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British and French Wrest Ground From Enemy

Official War Report Tells of More Sharp Fighting With Allies Having Advantage — General Hughes Leaving Hospital

Paris, Jan. 11.—The French War Office this afternoon gave out the following:— From the sea to the Lys, there was, yesterday, an intermittent and not very intense cannonading.

"From the Lys to the Oise, in the region of Boiselle, our troops took possession of a trench of the enemy after a violent fight. To the northwest of Soissons on 'Spur 132' they yesterday repulsed a German attack.

"On the Aisne and in Champagne, as far as Rheims, there have been artillery exchanges. From Rheims to the Argonne, our artillery bombarded the first line of trenches of the enemy and the shelters of the reserves.

"To the north of Beausjour the enemy made a desperate effort to recapture the little fort which he had previously lost. His counter attacks were delivered with energy.

"In the Argonne there were some few small engagements and our front was maintained. Between the Meuse and the Moselle the day passed calmly. In the Vosges there was a heavy fall of snow."

GENERAL HUGHES TO GO WEST TOMORROW

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 11.—General Sam Hughes, who has been in St. Luke's Hospital, suffering from water on the knee, expects to be out tomorrow and to leave on Wednesday night for the west and the Pacific on inspection. He will be away almost until the opening of parliament.

GREAT NEED IN BELGIUM

London, Jan. 9 (7.05 p. m.)—The Hasselt representative of the American Commission for Relief in Belgium, in a letter describing the first distribution of supplies forwarded there by the commission, discloses the extent to which even those who can afford to buy for food are dependent upon assistance.

"At the communal warehouses," he writes, "more than 100 persons were packed about the doors, each with a ticket and with bags in which to carry away food. They crowded each other furiously to get in before the supply was exhausted. Old men, young men and children were in the crowd. All alike had to wait their turn in the distribution."

FIVE KILLED BY GERMAN BOMB

Paris, Jan. 11.—A German aeroplane dropped a bomb upon Malo-les-Bains, a year Dunkirk today, killing five civilians.

IMPORTANT IF BRITISH HAVE LILLE

London, Jan. 11.—An important advance has been made by the British army if, as is reported in London, it has virtual possession of Lille. This city lies just south of the Belgian border and its occupation by the British would mean that a sharp bend had been made in the German front. Neither the French nor German war office statements, however, have given official confirmation.

LEGISLATURE MAY MEET ON FEB. 18

Fredericton, Jan. 11.—Premier Clarke remained in the city on Sunday and will attend a meeting of the provincial government this evening. It is expected that the date of legislature opening will be fixed and a start made with the seasonal programme. It is expected the house will be called together on Feb. 18.

It is reported that an additional section of the ammunition column is to be sent here from Montreal and that Major Harrison's section will be recruited up to the strength of 150.

NO INCREASE IN SUBSIDIES LIKELY

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 11.—Checks for \$5,000,000 have just been sent out from the department of finance to the various provinces. It represents the half yearly instalment of subsidies.

At the inter-provincial conference in Ottawa strong resolutions in favor of an increase in the subsidies were passed, but in view of the effect of the war there is no likelihood of it being granted at present.

PHILIP AND PHERNAND WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—A disturbance is approaching the lower lake region from the west and south. The weather continues mild in the western provinces and the temperature is now rising eastward.

Moderately Cold. Maritime—Moderate winds, fair and moderately cold today and part of Tuesday.

New England—Rain or snow today or Tuesday, warmer tonight, moderate winds mostly south and southwest.

Twenty-five To Be Added To Police Force; Raise of Pay All Round

New Chief Is To Be Paid \$2,000 a Year

At an informal meeting of the city commissioners at noon today the police organization of the department on a metropolitan basis at an additional cost of about \$22,000 a year was provided for by Commissioner McLellan in his estimates, involving the addition of twenty-five men to the force and increases in pay to all ranks, including the salary of the new chief at \$2,000.

Some general statistics were also submitted by the mayor, showing the condition in which the city departments finished the year. The market showed a very satisfactory balance of more than \$4,000 on the right side, there remained \$4 unexpended in the police department, and about \$2,000 in the fire department, making Commissioner McLellan's surplus more than \$10,000.

The harbor showed a big falling off in revenue, particularly the old C. P. R. wharf which was more than \$5,000 short. The overdraft of \$6,000 on the very necessary side of the account, but outside of this the deficit had almost paid its way, with a deficit of only \$88.

Commissioner Wignora, as previously reported, had a surplus of \$20,000 from water account, and planned to place this in reserve for extension and improvement. This was opposed, however, by Commissioner Potts, who advocated taking this \$20,000 to wipe out the over-expenditure on general account.

The public works department reported an over-expenditure of \$10,000. Commissioner Potts pointed out that the non-revenue producing departments were required to pay for their own expenses and have the benefit of the balances in other departments.

Commissioner Wignora contended that the people who paid the water rates should have the benefit of any surplus. Until the department was in a satisfactory condition the water rates should go to reserve for improvements, and when all repairs and extensions were complete, the rates should be cut down to make the department self-sustaining and no more. If bonds were issued for all extensions, it meant adding a higher load to the water-rates every year. Already his department paid about \$100,000 in bond interest, and the \$150,000 spent in his department really meant only \$80,000. His revenue was \$211,000, an increase of \$10,000 over the year.

The question was left open and, in fact, the meeting was called only for discussion, forming what was practically the first open door committee meeting of the year.

Commissioner McLellan read over his items, and his list was completed, and although he expressed his opinion as to whether they would support his recommendations as a whole, no objection was made to the increase to be proposed them one by one. Features of the new plan will include the introduction of the signal system already provided for by bond issue, and therefore not included in the estimates; the increase of the chief's salary to \$12,000, for which legislation must be secured; increase of twenty-five cents a day practically to all patrolmen, starting about \$2.75 as at present, increasing to \$2.25 the second year and \$2.50 the third. The deputy chief is to be raised to \$12,000, a senior detective to be appointed at about \$1,900, and a junior about \$1,100. All sergeants are to receive \$2.75 a day, and in the southern division there will be two night sergeants who will divide the work. Three mounted men are to be engaged instead of one at present, all at \$2, and altogether there will be five traffic policemen, first-class men at \$2.50, three in the southern division and two in the North End. There will be two sergeants on the West Side, but the night men must now do patrol duty. Two desk men will be employed at central station to attend and record the calls of the signal patrol system, both young men at \$2 a day. There will be one court sergeant.

The New Force. Roughly, the make-up of the force under Commissioner McLellan's plan, which it was said today would be probably be adopted in its entirety, will be: Southern Division, Chief, deputy and two detectives. Three sergeants for streets, at \$2.75. Two desk men for patrol system at \$2. Four mounted at \$1.75. Three reserves at \$2. Three mounted men at \$2. Five patrolmen at \$2.50. One court sergeant. Seven patrolmen at \$2.50. Nine patrolmen at \$2.25. Ten patrolmen at \$2. Total 46.

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AUSTRIAN EMPEROR SEEKS EARLY PEACE

Rome, Jan. 11.—Despatches from Vienna telling of an audience given on Saturday, to the members of the Galician nobility by the Emperor Francis Joseph, state that the Emperor's reply to questions asked on that occasion regarding peace, are considered to be most significant.

In speaking of an honorable and long lasting peace, compensating for present sacrifices, he said his efforts were being directed to ending the war at the earliest moment possible.

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MAJOR McLEAN IS TO COMMAND ONE OF SQUADRONS

Recruiting For Maritime Regiment, Mounted Rifles

NEW EQUIPMENT ISSUED

Now Provided For Active Service — Rifle Club March Out to Sea — Beads Presented to Catholic Soldiers

Recruiting for the Maritime Regiment, Mounted Rifles is now in full swing. Many applications have been received by the officers both of the 8th Hussars and the 28th Dragoons, and these are being filed for consideration until the definite announcement is given as to how many can be taken from New Brunswick and how many from Nova Scotia. The expectation is that each of the mounted regiments from this province, the 28th Dragoons and the 8th Hussars, will be increased to 48 men and six officers but this is not yet certain.

Many friends were today congratulating Major C. Herbert McLean upon his appointment as officer commanding one of the squadrons in the projected regiment of mounted rifles, which was made known today. While young in years, he is old in military experience having been connected actively with soldiering from his youngest days. Of late years he has been with the 28th Dragoons, having been in command for quite a time while his brother, Col. H. H. McLean, was in command of the 8th Hussars.

Had March-Out. The members of the newly formed Rifle Club had a march-out on Saturday afternoon going to Seaside Park, where they had tea, returning to the city early in the evening. Since the formation of the club seven members have taken out commissions, six others have joined in the ranks of the second contingent, and some eight or ten are planning to join the third contingent. Other clubs formed for the same purpose in the city have done equally good work as recruiting mediums.

Presentations and Social. While the Catholic members of the 26th Battalion were at service yesterday morning in the Cathedral, where they received Holy Communion in a body, presentations of a rotary were made to each by the ladies of St. Monica's Society. The Y. M. S. of St. Joseph intend holding a reception for the soldiers of all the local units in their rooms at St. Malachi's all. An invitation has been extended to all the men in uniform to attend. A fine programme has been arranged and refreshments will be served.

Inspections Tomorrow. Brigadier General Rutherford, O. C. of the 6th Division, will be in the city to inspect the 26th Battalion.

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TURKS STRENGTHEN AND TRY TO RETRIEVE DISASTER

To Send Masses of Troops Into Action—German Attacks Against Warsaw Weaken; May Mean Important Movement

London, Jan. 11.—The Daily News' correspondent telegraphs from Petrograd:— "The Turks apparently have determined to make an immediate effort to retrieve their disaster in the Caucasus. They are trying to resume the advance from Karazung, west of Sar Kamysh on the Turkish frontier, where the remnants of the fugitive troops are gathered. They have been reinforced by the remaining troops from the Erzerum garrison and there are indications that the Turks are bringing very great masses of troops into the theatre of the present operations.

"The urgency for averting a further catastrophe is immediately due to the extremity of the position of Constantinople, where it has been announced that capital punishment will be inflicted upon anybody circulating foreign reports of the operations."

ATTACK ON WARSAW WEAKENS. The Daily Telegraph's correspondent wires from Guzow via Petrograd:— "The German attacks against Warsaw are weakening. Night assaults are no longer pushed home with vigour and the daylight attack has degenerated into long distance cannonading. During the darkness the enemy will open fire at different points at different times, keeping up an intermittent artillery practice, apparently without specific motive. I would say that these demonstrations are simply made to engage the attention of the Russian army and mask movements of more importance in the rear."

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CAPTAIN NEWTON KILLED IN ACTION; MAY BE OF PRINCESS PATRICIAS

London Chronicle Has Despatch From The Front, But Ottawa Says it May be Officer of Another Force

London, Jan. 11.—A special despatch to the Daily Chronicle from northern France says that Captain Denis Oswald Cochrane Newton, of the Princess Patricia's Own Light Infantry of Canada, has been killed in the fighting in France.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 11.—The foregoing would indicate that the Princess Patricia's Own Light Infantry of Canada, has been killed in the fighting in France.

It is believed here that a long diplomatic correspondence concerning the principles of the American case, but not actual carrying them into practice, will not meet the complaints of American exporters and shippers, and although English supplementary answers is expected to give a more detailed statement of her position, officials plan to take up vigorously all individual cases which may meanwhile arise.

Officers are keenly appreciative of the friendly tone of the British note and of the promises it makes for redress in case of unwarranted injury to American commerce. They say, however, that the note, in its citation of statistics, had not taken up one of the chief points of the American argument. The British statistics reported that American commerce with neutral countries had not suffered so seriously as had been represented, but officials here contend that one of the chief purposes of the American protest was to prevent depletion of American commerce by continuation of British practices.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Renewed confidence was expressed in official circles here today that diplomatic exchanges between Great Britain and the United States, regarding interruption of neutral commerce, soon would lead to diminution of many of the uncertainties to which American cargoes have been subjected.

The British reply to the American protest, made public last night, was regarded as conciliatory in tone and as forecasting a final arrangement satisfactory to American shippers.

While high officials who have had the British reply before them since Friday continued to discuss it only in guarded terms, it became known that they were gratified at the friendly spirit that characterized the communication and considered that the situation had been greatly simplified by Great Britain's frank concurrence in the basic principle as set forth in the American protest. They felt that an understanding had been reached upon which details could be worked out in a satisfactory manner.

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STEWART TUPPER, NOT SIR CHARLES, IS ILL

London, Jan. 11.—A Winnipeg despatch appearing in the Canadian papers recently, reporting that Sir Charles Tupper was ill in a nursing home at Oxford, was incorrect, and the despatch should have stated that it was Sir Charles's elder son, Stewart Tupper, K. C., who has been suffering for some months. He is now receiving treatment from Sir William Osler.

Sir Charles, who is at Bealey Hall, is in better health this year than he was last winter.

FATHER HOWLAND BEREAVED

News reached the city yesterday telling of the death of Mrs. Margaret Howland, which occurred on Friday in Lynn, Mass. She was an esteemed resident of St. Andrews, and the body has been taken there today for burial. She had been ill for some time, and her son, Rev. Miles P. Howland of the Cathedral, was called to be bedside about two weeks ago. He has been in Lynn since that time.

Besides Father Howland, there are five sons surviving, Charles, Leo and Harry in Lynn; Dr. James, a surgeon in the United States Army, and William in Chicago. Many friends will sympathize deeply with the family in their great loss.

BARRED OUT FROM NOW TILL EXPOSITION OPENS

San Francisco, Jan. 11.—The gates of the Panama-Pacific Exposition were closed to the public last night, to remain so until the official opening on February 20. It was estimated that 60,000 persons visited the grounds yesterday.

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