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GERMAN ARMY IN GALICIA IS EXHAUSTED AND PRACTICALLY HAS QUIT, WHILE RUSSIANS FOLLOW UP THEIR VICTORIES

LONDON, Dec. 31, 10.31 p.m.—Can. Press—News reached Dover last night that a squadron of seven aeroplanes flew over Dunkirk yesterday (Wednesday) and dropped bombs.

EXAGGERATIONS OF KAISER WILL RUIN BELGIUM

Formal Protest Made Against Requisition of Supply of Goods

NOT FOR ARMY'S USE

Cotton, Rubber and Canned Goods Bulk of Commodities.

Canadian Press Despatch. WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The Belgian minister today filed with the state department a protest against the requisitioning by German military authorities in Belgium of merchandise worth about 57,000,000 francs (\$11,400,000). He asserted that the policy of the Germans meant "the ruin of industry in Belgium."

The protest set forth that the goods were not taken for the use of the German army and that consequently the seizure was in violation of the fourth Hague convention. The merchandise included cotton, rubber, tool machines, canned goods and metal.

The Belgian legation issued the following statement in connection with the protest:

"According to the instructions of his government, the Belgian minister went today to the state department and filed a protest against the following acts committed by the German authorities in Belgium:

German Requisitions.—The German authorities have put into requisition against a single receipt and without mentioning the value of same, the following merchandise to be forwarded to Germany and which belonged to private parties:

"In Antwerp: Cotton, for the value of 18,000,000 francs; rubber 3,000,000, woolen 6,000,000; leather 10,000,000. "In Ghent: Cotton nets, flax and other raw material 3,500,000. "In Charleroi: Cotton, 1,500,000; tool machines, 12,000,000. "In Duffel: Nickel 10,000,000. "In Malines: Canned goods, 2,500,000.

Hague Convention Broken.—These measures are in opposition to the articles 46 and 52 of the fourth convention of The Hague, in accordance with which private property cannot be claimed otherwise than for the needs of the army of occupation. These measures involve the ruin of the industry in Belgium.

The Belgian minister wishes to recall attention to the fact that the requisitioning of goods from the Belgian people has refused to go back to work. One can easily notice the value of such an accusation. How could the laboring class work, if all possibilities are taken away from them? No excuse can be given for this spoliation of private property which is expressly forbidden by the above mentioned articles of the fourth convention of The Hague.

"KEEP OUT" IS ORDER ON BELGIAN BORDER

German Administration is Apparently Worried by Espionage.

Canadian Press Despatch. ROTTERDAM, Dec. 30, via London, Dec. 31, 1.30 a.m.—Commencing Jan. 1, the German administration in Belgium intends to close the Belgian borders against all comers. No more passports will be issued or recognized except the special military passes. The cause for this unusual precaution is not known here, but it is believed to have been ordered to prevent espionage.

Cold! Yes—And "The Worst Has Yet to Come."

We have only had a taste of winter weather, but it has been sufficient to cause crowds to flock to Dineen's—140 Yonge street—to buy at their big \$200,000 fur sale.

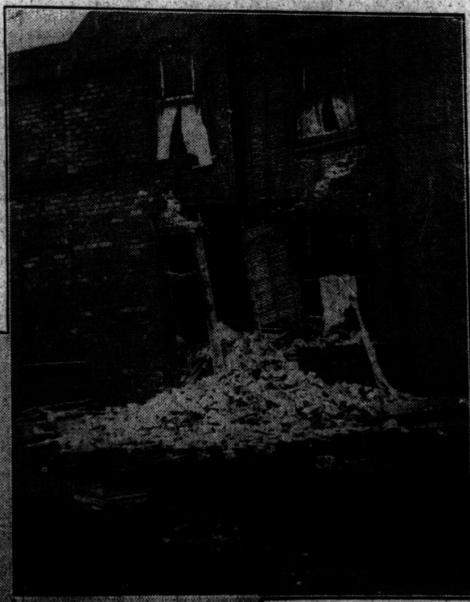
The real, consistent cold weather is still ahead of us, and it would be a wise plan to select your furs before conditions become more severe. End-of-the-year prices present fur values that have never been equaled in Toronto at this season. Don't fall open tonight for the convenience of those who are prevented coming in during the day.

to get your share. The store will be open tonight for the convenience of those who are prevented coming in during the day.

DAMAGE DONE BY GERMANS AT WHITBY, SCARBORO AND HARTLEPOOL



These photographs are the first to arrive in Toronto showing the damage done when the German fleet raided the British coast. The picture on the left shows a house in Wykeham road, Scarborough, which was wrecked and in which five people were killed. On the right is a villa in Hartlepool which was completely wrecked and the lower photograph shows the coastguard signal station at Whitby after the raid.



RUSSIANS GAIN SUCCESS ON POLISH RIVERS

Tide Has Definitely Turned in Belief Held at Petrograd.

WEST LITTLE CHANGED

Clubbed Rifles and Fists Used in Struggle in Flanders.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Dec. 30, 12.20 p.m.—Since the Russian defeat of the Austrians in Galicia, which, while not irreparable, is likely to have a marked effect on the whole Austro-German campaign in the east, there has been no important development on either front.

The allies still making no dramatic attacks on the German lines, are steadily hammering away with their artillery, and when occasion arises push their line a few yards forward. A French eye-witness in a description of the battles from December 16 to December 24 gives a good idea of the kind of fighting in progress and records gains, which, while by themselves are marked only in yards, amount in the aggregate to considerable advance at many points.

A few hundred yards in Flanders were taken by primitive methods, for having the breeches of their rifles choked with mud, they used them as clubs, and in many cases fought the Germans with their fists.

Tuning Point in Poland. With the defeat of the Austrians in Galicia and south Poland and the retirement of the Germans across the Baura, Petrograd believes that the turning point has been reached in the battle of the Polish rivers. The chief fighting is now taking place on the Baura, where the Germans are still on the offensive and have brought up big guns.

The losses in these battles have reached enormous figures in dead, wounded and prisoners, and must have been largely added to by disease, for the mud, together with dreadful climatic conditions and in mud, for which Poland is notorious.

50,000 AUSTRIAN PRISONERS.

Canadian Press Despatch. LEMBERG, Galicia, Dec. 30, via London, 6.15 p.m.—The simultaneous attacks of the Austrians in western Galicia and from the Carpathians proved to be a complete failure. Unofficial reports reaching here state that the losses of the Austrians were enormous, and that the Russians have taken as many as 50,000 prisoners, including many Germans.

Trainloads of guns and other war booty pass daily thru Lemberg. **CUT OFF FIFTY PER CENT. IN RATES ON CARGOES**

British Government Announces Reduced Charge Becomes Effective Today.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Dec. 30, 8.20 p.m.—The government rate of insurance of cargo against war risk will be reduced, it was announced today, from one and one-half guineas to one guinea per cent. The new rate takes effect Dec. 31.

STEWART LIQUIDATOR OF DEFUNCT COMPANY

Canadian Press Despatch. VANCOUVER, B.C., Dec. 30.—Andrew Stewart was appointed permanent liquidator of the Dominion Trust Company by Chief Justice Hunter today.

SO TOMIFUL!



To Boss or not to boss, that is the question. Whether his nobler in New York to suffer the hat and whiskers of out-Balou Hecken. Or to take arms up for a pair of Tommy And by opposing end McCar.

U.S. NOTE BEFORE BRITISH CABINET

Drafting of Reply Will Probably Occupy Several Days.

WILL CALL IN PAGE.

American Ambassador at London to Confer With Grey.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Dec. 30.—The British Cabinet held a special session this afternoon to consider the American Government's note concerning the incident at Hodeida, which is still in abeyance. The government's patience is exhausted and Turkey has been temporarily notified that the British consul at Hodeida must be released immediately and that the gentlemen who broke into the Italian consulate be punished.

Turkey has been warned that no excuse for further delay will be accepted. A satisfactory reply is demanded within two days.

Need Admiralty's Advice. Besides information will have to be sought at the admiralty, which department is responsible for the examination of ships' cargoes and the permanent officials of the foreign office and the law officers of the crown necessarily will be called upon for diplomatic and legal opinions on the case submitted by President Wilson.

When this procedure is adopted, Walter Hines Page, the American ambassador, will be asked to confer with Sir Edward Grey and discuss the whole question and probably Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador at Washington will be instructed to take up the matter with the state department in the American capital. Mr. Page has not yet received any intimation as to the date for his conference with Sir Edward Grey.

BOLD TRAIN BANDITS ESCAPE WITH BOOTY

Canadian Press Despatch. SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 30.—Bandits who robbed passengers in the two rear sleeping cars of the westbound Sunset Express on the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railway early tonight secured \$7,540 in cash and jewelry valued at \$3,000, according to the passengers' reports. The robbers who boarded the train at Cline escaped as the train neared Spoford.

NO JAPANESE TROOPS ON WAY TO EUROPE

Canadian Press Despatch. TOKIO, Dec. 31, 11.26 a.m.—The foreign office says the reports in circulation that Japanese troops have landed at Vladivostok, or any other place, on their way to Europe, are absolutely untrue.

ULTIMATUM IS SENT TO TURKEY

Italy Demands Satisfactory Explanation of Hodeida Incident Within Two Days.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Rome correspondent of the Daily News says: "I am informed that at tomorrow's cabinet council a decision will be reached in connection with the incident at Hodeida, which is still in abeyance. The government's patience is exhausted and Turkey has been temporarily notified that the British consul at Hodeida must be released immediately and that the gentlemen who broke into the Italian consulate be punished."

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GERMAN CHANCELLOR'S SON REPORTED MISSING

He is Not, Among Wounded in Any Russian Hospital.

Canadian Press Despatch. PETROGRAD, Dec. 30 (via London), 6.35 p.m.—Alexander J. Gutshoff, president of the Russian Red Cross stated today that an investigation undertaken at the request of the Spanish ambassador indicated that the eldest son of the German chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg was not among the wounded in any Russian hospital.

A Paris despatch on December 14 said it was reported there from Berna that a son of the German chancellor had been injured seriously at Piotrkow, Russian Poland, and that he had been captured by the Russians. A Berlin despatch on the following day said that the chancellor had been informed that his eldest son, a lieutenant of cavalry, had been captured.

"His Royal Happiness." The announcement of the coming to this city next week of that favorite comedienne, Annie Russell, in her new successful English-American comedy, "His Royal Happiness," will be welcome news to local patrons of the theatre. The advance sale of seats for this engagement opens this morning at the Princess.

HOW TO VOTE FOR MAYOR.

FOR BOARD OF CONTROL. Joseph E. Thompson, James Simpson, John Wentworth, or Fred McBrinn, or Frank S. Spence.

ARMY SUPPLIES LOST IN WRECK

Steamer Navarre Breaking Up in Bay of Fundy—Some Salvage Secured.

Canadian Press Despatch. YARMOUTH, N. S., Dec. 30.—The steamer Navarre, a St. John, N. B., ship, bound for France with a full cargo of hay, oats, automobiles and army supplies for the British, struck on Holmes Island, in the Bay of Fundy, last night, and probably will be a total loss.

The steamer went on the ledges during a fog and the heavy sea pounded her hard on the rocks, which pierced the hull. The engine room is full of water, and some of the holds are flooded. The government steamer Aberdeen and tugs from Yarmouth are alongside to salvage some of the cargo. The crew was still on board when word came from the ship early this evening.

The Navarre registers 2848 tons, and was under charter to the British Government.

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FIFTEEN KILLED IN AERIAL RAID

German Aeroplanes Reported to Have Dropped Bombs at Dunkirk With Deadly Effect.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Dec. 31, 2.38 a.m.—Four German aeroplanes flew several times over the City of Dunkirk Wednesday, dropping bombs as they went, according to the Dunkirk correspondent of The Daily Mail. Soldiers in the streets fired on the machines, and one plane seemed to be hit but all got safely away.

The official return of the casualties shows that 15 persons were killed and 22 wounded. The bombs were filled with shrapnel.

COTTON FOR GERMANY REACHES DUTCH PORT

Fifty Thousand Bales Imported by Germans Since War Began.

Canadian Press Despatch. THE HAGUE, Dec. 30, via London, 8.50 p.m.—The American steamer A. A. Raven, which arrived at Rotterdam Dec. 24, from Wilmington, N. C., with 6000 bales of cotton, was the first vessel since the outbreak of the war to reach a Dutch port with a cotton consignment for Germany.

The steamer was held up in the English Channel by British warships for an examination of her papers, which delayed her 24 hours.

The freight charge for the Raven's cargo was 40 per bale, which is five times the normal rate. This increase was due to the great war risks attending imports destined for Germany.

Since the war started the German imports of cotton are said to have amounted to 50,000 bales, most of it going by way of Gothenburg, Sweden, to which port 15 vessels are now steaming. They are due to reach Gothenburg inside of two weeks. Their cargoes aggregate about 75,000 bales.

WHOLE BATTALION IS QUARANTINED

Nova Scotia Regiments Isolated Because of Spinal Meningitis.

SITUATION NOT SERIOUS

Officers on Leave Must Report to Headquarters Every Day.

Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to SALISBURY, Eng., Dec. 30.—The entire seventeenth battalion, consisting of the Nova Scotia regiments, under the command of Colonel Struan Robertson, has been isolated owing to the outbreak of spinal meningitis. Three cases have been found among the men and it was thought advisable to keep them away from the others. Training continues, however, on a section of the camp allotted to the battalion.

Specialists are being used to check the outbreak of the disease, and the situation is well in hand. Officers who are leaving today on New Year's leave were ordered to report their whereabouts daily to headquarters, as they are liable to instant recall.

J. A. MacLaren.

BIG SUPER-ZEPPELIN DESTROYED IN RAID

Latest Report Indicates Cuxhaven Exploit Had Brilliant Results.

Canadian Press Despatch. GENEVA, via London, Dec. 31, 1.30 a.m.—News has reached Romanhorn from Friedrichshafen to the effect that during the recent British aerial raid on Cuxhaven one of the last super-Zeppelins, which was completed two months ago, was entirely destroyed in its shed by bombs dropped by the aviators, and that another Zeppelin only escaped by rising rapidly in the air.

FRANCE IS PLANNING BIG AERIAL INVASION

Two Armed Fleets Made Ready, Says Returned Mexican.

Canadian Press Despatch. NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—France is building two great fleets of aircraft, armed with cannon, darts and bombs, with which to invade Germany in the spring, according to Pedro Chapa, a Mexican aviator, who has been in Europe for the last four years and who arrived here tonight on the Cunard liner Carpathia.

Hundreds of a new biplanes, each carrying small arms and bombs, numerous monoplane equipped with bombs and steel darts will be ready to sweep across the German frontier when winter is past, he said.