both Doing Well. Recruiting for the 160th (Westmorland and Kent) Battalion, and the 160th (French-Canadian) Battalion goes steadily on. Among those who have just signed with the 160th, under Col. Forbes is an Italian, Michael J. Vendetti. There is a ready response from the districts adjacent to Moncton. Lieut. Col. Daigle, commander of the Acadia battalion, has opened a recruiting office in Moncton, and many recruits are signing. U. N. B. Graduates Enlist. Two graduates of the University of New Brunswick, who have been engaged in engineering work in the west, have enlisted with one of the heavy artillery units. They are Hayward Kinghorn of Fredericton, and G. Bruce Dixon, formerly of Albert, N. B., and for the past three years a resident of Vancouver. Messrs. Dixon and Kinghorn are both former captains of U. N. B. football teams, and were among the best football players that ever wore the Red and Black. Mr. Dixon was one of U. N. B.'s best forward players, while Mr. Kinghorn figured on the U. N. B. half-line for four successive years.

British Cruiser Held Her Up on The Way to Scandinavia

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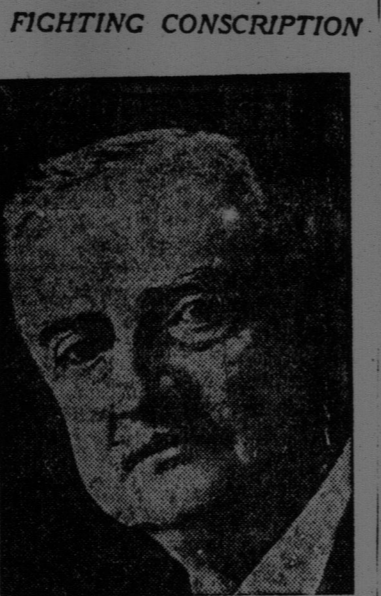
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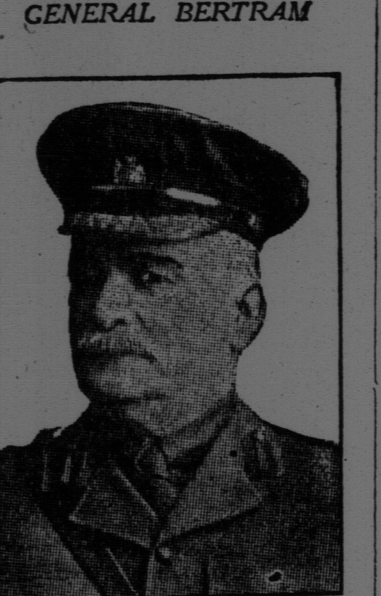
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John Redmond, M.P., who has announced himself as unalterably opposed to conscription.



Reported to have resigned from the Shell Committee. (Photo by International Press Ltd.)

WEATHER BULLETIN. Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service. Synopsis—Depressions are situated in the western provinces and over the Gulf States, while pressure nowhere is much above the normal. A few light local snow falls or flurries have occurred from Alberta to the maritime provinces, but the weather has been for the most part Partly Fair.