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Bulgars All Day in Attack On British

Bombardment Followed By An Infantry Charge Which is Repulsed--Montenegrins Drive Austrians Back

London, Dec. 8.—Ruster's Saloniki correspondent sends the following despatch, under date of Tuesday: "Weather conditions having improved, the Bulgarians on Monday bombarded the entire British line at Strumitsa, for the whole day. They then launched an infantry attack which was repulsed, although the fighting on this front still continues. Whether the Bulgarians intend to press the attack and what their strength is, it is difficult to establish at present. The British casualties thus far, are reported as slight. "At Krivolak there was an unimportant local engagement between French and Bulgarian artillery on Monday. "It is reported here that complications are threatened between Bulgaria and Turkey, and that the distrust is increasing on both sides."

German in Kenal Paris, Dec. 8.—The Athens correspondent of the Havas Agency sends the following under date of Tuesday: "Telegrams from Thessalonica, Greece, from an official source state that the village of Kenal, Serbia, near the Greek frontier, has been occupied by German artillery and that the frontier railroad station at Kenal has been occupied by several German and Bulgarian officers with eight German cuirassiers. "Official news affirms the favorable position of the French troops in the Cerne-Krivotak front."

French Report Paris, Dec. 8.—The French War Office reports the driving back of a Bulgarian attack at Demirkopon, on the Vardar river on the afternoon of December 5. DRIVE BACK THE AUSTRIANS Paris, Dec. 8.—Following their recent defeat by the Austrians in northeastern Montenegro, the Montenegrins assumed the offensive on Monday and threw back their opponents to their old positions. Fighting among advanced posts is occurring in all directions. So Say Germans Berlin, Dec. 8.—It was announced today that eighty cannon were taken with the capture of the Montenegrin town of Ipek. British Naval Force London, Dec. 8.—It is announced that the British naval force under Admiral Ernest C. F. Boscawen, which assisted in the defense of Serbia, accompanied the Serbian army in its retreat. According to a statement by Thomas James McNamara, financial secretary of the admiralty, in the House of Commons, the naval contingent will "remain in touch with the Serbian forces as long as its services promise to be useful."

A German Statement Berlin, Dec. 8.—An Athens despatch to the Cologne Gazette denies that their troops will not desert the border in pursuit of the French and British forces, in case they should retreat. The Gazette says: "The note presented last week by the allies to Greece ended the correspondence. "The Allies demanded nothing except concessions in regard to various matters necessary to guarantee the security and freedom of movement of the French and British forces."

JOHN M. TAYLOR OF FREDERICTON DEAD City Council to Pay \$10,250 to Patriotic Fund in Monthly Installments

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 8.—John M. Taylor died last evening after a lingering illness of paralysis. He was eighty-three years of age and single. For the greater part of his life he was engaged in mechanical engineering and machine work and was looked upon as a genius. He was old time hand engine used by many of the old time hand engines used in the province years ago. For twenty-one years he was employed as chief engineer at the city pumping station. He is survived by one sister, Miss Susan L. Taylor and two brothers, William P. Taylor, barrister, of Calgary, and Charles Taylor of this city. The latter gave up a good position in Amherst some months ago to nurse his uncle during his illness. The city council last night decided to pay \$10,250 to the Patriotic Fund in monthly installments of \$1,000 each beginning in January. Chief Rutter has been appointed a member of the committee on prevention of fire by the Fire Chiefs' Association of Canada.

BEING TORN DOWN The building known as the old Wales foundry in Paradise Row, which has been there for a long period, is being torn down. It was reported to be dangerous and is being raised by orders of the commissioner of public safety. It has not been in use since the removal of the Harris works to Amherst.

British After a Large Enemy Submarine Rome, Dec. 8.—The British authorities have given orders that the squadron of warships at Malta and the Egyptian squadron give chase to the submarine reported to have sunk the Communipaw or another steamship. Descriptions of this submarine indicate that it was unusually large. The activity of submarines in the Mediterranean has caused inquiries to be made regarding the American schooner Albanian, which sailed from Gallipoli on Friday with supplies for Albania. The schooner is reported to have reached an Albanian port. On board her were William H. Howard, an American, and Col. Housar, an Englishman, who, having retired from active service in the army is now occupied with relief work.

ROOSEVELT SAYS "MILK AND WATER" Ex-President Sharply Critical of Wilson Message WORDS INSTEAD OF ACTION Says Premium Was Put Upon Form of Anarchy About Which President Complains—Might Have Been Prevented Ten Months Ago

New York, Dec. 8.—"President Wilson has met a policy of blood and iron with a policy of milk and water," declared Theodore Roosevelt last night in a statement issued from Oyster Bay, in which he devoted some 1,500 words to a thorough condemnation of the administration in general and the president's message to congress in particular. "Indecision and the treatment of conversation as a substitute for action, and above all, the making of threats which are not carried into effect," said the colonel, "put a premium upon exactly the form of anarchy and conspiracy of which the president complains. He now waits to congress that he is unable to control anarchy and would like it to supply what is lacking by passing laws the nature of which he does not indicate. There would be no use for this bill if, ten months ago, when he wrote his note to Germany, stating that he would hold her to 'strict accountability' for outrages against us, he had meant 'Such action would not provoke war. It would prevent the cumulative outrages which lay the foundation for war.'"

STIRRING FIGHTING IN WEST; SOME GAINS BY GERMANS ADMITTED

Allies, However, are Pressing Charges Home and Progress is Reported—Evidently There is Rugged Work

Paris, Dec. 8.—The announcement given out this afternoon by the French war office reads: "In Belgium our machine guns last night, prevented the enemy from reconstructing the field works previously destroyed by us in the region of Petes. "To the North of Arras, at a point west of Hill No. 140, our curtain of fire put a definite check to a German attack, the way for which had been prepared by the explosion of a mine. "During yesterday, our artillery bombarded and destroyed the Sainturin mill in the vicinity of Roye. This position had been organized by the enemy for defense. "In the Champagne district we have continued to make progress by means of hand grenades in a front trench where the enemy secured a footing yesterday, to the south of Saint Souplet. "To the east of Butte St. Souain, our counter attacks were successful in mastering a German attack which last evening had been cut in two by us. The fighting here is still going on for the recapture of the positions occupied by the enemy."

London, Dec. 8.—The Italian bombardment of Gorizia has almost put a stop to the ordinary business activities of the city. An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Zurich says the department of commerce and industry, which remained in Gorizia until its buildings were struck by shells, has been transferred to Vienna. GERMANS SAY POSITION TAKEN Berlin, Dec. 8.—Capture of a French position on Hill No. 168 north of Souain in the Champagne district is announced by German army headquarters today. Another Session Paris, Dec. 8.—The general war council of the allies held another meeting this morning. General Lloyd presided.

Names of Four More Officers are Announced Nine Now on The List For 115th Battalion WINTERING OF TROOPS Believed Some of 104th Will Be at West St. John By Saturday—Promotions in 69th—Social Event at Armory Tonight

THE APPOINTMENT OF four more officers for the 115th battalion was announced from Ottawa in a communication received by Lieut.-Col. F. V. Wedderburn, O. C. This morning, selections of interest to many friends in St. John and throughout the province, were announced. Major L. W. Peters, who has been in command of the 62nd detaching force for about a year, and who has had much experience as an officer of the 62nd regiment, has been appointed to command a double company; Capt. Fred Caverhill Jones, a South African veteran, who served with distinction in the Boer campaign, and who has had a creditable military record, will also command a double company; Lieut. R. G. Schofield, 62nd regiment, St. John, and Lieut. O. W. Pickard, 9th Hussars, Backville, N. B., are appointed to platoons. This makes nine officers thus far selected for the battalion. Col. Wedderburn, O. C., Capt. Sprenger, adjutant; Capt. Warwick, M. O.; Lieut. Sanford, quartermaster; Lieut. Fraser, paymaster, in addition to the new ones. Coming This Week It is believed in militia circles that by Saturday some 300 or 400 men of the 104th battalion will be quartered in the immigration sheds, West St. John. Work is being rushed on the bunkables and other fixtures necessary for the accommodation of troops, by a crew of fifteen men, under Edward Bates, and it is understood that every possible effort will be made to have the quarters ready for the reception of this number of troops, at least by Saturday, with the work continuing until provision is made for some 800 more next week. Lieut. Col. Fowler is now on his way to Ottawa and the accommodation of troops will probably be one of the matters which he will discuss with the militia department. It now seems certain that the 115th will be stationed in the exhibition buildings. Promotions Advice received yesterday from Ottawa contained the confirmation of the promotion of Major Halle, 69th battalion, to his majority rank from a captaincy, and of Capt. Gagnon, 69th battalion, to his captaincy from a lieutenant's post. Major Halle is junior major of the battalion. Guest Night This evening will be "Guest Night" at the armory, and the officers of the 69th will be "at home" to several friends during their stay here. Mayor Frink, Col. H. H. McLean, M.P., and others have been invited to dinner, and a pleasant time is anticipated. The 145th Capt. L. P. D. Tilley, recruiting officer, today received word from Halifax with regard to the recruiting of the 145th battalion in Kent and Westmorland. From yesterday the instructions read, every man signed in those counties was to be for the 145th, and all those already enrolled, but not yet forwarded to regimental centres, were to be enlisted for that battalion as well. Regarding men from Westmorland, already at battalion headquarters, a transfer sanctioned by their commanding officer would be necessary. New M. O. The newly appointed medical officer of the 69th battalion, Capt. Clerk, M.D., arrived in the city yesterday, and was welcomed by his associates on the staff of that unit. He belongs to Montreal, but has resided in charge of some fifteen men recruiting for the 69th in Montreal. Three Recruits. Three volunteers signed the roll of the 115th Battalion this morning at the Mill street offices—John Mayfield of Wales, Harry J. Walsh of Bridgewater, N. S., and Wm. Colebrook of England.

News of Maritime Province Men in the War To Take Up Naval Signalling Lloyd Sands of Moncton, who is to qualify for the British aviation service has left for Halifax where he will take up naval signalling on the Niobe, as the preliminary step in the course. Married N. B. Lady Captain Gerald W. White, M.P., for Renfrew who has recently enlisted for active overseas service, is married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Tritter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Tritter of Petticoat, N. B. Personal Notes Lieut. H. B. Clarke, of the 64th Battalion now in Halifax has been appointed chaplain to the King's Own Canadian and will leave for England. Lieut. H. B. Clarke, of the 64th Battalion now in Halifax has been appointed chaplain to the King's Own Canadian and will leave for England. Lieut. Harvey T. Reid expects to spend his Christmas at his home in Hartland, N. B. After a brilliant course he was invalided home in July, left Moncton on Monday for Halifax, where he will report to Major General Benson. Lieut. Tingley will probably be sent to Quebec to go before a medical board. He says he is "fit" and hopes to leave for the front about the first of the year. Two Sons Volunteer Lloyd Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Black of Amherst, enlisted with the 80th regiment and since enlisting has been promoted to the position of corporal. His youngest brother, Gerald Black is overseas with the 20th Brigade. Enlisted as a Private Rev. M. K. Charman of Mount Allison University has enlisted with the 100th regiment as a private. He spent Sunday at his home in Wallace, N. S. Has Given Three Sons Mrs. Howard Treen of Malagash, N. S., has given three sons to the Empire. Mrs. Treen's husband died under sad circumstances in the west some time ago just as he was preparing to return home. Two of her sons are now in the trenches in Flanders and the third son, Burton Treen has enlisted with the 100th Battalion. Sick Recalling Lloyd Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Black of Amherst, enlisted with the 80th regiment and since enlisting has been promoted to the position of corporal. His youngest brother, Gerald Black is overseas with the 20th Brigade. Enlisted as a Private Rev. M. K. Charman of Mount Allison University has enlisted with the 100th regiment as a private. He spent Sunday at his home in Wallace, N. S. Has Given Three Sons Mrs. Howard Treen of Malagash, N. S., has given three sons to the Empire. Mrs. Treen's husband died under sad circumstances in the west some time ago just as he was preparing to return home. Two of her sons are now in the trenches in Flanders and the third son, Burton Treen has enlisted with the 100th Battalion. Sick Recalling

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What The Editors Say Of President's Message

London Writers Look For Action—Home Papers Nearly All Back up Wilson—German Opinion in New York

London, Dec. 8.—The Times regards President Wilson's message, "by force of events, a war message from beginning to end," and says: "The president has striven, and is still striving hard, with the full approbation of the masses of the people, to cling fast to the notion that the United States can continue to live its own life, uphold exalted ideals throughout the new world, and promote their realization in the old world, without abandoning the splendid isolation she has so long enjoyed. The hard realities of the situation created by the war are beginning to show that the notion is no longer tenable with the firm assurance of even last year. "The sudden development of the Boy-Ed-Von Papen controversy gives the message a dramatic fitness it would not have possessed without this serious complication, and affords a striking instance of the growing complexity and interdependence of the relations between the old world and the new. "Even more striking than the president's denunciation of the German campaign is the new attitude he assumes on the subject of national defence. It is a sudden break with the past of his own party, and the fact that the president cannot expect his proposals to be carried without hard fighting makes them still more a sign of the times. "The Times believes that although the Germans have so often and so grossly misunderstood the American attitude, they will appreciate the significance of the president's message and, with however bad grace, draw back while there is still time. Most Act. The Daily Chronicle says: "After the amazing relations of German machinations, which appear still far from complete, one would be surprised if the United States did not take the present condition of things much longer. It would be strange if the American people did not see the government taking strong measures to restore security of life and property on American soil and in American ports."

COMMUNIPAW AT ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT Some Mistake Evident in Connection With Torpedoing Story

London, Dec. 8.—A telegram from Alexandria, Egypt, received today by Lloyd's says the American steamship Communipaw, reported sunk off the coast of Tripoli by a submarine, arrived at Alexandria on Monday. It is inferred that possibly some confusion has arisen in regard to the identity of the vessel torpedoed. "In the report of the torpedoing of the Communipaw is substantiated, she must have discharged her cargo of oil and have been on the way to another port when she was attacked. The point at which the Communipaw is said to have been sunk corresponds closely to the position of the American tank ship Petrolite when it was attacked by a submarine on Sunday. New York, Dec. 8.—A despatch from Alexandria, Egypt, was received today by the Standard Oil office here, stating that the Communipaw reached Alexandria on Sunday last, and would sail for New York on Tuesday. "I feel sure the Communipaw is safe," said Manager Warden, "but we are still puzzled as to what, if anything, has happened to the Prestolite. We do not expect any word from her until she reaches Algiers."

EXPECT FAVORABLE RECEPTION FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT J. Willard Smith Speaks of Prohibition Movement Launched in Fredericton

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Chancellor Talking Over Speech With Kaiser

Amsterdam, Dec. 8.—Berlin despatches state that Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, has gone to confer with Emperor William at army headquarters. It is said that the purpose is to discuss the details of the chancellor's coming speech in the Reichstag which is awaited with feverish interest by the public. Seldom has there been such a demand for seats in the galleries of the Reichstag. Germany's intentions regarding the Balkans and the possibilities of peace are the chief topics upon which the chancellor is expected to give light.

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