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ENEMY ON DEFENSIVE IN BELGIUM; ARTILLERY FIRE NOW IS FEEBLE

French War Office Tells of Some Progress---Reports That Russians Have Upper Hand in Poland Persist

Paris, Nov. 30 (3 p. m.)—The French official communication given out in Paris this afternoon is as follows:—

"In Belgium the enemy is remaining on the defensive. The artillery fire has been feeble, and we have made progress at certain points. In the vicinity of Fay we hold securely the positions we occupied on November 28.

"In the region of Soissons there has been intermittent artillery fire directed against the town.

"In the Argonne several attacks on the town of Dagatelle were repulsed by our troops.

There has been a heavy fog on the heights of the Meuse.

In the Woevre district the enemy bombarded the forest of Apremont, but without result.

There is nothing to report in the Vosges."

ADVANTAGE WITH RUSSIA.

Petrograd via London, Nov. 30—"Fighting on the Russo-Prussian frontier is turning advantageously for our side," says a correspondent of the Army Messenger."

"Our cavalry has dispersed the enemy, who, in retiring, is abandoning his munitions of war. The energetic pursuit of our forces prevents the Germans from taking up the positions which they had prepared for their use in the event of a retreat."

SIEGE OF CRACOW BEGUN

Milan, via London, Nov. 30—The siege of Cracow has begun, according to a correspondent of the newspaper Corriere Dela Sera, who is with the Muscovite army. He wires that the Russians are bombarding the forts with their heavy siege guns, and that one of the suburbs of the city is reported to be in flames.

GERMANS IN DESPERATE SITUATION

New York, Nov. 30—A Herald cable from London says:—

Practically surrounded by Russians two and possibly three German army corps are this morning fighting desperately to break their way through the encompassing lines toward the north in the hope of joining reinforcements sent from Thorn to aid them.

There, with their faces to the heart of Poland with only a narrow line of communications to the Posen frontier still open—an orifice too small to permit the passage of the force without danger of annihilation—the Germans present one of the most dramatic pictures drawn from the eastern theatre of war.

"Can they escape a Sedan," all London was asking last night. That they are fighting with great determination Petrograd admits, but with the enormous reinforcements Grand Duke Nicholas is constantly receiving along the railway line in his rear, there is little disposition to doubt the ultimate fate of the beleagured corps.

"Impelled by the gravity of the situation on the eastern front, the Kaiser has appeared on the Russian frontier andhas joined the new field marshal, Von Hindenburg, to offer his advice and encourage his troops.

as Paid Indemnity?

Paris, Nov. 30—Germany has paid an indemnity of 150,000 marks ($37,500) to the Duchy of Luxemburg, according to a despatch to the Temps from Bordeaux.

One of the first acts of Germany after the outbreak of the war was to invade the Duchy of Luxemburg. This action was criticized by the allied nations as a violation of neutral territory. The payment of an indemnity, if made, as reported, presumably would be intended as recompense Luxemburg for Germany's act.

Moving Troops to East.

Geneva, Nov. 30—The Journal De Geneve, says that on November 21 and 22, 110 trains, each composed of fifty cars, conveying artillery and cavalry, passed through Luxemburg from Flanders on the way to the German eastern frontier.

Exchange Arranged

Berne, Switzerland, Nov. 30—The Swiss government has arranged an agreement between France and Germany and Austria under which civilian prisoners between the ages of forty-five and sixty will be released if found medically unfit for military service. The agreement affects several thousand.

Belgian Queen Reported Ill

Rotterdam, via London, Nov. 30—The newspaper Maasbode learns that Queen Elizabeth of Belgium is ill and confined to her bed. Her illness is due to overwork in the Red Cross service.

Quiet in Caucasus

Paris, Nov. 30—A Petrograd despatch contains a statement issued by the general staff of the Russian army in the Caucasus. It says: "There was no action of any importance on November 28."

WEEK OLD NEWS USED BY GERMAN OFFICIALS TO DECEIVE PEOPLE

London, Nov. 30—W. M. Duckworth, a Daily News correspondent, telegraphing from Copenhagen:

"The German great general staff, with the Kaiser's connivance, is exploiting past victories in East Prussia to allay the fast growing depression in Berlin, by adroitly mixing up official reports. The general staff is able for the moment to make Berlin believe that the Russians are being prevented from marching toward German territory.

"Tonight news comes that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has issued a new army order containing another encouraging telegram from the Kaiser, but the events over which the people are now rejoicing, happened more than a week ago. They have no knowledge of the Russian victories that have happened since."

PRODUCE PRICES ON PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Nov. 30—The merchants report a good trade, and are advertising freely. In the produce market the advance of pork to 9½ cents is welcome news to the farming community. There is a large quantity offering, and with the colder weather prices are likely to continue firm.

Butter is steady at 32 to 35 cents for creamery, and 24 to 26 for dairy. New laid eggs are higher. In fact, it is rather difficult to give a firm quotation on strictly fresh eggs. They retail in the market from thirty-eight to forty cents.

Potatoes are quoted at twenty-five cents by the local dealers, but householders are usually obliged to pay a few cents more. They have been moving in fair quantities, but the bad roads of the last few days have stopped the supply somewhat.

Oats are moving and are quoted nominally at 46 cents. Loose hay is quoted at 75 to 80 cents per cwt., and pressed at $14 a ton. The cheese factories have practically all sold out their stock. The only supply is in the hands of the wholesale and retail dealers.

SURVIVOR OF EMPRESS.

Stoker Who Saved Lives of Two Children, Offers His As Soldier.

London, Nov. 30—Among the members of a regiment of Territorials, near neighbors of the Canadians at Salisbury Plain, is a man who was a stoker on the Empress of Ireland when she sank in the St. Lawrence. When the ship took her plunge he was thrown into the water, and managed to pick up two children, one of which survived. He had previously been ten years in the navy, but on being refused as too old for reenlistment, he offered himself for the Territorials and was accepted.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service.

Rain is falling over the greater portion of Ontario, elsewhere the weather is fair. Colder conditions are settling over the west.

Showers Tomorrow.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh southerly to south winds fair and mild today. Tuesday, showery.

New England forecasts—Rain tonight and Tuesday; warmer in the interior; moderate to fresh south to southeast winds.

Noblewomen of Turkish Harems Make Bandages For Wounded Soldiers

These women, all from the harems of royal and titled Turks are members of the Turkish Red Crescent Society. That society is doing for their soldiers what the Red Cross societies are doing for other combatants in the war.

More Than Thousand Now On Roll of 26th; Recruiting Is To Be Suspended Tomorrow

Seventy-five Added Today — The Army Service Corps — Tablet in Honor of Carleton Church Recruits

Recruiting for the 26th infantry battalion will close tomorrow. By tonight it is expected that the full regiment will be enrolled and tomorrow there will be a weeding out process in which several already on the strength will be let go for various reasons, mostly because of slight disabilities. The recruiting offices in the armory were crowded throughout the morning with young men signing the lists and being sworn in and being supplied with equipment, and up to noon seventy-five volunteers had been added to the establishment. The total number on the strength of the 26th up to last night was 1,000 of which St. John had furnished the grand aggregate of 597. By tonight, with the number being taken on today, St. John will be represented in the regiment by more than 620 men.

Army Service

Active training has been begun for the members of the Army Service Corps under Major McKean, for foreign service. He went on duty at the armory this morning with many of his men, and the other local officers Lieutenant Pidgeon and Rainnie—will probably take up their duties this week. Capatin Wickwire has already been acting as assistant to Lieutenant Colonel Massie, O. C., the divisional train. There is a fifth officer to be appointed, and Colonel Massie has received several applications for the post. These he has forwarded to Ottawa that the selection may be made. The strength of the local company will be 176, just double the previously announced establishment of 88 which was to have composed a transport section.

Church Roll of Honor

A roll of honor is to be placed in Carleton Presbyterian church in commemoration of some twelve young men from the membership who have gone to war or are going with the second contingent. This announcement was made last night by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Morison who said that a handsome mural tablet of oak would be erected in honor of the lads, and their names inscribed in letters of gold upon it.

A committee has been appointed, composed of J. R. Cameron, convenor, Mrs. Percy Cruikshank, and Miss Jeanette Sinclair, to arrange for the placing of the tablet which will not only be in the nature of a roll of honor, but as a continual reminder to the congregation that in their prayers they should include the names of the young men who will be fighting their battles in the cause of England.

Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 30—Twenty-two recruits for the 26th Battalion left for St. John this morning, and four will follow tomorrow.

Archie Williams, a local newspaper man, has joined the artillery.

NEWSPAPER MEN SEE GEN. JOFFRE

Honor Conferred on Him "of no Importance; What Matters Above Everything is to Save Country"

Paris, Nov. 30—A representative of the Havas Agency, together with a party of Paris newspapermen, has been received by General Joffre at his headquarters. This is the first time since the outbreak of the war that the commander-in-chief has consented to see press representatives. In describing the headquarters and what he saw there, the Havas correspondent says:

"The office from which the general directs operations is in a public school in a small, quiet town. There is no undue stir or bustle in the little streets, and a stranger would never suspect the presence of the head of the allied armies in this modest place.

"General Joffre's private office is on the first floor of the school building. As the correspondents entered, the general rose from his desk and stood in the middle of the room. He was in undress uniform, with top boots and tunic, but wore no decorations.

"He was just as all Frenchmen picture him. His features reflect the character of the man in every line, showing a combination of energy and goodness, gentleness and firmness. The formidable cares and anxieties of the last four months of war have not aged his countenance, nor bent the athletic frame. His whole personality breathes physical and moral vigor in the highest degree.

"'I am happy to welcome you, gentlemen,' he said. 'Your tour will, I hope, enable you to correct certain errors which the Germans are busily disseminating in the public mind. You will carry back with you, I do not doubt, a good impression from your visit to the armies.'

"We began to congratulate him respectively on the military medal conferred on him by President Poincare. He interrupted hastily: 'That is of no importance at all. What matters above everything is to save the country.'

The general pronounced these last words with such an accent, and 'he will save it,' is the opinion of the party.

IS SPAIN PREPARING TO JOIN THE ALLIES AGAINST GERMANY?

New York, Nov. 30—A cable from Madrid to the Tribune says:

News of fresh outrages committed by Germans on Spanish subjects in Belgium and Germany will be the subject of a new interpellation in parliament. Senor Beltaide has received an appeal from prominent people of the Asturias asking him to urge the government to make strong representations to Germany for the safety of Spanish subjects in the war zone.

The news of outrages printed recently has influenced public opinion in Spain against Germany, notwithstanding that at the beginning of hostilities Spain was strongly pro-German.

It is said officials denied that the government has decided to fortify the coast at Galicia and at Melilla, Morocco, strongly. Why the government has paid more attention to those points—one in the northern part of Spain and the other on the coast of Africa, is a matter of much speculation.

It is believed that Spain foresees the possibility of raids being made by Germany in the west in order to attack Portugal and in Morocco in order to strike at the French possessions in northern Africa. Many people, however, see in this move a preliminary step for Spain joining the allies.

JURY DISAGREED

Eleven to One in Circuit Court Matter—Are Sent Back

The case of the King vs. David Hennessey came up for trial in the Circuit Court this morning before Justice Landry and the following jury—Charles Kerr, Victor A. Scott, William L. Walsh, Charles A. Simon, G. Holland Lounsbury, Isaac Webber, Christopher Splane, Beverly N. Allen, Thomas O'Brien, Charles A. Nevins, James A. Brown and J. Charles Salmon.

He was charged with assaulting Policeman James Anderson with intent to do grievous bodily harm, and doing grievous bodily harm. Policeman Anderson, William Armstrong, and John E. Wood were examined for the crown. No witnesses were called for the defence.

D. Mullin, K. C., appeared for the crown, and J. A. Barry for the defence. The jury retired at 12.20 and returned at one o'clock announcing a disagreement, eleven being of one view, and one of a different view. They were sent back to see if they could agree, and the court adjourned until 2.30 o'clock.

HONORS WON BY S. C. MATTHEWS IN HALIFAX

S. C. Matthews has returned from Halifax with a solid gold pencil and an address of appreciation from the ten doctors. All, and while in the sister city taking instructions there. Mr. Matthews composed and sang a song entitled Doctorrs All, and while in the sister city entertained the doctors several evenings in his inimitable way. Mr. Matthews also sang during the week at Acker's Theatre, and was given a great reception as he sang his Kaiser song and other compositions. The medical men who signed the testimonial to Mr. Matthews were:—W. B. McVey, W. MacDonald, A. E. Lindon, F. J. Stephenson, Arnold Keay, W. Ruddick, G. M. Taylor, A. E. Gardiner, Roy Philps and S. Stanley King. The Halifax Echo prints the song Doctors All, and also the address presented to Mr. Matthews.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY

Sons of Scotland or of Scottish descent are today honoring the name of their patron, St. Andrew, this being his feast day. The flag of Scotland was flown from many buildings about the city today in honor of the event.

THE FUNDS

The following contributions to the Patriotic Fund were received this morning:

From Kingston, N. B.: — John Paddock, $1; Mrs. Mary Hoyt, $1; Mrs. J. C. Lyon, $1; Miss Helena Northrup, $1; F. S. Northrup, 50c.

Other donations:—Mrs. J. Roy Campbell, $1; Dr. T. Fred Johnston (November payment), $5; F. S. Moore, $1.

For the Belgians.

Mayor Frink has received contributions to the Belgian Relief Fund as follows:—The Ever True Rebecca Lodge, No. 265, Douglastown, N. B., $251.25; Belgian sympathizer, $10; collected by Hans Olsen, Port Elgin, N. B., $7; A. W. Clark, M. D., Ernest, Pa., additional, $50; sale of potatoes, $1; A. J. Fenwick, $3.

SHACKLETON DELAYED

London, Nov. 30—A Reuter despatch from Sydney, N. S. W., states that a strike in the dockyards has delayed the departure of the Antarctic ship Aurora, which is to carry a section of Sir Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic expedition, and that the indications are that Shackleton will not start on his trans-Antarctic journey until next year.

MARRIED BY THE POPE

New York, Nov. 30—A Rome cable to the Tribune says:—"Pope Benedict XV solemnized in person, yesterday, the marriage of Prince Rufo Rufo Della Scaletta and Countess Gabriela Bacci, in fulfillment of a promise he made them while he was Archbishop of Bologna.

This is the first time that a Pope has personally officiated at a marriage since Pius IX married Alfonso of Bourbon, Count of Caserta, to a daughter of Count Trapani, in 1869.

CUT OUT QUEENSTOWN CALL

London, Nov. 30—The Cunard line has decided to discontinue any Sunday calls at Queenstown by the American-bound steamers which leave Liverpool on Saturday. The White Star Line the same in the case of their mid-week boats. As a consuquence all mails from Great Britain and Ireland for the United States must be put on board at Liverpool.

GERMANS NOW IN SOUTH ATLANTIC, SAY REPORTS

Warships Said to Have Made Way There From Pacific--Easier Feeling in British Columbia

Buenos Ayres, Nov. 30—Despatches from Montevideo insist that there is good reason to believe that the German squadron which has been operating in the Pacific is at present in the south Atlantic. Neither the French nor the British legation has any information to confirm these reports; nevertheless private despatches gave them credence. It is related among the other things that several German steamers are preparing at Montevideo to provision the German warships.

Reports that the German Pacific squadron had succeeded in making its way to the Atlantic have been current for two days. Under date of November 28 Montevideo reported that the German squadron had been sighted 600 miles north of Punta Pilar, Brazil, heading northeast.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 30—With all five of the German cruisers in the Pacific accounted for in southern waters, the British Columbia cities of Victoria, Vancouver and Prince Rupert have recovered from the feeling of uneasiness which prevailed when the Scharnhorst, Gnieseneau, Leipzig, Dresden and Nurnberg, were reported at several places in North American waters. The Leipzig was sighted as far north as Cape Mendocin, Cal., on August 19 and then headed for South America. This is the nearest approach of a German cruiser to British Columbia since the war began.

Reports of naval engagements in the North Pacific persist, yet, according to British naval authorities are mere inventions.

WILL OF MISS MARY J. DALZELL PROBATED

In the probate court today the will of Miss Mary J. Dalzell, at one time a tailoress, was proved. She appoints her brother-in-law, Daniel E. Coles, manufacturer, and his daughter, Ethel Coles, teacher in the Centennial School, executors and trustees, and directs that her freehold property in Vancouver, consisting of a lot in John street, and another lot in Cedar street, and $250 worth of stock in the Berkley Coal Company, of B. C., be sold and the proceeds divided equally amongst her brothers, James Dalzell of New York, and George Dalzell, of Vancouver, and her sisters, Margaret A., wife of James Calder of Ferbury, Nebraska, and Rachael, wife of Daniel E. Coles. She further gives $100 to Ethel Coles in trust for Hazel, infant daughter of her deceased sister, Hannah Dalzell Miles, of Somerville, Mass.; $75, in trust for Chester, infant son of her sister, Hannah Dalzell Miles; $100 to Edith, wife of Walter Pierce of Carleton, St. John, painter; $50 in trust for Byron, infant son of her deceased sister, Lille Horr of Vancouver; $50 for George E., infant son of her brother, George Y. Dalzell (these to be paid out of rents of her property in Hanover street), and after providing for these legacies she gives her property in Hanover street to Horace, infant son of her sister, Rachael Coles. The rest of her estate, including a property in Upham, Kings County, she gives to her sister, Rachael Coles. The executors named were sworn in as such. Real estate is $3,000; personalty under $500. Burton L. Gerow is proctor.

INDIA LOYAL

Address of Interest at Meeting of Baptist Ministers

Rev. H. E. Stilwell, who has been a missionary in India for sixteen years, gave a very interesting address on The Inside View of Life in India before a special meeting of the Baptist ministers this morning. There was a good attendance and all the clergymen thoroughly enjoyed the address.

Mr. Stilwell said that the war, whatever way it went, would not affect India in her relation to Britain, because everything was viewed from a fatalistic standpoint and India had seen so called Christian nations at war before. Also the Gurkhas and Sikhs were in their element in fighting and scraps in India were a daily occurrence. Neither need there be any fear that the proclamation of a holy war would affect the Mohammedans of India. The Sultan of Turkey was looked upon as the football of Germany.

He emphasized the need of a greater sympathy on the part of our people with foreign peoples. Our manners and customs were just as ridiculous in their sight as theirs were to us and much that we did could be no more justified than some things that we condemned in them. Mr. Stilwell told of the immense value of British rule in India and of the wonderful loyalty of the people to the king and queen. He said that India was by no means ready to become independent.

HOME GUARDS TO HAVE MEETING TONIGHT

The first company of the Home Guards will meet in the mayor's office, city hall, this evening at eight o'clock to elect officers. This company has been organized by Captain A. S. Hawker, and is composed largely of men from West St. John. Through the kindness of Hon. J. D. Hazen, a large room in the customs house has been placed at the disposal of the home guards for drilling during the winter.

THE WHEAT MARKET

Chicago, Nov. 30—Lower cables and big receipts northwest had a bearish effect today on the wheat. That rains were needed in the domestic winter crop belt, counted also against the bulls. The downward tendency of prices was checked in part by signs that foreigners were taking cash wheat. After opening unchanged to a half lower the market rallied a little but then sagged lower than before.

P. E. I. FOX MEN MEET

Charlottetown, P.E.I., Nov. 30—At a meeting of fox men in Summerside last week, the majority were of the opinion that no foxes should be sold for less than $10,000 a pair. This refers to the genuine island bred stock. Another meeting will beheld at Charlottetown on December 1, to make arrangements for a general advertising campaign.

SON OF FREDERICTON BANK MANAGER HAS LEG BROKEN IN A COASTING ACCIDENT

R. H. Simonds Succeeds J. F. McCandlass as Publicity Commissioner

Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 30—As Tit Hawkins, youngest son of the manager of the Bank of Montreal was coasting with another boy on College Hill on Saturday their sled swerved into a ditch and collapsed. Hawkins' left leg was broken at the knee and badly cut. He is in the Victoria Hospital.

Members of St. Andrew's Society will honor the patron saint this evening by holding a luncheon in the K. of P. hall.

R. H. Simonds, of Montreal, formerly of this city, has been appointed publicity commissioner for Fredericton in place of Joseph F. McCandlass, who has resigned to go to the war.

MAYOR'S TRIBUTE TO SERVICE AND ABILITY OF LATE ALD. McGOLDRICK

Speaking of the late John McGoldrick this morning, Mayor Frink said:—"I have known the late alderman for many years and had been closely associated with him for a long time in the city council. He possessed a great fund of information regarding civic matters; there were few matters which came before the council for discussion upon which he could not throw some light from his information and experience. In all matters relating to the public welfare especially those affecting the younger generation, he not only took a deep interest but gave freely his personal aid and direction. In the conduct of the various boards of which he was chairman, Mr. McGoldrick gave evidence of marked executive ability."

MANY AT FUNERAL OF HARBOR-MASTE RFLEMING

Many friends this afternoon attended the funeral of Captain R. H. Fleming, late harbor master, which was held from his late residence, Pagan Place, at 2.30 o'clock. Rev. J. H. MacVicar officiated at the services, and interment was in Fernhill. Many floral tributes were received, including a wreath from the common council.

OATS AND HAY FOR GOVERNMENT

Heavy shipments of hay and oats are expected to be made from St. John this winter for government purposes to supply the thousands of horses in use in Europe with the allies. Equipment has been installed in the C. P. R. elevators at West St. John to bag the oats for shipment. There will be much grain shipped as well, and supplies of all these commodities are now being received in large quantities. There are now about 350,000 bushels of grain in the elevators, and in another fortnight it is probable that they will be filled to capacity.

MOTOR TRUCKS IN TROUBLE

Two of the automobile trucks used by city firms quitted duty almost simultaneously in different parts of the city between nine and ten o'clock this morning. Messrs. McAvity's light truck was stalled in Water street, and the big truck was called to tow it to the garage. It got as far as the foot of Dorchester street when the front axle collapsed. The machine was taken to the garage in Dorchester street. About the same time the big Maritime Nail Co. truck was stalled in Princess street near the Princess Garage and was taken in there for repairs.

DEATH IN CARLETON

The death of William H. Best, Jr., took place yesterday at the residence of his uncle, John W. Best, 58 Water street, West End, after a short illness. He was thirty-four years of age and is survived by his father, William H. Best, in Maine; two small children, William and Lillian, and one brother, George of Montreal. Mr. Best enjoyed the esteem of a large circle of friends who will hear of his death with regret. He will be buried from his uncle's home on Tuesday afternoon.

POLICE COURT

A man arrested on the West Side on Saturday, charged with drunkenness and using obscene language, was remanded. Another man, charged with drunkenness, was also remanded, and one was fined $8 or 30 days in jail.