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ERMANS LOSE 8,000 MEN

MONDAY MORNING DECEMBER 27 1915

CHRISTMAS DAY UNEVENTFUL More Canadians Decorated for Valor at Front

Men in Trenches Discouraged Faint-Hearted Overtures Toward Fraternizing by Germans and Sang Lustily to Drown Opponents' Choruses.

Reuter correspondent at British headquarters in France sends the following account of how the men spent Christ-

"Christmas broke over the British western front wet and blowing and altogether cheerless. As the morning advanced the sun struggled thru the mists; by the soldiers' dinner time it was quite fine and very mild. "The day was uneventful in the trenches. Plenty of good fare was provided and conditions were as comfortable as possible amid the water-logged

environments. 'Amongst the troops in reserve and billets Christmas was celebrated with more thoroness. The enemy seemed satisfied to spend his Christmas quietly, and there was no intention in the British lines, if the Germans manily, and there was no intention in the British lines, if the Germans manifested no desire to be aggressive, to force them into hostile activity. On the other hand, every preparation had been made to meet the least tendency. "We just want to get on with the other hand, every preparation had been made to meet the least tendency to 'strafing' in a vigorous manner.

Football and "Tipperary."

"Hence comparative quiet lay upon the fire-withered zone. During the afternoon every available acre of nothing special to report.

LONDON. Dec. 26, 7.43 p.m.--The meadow in the rear of the lines was taken possession of for football. In the trenches themselves there was much hearty singing, ranging from what the rear of the lines was taken possession of for football. In the trenches themselves there was much hearty singing, ranging from what the rear of the lines was taken possession of for football. the French call that melancholy hymn, 'Tipperary,' to 'A Che la Morte.'
"In places where the enemy lines skirt the British closely the guttura chanting of the Germans was borne athwart the shrill song of the south-easter and was invariably the signal

for a deeper outburst of chorusing on the part of our men to drown the sound. "Overtures toward fraternizing by the Germans were but slight and fainthearted, as the their rejection was a

foregone conclusion. "There appears to be a general sense of relief among the soldiers that Christmas is over. The spirit of the season is so completely out of harmony with the grim atmosphere of the trenches,

it, so that we may sooner be finished."

Lloyd George Tells Glasgow Workmen to Follow French Example.

NO TIME TO HESITATE

Men in Trenches Must Not Be Told Workers Have Failed Them.

LONDON, Dec. 26,-David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, addressed a meeting of some three thousand trade union officials and workshop stewards at Glasgow Saturday on the imperative need of co-operation by skilled and unskilled labor. Mr. Lloyd George explained that he had come to submit proposals, on the acceptance of which depended not only victory but the saving of numberless lives. It was impossible for him to report thru parliament to the British army that skilled workmen refused to low-workmen on the battlefield, he declared, and added that he refused to believe that British workmen were less patriotic than the French, whose terrible machine, which: with the aid of German workmen, had scored a great victory over the Russians. Time out delay, the minister of munitions

Issue Clearly Defined. In his appeal to the workmen, Mr. Lloyd George said. "Either we must tell the soldiers that we are sorry that we cannot get the guns to enable them to win thruout 1916, owing to the trade union regulations, or we must tell them that if they manage to hold out for

ply for 1917.

"Another alternative is that we might tell the kaiser frankly that we cannot go on. He might let us off with the annexation of Belgium, with the payment of indemnity, and with a British colony or two, but he certain-ly would demand that Great Britain

Dispute Between Railway

and Locomotive Engineers

and Firemen Ends.

NO STRIKE IN CANADA

Peaceful in Past Fifteen

Years.

as a result of which the employes on the eastern lines of the Canadian

Northern secure a considerable benefit in wage rates and conditions. This

action on the company's part brings to an amicable close a situation which

had become somewhat threatening and

during the 15 years covered by the re-cords of the department of labor. Not

investigations, and as the dispute in

neither case presents any serious dif-

ficulty, there is every reason to sup-

LONDON, Dec. 26, 6-07 p.m.—A British official statement from Delhi is-

had been a heavy enemy rifle fire, sup-

SAYS GEN. TOWNSHEND

Outlook

Most

Industrial

(Continued on Page 7, Column 5).

FORD PARTY IS RIDICULED MEMBER WHO RESIGNS

Mrs. Inez Boissevain, Compelled to Abandon Peace Trip suspend their rules to save their fel-After Disagreement Over Mode of Procedure, Calls Delegates "Confused Mass."

peace commission last night resulted democratic principles of a small group, in a disagreement over the mode of including Mme, Rosika Schwimmer, in procedure and Mrs. Inez Boissevain announced her withdrawal from the expedition. Mrs. Boissevain explained that she was compelled to abandon the

peace trip and would leave immediately Henry Ford, on departing for America, had appointed seven delegates to carry on the work of the expedition. These delegates elected the Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones chairman, who announced his plans without reference to the general meeting. Mrs. Boissevain protested. She described the peace olan as nebulous and vague and said that when the peace ship left New York, Mr. Ford-had no definite plans, but she hoped later one would de-

STOCKHOLM, via London, Dec. 26. sions and misunderstandings. She ex-A meeting of the members of the pressed the belief that the expedition was doomed to failure because of un-

controlling opinion.
"We have appeared to the public what we are in fact, a confused mass of amiably-intentioned persons of vague thinking, and no collective planning." Mrs Boissevain said, and continuing she accused the leaders of the party with having arrived in Scandinavia without any plan convincing to the people whom it was sought to

will over to peace.

Mrs. Bolssevain's statements caused consternation in the meeting. Members jumped to their feet asking the the expedition proceed, while others urged harmony. Dr. Charles F. Akel mleaded that all should adhere to the but she hoped later one would develop. This, she said, had not materialized and instead, there were dissentialized and instead, there were dissentialized and was leaving immediately.

CABINET MAY DECIDE TODAY C. N. R. ACCEPTS IF CONSCRIPTION IS NEEDED **NEW PAY SCALE**

Single Men May Be Given Another Fortnight. However, in Which to Respond to Call-London Times Makes Gloomy Predictions.

scheme of recruiting justify continued achesion to the voluntary system, or whether some form of conscription will become necessary. This council should have been held Friday, but David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, was engaged in an important munitions mission in the Clyde district; hence the postponement until today. The Times suggests this morning that the conscriptionists are in the majority in the cabinet and that, should force be decided upon, some anti-conscription ministers will resign. They, however, will not go to this extreme until all hope of securing unity in the cabinet is abandoned. Their plan, ac. cording to The Times, is to give the single men another chance for a fort- King of Bulgaria, according to an night, during which time the serious

cll will be held today and it is expect-

to bring the men to the scratch they will reluctantly abandon their opposi-A General Election? Another solution to the problem is a general election on the question, and it is stated that the ministers have also discussed such a solution. The Times military correspondent, who is evidently skeptical of the success of the Derby scheme, urges the house of commons to insist in the coming debate that the government shall re-veal the total deficit in the army, that is to say, reveal the difference between establishments and the strengths, her side. the establishments and the strengths. He infers that the battalions are not

close examination. tuthless," he says, "it will compel the dentally and decided that an inquest government to count only the men iit was not necessary.

LONDON, Dec. 27 .- A cabinet coun- to serve in the field. We have passed the stage where we can allow our-selves to be held off by resonant platied will make a decision on the question of the Derby has been the mainstay of failure, and

we want no more of it.' the allies, counting only the actually at the front, have about 6,000, 000 to the enemy's 5,000,000, but that this superiority has been almost re duced to equality by the strategy of the past year, and by the special con-oitions of the Italian theatre, which enabled some 300,000 to 400,000 Austrians to hold up the Italians.
"It is impossible to win the without greatly superior numbers,

LONDON, Dec. 27, 1.38 a.m .- The Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange fifty golden nails into the wooden statue erected in honor of Field Marcost \$25 and the proceeds are to devoted to charities.

CHILD WAS SMOTHERED

avenue, woke up at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, she found her threemonths-old baby, Annie, lying dead by The child was smothered infers that the battalions are not when its mother rolled on it in her kept up to their proper strength sleep. She notified Dr. Graham, Coland that the whole question of the lege street, who in turn notified Chief numbers abroad and at home needs Coroner Dr. Jukes Johnson. After investigation the coroner was satisfied "If parliament is determined and that the child had met death acci-

The correspondent concludes that

concludes, "and still less possible t win it soon. Therefore, provision for such numbers is the primary duty of

TO DRIVE GOLDEN NAILS

IN HINDENBURG STATUE leaves the industrial situation in Can-ada peaceful beyond any precedent one strike is reported as existing from sea to sea, and there is no indication position would be brought home to Telegraph Company, has instructed them, and that if this plan still failed his military attaches in Berlin to drive of serious friction at any point. Conciliation boards at the moment exist at St. John, N.B., where the longshoremen are negotiating a new agree-ment with the ship owners, and at shal Von Hindenburg. Each rail is to the municipality. Work continues peacefully at both points pending the

SLEEPING WITH MOTHER

When Mrs. Grasso, 2981/2 Manning pose the boards will be able to effect working agreements. TURKS HOLDING BACK sued tonight says that Gen. Town-shend reported yesterday that there pored by artillery, but that no at-tempt at an assault had been made.

ALLIES HEAVY BUYERS OF AUSTRALIAN WHEAT

More Than Five Shillings a Bushel Paid for Big Quantity.

MELBOURNE. Australia, via Lonlon, Dec. 26 .- A wheat deal just completed with the British and French governments, involves nearly £3.000. 000 sterling, and the price is above five shillings a bushel.

A sale has also been made to Italy.

A cargo for South Africa has brought

GREEKS OBJECTED TO LANDING AT KAVALA?

ivepence.

Berlin Reports Attempt by Anglo French Troops From Gallipoli.

BERLIN, Dec. 26, via wireless to Sayville, N.Y.-A special despatch from Sofia, says the Overseas News Agency, reports an attempt to land at Kavala, European Turkey, of Anglo-French troops from Gallipoli. The Greek commander at Kavala, however, protested against this.

French Send Well Directed Shells Against Hachimette Railway Station.

devotion and self-sacrifice had enabled France to successfully withstand the

German Trenches Kept Under Rain of Projectiles on Christmas Day.

pecial Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Dec. 26.-Christmas was spent in the trenches very much as other days have been spent, namely, in a heavy bombardment of the German positions at selected places on the front. The Germans also displayed the same sort of activity against same sort of warfare was continued to-

Marked activity was displayed in shelling trenches on both sides in the Lombaertzyde region in Belgium, while the French artillery mbarded German works at the south of Angres an in the Arras region. A German convoy proceeding from Ta-hure to Somme-Py in Champagne was dispersed by a few well directed saloes, and some successful shelling of ne enemy works was conducted round the Navarin farm. A muni-ions depot of the Germans was exploded at a point northeast of Regnier ville in the Woevre. The French fought an intense artil-

lery duel with the Germans in the Vosges Saturday and Sunday. French positions on the Hirzsteen front and the northern slopes of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf were heavily shelled. A German munitions train standing at the Hachimette railway station, south-cast of Bonhoome was bombarded and near east. a heavy explosion was noted by French On the British front only normal

artillery activity prevailed on Christ-mas day. Calm also prevailed on the Belgian front, excepting for some acgians retaliated in kind to some German shelling.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 26.—The Canadian Northern Rallway has notified the department of labor of its acceptance of the findings of the conciliation EVERY MAN ENLISTED board which recently passed upon the dispute between that railway and its BRINGS PEACE NEARER locomotive engineers and firemen and

Earl Derby Makes Stirring Appeal -Special Armlets for Medically Unfit.

LONDON, Dec. 26 .- It is announced fficially that the armlet scheme, which already in force for men enrolled oder the Derby plan, has been extended to give the right to wear special armlet to men who have been Edmonton, where the street railway men are seeking a new agreement with refused for military service on account medical reasons. Earl Derby has issued a booklet on

he administration of the group sys-em. He says in a prefatory note: "It is recognized by the general staff that the duration of the war will depend on the man power the allies are able to put into the field. If it were possible for the allies to put in the field such an overwhelming majority of nen and guns that, no matter what the cost, the offensve could be pursued until the enemy armies were largely ends left over from the Big Rush are entil the enemy armiles were largely estroyed and their country invaded, he war would not be prolonged.
"Every man who can possibly be

thereby

the record price of five shillings and Fighting Between Ypres and Armentieres Proved Costly to Enemy.

NO GROUND CAPTURED

Onset Thought Prelude to Offensive or Testing of Strength of Lines.

PARIS, Dec. 26, 5:10 p.m.-"Informaion received regarding the fighting! on Dec. 21. between Ypres and Armentieres indicates that the Germans sustained a loss of over 8,000 men without gaining any ground," says a despatch to La Liberte from its correspondent on the northern front. "The fighting was most severe and a large quantity of asphyxiating gas was used, but the English lines rewas used, but the English lines remained intact. The attack is thought to have been the prelude to an offen-sive or for the purpose of testing the

strength of the English front." GUN DUEL NEAR SOMME.

quarters in France tonight says:
"There has been some mining a ity south of the La Bassee Canal, where an enemy mine failed to do any damage to our trenches. North of the Somme our artillery was effective against the enemy's positions. East of Albert, and elsewhere along the front, nothing but intermittent mina

GEN. CASTELNAU **GAINS RESULTS**

British and French positions. The Expeditionary Corps at Last Being Effectively Organized at Saloniki.

TROOPS ARRIVE DAILY

Joffre's Chief of Staff in Full Accord With Gen Sarrail's Views.

PARIS, Dec. 25, 5 p.m.—The Saloniki correspondent of The Corriere Della Serra (Milan), says that General Castelnau, chief of the French general staff, who has just arrived, has had long conference with General Sarrail, the French commander in the

"General Castelnau's visit under the present circumstances is of great im-portance," says the correspondent, and the best proof that the decisions taken by him are in accord with Gen. eral Sarrail's views is to be found in the fact that transports are arriving every day. Material is being landed, and only now is the real expeditionary

and only now is the real expeditionary corps being organized."

"The Bulgarians in possession of Monastir," adds the correspondent, "have requisitioned a great quantity of flour which was handed over by the retreating Serbians to the American mission for distribution among the poor. Monastir is still lacking all the necessaries of life and the people are suffering greatly from hunger."

ROUMANIA SENDS FOOD . TO GERMANIC POWERS

Bucharest Reports Agreement for Transportation of Cereals is Now Operative.

PARIS, Dec. 26, 12.30 p.m.-It is rerted from Bucharest that the transportation of cereals from Roumania to Germany and Austria-Hungary, under the agreement recently made be tween Roumania and the central powers, began on Dec. 24, according to a despatch to the Havas Agency, from Athens.

TWO DAYS AFTER XMAS.

Late on Friday night the busy store closed. The Christmas season was over once again. Tired clerks went home-happy in the thought of the being placed on sale at very low prices for quick selling. Out-of-town visitors should visit this Dineen Store. pared for the army and navy directly 140 Yonge Street, and secure their seists in shortening the war and Winter Furs before leaving the city. diminishes the industrial The W. & D. Dineen Co., Limited, 140 Yonge Street.

NO BRITISH MONITORS WERE SUNK IN TIGRIS

No Armed Vessels Except Two Small River Gunboats Lost. LONDON, Dec. 26, 6.02 p.m.-A British official statement issued to

night says: "There is no truth in the reports of the sinking of British monitors in the Tigris, which was announced recently in a Turkish official communication. No armed vessels have been sunk except two small-river gunboats, the abandonment of which was announced in an official report issued on Dec.

SWITZERLAND HEARS KAISER IS VERY ILL

But London Believes That Sensational Rumors Are Somewhat Exaggerated.

LONDON, Dec. 26, 7.50 p.m .-- Alarm nature, are being circulated in Switzerland today concerning Emperor Wildam's illness, according to the Zurich correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Co. The rumors state, says the correspondent that the appropriate that the appropriate in the correspondent is the the appropriate of the state of the correspondent that the appropriate is the correspondent that the appropriate correspondent that the correspondent correspondent that the correspondent correspondent that the correspondent correspon correspondent, that the emperor's con-dition is causing profound anxiety in

LONDON, Dec. 26, 10 p.m.—The British statement from army head-000 to War Loan as Easily as \$100,000,000.

MUST ECONOMIZE

Will Be Called Upon to Do More to Help Win War.

OTTAWA. Dec. 26. - Sir Geo. Foster, minister of trade and commerce, intimated in an address at the People's Forum tonight that a Canadian domestic loan of \$300,000,000 might soon follow the recent issue of \$100,000,-000. Sir George said that Canadians would be called on to bear a greater share in the financing of the war. It will no longer be possible to do this by foreign loans, he said, and the people of the country would have to practice strict economy in order

to be able to do their part. Can Raise \$300,000,000. "Today we are living in a time when the energies of everyone should be conserved to theend of serving the country in the best possible way," said Sir George. "There must be cessation of all forms of waste and a husbanding of resources of the country in preparation for the vital expenditure Canada will have to face in the very near future. The people of this country must bear their share in raising the funds so urgently needed. They will be well able to do this, but it will mean the practice of economy and possibly some sacrifice. They have already subscribed a \$100,000,000 loan. If necessary, they can sub-

scribe \$300,000,000. "During the seventeen months of war we have done nothing specially to tax ourselves. There is not the sacrifice to the nation that there should be. We have not done more than other countries in the supreme test of giving that which calls for the

greatest human endurance." Savings, Then Earnings.

After saying there were three prime factors in war, men, munitions, and money, Sir George said: "How long can Canada go to the mother country and ask her to finance our war expenditure? We should not have the face to go to the mother country and ask her to pay for our soldiers and equipment. If we need \$250,000,000 It means that we have to come to the people of Canada and ask them for it. This is not so very difficult. We have the money. There are two sources-what the people have earned and saved, if the latter is not enough, when all your savings are gone we will come to you for your earnings. And I believe there is not a man in Canada who, if he values his country and citizenship, will refuse the call."

Distinguished Conduct Medals Awarded to Four for Night Operations.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT BUSY

Three Reconnaissances Driven off by Anti-Aircraft Gunfire.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26 .- Maj. Gen. Sir Sam Hughes has received the following communique from the Canadian general representative in France: "General headquarters of the Canadian Army Corps in France, Dec. 26: During the period Dec. 17-22 the genral situation on the front of the Candian corps has undergone no material change. The weather has been mild.

Short spells of fine weather have vared the monotony of heavy rains. "Continual attention has been paid to the drainage of our trenches and repair work on our trenches and dofence works. Satisfactory progress has been made in the construction of dugouts and machine gun emplace-

"The work of our artiflery has been confined principally to retaliatory measures and the engagement of tar

sets afforded by the enemy working parties.

Shelled and Gassed.

"On the morning of Dec. 19 the British trenches in the neighborhood of Ypres were heavily bombarded and subsequently gassed. No infantry attack was delivered by the enemy. Owing to the direction of the wind the gas fumes were soon perceptible over the area of our second division, and the enemy artillery became exceedingly active on our front. Our artillery retailated until the enemy fire slackened. sets afforded by the enemy working.

ed.
"Enemy snipers have displayed increasing activity. Our snipers have accounted for a number of the enemy. "Enemy aircraft have been active whenever the weather afforded op-portunities for observation. On Monday, Dec. 19, three aerial fights took place over our lines, and other enemy aeroplanes were driven off by the fire

of our anti-aircraft guns.

More Canadians Honored. "In connection with the successful night operation of our Seventh Bat-talien on Nov. 16-17 the following additional awards have been made: Distinguished Conduct Medals, No. 16895, Corp. P. L. Babcock; No. 15679, Corp. H. Odlum; No. 29729, Corp. K. Weir: No. 77848, Lance-Corp. J. E. Berry. "The health of our troops continues very good. The number of new cases of trench feet has decreased."

ALLIES SCORED WIN IN PERSIA

Collapse of Cabinet and New Premier's Nomination Big Diplomatic Triumph.

RUSSIANS SUCCESSFUL

Band of Thousand Horsemen Dispersed After Short, Sharp Fight.

LONDON, Dec. 26 .- The Persian Cabinet has fallen, according to a despatch received from Teherah by Renter's Telegram Co. Prince Firman Firma has been nominated premier by the Shah. This is considered to be a great diplomatic victory for the en-

tente allies. A Russian official statement concerning the fighting in Persia, issued

at Petrograd, says:
"Authentic information having been received of the arrival at Rabatkerim, 25 miles southwest of Teheran, of a band of a thousand horsemen under Emir Khischinet, we sent a detachment of troops there Tuesday night, under Col. Belomestroff, with orders to de-strey the band by a swift blow. On Wednesday Col. Belomestroff encountered the enemy near Rabatkerim. Th enemy, in naturally strong positions, consisted of two battehons of gend-armes, 500 of Chief Emir's borsemen,

and 200 Zakhtiarians. "The enemy opened a violent fire Col. Belomestroft, after artillery preparations, attacked with his whole force in an endcavor to surround the enemy. The enemy was thoroly dispersed losing in men sabred alone 118, including two officers."