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GERMANS HIT FOUR BLOWS, LOSE HEAVILY

Enemy Attacks at Several Points on Verdun Front—Get into Advanced Trenches at One Place

Paris, Jan. 26.—On the Verdun front last night the Germans made attacks at four points between Avoucourt Wood and Dead Man's Hill. Today's announcement says the Germans were driven back with severe losses, although they penetrated advanced trenches near Hill 304.

In Upper Alsace the Germans left their trenches at two points to attack, but were checked by the French artillery. The text of the announcement follows: "On the right bank of the River Meuse, after a violent bombardment, German forces yesterday evening delivered attacks upon four points of our front between Avoucourt Wood and a point to the east of Dead Man's Hill, but they were repulsed by our machine guns and our machine guns. Our assailants were compelled to make their way back to their trenches, with the exception, however, of certain detachments which were successful in penetrating some of our advanced trenches in the sector of Hill 304. The enemy during this attack suffered heavy losses and left numerous dead in front of our lines, particularly in Avoucourt Wood. During the course of the night German troops undertook several surprise attacks upon five minor positions, but these failed under the fire of our men located to the north and east of the Semois, between the northeast of Vingre, between the Oise and the Aisne. "In Upper Alsace, near Laxemburg, after a spirited bombardment forces of the enemy came out of their trenches at two points, but were repulsed by a definite check to this endeavor. On the remainder of the front there has been intermittent cannonading."

Enemy Report

Berlin, Jan. 26.—French trenches on Hill 304 northwest of Verdun were stormed yesterday by German troops along a front of 1,500 metres, the war office announced today. Approximately 500 prisoners were taken by the Germans, who also captured ten machine guns. The French failed in a counter-attack at night. The announcement follows: "Army group of the German Crown Prince, under command of Lieut. General Dem Borne, Westphalian and portions of the Baden regiments of proved valor and efficiency, assisted by artillery, pioneers and mine throwers, stormed French trenches on Hill 304 on a front of 1,500 metres. The enemy suffered sanguinary losses in hand-to-hand fighting and left in our hands, in round numbers, 500 prisoners, among whom were twelve officers. We captured ten machine guns. At night the French launched a counter-attack, which failed. Enterprises on Dead Man's Hill and in the sector of Avoucourt brought the desired result. "Eastern front, front of Prince Leopold—Engagements on the River Aa. The German troops, supported by the Russian divisions in the capture of further Russian positions on both sides of the river. On the east bank strong hostile forces attacked our positions. Five hundred prisoners were brought in. "Rumanian front: Front of Archduke Joseph, in the Bereck Mountain attacks by several Rumanian companies in the Kasino Valley were repulsed. "The German troops of Field Marshal Von Mackensen: There is nothing new to report. "Macedonian front—Near Buryektas, on the slopes of the Moglenica mountains, Bulgarian troops repulsed an advance by Serbian forces."

DOUBLE PRICE FOR WHISKEY AND FOR BEER

That is Announced as Outlook in Britain

SUPPLY CUT BY ONE HALF

Food Controller's Drastic Restrictions Taken to Meet Advance in Price of Drink in the Old Country

TOUR OF IRELAND FOR SOLDIERS FROM CANADA

All Interests Unite in Welcome to Duchess of Connaught Rangers

Dublin, Jan. 26.—A battalion, 900 strong, of the Duchess of Connaught's Own Canadian Engineers, composed of Canadian-Irishmen, has arrived in Ireland. An eight days tour has been arranged for them in the capture of further Russian positions on both sides of the river. On the east bank strong hostile forces attacked our positions. Five hundred prisoners were brought in.



LOOKING FOR TOURISTS AFTER THE WAR

French to Add to Old and Build New Hotels to Take Care of Rush

New York, Jan. 26.—In anticipation that after the war ends there will be an enormous influx of tourists to visit the invaded districts and scenic points, besides those who go there as representatives of foreign industrial and commercial houses, plans are being made to spend \$100,000,000 in the construction and enlargement of hotels.

DECISIONS IN BIG PROBLEMS OF THE ALLIES

Britain, France and Italy Represented in Recent Conferences in London

London, Jan. 25.—It is officially announced that the conferences held in London on recent days, "to discuss and determine the questions relating to the naval policy of the allied fleets in the Mediterranean," were attended by Sir Edward Carson, First Lord of the Admiralty, Admiral Sir John R. Jellicoe, First Sea Lord; Rear Admiral LaCaze, French minister of marine; M. Lelou, former minister of commerce in the French cabinet; the Italian minister of marine; Admiral Corie, the Italian minister of marine; Gen. D'Alloio and other experts of the three powers.

LABOR VIEW OF PEACE CONFERENCE

Manchester, Eng., Jan. 26.—The labor conference in session here unanimously adopted today a resolution urging that all the British representatives at the peace conference should work for the formation of an international league to enforce the maintenance of peace on the plan advocated by the president of the United States and approved by the British foreign secretary.

C. H. WICKES TO TOUR INDUSTRIAL CENTERS OF OLD LAND IN THE INTERESTS OF TRADE OF DOMINION

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 26.—C. Hamilton Wickes, British trade commissioner in Canada and Newfoundland, after four years of service in the dominion, is to leave for an official tour of the industrial centers of the United Kingdom in order to meet and discuss with British manufacturers the opportunities for the development of trade in Canada.

AUSTRIANS FORBIDDEN TO PAY FOREIGN BILLS

Berlin, Jan. 26.—An Austrian imperial decree has been issued prohibiting all payments due for goods supplied to Austrian purchasers before Jan. 1. Swiss exporters cannot obtain payment for products supplied last year. Instead of the money they have received a notice saying: "According to the order of Jan. 1, 1917, payments in foreign countries are forbidden."

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—The Atlantic disturbance has proved rather unimportant, but has caused strong winds with snow in the western part of the maritime provinces. The weather is very cold throughout the dominion. Ottawa Valley.—Northwesterly winds, fair and cold tonight and Saturday. Fair, Very Cold.

Maritime.—Fresh winds, shifting to westerly, local snows today; Saturday, fresh westerly winds, fair and very cold. New England.—Fair tonight and probably Saturday; continued cold; fresh west and northwest winds.

Predicts New Peace Move By The Kaiser

Expected Very Soon, Perhaps By Tomorrow

KAISER WILL BE 58 YEARS OLD

REPORT IN PARIS PAPER

Declares German Emperor Will Put Himself Forward as 'The First Promoter of Universal Peace'—A Quotation From Emanuel Kant

New York, Jan. 26.—The New York Times publishes the following: "Paris, Jan. 25.—L'Ouvre publishes a curious story regarding a new peace move by the Kaiser. It is vouched for by a friend of the author of a famous German war book, 'Pacem'. The writer's identity is known to only three Swiss friends, one of whom furnished the information in question. It is known, says L'Ouvre, that this anonymous writer has reliable sources of information in Germany. "He asserts that the Emperor's letter to the chancellor regarding peace proposals was written subsequent to the Kaiser's proposal and did not refer to it, but to a new peace move which the Emperor contemplates making soon, perhaps next Saturday, on the occasion of his birthday. The Emperor's proposal would take the following lines: "The Allies are posing as future organizers of world peace. My note was to prove my love for peace. Since the Kaiser has rejected my offer, but all adhere to the idea of universal peace, I will be the first promoter of the peace, and propose that all parties meet forthwith to discuss this primordial article of wars ends, namely the re-organization of future peace."

GERMAN ACCOUNT OF THE RECENT BRUSH IN THE NORTH SEA

Berlin, Jan. 26.—(Via Sayville, Jan. 25).—Alleged details of the engagement between the German torpedo boat flotilla and British light naval forces on the morning of January 21 are given today by the semi-official overseas news agency.

Immediately after the beginning of the engagement, which took place in darkness, says the statement, "the commander of the V-99, received a full hit on the bridge. The commander of the flotilla, captain of the Corvette, who always has had courage and success, was killed, as were two others and some men. The steering gear was damaged, causing a collision with other boats. The V-99, in a badly damaged condition, entered the Dutch port of Ymuiden, without being molested by the enemy."

A boat rammed by the V-99, notwithstanding the damage sustained, continued to participate in the combat and inflicted heavy damage on a British destroyer by ramming it. Later a German boat recognized the destroyer, said that it was in a sinking condition. The German torpedo boat, although its engine had been disabled by the collision with the V-99 and by ramming the British destroyer, succeeded in reaching the Dutch port of Ymuiden by discharging a torpedo at short range.

Owing to the superior forces of the enemy boat, which withdrew from the fight and arrived in port undamaged and unmolested by the enemy."

SAY BELGIANS OF CREW TRIED TO SMUGGLE SOME RUBBER TO EUROPE ON THE RELIEF SHIP

New York, Jan. 26.—The neutrality squad of the customs department today are searching for five members of the crew of the Belgian steamer Semland, charged with conspiracy to evade the customs regulations by smuggling rubber aboard their ship for transportation to Europe. Five other members of the crew arrested yesterday on a like charge, are in custody awaiting trial. The Semland is in the service of the Belgian relief commission.

ESTATE VALUED AT \$7,000,000

New York, Jan. 26.—John Lawrence Riker, who founded the chemical firm of J. L. & S. Riker, and died at the age of 79 on July 6, 1906, left an estate appraised at \$6,965,529. The bulk of the estate at the date of Mr. Riker's death consisted of stocks and bonds valued at \$5,648,701, which have increased greatly in value since. He had 1,869 shares of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Powder Company, then appraised at \$160,744, which are now worth about \$290,000, while 2,332 shares of common stock, worth \$253,231 in 1911, have now more than doubled in value. Increases in other securities made Mr. Riker's present estate considerably more than \$7,000,000.

The will left the following sums to sons: John H., Jr., \$723,818; Samuel H., Jr., \$768,183; Charles L. Riker, \$785,361. Specific bequests went to daughters: Margaret R. Haskell, \$125,505; Lavinia H. Strong, \$760,844; Margaret J. Riker, \$538,418; and Martha H. Proctor, \$575,240. Mr. Riker gave \$5,000 each to his sons-in-law, J. Amory Haskell, James H. Strong, James H. Proctor, and Henry L. Riker. His daughters-in-law also get the same bequest.

GUYNEMER GETTING ONE EVERY DAY NOW

Paris, Jan. 26.—For the third successive day Lieut. Guyon Guynemer is mentioned in the communication from the war office. Today's announcement credits him with having brought down an airplane on the Somme front. This brings up to twenty-eight the number of airplanes destroyed by this pilot.

FRANCE REDUCES BILL OF FARE IN THE RESTAURANTS

Only Nine Items Now Allowed On Menu

FOOD CONSERVATION

French Republic Follows Lead of Britain and Italy in Putting Check on Extravagance at Table

Paris, Jan. 26.—France today followed the example of England and Italy in restricting meals in restaurants. Diners in restaurants are hereafter restricted to and cheese or soup, two other dishes and three vegetables. In regard to the two main dishes the bill of fare, instead of the sixty or seventy items usually prescribed, is confined to the maximum of nine—one egg dish, two fish, three meats and three vegetables. The restrictions have been drawn up in conjunction with the representatives of the restaurant trade. Public opinion generally recognizes the importance of stopping the waste in food.

FREDERICKSON SAVES \$3,000 ON PATRIOTIC FUND ASSESSMENT

Must Contribute Only \$22,000—Miss Tweeddale Dead—W. S. Hooper III

Fredrickson, N. B., Jan. 26.—Mayor Mitchell has been notified by Premier Clarke that Frederickson's apportionment of the assessment for patriotic fund has been reduced from \$25,000 to \$22,000, which was the original amount the city was called upon to pay. The reduction was made as the result of a protest made by the mayor and council at a government meeting here last week.

Miss Elizabeth Tweeddale died at her home here this morning after a lingering illness. She is survived by six brothers, M. Albert Tweeddale, of Fredericton; J. Fletcher Tweeddale, ex-M.P.P., of Antigonish; William, of Lynn; Arthur, of Brookville; Henry, of Warren, Ohio, and Allan, of Ottawa.

THE WHEAT MARKET

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Opening wheat prices, which ranged from the same as yesterday's finish to 3-8 lower, were followed by a material set-back all around, and then a moderate reaction.

IN MUNICIPAL HOME

The mother and three children found in a destitute condition in the rear of a tenement in Main street a few weeks ago by the Children's Aid Society, are being placed in the Municipal Home this afternoon.

GERMAN VESSEL IN SNIPING ATTACK ON ENGLISH COAST

London, Jan. 26.—A small unidentified German vessel approached the Suffolk coast last night and fired several shells, only some of which reached the land. There were no casualties and only insignificant damage.