JUDGES HEARING SECOND APPEALS FOR EXEMPTIONS

County Members of Bench Are Given Details of 48 Cases Each.

SESSIONS ARE PRIVATE

Press Requested to Refrain From Publication of the Applicants' Claims.

The local court of appeals to hear the claims against the decisions of local exemption tribunals, with two judges in attendance, opened at the courthouse this morning at 10 o'clock, and it is expected that by evening 48 cases will have been disposed of.

The proceedings were practically held in camera. Both judges, Talbot Macbeth and J. C. Judd, who presided, intimated that the reporters would be thought more of outside the judicial sanctums than within. They stated that no decisions would be given out as the cases would all have to be carefully considered before any definite judgment could be reached.

"These men's personal affairs will be deeply probed, and they do not have anything to do with the public. I would rather that you withdrew," was the way Judge Judd put the case before the reporters.

With Judge Macbeth was Major G. N. Weekes, representing the military authorities, while John Cottam acted as representative in Judge Judd's court.

The courtroom was crowded with anxious-faced youths and their mothers, who were present to help their sons make their last stand for exemption. There were few smiling faces in the courtroom, while the tension could be clearly felt.

Some of the cases were heard in a little more than five minutes, while others took over twenty. Some boys came out smiling, while others looked as if they had already received their death wound on the field of Flanders

MILITARY FUNERAL FOR TWO SOLDIERS

Double Service Conducted From Undertaking Rooms This Afternoon.

A double military funeral for Pte. John Murdock and Pte. Leslie, both of whom died at the Military Convalescent Hospital last week, was held from the undertaking parlors of Smith, Sea & Clarke this afternoon.

Pte. Murdock was a returned man and Pte. Leslie had been in the Canadian forces for two weeks at the time of his death.

Full military honors were accorded the dead soldiers.

Capt. McGillivray conducted the services both at the undertaking parlors and at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, where interment was made.

The pallbearers for Pte. Murdock were: Sergt. Pocock, Sergt. Moore, Pte. Noble, Pte. Eldrick, Pte. Clements and Pte. Maguire.

The pallbearers for Pte. Leslie were: Ptes. Crelbin, Crenie, Moiselle, Harvey, McWilliams, Carter and Dawson.

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CITY BREVITIES

PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN.—The promotion of Lieut James G. Munro of the A. M. C. Training Depot, No. 1, to the rank of captain, is contained in today's camp orders.

CIVIC MEETING.—One of the public meetings for the discussion of municipal affairs is scheduled for 8 o'clock this evening in the Ryerson School. To date the municipal meetings have not been overcrowded, to say the least.

BAZAAR NETS $15.41.—The Edith Cavell Club of St. George's school held a bazaar on Saturday afternoon in the kindergarten room to raise funds for the Halifax sufferers. The bazaar was open from 4 to 6 o'clock, and the sum of $15.41 was realized, a handsome figure for an organization of girls.

GLORIFIED CARS.—More of the London Street Railway cars have blossomed forth in their new dress—the new yellow color adopted by the company as the future type for the street cars—and others are in the paint shop getting "dolled up." The contrast is all the more apparent now in view of the fact that only a few of the cars have been painted.

IMPROVEMENT NOTED.—The condition of John F. Faulds, barrister, who has been critically ill for the past two weeks, is slightly improved today. Mr. Faulds's illness was the result of blood-poisoning. Serious complications followed, and for some days no hopes were entertained of his recovery. Unless there should be a relapse, his physicians now expect that he will recover.

DIDN'T CLEAN SNOW.—Manuel Christian, caretaker of the Christian Science Church, Kent and Richmond streets, was summoned to police court today to explain why he had neglected to remove the snow from the sidewalks on each side of the church. He stated that he was unaware of the fact that he was held responsible for the removal of the snow. He was warned to attend to the snow in the future, and on his promise to do so the case was dismissed without costs.

INSTRUCTORS NEEDED.—Evidence of the growth of vocational training for returned Canadian soldiers is given in a letter received by the Soldiers' Aid Commission here from headquarters at Toronto. It states that instructors in bookkeeping, shorthand, typewriting, manual training, carpentry, mechanical draughting and shoe repairing are needed at Whitby, Guelph, London, Kitchener, Toronto. W. W. Nichol, superintendent of education for returned soldiers, 116 College street, Toronto, is in charge of the work.

REPLACING BELL—Another bell, to replace the one presented to the Church of St. John the Evangelist (Anglican) by the Misses Elliot in memory of their parents, Judge and Mrs. Elliot, has been ordered, and will probably be placed in the church belfry in the course of the next six weeks. On December 2 the original bell, recently presented to the church, cracked, and the concern from which the bell was obtained guaranteed the shipment of another to replace it. Considerable inconvenience and expense to the congregation resulted from the accident.

$1,200 CONTRIBUTED ALREADY FOR TREAT BY WAR VETERANS

Subscriptions Mount Up For Kiddies' Christmas.

Although the reports on the number of children of soldiers who will attend the Christmas tree and entertainment to be given in the armories on Saturday afternoon were all supposed to be in by Monday night, the replies have not yet been tabulated. It has been estimated, however, that some 3,000 children will participate. Eligibility to attend this great Christmas rally and treat was the father of the children was a member of the C. E. F., in France, England, in training here, or returned.

The collections are not what the Great War Veterans' Association, which is putting on the entertainment, expected. The Halifax disaster and the election furore prevented to a large extent the generous response anticipated. However, there is now more than $1,200 in the fund.

Major Hume Cronyn gave a donation of $100. Other reports of subscriptions today are:

Previously acknowledged, $620.05; the Wright Sons Company, $5; Martin Forester, 50c; R. C. Turner, $1; Henry Merritt $1; Lulu Stein, 10c; Mrs. E. Hughes 10c; Frank R. Hughes, 25c; George Smart, 10c; N. Toll, 10c; E. Prior, 10c; L. Elliot, 10c; A. G. Glass, 10c; friend, 25c; J. W. Graham, 10c; friend, 10c; J. R. Rotter, 25c; C. C., 10c; O. A. White, 10c; friend, 50c; B. Ruse, 10c; Dick, 25c; Mr. Saddler, 25c; Mr. Saunders, 25c; C. W. Taylor, 10c; A. W. Piper, 25c; a friend, 30c; Mrs. Mercer, 25c; Mr. Mansen, 60c; Janey Canuck Chapter, I. O. D. E., $5; Mrs. T. H. Smallman, $5; Lieut. Nelson, $3; Aboghill, L. O. L., $2; J. Berry, 25c; Van, 10c; Thomas Jewell, 25c; John Hendry, 15c; Thomas Burton, 10c; N. B. Walker, 25c; T. Boyle, 25c; R. Sharp, 25c; W. Slyford, 25c; J. A. Clen, 25c; R. Atkin, 50c; George George, 50c; Mrs. Fletcher, 25c; J. Simpson, 25c; M. Flanagan, 25c; H. Vandy, 25c; J. D. Grant, 25c; Mrs. Foster, 25c; a friend, 10c; C. Cook, $1; flag day, $575. Total, $1,267.65.

SOLDIERS TO HOLD WORKOUT TONIGHT

The Military Hockey Club's senior O. H. A. team will hold their first workout at the Westminster rink tonight from 8 to 9 o'clock. The headquarters team in the Inter-Unit League will take the ice from 9 until 10 o'clock. This will be the first time this winter that a regular squad of puckchasers are on ice.

General camp orders for today invite all soldiers who may be considering playing hockey this winter to turn out tonight.

U.S. HOUSE VOTES FOR NATION-WIDE PROHIBITION LAW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Nation-wide prohibition won in the House of Representatives today, and only the adjustment of slight difference in resolutions between the House and Senate stands in the way now of submitting to state legislators an amendment to the federal constitution forbidding the manufacture, sale or importation of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes in the United States or its territories.

The vote in the House taken after a day of debate before crowded galleries, was 282 to 128, with the parties dividing almost evenly. The margin for prohibition was just eight votes more than the necessary two-thirds of the membership of the House for adoption.

SCHOOL IS RESUMED AFTER FINGAL FIRE

SHEDDEN, Dec. 17.—Continuation school classes have been resumed in the town hall and Presbyterian Church at Fingal, following the fire which recently destroyed the school. A meeting will be held shortly to discuss plans for building a new school.

Emerson Cascadden has enlisted for overseas service with a battalion in London.

Lorne Smith, who has been attending the medical school at London and recently enlisted with the aviation corps at Toronto, left for Toronto to commence training.

HUMOR NOT LACKING IN COUNCIL WHEN ITS MEMBERS ARE WELL FED AND GET TOGETHER IN LOVE FEAST

Breaks Out in Many Recommendations, Which Pass Unanimously Following the Last Meeting of the Year.

The city council had an informal session last evening after the council meeting, dining at Wong's Cafe. The gathering was joyful, that is quite joyful for those who believed in Union Government, and not so happy for those who did not. However, in the after-session, so to speak, these little things were forgotten, and the gathering was quite a merry one.

Controller Shaw and Controller Saunders introduced a heavy budget of business, the following motions being passed after a discussion:

Whereas, the Real Estate Opening Association have, by resolution, declared that it is expedient that the present members of the council of 1917 shall be continued in office ad infinitum, notwithstanding any failure to secure re-election, and that important business of the city of London be continued;

Be it resolved that this council, by resolution, direct:

1. That Ald. Dyer shall be appointed an investigator to discover the birthplace of the chief of police horse.
2. That Ald. Harley be made permanent supervisor of arrangements for reception of returned soldiers.
3. That Ald. Copp be appointed a committee of one to report on the quality of tile employed in building the new public utilities office.
4. That Ald. Rose be authorized to report on reasonable excuses for absence from attendance at meetings.
5. That Ald. Ashplant report on ideal auditors.
6. That Ald. Manness report on the question as to the amount of ice clinging to the scales of fish.
7. That Controller Little report on the question whether the Helena Costume Company is a public utility.
8. That Controller Shaw be a committee of one to advise Mr. Grant on the assessment of Sunday schools.
9. That Controller Saunders advise the council as to the best method of feeding chickens so as to secure a higher average of egg output.
10. That Controller Moore advise the council as to the best method of reducing the floorings of the old city hall to conform with the floors of the public utilities mansion.
11. That Ald. Cunningham report how he was lead astray.
12. That Ald. Keene report on the best method of making provision for a dining-room for the garbage employees.
13. That Ald. Donohue report upon the question why Louisa street should be changed to Cromwell street.
14. That Ald. Drake be authorized to report upon the question of providing groceries for the city of London, with the necessary quantity of hay.
15. That Ald. Winnett advise as to the relative value of a second-hand tank as compared with a new one.
16. That Ald. Moorhead be authorized to re-arrange the market rentals for 1918.
17. That his worship the mayor be authorized to prepare a testimonial to the officer of health, Dr. Hill, and secure a traveling bag for Miss Stanley of Victoria Hospital.
18. That the clerk report to the council on the relative dimensions of a man's chest compared with the size of the delegation badge he wears, and that the city treasurer report to the council as to how a man handling so much money can remain a bachelor, and report the funds of the council showing a surplus sufficient to pay the expenses of the above recommendations, so that his worship may not refuse to sign the checks therefor.

GARRISON TROOPS WILL PARADE FOR THE PRESENTATION

Will Be Present at Interesting Ceremony.

A new flagstaff is to be presented to F. Unit, Military Hospitals Commission Command, on Wednesday by the Municipal Chapter, I. O. D. E.

Arrangements with the hospital authorities and the I. O. D. E. were completed today by Brig.-Gen. L. W. Shannon, general officer commanding this district, and the presentation will take place at 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon on the grounds of the Central Military Convalescent Hospital on Ottaway avenue. Mrs. J. S. Niven, regent of the Municipal Chapter, will probably make the presentation.

The troops quartered in the city will be present, and will assist in the ceremony, and a route march of the entire garrison will take place through the streets of the city preceding and following the presentation. Gen. Shannon will receive the flag staff on behalf of F Unit, M. H. C. C.

THIEVES AT CHICAGO CLEAN UP TWO MILLION WITHIN THE PAST YEAR

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Thieves and robbers have profited to the extent of more than $2,000,000 by their operations in Chicago since the 1st of last January, according to the police figures made public today. This is said to be the largest harvest ever gathered here in a year by criminals.

There have been 14,000 burglaries of all descriptions, 20 payroll robberies, and 10 bank robberies.

VON BERNSTORFF'S NAME OFF COLLEGE REGISTER

PITTSBURG, Dec. 17. — The name of Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, was today stricken from the list of those who have received honorary degrees from the University of Pittsburg by order of the trustees of the institution. The honorary degree, doctor of laws, was conferred upon Count von Bernstorff at the celebration of Charter Day of the University in February, 1912. The names of six other Germans who have received honorary degrees from the university also were ordered taken from the lists.

OBJECTED TO PASTOR SPEAKING ON POLITICS

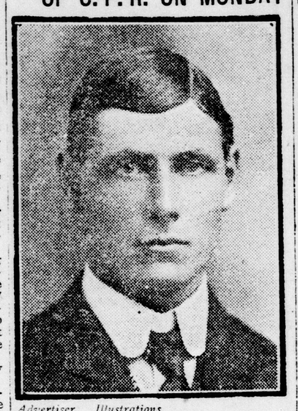
ST. MARYS, Dec. 17.—Rev. Samuel McLean, for several years pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church, read his resignation at the close of the sermon yesterday morning.

On Thursday night last, Rev. Mr. McLean, together with the other local clergy, addressed a meeting in the interests of Dr. Steele, the Unionist candidate in South Perth. Several of Mr. McLean's parishioners resented this and made a strong protest against their minister taking either side in politics. Mr. McLean, at the conclusion of Sunday morning's service, stated several reasons for the action he had taken and tendered his resignation

HUN EDITOR DISAPPEARS.

Amsterdam, Dec. 18.—The Socialist newspaper Tribune reports the mysterious disappearance of Carl Minister, editor of the German revolutionary Socialist paper Kampf, which is published in Amsterdam. He left last Tuesday for Southern Holland, and has not been seen since. The Tribune says Minister is an American citizen.

INSTANTLY KILLED IN TILLSONBURG WRECK OF C. P. R. ON MONDAY



Advertiser Illustrations

BRAKEMAN CHARLES PRING of 485 Dorinda street, who was killed early Monday morning when a light engine destroyed the caboose of a C. P. R. freight at Tillsonburg.

POINT TO GLASS' MAJORITIES FROM DISPUTED DIVISION

East Middlesex Liberal Workers Not Decided on Protest.

While members of the committee of J. M. Ross, Liberal candidate for East Middlesex, were unable to state today whether the election of S. Frank Glass would be protested because of the refusal to admit Liberal scrutineers at subdivision 55, they pointed out that his majority at the two polling booths there was greater than in any other part of the riding. One booth gave Glass a majority of 63 and the other 64, a total majority in that subdivision of 127.

According to Liberal committee men, no Liberal scrutineers were in that division during the first three or four hours that voting was in progress. The first man sent, they say, was refused admission because he had no certificate, a qualification, they claim, which was not necessary, as he was an elector in the division. A second scrutineer sent out to watch Liberal interests in the second polling booth, which had been established, was also refused admission, although he bore a certificate from the candidate. A city detective and policeman were there to prevent his entrance, it is stated.

NEXT GENERATION HELD AN ELECTION, TOO, MONDAY NIGHT

Representative to Boys' Parliament Picked Here.

While mature Londoners, veterans of many a hard-fought political campaign, and youngsters making the trip to the polls for the first time, cheered themselves hoarse or registered deep gloom over the returns in the dominion election, the male members of the city's next generation went quietly about electing London's first member to Ontario's first boys' parliament.

As a result of the voting conducted at the Y. M. C. A. Monday, Gordon Henderson will be London's representative at the session which opens in the Provincial Parliament Buildings, Toronto, the day after Christmas.

A keen interest was displayed by the ardboys. All members of Canadian standard efficiency groups in the city were entitled to the franchise and nearly all used it.

Willard Beamer, the other candidate, gave Londoon's member a good run for his money, polling 37 votes. The successful candidate polled 81, giving him a majority of 24.

The enthusiasm was too great for the new member to deliver a speech and present his platform, but a rousing demonstration on the downtown streets brought the day to a suitable conclusion.

Just what bills the Hon. Mr. Henderson will champion are not known yet, but it is the purpose of the parliament to have each one of the thirty members look after a definite feature of the work. Suggestions made in parliament and receiving the indorsation of the members will be sent to the advisory council on boys' work.

One of the primary aims of this new step is to have more of the work taken over by the boys. Nearly all previous programs have been drawn up by men interested in boys' work, and although often successful, they sometimes failed to get the boy's point of view, and for that reason were not as successful as they might have been. It is thought that the advisory council working on suggestions made by the boys themselves will be able to do much toward improving the work.

HOUSE BACK AND GOES TO THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Col. E. M. House, back from Europe, where he attended the great Inter-Allied war conference as head of the American mission, came to Washington late today and drove directly to the White House to make a personal report to President Wilson.

TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE.

[Reported by Edward Cronyn & Co.]

	Asked.	Bid.	Toronto	Asked.	Bid.
Arr Cy..	20	15	Spanish.	14	..
Ames, c.	14½	..	do pfd.	50	..
do pfd.	50	..	St Ch, p.	57	..
Barcel...	9	8½	Stl Can..	49½	..
Brazilian	32	..	do pfd.	85	..
Burt, c..	70	..	Tor Ry.	58	..
do pfd.	86	..	Tucketts	19	..
C Bread.	18	..	Tw City.	67	..
C Car...	18½	..	Win Ry.	48	..
do pfd.	50	..	Banks—		
Cement.	57	..	Com'rce.	185	..
C S L...	38¾	..	Dom ...	202	..
do pfd.	72½	..	Hamil'n	184	..
CGElec.	99½	..	Imperial.	185	..
C Loco..	55½	..	Merch ..	167	..
do pfd.	82¾	..	NScotia.	244½	..
C P R..	129¾	128	Royal ..	202	..
C Dairy.	30	..	Stand ..	206	..
do pfd.	60	..	Union...	..	136
ConLife	375	..	Loans, etc.—		
C Smelt.	24⅜	..	C Land.	147¾	..
Con Gas.	..	147½	C Perm.	152½	..
Cr Nest..	50	..	C Invest.	74	..
Dome ...	690	663	H Prov.	..	134
D Steel..	51½	51	H & E..	207	..
Mackay.	74	72	20% pd ..		196
do pfd.	60	..	L Bank.	..	139
M Leaf.	..	91½	N Trust.	205	..
do pfd.	..	92	T Trust.	202	..
Monarch	..	30	T Mort..	164	..
do pfd.	77	..	Bonds—		
N S Car.	7½	7	M L & P	40	30
do pfd.	19½	18	Penmans ..		80
Nipis'g.	830	820	Rio Jan. ..		81
NSSteel.	66	..	Stl Can..	89¼	..
Petrol.	1200	1150	War Loan,		
PPaper,p	81	..	1925...	95¼	94¾
Russell.	..	50	War Loan,		
do pfd.	70	..	1931...	92¼	91½
Sawyer.	11	..	War Loan,		
do pfd.	48	..	1937...	92½	92⅛
SWheat	117	..			

PREMIER ISSUES STATEMENT OVER THE ELECTIONS

Claims a Majority of at Least Fifty for Union Government.

SAYS TRIUMPH FOR ALL

Declares That Result Was Not a Partisan Victory in Any Sense.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Sir Robert Borden today issued statement expressing his satisfaction with the general electiono, and thanking both Conservatives and Liberals for their efforts on behalf of the Union Government. It is as follows:

"The people of Canada have fully realized and splendidly fulfilled their duty. The Union Government will have a majority of at least fifty in the new parliament. The result of the soldiers' vote is not yet known, but it may increase the majority to sixty or more.

Calls It Great Trumph.

"It was not a partizan victory in any sense. If party lines are to be taken into account it is a triumph as much for Liberals as for Conservatives. The splendid elements of the Liberal party who worked so strenousuly and with such magnificent results in every province except one are to be congratulated equally with the Conservatives. Equally fine was the spirit of the Conservatives who, regardless of party affiliations, supported and elected Unionist-Liberal candidates in many ridings.

"It was a notable test of democracy. The Canadian people after more than three years of heroic devotion and untold sacrifice were called upon to say whether Canada's efforts in the war should be maintained. In the midst of the campaign the test of compulsory military service had be to applied. No severer trial of the courage, self-sacrifice and endurance of a democracy was ever made. Constitutional writers of Central Europe had predicted during the past quarter of a century that under some such test democracy would fail. The Canadian democracy has given a triumphant refutation to every such prediction.

Praises Returned Men.

"The gallant men who have returned from the front after glorious and heroic service to their country in France and in Flanders are especially entitled to Canada's grateful thanks for their equally notable services in the campaign just concluded. Their vivid realization of the overmastering issue; their splendid loyalty to their comrades still in the trenches; their complete disregard to all minor consideration enabled them to exercise a strong influence upon public opinion, both here and at the front.

"The same is true of the womanhood of Canada. Their devotion and self-sacrifice have been well known throughout the war, and were never more conspicuous than during the past six weeks. Unworthy appeals were contemptuously rejected, and the higher considerations alone inspired their endeavors which contributed notably to the result.

Public Opinion Responds.

"And, indeed, throughout the country leaders of public opinion were responsive to the greatness of the appeal. The clergy, the teachers in the universities and in the public schools, men in every walk of life who on ordinary occasions in party struggles were constrained by the country's needs and by the stern call of duty to throw themselves into a contest which concerned the national duty and the national honor.

"Canada's battle line is held three thousand miles away by men who went fighting gladly and freely to fight, and perhaps to die in order that peace might reign within our borders.

Many of them have been in the trenches for more than two years; they look for aid and support to their country which sent them forth under the pledge of its honor. Some of them will spend their fourth Christmas beyond the seas.

Canada now sends them the message for which they have longed; and it will bring joy and comfort to every heart among them.

"But that message will bring rejoicing not only to the Canadian army corps but to the mother country and to every Dominion of the British commonwealth. To them and to all the allied nations it proclaims Canada's invincible and unalterable determination to maintain her effort and to take her part until the wild beast of German militarism shall have been subdued and such victory accomplished as will bring assured peace to a war-devastated world.

"(Signed) R. L. BORDEN."

BRITISH ATTACKED GERMAN LINES ON THE ITALIAN FRONT

Berlin Says Effort South of Monte Fontana Failed.

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 17.—British Admiralty, Per Wireless Press.—The text of the German communication follows:

"Western theatre: Army group of Crown Prince Rupprecht—There has been lively artillery activity on the south bank of the Scarpe and on desolated sectors southwest of Cambrai. Heavy artillery and mine firing have been directed against the southern front at St. Quentin.

"Army of Duke Albrecht—North of St. Daniel and in the Sundgau the artillery of the French has been more active.

"Eastern theatre: Nothing new to report.

"Macedonian theatre: Between the Vardar and Lake Doiran an English company, after violent artillery preparation, made an advance, which was repulsed by Bulgarian posts.

"Italian front: Between the Brenta and the Piave violent artillery duels have continued on isolated sectors. Austro-Hungarian troops brought in several hundred prisoners, as the result of a successful enterprise south of Col Caprille. An English attack against our lines south of Monte Fontana Secca broke down."

SENTENCED 20 YEARS FOR NOT REGISTERING IN THE UNITED STATES

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 17. — Brig.-Gen. John Alfonston today approved court-martial sentences for violations of the draft law of 20 years each imposed on John T. Dunn and Adolph Lyanger, of Providence, and of 15 years on Fritz Stepannvitch of this city.

They were sent at once to the federal prison in Atlanta, Ga., Dunn and Yanger were tried at Fort Adams, Newport, R. I., and Stepannovitch at Fort Banks, Winthrop, Mass.

The Providence men were found guilty of refusing to register, and the Boston man of failing to report for examination.

NEW YORK FUEL FAMINE HAS BEEN RELIEVED

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—With the weather comparatively moderate and clear, permitting lighterage of coal across the Hudson River, the fuel famine in New York city virtually ended today.

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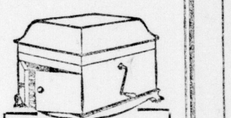

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BRAVE BATTLE OF DESTROYERS AGAINST ODDS

Crews of Merchantmen Saved Through Gallant Fight of Convoy.

ATTACK MADE AT DAWN

Raiders Commanded by the Officer Who Made Recent Swoop on Tyne.

Christiania, Dec. 18.—All the crews of the merchantmen in the convoy attacked in the North Sea by the Germans last week were saved. The merchant vessels had time to retire while the outnumbered British destroyers and trawlers engaged in desperate fight with the Germans, and the crews of the merchantmen took to the boats.

One British destroyer, according to reports received here, sank after ten minutes of brave fighting. The crew of the other destroyer continued to serve its guns until disabled. After disposing of the convoying vessels the Germans turned their attention to the merchantmen and sank them, one by one.

THE GERMAN ACCOUNT.

Amsterdam, Monday, Dec. 71.—Capt. Heinicke commended the German forces which made a raid on the English coast off the mouth of the Tyne last Wednesday morning, according to an official statement received here from Berlin. The report says that the Germans "successfully attacked enemy mercantile traffic, including two large steamers, off the Tyne and close to the English coast." The German forces, it is added, returned without losses or damage.

ATTACKED AT DAWN.

London, Dec. 15.—Testimony given at the inquest over the victims of the German attack on the British convoy shows that the attack occurred beween 4 and 5 o'clock Wednesday morning, and that the enemy destroyers fired as hard as possible for a few minutes. A Swedish steamer was torpedoed twice, the second torpedo cutting the vessel completely in two. Of the crew of twenty hands on board it sixteen were either killed or are missing.

No assistance was rendered by the enemy boats. British destroyers came on the scene and rescued the survivors.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Information received here today among neutral diplomats agrees with intimations from abroad that Germany is considering another offer of peace.

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THE WAR SITUATION

Germany and Austria-Hungary apparently will lose no time in bringing about a separate peace with the Bolsheviki Government of Russia now that the armistice between the countries has become effective. Dr. von Kuehlmann, the German foreign secretary, and Count Czernin, the Austrian foreign minister, will arrive at Brest-Litovsk today to begin negotiations looking toward peace.

Early Peace Parley.

A semi-official statement, issued in Vienna, declares that the central powers will follow up the armistice "as speedily as possible" with peace parleys, and it is added that Bulgaria and Turkey also will join in the negotiations. Brest-Litovsk, the scene of the meeting between the Austro-German and Russian plenipotentiaries is on the Bug River in Russian Poland. It was captured by the Germans in their great drive in the summer of 1915.

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There has been virtually no change in the internal situation in Russia. The Bolsheviki Government, in a notice to foreign embassies in Petrograd, says it considers the question of recognition purely formal and about which it cares little. The notice declares that the foreign embassies must vise the passports of Bolsheviki couriers or similar courtesies will be refused.

Except on the Italian northern front near the Brenta River, military operations are at a minimum. The Italians, in a desperate struggle, have been able to retake an advantageous position on Col. Caprille, repulsing Austro-German attempts in the region of San Marino. The activity of the aerial and artillery arms on this front continues to be intense.

Snow has fallen heavily on the British front in France and only small isolated raids have occupied the infantry. The gunners on both sides are active. Except for artillery work there has been no activity by the French front from St. Quentin to Alsace. In Upper Alsace the French have repulsed a German attack near Aspach Le Bas.

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GALT, Dec 17.—City Engineer W. H. Fairchild issued a building permit to Schultz Bros. of Brantford today for a $50,000 bank building, to be erected at the corner of Main and Water streets for the Merchants Bank of Canada. Two substantial stone stores which now occupy the site will be torn down at once.

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