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GRADUAL BUT SURE ADVANCE OF ALLIES IN THE WEST

Artillery Proving Superior to Enemy's - Operations Fail at Only One Point - The German Grip is Weakening

Paris, Jan. 4.—The French War Office gave out the following this afternoon: "From the sea to the Oise, the day passed in almost complete calm. The weather was rainy. There were artillery exchanges at some points of the front in front of Noidettes our heavy artillery reduced the German batteries to silence."

"On the Aisne and in Champagne the cannonading was particularly violent. Our batteries showed their superiority and brought under their fire the reserve forces of the enemy. We became possessed of several points of support held by the Germans in the region of Perthes, and of Mesnilles-Hurlus."

"Between the Argonne and the Meuse, as well as on the heights of the Meuse, there was intermittent cannonading. An effort made yesterday morning by our troops to occupy Bourlivalle did not succeed."

"Our advance continued in the forest of Le Pretre, to the northwest of Pont-A-Mousson."

"In Upper Alsace we occupied an important height to the west of Cernay. A counter attack by the enemy was repulsed."

"In Steinhach we have taken possession of the vicinity of the church and cemetery."

TO DIE FOR ASSAULT ON GERMAN OFFICER

Copenhagen, Jan. 4.—Copenhagen—A Berlin message says that the German supreme war tribunal has sentenced a British war prisoner named Lonsdale to death for assaulting a German officer in the Dohertiz concentration camp, Lonsdale, in the first instance, was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment, but the military authorities' appeal for a sentence of capital punishment has been successful. Lonsdale, it is admitted, did not hurt the officer, and the prison guard beat him off.

Gradual, But Actual

London, Jan. 4.—The Times correspondent in Northern France telegraphs that the fighting on the Yser again is an artillery duel. The Germans have lost ground at Nieuport and St. Georges and to the south of Dixmude, and have been expressing their discontent by shelling everything within range. "The situation on the Yser is better than it has been since the battle began. The French and Belgians are progressing excellently at St. Georges. At Dixmude, the Germans are held off on the farther side of the town, and there is a counter-balance by the secure position which the Belgians won on the eastern bank of the canal, just to the south of Dixmude, and their hold on this bridge head will become more and more valuable."

"The French have been fighting desperately toward the south, under the most trying conditions, for weeks. Men returning from that part of the front tell of hours spent in trenches full of water and fierce charges under withering fire. Progress is made only step by step, but if gradual it is actual, and, as pressure continues to be exercised elsewhere, it will go farther."

German Hold Weakens

London, Jan. 4.—The Daily News correspondent at Rotterdam telegraphs that indications are that, although the Germans are making terrific efforts to retain the last dunes and the rougher land in the immediate vicinity of Westende and Lombartzyde, there is every reason to believe that their hold is weakening. They have been fighting with wonderful energy and courage to prevent definite abandonment of their ill-fated attempt to reach Calais. They are concentrating their heavy fire on St. Georges to prevent the allies occupying it, as that would seriously threaten their position. The allies, however, have taken firm hold and are advancing at Lombartzyde."

ANOTHER PHASE OF CASE

Of the case in which it was reported that a girl was attacked by soldiers on an I. C. R. train, the Moncton Transcript says:—

"An official investigation into the occurrence was held today at Moncton, and although the official statement has not been given out, it is learned that the report contended that the case was not so serious as reported. The young woman is said to have come with one of the soldiers from Halifax. She was drinking with them. As she was the only female in the second class car, the train crew several times remanded her to the first class coach, but she went back to the soldiers each time. There were three men under arrest at Yaro and the girl returned to Halifax yesterday. No blame attaches to the train crew, who did everything to separate her from the men."

FORMER ST. JOHN MAN DEAD IN MEXFORD, MASS.

The death of William P. Jenkins, of Mexford, Mass., formerly of this city, took place at his home on December 23. He was born in this city, but left for the United States about fifteen years ago. He was well known and enjoyed the esteem of a wide circle of friends here. He was a grandson of John Mitchell, and a cousin of Mrs. J. D. P. Levin. After leaving this city he was engaged in various occupations, and with success. Only recently a new house, which was erected for him, was completed. He was a member of Bethesda No. 29, and Berwick, Bethel, Lodge, I. O. O. F., and also of the Masonic Fraternity in Mexford. Besides his wife he is survived by his mother, who resides in Boston, and one brother, Rev. Barry Jenkins, of the western states. His funeral took place on Sunday, Dec. 27.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, H. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—A storm developed off the Atlantic coast during Sunday and, moving rapidly northward, caused heavy gales with snow from eastern Nova Scotia to the Grand Banks. The temperature continues fairly low from the Ottawa Valley to the maritime provinces while in the western provinces the weather is mild.

Milder Tomorrow

Maritime—Moderate north westerly winds, fine and cold; Tuesday, moderate winds, fine, becoming a little milder; New England—Partly cloudy tonight, slightly warmer in the morning; Tuesday, fair and warmer; gentle northeast to east winds.

Quick Revenge For Loss Of Formidable, Says Unofficial Report Coming From Berlin

Submarine Sent Battleship Down But Herself Was Destroyed by Mine - Graphic Stories by British Survivors - Jack Tars Salute as They Swarm to Deck of Sinking Warship

Berlin, via Amsterdam, Jan. 4.—It is reported here, though not officially confirmed, that a German submarine sank the British battleship Formidable with two torpedoes and was herself sunk three hours later by a mine. It is said that all on board the submarine were lost.

The identity of the submarine is not revealed. This report is being widely circulated, but the admiralty states that at present it has no information to give out.

MEN OF FORMIDABLE TELL GRAPHIC TALE

London, Jan. 4.—The survivors of the Formidable give graphic stories of the scene on board when the vessel went down after the ship either had struck a mine or been torpedoed. They say that when the explosion occurred, 2,300 in the morning 500 men were asleep. Their hammocks and bunks were jerked several inches upward by the shock. The explosion missed the magazine by only ten feet, but it entered the dynamite room and put all electric lights and the wireless out of action. The captain was on deck all the time until the vessel sank. When the time was given for all hands to come on deck the men swarmed up, saluting the officers as they passed them. Many were almost without clothing. Two minutes after the first alarm the engineer was flooded. This was the worst blow of all, because with steam the Formidable might have been able to make port. The absence of steam also made the work of getting the boats out very laborious. The vessel was soon tilted to an angle that made it difficult for the men to retain their foothold. Rafts Improvised

Orders were given to make rafts and soon the men were leaping up the decks and bringing all available furniture from below for this purpose. The ship's carpenters improvised rafts by the dozens. While the second cutter was being launched another explosion occurred but it served to lengthen the warships life. The Formidable's life was prolonged and it seemed as though she might escape at any moment, but the rush of water into the port side had the effect of balancing her better, though she lay lower in the water.

A large percentage of those saved wore patent inflatable waistcoats, which are more effective than life belts. The Formidable's end was hurried by the fact that she was struck three times by torpedoes within the space of a minute.

GET READY FOR FIGHT AT ANTWERP

Germans Dig Trenches and Lay Mines in Them - Arrest of Many Suspected of Being English Spies

New York, Jan. 4.—A London Daily Express despatch dated "on the Belgian frontier, Sunday," to the New York Herald, says: "The growing custom of arresting persons promiscuously in Brussels, Antwerp and elsewhere, on suspicion of spying for the English, shows that a fear of espionage on behalf of Great Britain is spreading among the German staff. There are so many suspects in Antwerp awaiting interrogation by the commandant that the central prison is overflowed, and some of the stations and forts of the Antwerp defenses have been turned into temporary jails."

"The constant and mysterious activity of the Antwerp fortifications is a cause of much secret speculation and foreboding among the population. Thousands of men are able to dig and employed at trenches west and south of the city and around the forts, which were damaged by shells during the siege."

"The excavations are described as being erratic in design, and when the day before wholly obliterated and are not allowed to approach the sites. They declare the trenches they have been excavating, and form part of an extensive scheme to mine all the approaches to Antwerp."

"The Belgian garrisons are said to have been removed from the forts and replaced by new Krupp."

TAKE EVERY ABLE BODIED MAN TO WAR

May be Mistake in Reading of Orders Received at St. Pierre, Miquelon

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 4.—Every able bodied man between 18 and 49 on the island of St. Pierre, Miquelon, has been ordered to hold himself in readiness for military service in France. It is estimated that out of a population of 3,000 there are at least 1,200 men who will be included in this order and that about 500 families in St. Pierre will be left without support.

It is suggested that there has been some misinterpretation of the order but no action had been taken. It was the intention of the committee to take the matter up with the new attorney-general.

Those present at the meeting were: Rev. Dr. W. O. Raymond, Rev. Messrs. R. Heine, J. H. A. Anderson, H. E. Thomas, W. Camp, F. H. Wentworth, J. C. Champion, W. R. Robinson, J. C. Appel, F. S. Porter, and W. H. Barreclough.

AT THE Y. M. C. A.

On business afternoon the Y. M. C. A. men's volleyball league was reopened with a doubleheader. The first game took place between the leaders of the league, the lawyers, and the Healders' team. The latter took two straight, best out of three games. The first game took only twenty-five minutes to play. It ended in the score of 21 to 14. The second ended 21 to 10.

The second series was played between the skillful ministers and the bankers. The ministers made it two straight, taking the final game by the score of 21 to 16 and the second 21 to 6. Following is the standing:—

Table with 4 columns: Name, Won, Lost, P. C.

Now that the rush of the holidays is past the regular class work of all Y. M. C. A. departments will be continued. It renewed interest.

STRAMER NOTES

J. T. Knight Company received word last night that the work of salvaging the cargo of the wrecked steamer Navarra was progressing favorably. Two hundred and fifty bales have been removed from her to the steamer Glamorgan. The bales and chests have been badly damaged, and there is little hope of saving any of it.

The steamer Manchester Port arrived this afternoon from Manchester via Halifax.

The steamer Coila, consigned to J. T. Knight & Company, arrived in port this morning in ballast to load hay and feed.

HOME FOR VISIT

Harry W. Brodie, general passenger agent of the C. P. R. at Vancouver, arrived in St. John on Sunday and is spending a few days with his family. Mr. Brodie is a St. John young man, who has made rapid advance in the C. P. R. service.

Honors for Joffre

London, Jan. 4.—The Morning Post correspondent telegraphs from Paris that General Joffre may be appointed Marshal de France and elected as a member of the French academy.

RUSSIANS IN GREAT BATTLE WITH TURKS

Czar's Men Capture Almost Entire Regiment—Weather Conditions Harsh

Petrograd, Jan. 4.—An official Russian report of fighting in Transcaucasia says: "In the region of Sarikamyah, on January 1, the great battle continued obviously to our advantage, but the enemy continued obstinate resistance."

"We captured the 50th regiment of infantry almost complete, including the commander and fifty officers. The total of Turkish prisoners amounts to 5,000 soldiers, forty officers and several sergeants. We also captured three machine guns and more than 700 prisoners."

"At one point a company of a Caucasian regiment was dispersed by bayonet charges while two Turkish companies were cut to pieces by artillery fire."

"Our troops are operating under conditions exceptionally painful on account of the cold and snow in a high altitude. The morale of our soldiers is good and they fight with ardor."

FRENCH AVIATORS DROP BOMBS NEAR BRUSSELS; ZEPPELIN SHED IS STRUCK

London, Jan. 4. (10.30 a. m.)—An Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that French aviators dropped bombs in the vicinity of Brussels on Saturday night, partly destroying a Zeppelin shed under construction and killing several German soldiers.

NO TROUBLE IN HANDLING WAR LOAN FOR ITALY

Rome, Jan. 4.—The loan of \$200,000,000, arranged for by the government for use in connection with its military operations, has been fully subscribed for according to indications. The subscription lists are to be opened today. The loan is to run for twenty-five years, and will bear interest at 5 1/2 per cent.

FORMER CHAMPION AS HOCKEY SKATER KILLS A YOU. G. HOTEL CLERK

Utica, N. Y., Jan. 4.—John Morrison, aged forty, once champion hockey skater of Canada, shot and killed Ezra Albert, twenty-two years old, clerk in the Franklin Hotel, at Tupper Junction on Saturday night and turned his rifle on himself and inflicted a wound from which he may die. The motive is unknown.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE IS RE-OPENED WITH SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

London, Jan. 4.—The London stock exchange was re-opened for business today after having been closed since July 30. Several restrictions were placed upon trading to prevent anything approaching panic selling or the unloading of securities by hostile countries. The session opened with a round of ringing caecers and to the strains of the national anthem.

BOARD OF TRADE NOTES

On Wednesday in the Board of Trade rooms, at three o'clock, H. B. Ames, M. P. of Montreal, honorary secretary of the Patriotic Fund, is to meet the St. John executive. At 4 o'clock he will confer with outside representatives of the fund, and with the Women's Auxiliary, one of the most useful adjuncts of the St. John executive.

At the meeting of the board this evening, J. B. Duggett, secretary for agriculture, is to give a talk in connection with his recent visit to Great Britain.

From Kamssak, Sask., comes a letter asking for information as to the progress of work at Courtenay Bay and West St. John.

The council of the board of trade, at its meeting today, recommended that an increase in subsidy be given the steamer Westport III, to enable her to continue her route between St. John and Nova Scotia ports.

HERE FROM HALIFAX

Corporal H. C. Donovan, of the C.A.S.C., who has been stationed in Halifax for some time, is being visited by his parents at 78 Adelaide street, and on the noon train to take up his duties again. It is thought he will return soon again for overseas with Company No. 6, C. A. S. C.

AFTER FIFTY-FIVE YEARS

The body of Mrs. Frederick W. Dorman will be interred in Fernhill. Mr. Dorman is today receiving expressions of deep sympathy from his many personal friends, in the loss of one who had been his life partner for fifty-five years.

WAR NOTES

About fifty more men have reached shore in a cutter from the battleship Formidable, sunk on Friday in the English channel.

By taking the Austrian position near Uskok Pass, the Russians have cleared their road into Hungary. The Germans have taken the Russian post of Borjimon.

Indications are that the Balkan states will become embroiled in the war soon. Greece has mobilized her army and is ready to take steps to protect her newly acquired territories gained from Turkey and Bulgaria in the last year.

Germans Overcome In Fight With The Bayonet

Russians Watch Men Cross River, Then Surround Them—Czar's Troops Score Several Successes—Enemy Trying a New Plan

Petrograd, Jan. 4.—A Russian official communication regarding the fighting in Poland and Galicia, says:— "A strong artillery combat has been fought all along the front on the left bank of the Vistula. The attempt of the Germans to gain ground in certain places in the region of the Buzra River was without success."

"On the night of January 2, we discovered the passage of Germans across the Buzra in the vicinity of Kosloff and Biscoupe. One of our glorious regiments surrounded the Germans and attacked with the bayonet without firing a shot. In the hand-to-hand struggle which followed they killed several hundred men. The survivors surrendered."

"About 3 p. m. on January 2, a brigade of German infantry attacked our position near Borjimon, northeast of Bolimow, but the German assault was repulsed with enormous losses. Desperate fighting occurred during the night of January 2, continuing until daylight, northeast of Rawa, where we succeeded in dislodging the enemy from some of the trenches previously taken."

"South of the Pilna River, fighting took place at Metarie and Gachet, and also southeast of Malagassow, where we repulsed all attacks of the enemy and Zaskiersk, northeast."

"In the region of Uskok Pass and Rostok (south of Lisko), we have made progress. We drove back the enemy who fled in great disorder. We captured 2,000 prisoners and some Mitralouises. Several companies of the Austrians surrendered in a body. In their retreat to Uskok, the Austrians abandoned arms and ammunition."

"Our offensive in Bukowina continues."

THE PLAGUE IN PRZEMYSL

Lehberg, Galicia, via Petrograd, Jan. 4.—It is reported here that pestilence is spreading in the city among the garrison of Przemysl which is now almost without provisions.

Inflectual sorties still continue from Przemyl, but they are less vigorously pushed, probably because of the garrison's knowledge of the failure of the Austrian relief forces to break through the Russian lines.

GERMANS TRY NEW PLAN

London, Jan. 4.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Petrograd telegraphs: "The Germans have sent Prussian and Bavarian troops to aid the Austrians in Galicia. They are also making efforts to cross to the north of the Vistula, the idea being that with assistance from the east Russian army of General Francois they might threaten Warsaw from this direction."

"The vigor with which preparations for a siege are going on at Cracow shows that no illusion is entertained there about the way the battles are going. The Poles are greatly disturbed by a statement of the Austrians that if they are unable to hold the fortress, they will blow up the famous city and its cathedral!"

Today With Men Going to The Front

Speculation as to When They Will Sail - Equipment For Divisional Train - Instruction Schools - Skating Rink on Partridge Island

All arms of the service on duty in the city are now setting down to the last stretch of home drill prior to their departure overseas in the second contingent. The general opinion seems to be that the units will be quartered here at least a month longer, possibly more, but the understanding is that it will go to when the motherland will be ready to receive her sons from overseas. The idea prevails that many military men and for this reason every encouragement is being given efforts to hasten the re-creation of the men in uniform. A skating rink has been made on Partridge Island for the men of the garrison. Training quarters changed, for further seasoning.

New Equipment

When the Canadian Divisional Train, under Lieut.-Col. Macle, sails from this side the understanding is that it will go fully equipped as regards transports, motors, and all essentials for active participation in service. The equipment for No. 5 Company under Major McKean has not yet reached St. John. The 170 horses required have been expected for some days. It was said about today that 1,000 motor lorries were being ordered for the Canadian army service units to be taken across with the next contingent, but no definite word was received by the local officers. All the officers of the local branch of the divisional train have now reported for duty and under their direction an active programme of training is being carried out by the men drilling here. A veterinary officer is still to be appointed to the train.

Instruction Schools

A school of instruction in infantry training for provisional officers is to be opened this week, possibly this evening, under the direction of the officers of the 62nd Regiment. Sergeant-Instructor Ford of the R. C. B. headquarters is now in the city to take charge of the classes which will extend for four weeks and which will be closed with two weeks' training in Halifax. Some fourteen young men will take the course.

The school of instruction in artillery which has been in progress under the direction of the 3rd Regiment, C. A., for some time will close on January 13. It has been most successful, and as well attended. Examinations are to be begun this week at Partridge Island where the provisional officers will probably make their quarters until its close.

Active Drill

With the close of the holiday season and the return of the officers and men from their homes after leave of absence, the members of the 28th Battalion are now accustoming themselves to even a stricter enforcement of military detail than before the festive season. Tactical exercises and route marches will be carried out on an extensive scale and every man will be expected to be in the field before the festive season. Tactical exercises and route marches will be carried out on an extensive scale and every man will be expected to be in the field before the festive season. Tactical exercises and route marches will be carried out on an extensive scale and every man will be expected to be in the field before the festive season.

ARMSTRONG-GAULFIELD

A wedding of interest took place in Westfield on Dec. 31, when Amy Blanche Caulfield was united in marriage to Matthew Graham Armstrong. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Craig Nichols at the home of the bride, at eight p. m. The guests were present. After a dainty luncheon, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong left on the Boston train for their future home at South Bay. They were the recipients of many beautiful presents, including cut glass and silver. Friends of Miss Caulfield presented her a handsome parlor chair.

RED CROSS CONCERT

Much interest is being taken in a concert to be held on Thursday evening in the Star Theatre, North End, which has been generously given for the purpose, in aid of the Red Cross Society. The programme is being given by clever local talent and an enjoyable evening is expected. The entire proceeds will be given to the Red Cross, and it is hoped that the sale of tickets will meet with encouragement.