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Enemy Preparing For Last Attack On France

ALLIES HAVE ADVANTAGE OF FIGHTING ON WEST FRONT

SLUR ATTEMPT TURNED INTO A BOOMERANG

Insinuation That Commissioner Mitchell Was Wrongfully Selling Supplies.

FIRM GIVEN STOP ORDER

This Done, Although Legally Company Could Sell to Utilities Commission.

An attempt to cast a slur on the character of Commissioner Fred. Mitchell in a local paper, and inspired, Mr. Mitchell believes, by some one or more of the commissioners, who oppose him on the Glaukiz issue, was turned into a boomerang today through the statement of the man who headed the pole in the race for the public utilities commission.

The story was an insinuation that the London Engine Supply Company, of which Mr. Mitchell is manager, was unlawfully supplying goods to the commission.

More than two weeks ago Mr. Mitchell discussed the matter with his legal advisers, and discovered that a joint stock company had the right to sell goods to a public board, one of the members of which is also interested in the company.

While Mr. Mitchell recognized his legal rights in the matter, he determined that he would not allow any act of consent which would allow the company to continue to accept orders, even though the business would go to Toronto, and he gave his firm a stop order, refusing to sell any more goods to the utilities commission.

Order Put Through.
This order was put through some time ago, a few days after the election, and now, so far as Mr. Mitchell is concerned, the city will have to go to Toronto for its goods.

"There is no mean trick that can be tried which will not work on me," said Mr. Mitchell. "I know that an attempt would be made to show that I was selling orders through my connection with the commission. Even though this was not unlawful, because my company has a joint stock company, I determined that they would not be given the chance to use such a scurrilous story, as everyone knows the use to which the goods would be put.

"I have not yet looked it up, but I believe the order for goods submitted was given before I took office. That there has been no goods sold to the commission since I put in the stop order, which was shortly after the last meeting of the board."

SOUTH AFRICA M.P. HELD FOR TREASON

B. Wessels Alleged To Have Induced Burglars To Join Rebels.

[Canadian Press.]

Bloemfontein, Orange River Colony, Africa, via London, Jan. 29.—A preliminary hearing in the case of Brand Wessels, a member of the South African Parliament, who was arrested early in December on a charge of treason, was held here Thursday. According to the evidence given he induced five hundred burglars to join the rebels. Later the case was adjourned without date, and Wessels was held without bail.

PRZEMYSL RELIEF THE FIRST OBJECT

Enemies' Activity Developing In the Eastern Carpathian Section of War.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Jan. 29.—The Times' Petrograd correspondent telegraphs: "The activity of the Austro-German forces in the eastern, or Beskid division of the Carpathians is becoming the dominant feature in the military situation. The enemy's movements are rapidly developing within a front extending from Dukla to Wyszow, a distance approximately of 100 miles. These columns are trying to cross the mountains by numerous passes within this front, fed by four important railways from the south. Przemyśl stands in the centre of the enemy's line of advance, and its relief forms apparently the immediate objective of the invaders."

TO HELP AMBITIOUS PATIENT.
—Lt.-Col. Garschke, with his usual generosity, is endeavoring to procure a sufficient sum to secure an artificial leg for a patient at present in Victoria Hospital, who is anxious to earn his living. It is likely that the amount needed will be subscribed within the next few days.

Covering Up and Uncovering the "German" of It!



German Dialect (ETZ) J. ELLIS.

The above engraving is made from one of the disguised show cards displayed by the local theatre concerning the appearance of Al. H. Wilson, the famous singing comedian, who until the present has been booked as the great singer of German songs, and who has always taken German characters in his shows, until the present.

This morning it was announced that "By special request Mr. Wilson would sing 'It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary.'"

The words "of German dialect" appearing in the above reproduction, were covered up by a poster when the bills were placed in London. The full phrase used on the cards was:

"The Singing Ambassador of German Dialect."

For his Canadian appearance Mr. Wilson's repertoire has been Britishized and he is singing "Tipperary."

The above card was "unmasked" with the aid of water and persistence on the part of an Advertiser reporter—a man whom the management of the local theatre will designate as being the meanest man living. The "scrap of paper" covering up the German words has fallen off several of the cards displayed. The management should buy a new brand of glue.

"It Must Be the GENERAL SAFETY FIRST IN ALL THINGS, ALWAYS"

—Chief Justice R. M. Meredith.

In refusing to discharge Rudolph Berauk, a military prisoner, held at Toronto, and in making the conditional remand absolute, Chief Justice R. M. Meredith, whose home is in this city, is reported by the Canadian Press to have said yesterday:

"It should be plain to everyone that in the stress and danger to the life of any nation at war, the courts should be exceedingly careful not to hamper the actions of those expressly charged with the safety of the nation, careful among other things not to take up the time and attention of those who should be fighting the enemy in the field, in fighting lawsuits in the law courts over private rights."

"It is not a time when the prisoner is to have the benefit of the doubt, it is a time when in all things, great and small, the country must have every possible advantage. WHEN IT MUST BE THE GENERAL SAFETY FIRST IN ALL THINGS ALWAYS, until the final victory is won, even though individuals may suffer meanwhile."

"Private wrongs can be righted then, while final defeat would not only prevent that, but bring untold disasters to all."

GERMAN RESERVIST ADMITTED LYING.

Mr. Justice Middleton at Toronto yesterday fixed bail at \$100,000, in the case of Emil Nerlich, a naturalized German, who is accused of aiding a German reservist, Lieutenant Arthur Zirzow, Zirzow obtained immunity by at first denying to Judge Coatsworth his connection with the German army.

In reporting the case the Toronto Mail and Empire of this morning has the following to say:

"The only evidence taken in the police court was that of Arthur Zirzow, the German lieutenant whom Mr. Nerlich is alleged to have aided. He said that he had met Mr. Nerlich at his office, at his home, and at the German Club, and that on one occasion Mr. Nerlich had given him \$10 to pay some debts he had incurred. He said he had also received \$20 from Mr. Peters. He said that he had obtained an exeat from Judge Coatsworth by telling him that he was not a German soldier. It was on that day that he went to see Mr. Nerlich and showed him the exeat he had received. On subsequent occasions he had spoken about returning to Germany, and had spoken about which way he wanted to go. This was at Mr. Nerlich's home, and he was under the impression that both Mr. and Mrs. Nerlich were present. He was under the impression that the main part of the conversation was with Mrs. Nerlich, but the court held that the man could not be relied on for what his wife had said. "Magistrate said there was enough evidence for a conviction, and that the accused could submit his defence to the court."

LOCAL FIGHTS ALL FAVORABLE TO THE ALLIES

German Aeroplane Is Brought Down by Artillery Fire in Belgium.

ATTACKS ALL REPULSED

Their Batteries and Machine Guns Silenced in Vosges Engagements.

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, Jan. 29.—2:45 p.m.—The French war office this afternoon gave out an official report on the progress of the war, which reads:

"The day of January 28 saw nothing more than local engagements, which resulted favorably to us. In Belgium, in the vicinity of Neuport, our infantry secured a footing on Grand Dune, a locality which was mentioned in the communication of January 17. A German aeroplane was brought down by our artillery fire."

Artillery Engagements.

"In the sectors of Ypres, Lens and Arras there were yesterday artillery engagements which at times became fairly violent. Several infantry attacks were undertaken, but at once driven back by our fire. In the sectors of Soissons, Craonne and Rheims there is nothing to report. Between Rheims and the Argonne yesterday saw artillery engagements, but not of great importance."

Cost Germans Dear.

"It has been counted that the German attack repulsed by us on the night of January 27-28 at Fontaine Madame cost the Germans dear."

"On the heights of the Meuse and in the Vosges there were artillery engagements, our cannon at several points silencing the fire of German batteries and machine-gun detachments."

"We have everywhere consolidated the positions occupied by us on January 27."

RUSSIAN INVASION FULLY PREPARED

Tenth Army, in Great Force, Is Again Aiming For Koenigsberg.

GARRISON NOW AT FRONT
Move May Cause Germans To Abandon Bzura River Line.

[Canadian Press.]

Petrograd, Jan. 29.—Via London—4:40 p.m.—The advance of the Russian Tenth Army into East Prussia follows virtually the lines of the first march of Gen. Rennenkampf, except that the point of attack for the invasion is further to the northward. This was done to avoid a repetition of the Russian defeat in the Masurian Lake district. The present Russian invasion is understood to be more fully prepared, and in greater force than was the first one, and as before the aim of the army is the German fortress of Koenigsberg.

Garrison Is Away.
From information available, it appears that the Germans, who for many weeks past had maintained only a small force in this region, have rushed virtually the entire garrison of Koenigsberg to the front as the Russian advance upon the German forces on the Warsaw front in the endeavor to prevent the Russians from reaching the Masurian positions.

Russian military experts argue that this Russian offensive movement will force the Germans to abandon the Bzura River line, and compel them to draw forces from the western front as was done at the time of the first invasion of East Prussia, and especially affected the German advance in the direction of Paris.

At present there is no indication of any diminution of the almost daily attacks from the fortified line along the Bzura and Rawka Rivers.

THE WEATHER

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 8 above; lowest, 2 below.

TOMORROW—VERY COLD.

Toronto, Jan. 29.—3 a.m. Forecast: West to north winds; fair and very cold tonight and Saturday.

Temperatures. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Stations. Victoria 42 32 Clear
Calgary 26 16 Clear
Winnipeg 12 2 Clear
Port Arthur 10 0 Clear
Toronto 16 6 Snow
Father Point 16 6 Cloudy
Montreal 24 14 Clear
Quebec 28 18 Clear
Minus (—) below zero.

Weather Notes.
The Atlantic coast disturbance has passed quickly northward to Newfoundland, having caused moderate gales and a heavy snowfall over the greater part of the Maritime Provinces. The western cold wave is still centered in Manitoba, but has spread eastward over Ontario and Quebec.

EFFICIENCY IS TAUGHT BOTH OLD AND YOUNG

London's Industrial School Is Doing Splendid Work In This City.

MEN AND WOMEN THERE

Young Boys Learn To Become Handy and Efficient Workmen.

[By Isabel C. Armstrong.]

"Efficiency is the Hallelujah chorus of industry."

The above is from the pen of a very modern writer. Over in an imposing-looking building on King street, a large number of people, old and young, are learning to sing the Hallelujah chorus. In frequent passes-by and strangers to the city passing along the quiet, residential street on any one of five nights in a week are wont to inquire, "What is that big building that is all lighted up?" The answer is, "London's Industrial School—or, preferably, 'Technical'."

A further explanation reveals the fact that hundreds of boys and girls of the city in the daytime within the walls of the school acquire not only the "singing and rhythmic," but discover the one occupation in life for which they have a vocation or natural bent, and have some opportunity to become proficient therein. Evenings, people of all ages and ranks in society, and of both sexes, study the things they have always wanted to know, but never had an opportunity to learn; acquire in this way information regarding the work by which they earn or purpose earning their daily bread; cultivate a talent, a hobby, but always add to their efficiency.

Supposing a visit is paid in the evening to the school, passing through the entrance doors, a subdued hum is caught of cheerful industry. The classes differ from ordinary school classes in that everyone's mind is in earnest, purposeful, happily absorbed in the task of the moment. Except for the whirr of motors and machinery, and the singing of tools, instructors, and the students, there is no sound.

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AMBULANCE FUND IS STILL GROWING

\$132 More Received Today—Amount Now Subscribed Is \$1,282.

The growing interest in the project of forwarding from London funds to provide a Red Cross motor ambulance for the particular care of our own Canadian boys in England and later in France is evidenced today by the long list of subscriptions that have been given in varying amounts.

Yesterday, the amount acknowledged was \$1,150. In the meantime the following sums have been added:

Mrs. George T. Brown \$25.00
Mrs. E. C. Cleghorn 5.00
A friend 1.00
Anonymous 1.00
Mrs. Tilley 5.00
A friend 10.00
Mrs. Gerald Pearson 5.00
Miss Katherine Smart 25.00
V. Cronyn 50.00

TO FIGHT G. T. R.

Board of Control Won't Accept Order to Construct Crossing at Ashland Avenue.

The board of control does not propose to accept the recent order of the Dominion Railway Board that it construct and maintain at Ashland Avenue a crossing for the Grand Trunk, without a fight. At today's meeting the controllers were unanimously of the opinion that the order is an unjust one, and will ask the city solicitor at once to enter a protest.

It was pointed out that to maintain a watchman at the crossing involves a large expenditure, for which the controllers do not think the city should be responsible. They also think that it is up to the Grand Trunk to construct and maintain its own crossing, and will make every effort to have this done.

A motion by Controller White that the city solicitor send a protest at once was unanimously carried.

MORE STRICT RULES AGAINST BELGIANS

Will Be Shot If Caught Crossing Dutch Frontier To Join Allies.

[Canadian Press.]

Brussels, via London, Jan. 29.—General Von Bissing, the German governor of Belgium, has issued a proclamation, declaring that on account of attempts by Belgians to cross the Dutch frontier in order to join the Allied army, in the future all Belgians between the ages of 16 and 40, making such attempts, risk being shot on the frontier, or, if caught, they will be punished and sent to Germany as prisoners.

The proclamation continues, together with relatives who fail to prevent them from so doing, will be treated in accordance with the military laws. The proclamation denies that Belgians will be forced to serve in the German army.

CANADIAN BOYS ARE NOT COWARDS

By Judge Barron, Stratford.

In writing this stirring poem Judge Barron has done so with a view to stimulate recruiting. Himself one of the most widely known of Canadian patriots, his son was one of the first to enlist in the Canadian navy.

Ye are not cowards, boys, we know that well.
'Tis not from fighting that ye shrink, nor shot, nor shell.
'Tis only that the import of your country's call
Has not impressed you, gripped you—that is all.

'Tis not that our Canadian blood is scared,
Or that they fear to face the foe with bosoms bared.
'Tis only that they do not grasp the thing,
That they are wanted by their flag and king.

Perfect Man of Battalion Is a Russian

Six Recruits Sworn Into Thirty-third Belong to Czar's Domain.

Six Russians were sworn into the Thirty-third Infantry at the armory yesterday. There are now eight Russians, most of them recently from their native land, in the ranks of the Thirty-third. The town of Minsk, near Petrograd, is represented by four men.

Amongst the recruits sworn in today was Fales Grouzanski, the "perfect" man of the battalion. All the Russian recruits are a fine type of men, but Grouzanski, in the opinion of the recruiting officers, is the finest developed recruit enlisted at London. He was born at Krimlenko, Russia, and has lived in London for several years. Grouzanski is 5 feet 10 inches in height, weighs 160 pounds, and has a chest expansion of 10 inches.

John Barlow from Minsk, Russia, another recent recruit, had served four years in the Russian imperial army. All of the Russians are under 30 years of age, and all of them expressed in broken English, a great willingness to go to the front in the British army to have a "go" at the Germans.

Harwich Bische, born in Minsk, and Pavel Komyskoff, born in Bryansk, near Smolensk, also from Minsk, are the names of other Russians recruited yesterday. They are now 22 recruits in the Thirty-third. Recruiting took a jump yesterday when the six Russians were enlisted.

KAISER ASKED FOR YPRES AS PRESENT

This Drove Germans To Make a Series of Futile Assaults.

DESIGNED TO CUT LINES

But Their Massed Advance Only Resulted In Terrible Carnage.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Jan. 29.—A London Daily Express dispatch dated "On the Belgian Front" Thursday, to the New York Herald, says:

"The series of futile attacks made by the German troops east of Ypres on Tuesday and Wednesday are explained by the fact that the Kaiser wanted Ypres as a birthday present. The German general staff apparently concluded that a heavy assault, between La Bassée and Bethune, designed to cut the Allies' lines of communication, would divert the Allies' forces in a manner to enable the Germans to penetrate them in the region of Gheluvelt and Passchendaele by pouring in troops in enormous numbers before their opponents could bring up adequate reinforcements."

Same Old Tactics.
"It would appear from the accounts of soldiers returning from Roulers that the Bethune-La Bassée battle, while it was waged with extreme violence, was in the nature of a felt compared to the contemplated efforts north of Menin. Troops sent from Bruges and Roulers to strengthen this portion of the attacking force were told they must cross the canal and take Ypres at all costs."

"The Germans used the same old-fashioned tactics of sending their infantry forward in mass formation, sinking patriotic songs, and with the usual result. They were slaughtered in hundreds by the concentrated fire of the machine guns in the Allies' trenches at close range."

Terrible Carnage.
"Although the first attacks gave the Germans a slight advantage, which seemed to rekindle their enthusiasm, their repeated attempts to gain a foothold resulted in terrible carnage."

"This was one feature of the Kaiser's birthday."

"Another was the passage of two long trains of locked freight cars from Roulers eastward early yesterday. Each was filled with naked bodies of dead Germans."

"With the exception of Zebruggen, where the artillery garrison remained full strength, apparently in fear of an attack from the sea, all the northern towns now are temporarily clear of German troops."

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES.

Mrs. Joseph Jones, of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, is singing this week at the special evangelistic services held each evening in the South London Baptist Church. Rev. H. H. Bingham, pastor of the Talbot Street Baptist, is conducting the services.

WILLIAM GRAY BESTS ENEMIES; WILL NOW GO TO THE COMMONS

Beck-Meredith-Moore Faction Threw Up Sponge at Last Night's Conservative Meeting — Convention Called For Saturday Night Is Cancelled.

William Gray is supreme in the Conservative party in London, and London's next member in the House of Commons, succeeding the late Major Thomas Beattie.

At a meeting in the Conservative Club last night, the Beck-Meredith-Moore faction threw up the sponge, announcing that the convention called by the club for Saturday night had been cancelled, and that Mr. Gray would not be opposed. This means that for a time at least a truce is declared, but it is stated that if Mr. Gray persists in running at the general election, he will feel the full force of those who until now have been all powerful in the machine section of the party.

Whatever else may be said of Mr. Gray, it is conceded that he was successful in smashing the Conservative machine, and in forcing his name upon those who hitherto denounced him. A telegram came last night from Ottawa, the "higher-ups" has stepped in on behalf of Mr. Gray, and in view of his alleged resignation the presidency of the Conservative Association, the order was given that he be accepted as the candidate.

It is also announced by the party order that the future all conventions will be held by the delegate system. Whether this meets with the approval of Mr. Gray is not known.

The entrance of Mr. Gray into the arena as a candidate dates back to the time of the Hyman-Gray by-election. When the latter opposed Hon. Charles Hyman. Following his failure to defeat Mr. Hyman, a split occurred between Mr. Gray and Sir Adam Beck, and there has been ill-feeling between the two ever since.

Repeatedly Mr. Gray said he would try to get the nomination for the Provincial House in opposition to Sir Adam, but he was always called off, and he did not make a determined effort for the nomination until the present time. Recently, at a large open convention, called by the association, he was nominated, and confusion was called down upon his enemies.

Opposition Fomented.
Since that time every effort has been made to stir up opposition to Mr. Gray. Many candidates, including Sir Adam Beck, T. G. Meredith, K. C. Percy Moore, Marshall Graydon, and others, were mentioned, but Mr. Moore, it is said, was the only one willing to enter the lists. When Gray came to call the convention, the party workers were not found to be enemies of Mr. Gray, even though the higher-ups were opposed to him. If a convention could have been secured, he would have been opposed.

Aside from the long-standing feud between Mr. Gray and Sir Adam, the question of patronage, which was taken out of the hands of a number of Conservatives, who had held it for a long time, and placed in the hands of Mr. Gray and officers of the association and ward chairmen, was the cause of the trouble. Immediately after Major Beattie's death, Mr. Gray got control of the patronage and those from whom it was taken were raging, and are still raging.

No Compromise Expected.
One of the Gray supporters stated this morning that he did not think any compromise had been effected as to patronage, and he did not think Gray was going to throw himself into the bosom of those who opposed him.

"They will try to get Billy at the general election," he said. "This is merely gaining a breathing space. The breach has not yet been sealed. They think Billy will be satisfied if he gets M. P. status to his name. But we mean him to sit for London as long as he can."

GREAT OFFENSIVE MOVE BY GERMANS EXPECTED IN WEST

War Likely To Enter Critical Stages in Both Fronts Very Soon—Invaders of Egypt Seem To Be Marooned in De sert.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Jan. 29.—12:33 p.m.—With the renewal of offensive operations on the part of the Germans in the Caucasus, it is generally thought so as to force Russia to send more troops into this field, the Austro-German activities in Galicia and the Carpathians continue to dominate the military situation.

Forces of the Teuton Allies are being pushed further to the south and strung out near the Roumanian frontier, in order to meet any sudden movement over the passes from that country. The recent fighting in the Carpathians has brought no decisive engagement, both the Austrians and the Russians claiming local successes.

Expect Critical Stages.
It is expected London, however, that the struggle may soon be expected to enter upon critical stages, both in the east and in the west. British military observers have expressed the opinion that Germany is still keeping a preponderance of her forces in the west, and that the main thrust of the Allies should expect another great offensive movement.

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LONDON MAN REPORTED KILLED IN FIGHT AT FRONT OF BATTLE

Harry Rollason, Onetime Asylum Employee, and Connected For Long Period With Local Fire Department, Said To Have Died in France.

Rumor was rife at the asylum today that Harry Rollason, an attendant at that institution, who left for the front on September 10, 1914, had been killed in action while he was in a British regiment that was making a charge of the German trenches.

A number of employees at the Insane Asylum stated today that they had heard that Rollason had met his death while in action, but no person seemed to know just where they received their news from.

An attendant, who was a close friend of Rollason's while the latter lived in this city, stated that he was told Rollason had been killed, but that he had received no news from the latter's relatives in England for some time.

Rollason was given a position as attendant in the asylum on March 30, 1911, when he occupied until September 10, 1914, when he left for England. Letters received from London, England, state that he had joined an English regiment and was having for the front. Later, some of his friends here received letters saying he was dangerously ill, but since then communications from him have ceased, and many of his friends here believe that the rumor of his death is true.

Rollason was also connected with the local fire brigade for some years.

UNION LINEMAN REFUSED WORK ON THE L. & P. S. R.

First Applied to Commissioners, Then Salvation Army — Turned Down.

A lineman with a union card came to The Advertiser last night and stated he had tried in vain to find work on the London and Port Stanley Railway. He had first applied to one of the commissioners and then had gone to the Salvation Army, but in each case he was told there were no position on the road.

Frank Brown, of Ridout street, said he was one of several scores of men who registered to work on the road, and that when they expected to be taken on they were turned down, and told that unless the city provided them with rubber boots they could not work on the line. The contractor said that he did not have to come to London to get men, intimating that he had no intention of doing so.