

Progress of the War

Jerusalem is in the hands of the British, after having been for virtually 1,200 years in the control of the Moslems.

The Holy City of the Christian religion capitulated to General Allenby's forces consisting of British, French and Italian troops, after it had been entirely surrounded and with its fall was swept away the dream of the Germans and the Turks of driving southward through Palestine, capturing the Suez Canal and invading Egypt.

The counter-revolt against the Bolshevik regime in southeastern Russia apparently is gaining momentum. Already the movement is spreading fanlike from the chosen bases northward, northeastward and northwestward, while preparations are hastening to extend it southward into the Caucasus.

Snow is falling heavily in the mountains along the northern Italian front and optimism prevails among the Italians that it will definitely aid them in holding the Austro-Germans back from the Italian plain.

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Yesterday's French and British statements also spoke of heavy artillery fighting at many points. Recent reports that the Germans, reinforced by troops withdrawn from the Russian front were about to undertake in the west the greatest offensive campaign of the war derived added significance from Secretary Baker's reference yesterday, in his weekly war review, to the massing of German troops on the western front and the expected attempt of the enemy to break the allied line.

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Local and Other Items

We Wish all our Friends A Merry Christmas

The temporary location of Canada's naval college, destroyed at Halifax, likely will be at the Royal Military College Kingston.

The Prime Minister of Canada has received a contribution of \$5,000 from Lord Northcliffe for the relief of Halifax sufferers.

The church of St. Stanislas de Kotk, Montreal recently completed at a cost of \$150,000 was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is covered.

Basing their comment on the hypothesis that conscription was the principal issue in the Canadian election all the New York papers, yesterday print eulogistic and congratulatory articles.

Mr. William S. Easton of Georgetown has been appointed Clerk of the County Court, Fifth Circuit and Deputy Prothonotary for King's County in place of Mr. G. A. Aitken deceased.

One of the German airplanes which took part in last night's raid over England, was brought down and another is believed to have been destroyed. Only five airplanes succeeded in dropping bombs on the city.

Their Excellencies the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire left Ottawa Tuesday on a special train for Halifax, where they will visit the hospitals and take steps to help the sufferers in the city of great disaster.

Overcome by carbonic poisoning, Harvey Legault, of Montreal, and Ada Blunt were found dead in a room at Toronto on Saturday. They burned a gas stove all night for heat and used up all the oxygen in the room.

The ordination to the Holy Priesthood of Mr. Frank L. Butler, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Butler, Prince Street, will take place in St. Dunstan's Cathedral on Sunday next at 11 o'clock. His Lordship Bishop O'Leary will officiate.

A man named Feehan, belonging to Mt. Stewart, was scalded on Saturday afternoon by walking into a vat of boiling water at the factory of Mr. J. D. Jenkins. He was taken to the Charlottetown Hospital where at latest accounts he was doing as well as could be expected.

Owing to the derailment of a freight "clean up" train outside Point Borden and the congestion of freight here, the Car Ferry was sent to Charlottetown Sunday and left Monday morning with passengers and freight for Cape Tormentine.

Among the victims of the great Halifax disaster was Mr. Clement Fraser who was a moulder in the Hillis foundry and who for a year or more a short time previous to the disaster had occupied a farm in Lower Montague, P. E. I. Mr. Fraser was 47 years of age and leaves to mourn their loss a wife and daughter.

With a bullet in her breast, seven year old Annie Patkoff, of Hamilton, Ont., rushed into the kitchen of her home and dropped dead at her mother's feet. The child was in the yard with a fourteen-year old brother and he is thought to have fired a shot accidentally from a revolver with which he was playing. The boy disappeared.

On Sunday night St. John was visited by a fire which resulted in the destruction of property, real and personal, to the value of \$145,000. All that remains of the four-story brick building at the corner of Mill and Union streets is the mere shell of brick and mortar. The structure was owned by S. H. White of Sussex, and Thomas Fagle of St. John, who purchased it some time ago. They carried but \$25,000 insurance.

W. H. O. Wilkinson, Stratford says: "It affords me much pleasure to say that I experienced great relief from Muscular Rheumatism by using two boxes of Milburn's Rheumatic Pills. Price 25c. a box."

Halifax to Vote Jan. 28.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Polling in Halifax will be held on January 28, the same date as polling in the Yukon. Announcement to this effect is contained in an official statement issued tonight as follows:

"The recent disaster at Halifax has made it impossible to hold an election in that city on the 17th inst. As the calamity which brought about these conditions is directly traceable to the war, the governor-in-council has jurisdiction, under the War Measures Act, to take action in the premises. Accordingly an order-in-council has been passed postponing the polling day in Halifax to Monday, January 28. The returning officer for Halifax has been notified accordingly."

Sir George Foster Struck by Engine

Toronto, Dec. 14.—Suffering from a fractured collar bone, a scalp wound and several minor abrasions to his body, Sir George Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, is confined in the general hospital here. Sir George was struck down by an engine while walking to his private car in the Union station yards to night. He was thrown clear of the rails and was able to get back to the station, where a doctor was summoned. He will be confined to the hospital for some days.

The Market Prices.

Table with market prices for various goods: Butter, Eggs, Fowls, Chickens, Flour, Beef, Mutton, Pork, Potatoes, Hay, Black Oats, Hides, Sheep, Turnips, Pressed Hay, Straw, Ducks.

Winter Service.

"Prince Edward Island" Service via Port Borden and Tormentine

Commencing Wednesday, December 12th, the route from Prince Edward Island will be via Port Borden and ferry "Prince Edward Island" to Tormentine. Train will leave Charlottetown at six a. m. Ferry will leave Port Borden at 8.45 a. m. connecting with train arriving at Sackville at 11.50, thence promptly connecting with train for Halifax, Ocean Limited for Montreal and Express for St. John, Boston and New York. District Passenger Agent's Office, Charlottetown. Dec. 19, 1917-21

SPECIAL

Commencing Wednesday, November 28th, and until further notice, the Train for Murray Harbor will go back to the old time and leave Charlottetown at 3 p. m., as advertised in news papers and shown in folders. District Passenger Agent's Office, Charlottetown, 27 1917 November 28th, 1917-61.

Mail Contract

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until Noon on Friday, the 11th January, 1918, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed Co. 1. tract for four years, six times per week. Over Rural Mail Route No. 4 from Sorel East P. E. Island, from the 1st April next. Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Sorel East and at the office of the Post Office Inspector. JOHN F. WHEAR, Post Office Inspector. Post Office Inspector's Office, Charlottetown, Nov. 1917. Commence 5th, 1917-61

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