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PROBS - Light snowfalls in most localities; turning colder tonight and on Tuesday.

THE TORONTO WORLD

GERMANS LOSE 6,000 MEN NEAR YPRES

CHRISTMAS DAY UNEVENTFUL ON BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE

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

FORD PARTY IS RIDICULED BY A MEMBER WHO RESIGNS

Mrs. Inez Boissevain, Compelled to Abandon Peace Trip After Disagreement Over Mode of Procedure, Calls Delegates "Confused Mass."

CABINET MAY DECIDE TODAY IF CONSCRIPTION IS NEEDED

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

C. N. R. ACCEPTS NEW PAY SCALE

Dispute Between Railway and Locomotive Engineers and Firemen Ends.

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Earl Derby Makes Stirring Appeal—Special Armllets for Medical Unfit.

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ISSUES PLACED FAIRLY BEFORE BRITISH LABOR

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.

ALLIES HEAVY BUYERS OF AUSTRALIAN WHEAT

More Than Five Shillings a Bushel Paid for Big Quantity.

MELBOURNE, Australia, via London, Dec. 26.—A wheat deal just completed with the British and French governments, involves nearly £2,000,000 sterling, and the price is above five shillings a bushel.

EXPLODE TRAIN OF MUNITIONS

French Send Well Directed Shells Against Hachimette Railway Station. BIG DEPOT DETONATED

German Trenches Kept Under Rain of Projectiles on Christmas Day. Special Cable to The Toronto World.

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GERMANS LOST THOUSANDS IN VAIN ATTACKS

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.—Information 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.

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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 tonight says:

SWITZERLAND HEARS KAISER IS VERY ILL

But London Believes That Sensational Rumors Are Somewhat Exaggerated.

CANADA CAN RAISE MORE SAYS FOSTER

Could Subscribe \$300,000,000 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, inaugurated 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.

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 Tehran by Reuters Telegram Co. Prince Firman Fimar has been nominated premier by the Shah. This is considered to be a great diplomatic victory for the entente allies.

A Russian official statement concerning the fighting in Persia, issued at Petrograd, says: "Authentic information has been received of the arrival at Habakerm, 25 miles southwest of Teheran, of a band of a thousand horsemen under Emir Khishineh, we sent a detachment of troops there Tuesday night, under Col. Belomestoff, with orders to destroy the band by a swift blow. On Wednesday Col. Belomestoff encountered the enemy near Habakerm. The enemy, in naturally strong positions, consisted of two battalions of gendarmes, 500 of Chief Emir's horsemen, and 200 Zakharians. The enemy opened a violent fire. Col. Belomestoff, after artillery preparations, attacked with his whole force in an endeavor to surround the enemy. The enemy was thoroughly dispersed losing 10 men and 111, including two officers."

CANADIANS WIN MORE REWARDS FOR GALLANTRY

Distinguished Conduct Medals Awarded to Four for Night Operations. ENEMY AIRCRAFT BUSY

Three Reconnaissances Driven off by Anti-Aircraft Gunfire.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—Major 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 general situation on the front of the Canadian corps has undergone no material change. The weather has been mild. Short spells of fine weather have varied the monotony of heavy rains. "Continual attention has been paid to the drainage of our trenches and repair work on our trenches and defence works. Satisfactory progress has been made in the construction of dugouts and machine gun emplacements. "The work of our artillery has been confined principally to retaliatory measures and the engagement of targets afforded by the enemy working parties. "On the morning of Dec. 15 the British trenches in the neighborhood of Ypres were heavily bombed and subsequently passed. No infantry attack was directed by the enemy. The direction of the wind the next day was soon perceptible over the area of our second division, and the enemy artillery became especially active on our front. Our artillery retaliated until the enemy fire slackened. "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 opportunities 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 Battalion on Nov. 16-17 the following additional awards have been made: Distinguished Conduct Medals, No. 18265, Corp. P. L. Babcock; No. 18273, Corp. H. Odium; No. 28729, Corp. K. Weir; No. 77848, Lance-Corp. E. H. Berry. "The health of our troops continues very good. The number of new cases of trench feet has decreased."

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