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STEFANSSON ARCTIC PARTY GETS SAFELY BACK

BOLSHEVIKI POWER RAPIDLY BREAKING; SOLDIERS REFUSING TO FIGHT REBELS

Red Guard Not Strong Enough To Cope With Ukrainians and Cossacks-Germany Concentrating In Southwest.

London, Dec. 28.—There have been cocasional assertions in recent Petrograd dispatches that the influence and power of the Boisheviki was waning, but never with such unanimity as in appecial dispatches dated from the Rushaming containing. The such was a succeeded in maintaining. The southwest. One suggestion is that the southwest of these forces will be sent in appecial dispatches dated from the Rushaming containing. Among the carrier of the soliders in a first wing constantly. Among the carrier of the reluctance of the population to work and the searchty of foodstuffer.

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HEAVY DAMAGE DONE BY

AND AT CITY OF DULUTH

Duluth Minn., Dec. 26 .- Fire vester

FIRE AT LONG BRANCH.

PICTURES WILL TELL OF CANADIANS' GLORY IN GREAT WORLD WAR

London, Dec. 26 .- Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency .- The story of Canada's glorious deeds in the war, at Ypres and elsewhere, which already have been told in print, is now to be told in glow ing colors by some of the most distinguished artists of the day, British and Canadian. Under the auspices of the Canadian war records office a war memorial fund has been inaugurated with Lord Rothermere as chairman and Lord Beaverbrook as a member of a committee. The fund now amounts to about \$75,000 the whole of it having been raised in the United Kingdom and Canada by the propaganda section of the Dominion Government, the of which is to tell the people of Canada, down to the smallest detail, what their share has been in the war.

MANY GREAT ARTISTS | SECOND INSTALLMENT WILL PAINT PICTURES OF VICTORY BONDS OF CANADA'S PART DUE NEXT WEDNESDAY IN FREEDOM'S FIGHT Will Be Heaviest Transaction

Five Canadian Painters Will Have Share in Work.

London, Dec. 26 .- (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)-Five Canadian artists will be the heaviest transaction eve will have a share in the work of handled by the Canadian banks. will have a share in the work of painting pictures of Canada's war record at the front, viz., Lieuts. A. Y. Jackson, C. H. Barlaud and G. Russell and Messrs. J. Kerr and Lawson the Government. The transfer in contract of the contract of t sell and Messrs. J. Kerr and Lawson sell and Messrs. J. Kerr and Lawson nection with the second payment of J. Mowat. A wide and representative per cent will be smaller, in view of the selection of British artists have been intimation that only subscriptions selection of British artists have been made as the following details show: Richard Jack, A. R. A., large and wonderful battle picture, "The Second Battle of Ypres"; D. Y. Cameron, R. A., brillant Scottish painter and etcher, two fine landscapes of the fighting zone; Frank Branywyn, A. P. A. zone; Frank Branywyn, A. R. A., a series of lithographs depicting the horrors of war; Charles Sims, R. A., large FIRE AT JERSEY BEACH ture of munitions. He did not indiwar allegory; Augustus John, large decorative paiting; Edgar Bundy, A. R. A., two complementary pictures entitled "The First Landing of the French in Canada" and "The First Landing of the Canadians in France"; Mrs. Laura Knight, A. R. V. S., and Misses Anna Airy and Clara Atwood, scenes of life in Canadian training camps; G. Clausin, R. A., large decorations and companies of the c tive painting; Dudler Hardy, R. I., "Sir Robert Borden Reviewing the Candalan Troops in France"; C. R. W. destruction of the Duluth end of the Nevison, aircraft subject; Norman Wilkinson, R. I., "Transport of Candadians Across Atlantic"; C. H. Shannon, A. R. A., "Portrait of Princess Patricia of Connaught"; W. Nicholson, R. S. A., "General Turner, V. C., and staff."

FIRE AT LONG BRANCH. In addition to these Professor Gerald Mira has finished a very fine decorative panel showing the Canadian lumforning the board walk, which parallels the bathing beach and burned away permen at work in windsor park large state batting beach and burned away Julius Olsson, A. R. A., will paint a section of the walk. The property loss was estimated ta \$200,000. Two of the structures were apartment Richmond, R. B. A., subjects connected with the Canadian veterinary and rail-houses and twenty families were made with the Canadian veterinary and railand Spencer Watson, pertraits.

ENEMY HOLDING SMALL SECTION ON WEST BANK OF RIVER PIAVE

Only Foothold a Nest of Guns That Are Little Feared by Diaz.

Italian Army Headquarters in North-ern Italy, Dec. 25.—(By the Associated Press)—A general commanding an army corps on the Plave front took the corcorps on the Plave front took the cor-respondent along the line occupied by his corps today and pointed out the Austro-German nest on the west bank of the river, which is the only foothold he has succeeded in maintaining. The main purpose of the Italian com-mander was to carry a holiday greeting to his men in the first line trenches but incident ally this visit to the astronome

would require in the face of the ma-The bend was completely controlled and hemmed in, and it was better, he thought, to let the enemy sacrifice his

THE WAR SITUATION

men in holding a position useless to

While their guns bombard the western front the Germans are taking troops from the eastern front for use elsewhere, despite the provision of the Russo-German armistice prohibiting such action. The artillery activity in France has been moderate over most of the front and more violent on the right bank, of the Meuse, northeast of Verdun, the scene of the German attack nearly two years ago. German Infantry has not been active, and it is probable that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is waiting for more reinforcements before making his heralded attack. Russian advices telling of the German withdrawals in the east add that some of the troops are being taken to the Rumanian front. Rumania is not taking part in the peace negotiations and the Ukraine, which lies beyond Moldavla, and Bessarabla is

French Raiding. South of Juvincourt, In the Rheims' sector of Champagne, the French have carried out a raid into the German lines and brought back prisoners. Or the British portion of the front there have been raids in addition to the artillery duel, but no heavy operations

are vet indicated. On the Northern Italian front the Montreal, Dec. 26.—Payment of the second installment of Canada's Victory attack alternately at vital points on Loan falls due a week from today and either side of the Brenta. Checked at Monte Asolone last week, the enemy has struck toward the Frenzela Val-ley west of the river. After two days of bitter fighting the Italians have regained possession of most positions Loot Mail, Killing Driver, and Will Attempt To Further Docon the Col-del-Rosso west of the river, and have attacked the Austro-German positions on Monte Pertica, east of the river. Berlin claims the capture of 9,000 prisoners in the gaining of the Col-del-Rosso, which later was lost to

Trotzky Protests. Leon Trotzky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, has protested to the Germans against the transference of troops from the eastern front, but also has ordered Russian factories to stop the manufaccate whether his Government would take any other step against German violation of the armistice.

Peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk apparently are making little progress. The Germans have delayed their ansto the Bolsheviki terms, and it is reported .that the conference will be in Canadian training \$500,000 in buildings and lumber, and transferred to Stockholm shortly. In sin. R. A., large decora-cut off street railway communication the meantime the majority party in the constituent assembly, the Social revolutionists, has convoked the assembly to meet January 2, despite Bol-

German savagery has been called of ficially to the attention of the American troops in France. An American sentry has been found with his throat cut, and an official bulletin says: "He must have been so killed after cap. ture" by a force of Germans who surprised him. Information of enemy terrorism in driving women and children from their homes in the occupied secroom for German troops, soldiers and Reports of incendiarism were being war material also has been given the investigated, the authorities said.



Hindenburg-Vot greeps gloser? I can't see noddings .- Passing Show.

VICTORIOUS PEACE IS CERTAIN: GUUU CHEEK HULIUAY MESSAGE FROM TROOPS IN TRENCHES TO HOME FOLK IN CANADA

(By W. A. WILLISON, Canadian Press Correspondent in Flanders.) Canadian Army Headquarters, Dec. 26.—"To our comrades and friends in support in Canada, this friends in support in Canada, this Christmas message is from the Canadian Corps from every division, brigade, battalion and man. It is our deeply sincere wish for a year of future happiness and for our early reunion. We feel today that the race behind us is of such strength and magnitude that it will inspire each of us to greater deeds and will surely lead us to the goal of victory, peace and home."

Such is the message to the dominion from its fighting men in

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good wishes for Christmas. He trusts that the coming year may bring with it the attainment of our great objective-victorious peace great objective—victorious peace and a happy return to our near and dear ones in Canada. This is not a mere sterotyped wish. Behind it lies the deep appreciation of your splendid work which has been carried to such successful conclusion by every unit in the corps and also to a full recognition of the sacrifices that have been made, the difficulties overcome, the hardships endured and the high standard of discipline maintained. Your actions cipline maintained. Your actions have made the name of our homeland one to be revered, respected and honored now and throughout the years to come."

this opportunity of sending every

officer, non-commissioned officer, and man in the Canadian Corps all

France, while to the fighting men themselves the corps commander has sent the following message: "The corps commander has taken OF ALL COLD STORAGE PLANTS

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—That all cold storage plants in Great Britain will probably be co-ordinated under Government control is the statement made by Mr. Harrison Watson, Canadian trade commissioner in London, in a report made to the Dominion Government. This course has been recommended by MEXICAN BANDITS IN

CHRISTMAS RAID ON AMERICAN BORDER

Lose Many in Fight With Troops.

Marfa, Texas, Dec. 26.—American troops today were guarding all outlets to Van Horne Canyon, whre 100 Mexito Van Horne Canyon, whre 100 Mexi-can bandits on Christmas morning crossed the American border, raided the postoffice and general store on the Brite ranch, 27 miles southeast of here, killed Michael Welch, a veteran stage driver, and his two Mexican passengers, wounded Sam Neill, foreman of the Brite ranch, and carried away booty estimated to be worth \$7.000.

After the bandits had passed over the line bandits had passed over the line bandits had passed over the line bands. Rim Rock which rises abruptly more than 1,000 feet above the Rio Grande, than 1,000 feet above the Rio Grande, the soldiers, who were in close pursuit, fired many rounds at them and are re-ported to have killed and wounded many of the Mexicans. The shooting compelled the bandits to abandon the

horses on which they carried away the FRENCH LABORITES WANT

ITS PROPAGANDISTS TO ALL THE POWERS

trine of Internationalism.

Petrograd, Dec. 15.—The Bolsheviki Government has decided to send special representatives to all countries, bel-ligerent as well neutral, to further the propaganda of internationalism. Two million roubles have been appropriated for this purpose.

An American Red Cross train left An American Red Cross train left
Petrograd today for Rumania with
the approval of the Bolsheviki. It
carried all its original supplies, except
and is massing forces opposite Vasa
and the Aland Islands.

assembly has decided to convoke that body on January 2, according to a Petrograd dispatch to the Times, although the Bolsheviki Government has said that it was determined to prevent the meeting of the assembly independent of its sanction.

M. Borovsky, the Bolsheviki representative in Stockholm, a dispatch to the orning Post from the Swedish capital savs conditions reports that Stockholm capital savs conditions reports that Stockholm capital canadian Army Headquarters Dec. says conditions reports that Stockholm will be the scene of the continuation of

WOMAN HEAD OF GERMAN SPIES IN THE STATES

Directed Dynamite Activities of Schulenburg Against Canada.

WORKED WITH VON IGEL

Planned Establishment of the Wireless Stations For Germans In America.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—A woman designated only as "H" and said to be prominent in the German secret service directed the activities of Franz Schulenburg, alleged master spy held here on a presidential warrant, according to information divulged today by federal authorities. Schulenburg is said to have been active in plans to destroy bridges, public buildings in Canada and shipping and warehouses in Pacific shipping and warehouses in Pacific

officials said the woman barely escaped arrest here four weeks ago, the day before Schulenburg was captured. The clue to her part in Schulenburg's The clue to her part in Schulenburg's operations was revealed in a letter found among his effects. It instructed Schulenburg to meet her in Los Angeles. The letter was postmarked Cleveland, Ohlo, Investigation showed, officials said, that the woman had been an agent of Wolf von Igel, former secretary to Franz von Papen, military attache of the Germany embassy at Washington and alleged head of the German espionage system in this country. She was described as a person of birth and education, a brunette, 35 and education, a brunette, 35 years old.

Woman the Main Spy.

According to federal officials the women sent Schulenburg to the United States in 1914 for the alleged purpose of assisting in the maintenance of contacts in the state of the stat

States in 1914 for the alleged purpose of assisting in the maintenance of contraband wireless stations supported by the German Government for the purpose of gaining military information and transmitting it to Berlin.

Further revelations concerning Schulenburg's activities disclosed today showed that in February, 1915, he inserted an advertisement in Spokane, Wash., newspapers, looking to the purchase of a tract of land on which to colonize several hundred Spanish families. These families, federal officials said, were Hindus, and the purpose of their colonization was to permit them easy entrance into Canada, where they were to obtain military information and facts concerning the movement of Canadian vessels and to assist in raider warfare conducted in the Pacific Ocean by the Germans. The colonization plan did not materialize.

Some of Schulenberg's activities, according to the authorities, have been traced to Ramchandra, a Hindu on trial here with thirty other persons, charged with attempting to foment a revolt against British rule in India. Ramchandra made several payments of money to Schulenberg, officials said. Ramchandra made several payments of money to Schulenberg, officials said. Schulenberg, according to federal of-ficials, was a deserter from the German

REVOLUTIONARY PLOT AGAINST FERDINAND, RULER OF RUMANIA

Petrograd Dispatch Reports Unsettled Conditions.

DEFEAT FOR KORNILOFF?

Bolsheviki Claim Important Victory Near Bielgorod.

PETROGRAD, Monday, Dec. 24.

PETROGRAD, Monday, Dec. 24.—
News of a revolutionary plot against King Ferdinand of Rumania has been received at the Smolny Institute, the Bolsheviki headquarters, according to the evening newspapers. There are also said to be disturbed conditions in Rumania. These reports are confirmed in some respects by dispatches received here indicating unsettled conditions and a political crisis.

A Bolsheviki dispatch says that 6,000 troops of Gen. Korniloff's command coops of Gen. Korniloff's command ave been defeated near Bielgorod by have been defeated near Bielgorod by Bolsheviki, chiefly soldiers and sailors of the Black and Baltic Sea fleets. Many machine guns and much ammunition are said to have been captured.

The Bolsheviki have begun an attack on Kharkov, about 400 miles south of Moscow.

The Bolsheviki control railroads to the south The Boisneviki control railroads to the south, according to the news agency, which adds that a telephone message from Moscow declares that a large force of Cossacks and railwaymen has stopped troops from proceeding north of Tzaritzin, in the province of Saratov Saratov.

The news agency announces that a

London, Dec. 25.—The social revolutionary majority in the constituent assembly has decided to convoke that body on January 2 according to

[By W. A. Willison, Canadian Press motive power, conserve fuel and reduce railroad congestion, the Philacanadian Army Headquarters, Dec. delphia and Reading Rallway today withdrew from its New York service eight passenger trains, four in each chairman. Our patrols recently have been active, while our artillery, trench Several local trains were also annulled

STEFANSSON ESCAPES ALL ARCTIC TERRORS; RETURNS FROM FOUR YEARS OF ADVENTURE

Canadian Explorer and Party Safe At Yukon Point After Long Battle With Ice and Storms In Frozen Wastes.

Ottawa, Dec. 26 .- Vilhjalmar Stefansson, the Canadian explorer, and his party are safe. A message received by Mr. G. J. Desbarats, deputy minister of naval affairs, today announces that Mr. Stefansson and party have arrived safely at Fort Yukon, Alaska, from the far north. This means that the explorer, about whose safety there has been considerable debate for several months past, is coming back to civilization after his long sojourn in the Arctic regions.

DIES IN JAIL; ESCAPES GALLOWS

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 26.—Carmello Sofie Marbillto, the Italian woman who was found guilty of the murder of her husband at Pictou, and who was sentenced to be hanged on January 15, died on Christmas Day in the Pictou county Jall. Death was due to rheumatic fever and heart trouble. Her partner in the crime. Natalie Her partner in the crime, Natalle Neri, who is also under sentence of death on the same date, has been greatly affected by the death of Carmello.

KAISER SECURES FURTHER DELAY

tions Put Off for Another

FIRE RAZES BLOCKS IN HEART OF EDMONTON

Downtown Business Section is Heavy Sufferer From Conflagration.

Edmonton Dec. 26.—Fire which broke out yesterday morning in the heart of the downtown business section destroyed the building and stock of the Cockshutt Plow Company, Limited, its office and retail storeroom, the building and stock of the Moses Lyons estate, dealers in provisions, hunters' and traders' supplies, and the building adjoining. The stock of J. A. Werner, hardware was greatly damaged by water. The loss of the Cockshutt Company is \$10,500; Lyons' loss is \$13,000, partly covered by insurance and Werner's loss is about \$5,000 on stock, caused by water, which is covered by insurance and Werner's loss is about \$5,000 on stock, caused by water, which is covered by insurance and Werner's loss is about \$5,000 on stock, caused by water, which is covered by insurance and Werner's loss is about \$5,000 on stock, caused by water, which is covered by insurance and Werner's loss is about \$5,000 on stock, caused by water, which is covered by insurance and Werner's loss is about \$5,000 on stock, caused by water, which is covered by insurance and Werner's loss is about \$5,000 on stock, caused by water, which is covered by insurance and Werner's loss is about \$5,000 on stock, caused by water, which is covered by insurance and werner's loss is about \$5,000 on stock, caused by water, which is covered by insurance and werner's loss is about \$5,000 on stock, caused by water, which is covered by insurance.

FRENCH BATTERIES

doday's official communication.

"In the region of St. Quentin and in Upper Alsace French patrols penerated German trenches and brought "Everywhere else the night was calm. 10,000 IRON WORKERS

THREATEN TO STRIKE San Francsco, Dec. 26.-Unless ap-

CUT OFF PASSENGER TRAINS. Philadelphia, Dec. 26.-To release

ntervention was anticipated.

Coming Out by Nome.

It is presumed that the party will now make their way to Nome and wait for the first steamer that will bring them back to Canada. It is possible, however, that Stefansson may decide to or overland to Dawson.

It is understood here that Mr. Stefansson, who was in charge of the northern division of the Canadian Arctic expedition, spent last winter on Melville Island. It was thought that he would come out of the result. Melville Island. It was thought that he would come out either via Lancaster Sound and Labrador or the Behring Sea. Apparently he has not chosen either of these routes, but chose to come over the ice at Herschel Island and from there to Alaska, probably by way of Fort MacPherson. His party consists of about 24 men.

Gone Since 1913.

The Canadian Arctic expedition set out for the north in 1912. It was divided into the northern and southern divi-

Russo-German Peace Negotiations Put Off for Another

Solution in the Government steamer Karluk. They proposed to establish a base on Banks or Prince Patrick Islands. Shortly after passing Point Islands. Shortly after passing Point Islands. Shortly after passing Point Islands. The Karluk Sunk.

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London, Dec. 26.—The Russo-German peace negotiations, which were to have been resumed on Monday after a post-ponement to give the Germans time to formulate their reply on the Russian terms, were again delayed for one day, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Petrograd reports.

The dispatch also says the Germans have asked for a further postponement.

Alaska, in the Herman, where he was able to communicate with the outside world to have relief ships sent. The shipwrecked men were taken from Wrangel Island by the schooners King and Wing, and transferred to the United States revenue cutter Bear, which landed them at Victoria, B. C. In Unknown Wilds.

Despite the los of the Karluk, Mr. Stefansson determined to continue his work in the far north. He made arrangements to journey on foot over the

caused by water, which is covered by TOBACCO A NECESSITY, IS OPINION OF RHONDDA

London, Dec. 26 .- Tobacco is a neces sity, not a luxury, declares Lord. Rhondda, the food controller, in a statement published here. "We must Paris, Dec. 26.—"On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) the energetic reply of our batteries put an end to a vigorous bombardment out our lines in the region of Boezonvaux," says today's official, communication.

Some system of "rationing" tobacco. I bave tobacco. I hold that the deprivation of it would work great discomfort."

Some system of "rationing" tobacco.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 37; lowest, 15.

The official temperatures for the 12 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 17: lowest, 15.

THURSDAY-SNOW. Forecasts. Temperatures

