

# FLOODED ROADS AND FIELDS IN FLANDERS; MOST OF FIGHTING CARRIED ON BY ARTILLERY

## INITIATIVE NOW IN HANDS OF THE ALLIES

### Observer at Battlefield Says Situation Never Better Since War Began — Allies Gradually Destroying Morale of the Enemy — Every Trench Gained by Allies Represents Lost Ground for Which Germans Expended Much Blood and Treasure.

London, Jan. 7, 6.30 p. m.—The New Year has opened up on a more favorable situation for the allies than any they had known since the commencement of the campaign, says a report made by a military observer attached to the British army headquarters at the front. The report, made public today by the official information bureau, is dated January 4, and supplements similar narratives given out at intervals during the progress of the war.

"So far as the British are concerned," says the report, "the small expeditionary force of four divisions which took the field in August has been swelled into a great army, which is steadily increasing in numbers, has become inured to war, and can look back on a record of hard fighting such as British troops seldom have sustained in the past. The struggle of the last four months has entered upon its fourth phase.

## ONLY A FEW OF THE ENEMY LEFT IF BERLIN COMPUTATION IS TO BE ACCEPTED

Berlin, Jan. 7. (By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—Included in the budget of news given out today by the official press bureau were the following items:

## OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS CONSIDER CHANGES IN THE INDEPENDENCE OF PARLIAMENT ACT

Paris, Jan. 7. (10.45 p.m.)—The following official communication was issued by the War Office to-night:

## ADVOCATES CONGRESS OF NEUTRAL DIPLOMATS

Washington, Jan. 7.—Secretary Bryan and the eight diplomats who constitute the special commission of the Pan-American Union for the consideration of proposals that would assert more clearly the rights of neutrals in time of war, listened to an extended argument today by Dr. Domínguez, the Venezuelan minister, urging that a congress of neutral diplomats be held in Washington.

## CANADIANS MAY FINISH TRAINING IN FRANCE

London, Jan. 7.—Twenty-five hundred Canadians who have been engaged in trenching and in building huts and roads completed these operations today and will begin hard drilling tomorrow.

## SLAYS SISTER AND HER THREE CHILDREN MAY USE IT AS PRISON FARM AFTER THE WAR

Wife of Belgian Now at Front and Little Family Murdered by Brother Who Afterwards Suicides.

Montreal, Jan. 7.—One of the most shocking crimes that ever occurred in Montreal was discovered this afternoon when it was two days old. It was the murder of Tuesday morning of Mrs. Robert Van Looy, wife of a Belgian reservist who left this city about three weeks ago to fight for his native land, and her three children, Martha, aged eight years; Louise, five years of age, and Edouard, aged ten months, and the suicide on Tuesday night in Cartierville of the murderer, Jean Moons, a brother of Mrs. Van Looy.

## WARDEN SMITH OF YORK WAS HOST AT DINNER IN FREDERICTON

Entertains Hundred at York Hotel at Enjoyable Banquet Premier and Hon. Mr. Murray Were Guests.

## THE CASUALTY LIST AT SALISBURY PLAIN

Pte. John Wylie of Harcourt, N. B., Dies of Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.

## LEAVE IT TO BANKS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES

London, Jan. 7.—The treasury has announced that in view of the fact that exchange between the United States and the United Kingdom has now become virtually normal there is no longer any necessity for further consideration by the two governments of any plan for an adjustment of balances and that any further consideration of this question would be left to the banks and the bankers of the two countries.

## GERMAN OFFENSE FAILED TO DECEIVE THE ALLIES

### Shout for Two Days' Truce on Christmas Day Answered by Volley from Allies' Trenches — Eye-Witness Describes Recent Fighting in the Western War Theatre.

Paris, Jan. 7.—The following statement from an eye-witness of the events which took place recently in the war theatre from Arras to Rheims, was made public tonight by the official press bureau:

"It was in the region of Arras, and especially in the vicinity of Carency, that the fighting occurred. On December 25, in the evening, our trenches had reached the first houses of the village. On the 24th we already had been progressing to the south of Carency and to the north to Souche. On the 27, between the southern section of Carency and the Woods of Perthoval, we took 800 metres (about 2,400 feet) of the enemy's trenches and besides a trench to the east and another one to the south of these positions.

"The Germans after a spirited defence made a counter-attack, but our infantry remained and maintained their first line within 100 metres of the German position. Our artillery prevented the enemy from proceeding with their trenching work.

## THREE DAYS CELEBRATION OF PEACE CENTENARY AT NEW ORLEANS

On Site of Last Armed Conflict Between United States and Great Britain.

## FUNERAL NOTICE

Members of Willis L. O. L. No. 70 are notified to meet in their hall on Friday at two o'clock to attend the funeral of their late brother, Charles McCoskey. Sister lodges are invited to attend.



### Five Roses Flour

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Yesterday evening's topic in connection with the week of prayer was The Church and the Kingdom.

## MARRIED

GUTHRIE-DALEY—At Grand Harbor, on Dec. 4th, by the Rev. J. E. G. Gline, Roland Guthrie, of Grand Harbor, and Miss Elizabeth Daley, of St. John.

## DIED

THOMSON—In this city, on the 5th inst., Albert B. R. Thomson, leaving a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Thomson, of 229 Duke street, one brother, and an aunt, to mourn his loss.

## OPENING CHAPTER "THE MASTER KEY" SERIAL CHAPTER - "THE MASTER KEY" - STORY

NOTE THIS: The gift of Five Golden Keys for the writing of the best 100 Word opinion upon the first three chapters of "The Master Key" as an interesting side-light on our new feature. These keys will entitle the winners to the freedom of Imperial Theatre for the 15 weeks during which the new serial story will be running.

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TONIGHT THOMPSON MUSICAL CO. IN "The Silver Girl" A Play with Snap and Bang from Start to Finish.

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