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GERMANS FAIL IN RAID ON THE BRITISH LINE

Attack in Large Numbers South of Loos—Serbians Score Another Victory; Bulgarians in Retreat

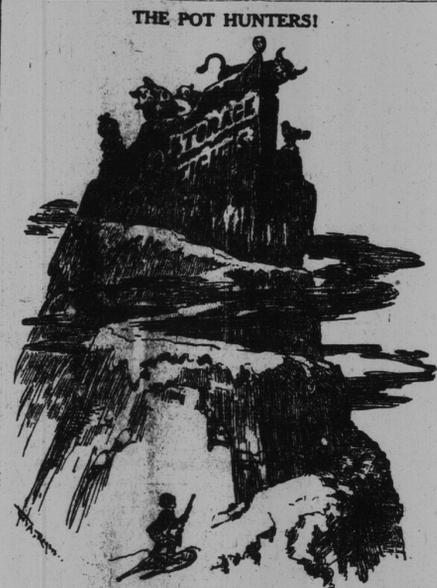
London, Dec. 5.—Failure of an enemy raid south of Loos after a heavy bombardment was announced by General Sir Douglas Haig today. The raid was in large number. French and Serbians Advance. Paris, Dec. 5.—The Franco-Serbian forces have progressed north of Paris. From Von Hindenburg. Berlin, via Saville, Dec. 5.—Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has telegraphed the imperial chancellor, Bethman Hollweg, the following: "I beg your excellency to accept my sincerest congratulations for acceptance by the Reichstag of the bill of patriotic auxiliary service. "This means help for the army which cannot be too highly appreciated. We shall vanquish our enemies if the whole nation put herself at the service of the country."

MAY BE GREATER THAN WAS THOUGHT

Gossip re Changes in British Cabinet

Effort Made to Oust McKenna—If Carson Goes in it is Said He May Introduce Settlement of Irish Question

London, Dec. 5.—(New York Times cable.)—The Chronicle's parliamentary correspondence, giving the latest lobby gossip, says: "It was originally intended to make only a few changes in the cabinet. Change breeds change and the alterations may prove more extensive than was anticipated at the outset. "A strong effort is being made to unsaddle McKenna, whose jealous guardianship of his finances has often brought him into conflict with the forwards. He is also blamed, very unjustly, for the action of the federal reserve board of America in frowning with disapproval on the projected issue in the United States of the short term British treasury bills. The federal reserve board's action is directed indiscriminately against the locking up of funds in the securities of Great Britain, France and other belligerents while Mr. Runciman in his desire to conserve our shipping resources has, like McKenna, been opposed to new military adventures overseas, but his mastery of the shipping problem is such that nobody, in or out of cabinet, desires to see him quit his present office. "In fact, rumor last night was that he is to add to it the heavy responsibility of food controller, a post that has been declined by six persons in succession. "It is generally accepted that Balfour will soon leave the admiralty, though possibly not during the immediate reconstruction. Sir Edward Carson is talked of in Conservative circles as a possible successor of Balfour as first lord. "The new labor member of the cabinet will probably be George Barnes who, if he joined the government, might take Henderson's place as minister of pensions, Henderson continuing to hold the office of labor adviser and adding to his duties membership in the war council. "With regard to the composition of the war council, it is said that the prime minister, while ex-officio member at every meeting of this body, will have the power to veto over its decisions. "It was generally accepted last evening in political circles that the members of the war council would consist of Lloyd George, Bonar Law, Edward Carson and Arthur Henderson. "In order to have a free hand, Asquith invited and received the resignation of every member of the cabinet. "The subordinate ministers apparently are not affected by the reconstruction. At any rate, no request to resign had reached them at the time of the writing. A rumor current in the lobbies yesterday was that Sir Edward Carson, if he joins the government, may, before many weeks go by, bring forward a proposal for settlement of the Irish question on lines mutually satisfactory to the Ulstermen and the Nationalists. Asquith Declines. London, Dec. 5.—The Westminster Gazette says Premier Asquith has declined definitely a proposal for formation of a war council of which he would not be a member and other consequential changes which would have followed acceptance of that proposal. Naturally the next move remains for those members of the cabinet who made the suggestion. Mr. Asquith approved a smaller war council, the newspaper continues, but held the premier necessarily must be chairman of any such body. His attitude is said to be supported by foreign Secretary Grey and most of his principal colleagues in the cabinet.



Has Brought Down 20 German Aeroplanes

Paris, Dec. 5.—Sub-Lieut. Nungesser shot down two aeroplanes within three hours yesterday. This brings up to twenty the number of aeroplanes brought to earth by this aviator. There were no developments of importance on the French front last night.

John D. Archbold Dead

One of Rockefeller's Men, President of Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey

Tarrytown, N. Y., Dec. 5.—John D. Archbold, president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, died at his home here this morning. Mr. Archbold was a native of Ohio, and was sixty-eight years of age. In early life he was an oil refiner and buyer in western Pennsylvania, and in 1873 he became associated with the Rockefeller interests, a connection that continued until his death. He became president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey soon after the dissolution of the "trust" was ordered by the United States Supreme Court.

LESLIE TITUS OF ADELAIDE STREET AMONG MISSING

Anxious Mother, Notified of Wounding Had Asked Ottawa to Get Further Word of Son

Mrs. Benjamin Titus of 122 Adelaide street received a telegram from Ottawa this morning notifying her that her son, Pte. Leslie Titus, has been reported missing. About four weeks ago she received word that he had been wounded, and as there were no particulars as to the extent of his injuries, she wired to the authorities in Ottawa asking for information as to his condition. The telegram this morning was an answer from the imperial authorities to the query of the officials in Ottawa. The report that her son is missing has greatly upset Mrs. Titus, but she is living in hope that he may be alive and a prisoner of war. Prior to donning khaki he was with the mounted police in Prince Albert. He formerly was employed with Barnes & Co., Ltd. While in St. John he took an active interest in church affairs, and was a member of Douglas avenue church. He has a wide circle of friends who will anxiously await some further report regarding his whereabouts.

VESSELS OF FOUR NATIONALITIES SUNK BY THE GERMANS

London, Dec. 5.—According to Lloyd's despatches the Norwegian steamer Hittory, 1900 tons net, has been sunk, the Norwegian steamer Erik H. Lindoe is reported sunk, the Greek steamer Demitrios Inglessis, is believed to have been sunk and the French sailing vessel Therese has been sunk. Another Lloyd despatch says that five of the crew of the Japanese steamer Nagata Maru, reported sunk on Saturday, were killed and five wounded by gunfire.

ST. MONICA'S SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

A very largely attended meeting of St. Monica's Society was held yesterday afternoon in the Knights of Columbus hall. There were about sixty-five members in attendance and Mrs. James Dever, the president, presided. Committees reported on work that had been undertaken during the month. Arrangements for a reception and dance that will be held between Christmas and New Years were commenced. Arrangements were also started for the Christmas baskets that will be distributed to the poor. A report was also submitted referring to the work done by the society at the Cathedral high tea. A good sum was realized at the tea through the efforts of the ladies of St. Monica's. The usual winter activities of the society are now well under way and the reports from the charity and sewing committees showed that much good was done among the poor since the last monthly meeting. Many poor families have been assisted and in some instances children fitted with apparel necessary to permit them to attend school. In the absence of the secretary, Miss Amelia Haley, the treasurer, Miss Marion Hogan, acted in her stead. A stirring vote of sympathy was passed expressive of the feeling of the society in the bereavement that has befallen Miss Haley in the death of her uncle. Tea was served and the usual nominal sum was placed to help swell the general fund of the society. Mrs. J. Dever and Mrs. D. P. Chisholm presided. Mrs. Louis Comeau and Mrs. H. C. Grout were the committee in charge of the tea, with Mrs. J. H. Doody, as general convenor.

EMPLOYING MORE WOMEN

Canadian Military Offices in England Being Combed Out London, Dec. 5.—Under the new policy of "coming out" from non-combatant positions men fit for active service, which is proceeding at the Canadian military administrative offices in London, a considerable number of women clerks have already been engaged, and it is intended to make still further use of this labor. A certain number of Canadian civilians resident in England were taken on the strength in the early rush days of the war. It is understood such are equally liable to be transferred to combatant battalions if it is deemed suitable. Incidentally, it is held that experienced and matured women, generally speaking, are decidedly more efficient as clerks than are soldiers who may have been rendered unfit through wounds or sickness for active service at the front.

FATAL RESULT OF ACCIDENT

Miss Murray Dies as Result of Injuries Received When Train and Auto Collide

Moncton, Dec. 5.—Miss Lucy Murray, a young woman who was one of the occupants of an automobile which ran into a Springhill accommodation near Amherst station last night, died this morning. The train was in charge of Conductor John Coffey and Engineer Fryers of Moncton and was going at the rate of only about five miles an hour when the accident occurred. A young man named Campbell, who was driving, had just purchased the car, and was making his first trip in it. Miss Murray slung to "Tugwash" and had lived in Amherst only about three weeks.

UNITED STATES WANTS CANADIAN POTATOES

Washington, Dec. 5.—To attack the high cost of food, so far as potatoes are concerned, the Department of Agriculture has ordered a relaxation of the quarantine against potatoes from Canada. Hereafter, Canadian potatoes with not more than ten per cent, showing traces of disease will be admitted at any border customs house instead of specially designated ports as has been the practice. Shipments will not be detained for inspection. The department's action is expected to bring large quantities of potatoes into the United States to meet the high prices.

FUNERALS

The funeral of William Armstrong took place this morning from his late residence on the Milford road to St. Louis's church where a high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Charles Collins. Interment was made in Holy Cross cemetery. The funeral of Mrs. Emma Law took place this afternoon from her late residence, 20 High street. Services were conducted by Rev. N. J. McLaughlin and interment was made in Cedar Hill.

IN WALL STREET TODAY

(J. M. Robinson & Sons' Private Wire Telegram)

New York, Dec. 5.—President's message out at one o'clock today. Allies issue plea on behalf of Belgium. Dr. Henry VanDyke resigns as minister to the Netherlands. Great Britain to take immediate steps towards ascertaining the cause of recent clash in Athens. Tonic guns within eleven miles of Bucharest. London despatch says Asquith will remain premier, and with Bonar Law and Lloyd-George form new government with few changes except in war council. Twenty industrials, 106.20, off 51; twenty active rails, 106.65, off 45. Press Comment Sun.—"There appears to be unanimity of opinion that the year will end with a bullish speculation under way." Times.—"Nearly all stock traders seemingly are of the opinion that the stringency in call money cannot be long lived." Financial Items High-class stock exchange institutions, which have been confident of a favorable interpretation of the railroad section of the president's message, are credited with having bought considerable amount of New York Central, Atch. C. & O. Union and Reading. Conservative financial circles are calling attention to the point that the fact that surplus reserves are at the lowest level in two years indicates that while the higher call money rates are likely to attract funds from the interior, firm figures may be expected until the return of January disbursements to usual channels, and that in the meantime it would be the part of wisdom to avoid overloading in making new stock market commitments. The petroleum stocks are in growing demand. There appears to be a conviction that the Mexican situation is slowly improving, and that the great oil interests there are safe. Mex. Pete. seems to be a favorite speculative investment with the stocks of other companies likely to sympathize. "A Christmas bull market in U. S. Steel" is the latest talk in commission houses in which advice is generally given to buy that stock during all recessions in the market. The constantly accumulating orders for rails are looked upon in Pittsburg circles as acquiring a stable business for the corporation for a long time to come. The same "rumors" seem to be unusually friendly to Colorado Fuel.

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CAMPBELLTON INFANTRYMAN DIES IN WAR

D.K. Norman Killed—Two New Brunswickers Are Missing

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—(Casualties): INFANTRY Killed in Action R. K. Norman, Campbellton, N. B. Missing Neil McDonald, Port Hood, N. S.; J. E. McLennan, Green Hills; Lance-Corp. James Maher, Placentia, Nfld.; G. I. Smith, Lockford, N. S.; H. A. Smith, Sackville, N. B.; Sergt. P. J. Whelan, Placentia, Nfld.; Albert Mowat, Harvey Station, N. B. Previously Reported Wounded, Now Killed in Action J. A. McArthur, Glace Bay, N. S. Wounded G. S. Maxwell, Pictou, N. S.; Howard Selton, Halifax.

SOLDIER BOY OF ST. JOHN ON WAY HOME

Fred Pattman Only Fourteen When He Enlisted—Brother and Step-Father Also Overseas

The youngest St. John boy and one of the youngest in Canada to don the king's uniform, Fred Pattman, son of Mrs. W. J. Hawkins, of 257 Carmarthen street, is on his way home after spending nearly two years on the western front. He is not coming to stay, but on a three months' furlough. Although only fourteen years old at the time of signing on for overseas service, he did not choose to go as a bugler, but went into the ranks and took his place on the big guns with the men and has proven that he can do his part. He has been one of the fortunate ones, and during his two years of active service has come through without a scratch. A brother, Private Ernest Pattman, is now in France. He also went overseas with the first contingent as a member of the 14th Battalion. In recent letters received from him, he said that of the original members of the 14th he was the only one left in France. The rest have either been killed, wounded or are home on furloughs. The boys' step-father, W. J. Hawkins, is also in khaki and is fighting on the western front, a member of the 60th Battalion. He has not been as fortunate as the boys, as he has been gassed and also wounded, but at the present time is in the trenches.

DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT IN ENGLAND



The Duke of Connaught at the Princess skating rink, London, where he opened a sale of Christmas toys made in Lord Roberts memorial workrooms. This is his first public appearance since his return from Canada. The duke, as it is seen here with the duchess and Lord Cheylesmore, spoke of his visit to France, where he came in contact with Canadian soldiers in the trenches.

GRANITE BLOCKS FOR HIGH SCHOOL HILL

One Feature of 1917 Street Paving Programme Which May be Questioned in Council

Commissioner Fisher's report on the proposed street paving programme for 1917, which was presented to the council in committee yesterday morning, will be before the common council again this afternoon for consideration. The commissioner did not have time yesterday to complete his explanations of the works which he recommends and this will be taken up today. The programme as suggested by him involves an expenditure of \$104,000. One of the recommendations which may arouse opposition is that for laying granite blocks in Union street from Dock street to Prince William. This is the hill on which the High School and Natural History Society buildings stand, and the plan may be opposed on account of the noise of traffic on a granite paved street. Commissioner Fisher defends this style of paving for the street as the best suited for a hill as he believes that granite blocks can be laid to give a better footing for horses than any other form of paving.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service. Clearing. Strong winds and moderate gales from and with, showers, Wednesday, strong westerly winds, clearing.

REV. H. WIGLE NEW PRESIDENT OF MT. ALLISON COLLEGE

Halifax, Dec. 5.—Rev. Hamilton Wigle, pastor of the Wesley Smith Memorial church, Halifax, has accepted an appointment as president of Mount Allison College.

AGED MAN SAID HE WALKED HERE FROM RESTIGOUCHE

A man well over 70 and bent with age was in the police court today charged with vagrancy. Policeman McAlinich said that so far as he knew the man had no means of support and was without a home. The defendant told the court that he belonged to Restigouche county and had walked here from there. He was ordered to be sent back.

LETTERS FROM THE FRONT

Mrs. Walter Whipple, 47 Clarence street, has received a letter from her husband, who has recovered from shell shock and had leave in London for ten days, returning to France after enjoying himself. He wishes to be remembered to all his friends. She also has a letter from John Spellman, cousin of Walter Whipple, who went across with the First Canadian Contingent, and has neither been sick nor wounded, and is still doing his bit; and a letter also from Thomas Spellman, another cousin, who has been on the firing line for the last two years. He has been sent to England suffering from rheumatism.

FLOUR COMES DOWN

Today Manitoba flour was quoted by wholesalers at \$10.60 a barrel, a drop of thirty cents since yesterday. All grades of Ontario still remain the same, \$9.85 a barrel. Some grades of soaps advanced this morning fifteen cents a case and also some grades of hand cleaner advanced twenty-five cents a case. Appointed Domestic Prelate Rome, Sunday, Dec. 3.—(Delayed)—Pope Benedict has appointed the Reverend James Coyle domestic prelate. He will carry the title of Monsignor. There is a Father James Coyle of Taunton, Mass., probably the one honored by His Holiness.

BRITISH WOMEN'S GIFT TO BRAVE NEWFOUNDLANDERS



The photograph shows Princess Henry of Battenberg presenting colors to a contingent of the first Newfoundland Regiment at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, England. She also presented a shield. Both were the gifts of the women and children of the British Isles.