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BELIEVE ALLIES ARE OVER GREEK BORDER

Pressure From Front, Flanks And Rear

RETIRE IN GOOD ORDER

Enemy Said to Have More Than Million Men at Disposal in Balkans—A Bulgarian Proposal—The Greek Elections

New York, Dec. 11.—The London correspondent of the Herald says: No definite information has reached London that would locate the new Anglo-French line in the Balkans. Military observers here are not even certain whether the allied force is on Serbian soil or has retired altogether into Greece. The latest advice, however, indicates that the line yesterday was formed just inside the Greek frontier. This view is confirmed by German official advices which say all the allies have been driven from Serbia.

The official messages from the front to London and Paris make it clear that a general retirement has been in progress for four days—a retirement necessitated not only by superior forces on the front, but by severe pressure on both flanks, and the presence of Bulgarian irregulars in the rear, that have been threatening the railroad connecting the army with its base at Saloniki.

London, Dec. 11.—A despatch to Reuters from Saloniki Friday says: "Complete calm prevailed yesterday and throughout the night, on the front of the Entente Allies. The retirement of the Entente Allies is proceeding in good order. The political situation engrosses the public."

Berlin, Dec. 10.—The retreat of the British and French expedition in Serbia is being conducted with great difficulty. Their main force has been unable to disengage itself and retire unhindered, leaving only rearguards behind to delay their pursuers. Instead of permitting them to do this, the Bulgarians and Turkish troops are following the disengaged touch with their retreating foe, who is therefore forced to retire fighting at every step. This, it is reported here, explains the loss of six British guns south of Strumitsa.

Sofia, Dec. 11.—The French and British armies continue to fall back before the Bulgarians, who have occupied a number of additional positions formerly held by the allied troops, says a report issued by the war office here today.

London, Dec. 11.—The Bulgarian premier, M. Radolovitch said in an interview that the Central Powers have more than a million men at their disposal in the Balkans, says a despatch to the Central News Agency from Amsterdam.

Rotterdam, Dec. 11.—The Bulgarian government has proposed to Greece the creation of a neutral zone on the Greek, Serbian and Macedonian frontiers, whereby both countries would be compelled to hold their troops at a distance from the frontiers, says a report issued by the Central News Agency from Amsterdam.

Paris, Dec. 11.—The Athens correspondent of the Havas Agency sends the following despatch under date of Friday: "The electoral campaign has opened in the whole of Greece. In the province of Athens the government's supporters are divided and there are likely to be two lists, one supported by the followers of M. Gounaris, minister of the interior, and the other by the adherents of M. Rhalis, minister of justice and communications."

London, Dec. 11.—The reported German occupation of Givigli (Serbia), is premature, says Reuters' Saloniki correspondent. "Up to four o'clock Friday afternoon there was no enemy in the immediate neighborhood of Givigli."

MARKET SQUARE PROBLEMS

The city's road engineer is now wrestling with the problem of reducing the multitude of varying and conflicting grades in Market Square to some degree of uniformity. When the new street car rails are laid only temporary grading will be done for the present, merely for the purpose of making the street passable. It will not be long, however, before the city will have to face the need for a proper pavement for the entire square, as this is one of the busiest centres in the city. When this is undertaken it will be necessary to adopt a regular grade and the problem which will involve hardly can be appreciated without seeing them plotted on the plans.

SOLDIER OF 41ST IS MURDERED

French Canadian Slain in Stable in England—Lieutenant Held But Makes Denial

Montreal, Dec. 11.—A London cable to the Gazette says:—The most grim and sensational tragedy that has marked the history of the Canadian troops in England, occurred on Thursday night, in the quiet Hampshire village, Grayshott, where Jacques Marcus Desautels, of the 41st, the French Canadian Battalion, in command of Lieut. Col. Archambault, was brutally murdered in a stable.

Lieut. Coderre, the only occupant of a house near the stable, was taken into custody. He strenuously denied being implicated in the crime.

The body of the sergeant, who is believed to be a native of the Channel Islands, was terribly mutilated. The head was almost severed. A carving knife and a bloodstained towel were found in the vicinity of the body.

URGING ELEVATORS AT QUEBEC, ST. JOHN AND HALIFAX

The Board of Trade of Quebec has asked the St. John board to press for the erection of larger grain elevators at Quebec, Halifax and St. John, so as to bring the grain traffic of the west through Canadian ports instead of through United States ports. The Quebec board, in its letter to the St. John board, says:

"The crop of this year in wheat and oats is over 600,000,000 bushels. The whole elevator capacity of Canada is only 7,000,000 bushels. The Quebec board has asked the government to commence with 10,000,000 bushels in building but the ports of Quebec, Halifax and St. John."

Mr. Harry Tennant of 845 City Road received a letter from her husband, Pte. H. P. Tennant, dated Nov. 29. He tells of coming through some very exciting experiences. He is engaged with several other men in building huts for the winter and he writes in part as follows: "We are working at a place called ——— building huts for the winter. We heard the sound of a shell whizzing along and it struck the hut on which we were working and we were all hurrying to get out of the hut. One of the men had the front of his coat torn away by a piece of the shell, and Sgt. Whitcomb had part of his coat torn away by a passing shell. I do not know if there are any more about our 'fun' at present. Remember me to all my friends."

THE WM. L. ELKINS BREAKS UP

J. Willard Smith received word this morning from Captain Berryman of the ill-fated schooner William L. Elkins, which went aground on the coast of Maine recently, that the ship had broken up and the entire cargo was lost. He said a strong southerly gale set in and in a couple of hours the schooner was broken to pieces on the rocks. He told of his efforts to save the spars and other parts of the schooner.

GIVES UP HOPE OF CHURCH UNION

Winnipeg, Dec. 11.—Rev. Dr. A. B. Baird, principal of Manitoba College, who in all probability will be the moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church when it meets in Winnipeg next June, said today that the church union cause was lost.

EIGHTEEN DEATHS

At the board of health office this week eighteen deaths were recorded. The causes were: two from cardiac failure, and one each from nephritis, enteritis, bronchitis, pneumonia, asthma, malnutrition, scrofula, premature birth, angina pectoris, accidental injuries, broncho-pneumonia, gangrenous stomatitis, congestion of liver, carcinoma of stomach, cancer of ear and neck, and pulmonary tuberculosis.

British Steamer Sunk

London, Dec. 11.—The British steamer Busiris, 2,720 tons gross, has been sunk. Her crew was landed.

GREAT RUSH TO THE RECRUITING OFFICES IN LONDON STILL KEEPS UP

More Than The Officials Can Handle And Derby Plan is Given Another Day

London, Dec. 11.—There was an unprecedented rush this morning at the recruiting stations. Physicians and clerks, nearly exhausted by the work of the last three days, were confronted on arriving at their posts this morning with long lines of men—in many cases several hundred waiting for the opening of the doors.

To handle the crowds the staffs at the recruiting stations have been increased. The crowds became so great that it was manifestly a physical impossibility to examine all the applicants before midnight, which was set for the end of the Derby plan. The authorities therefore decided to permit postponement under the Derby plan until midnight of Sunday. If the rush still continues, recruiting officers will make a list of applicants, and these men will be permitted to present themselves for attestation up to midnight of Wednesday.

Enemy Leaving Lemberg; Scurvy Driving Them Out

Kiev, Russia, Dec. 11.—A report reached here today that Lemberg is being evacuated by the Austro-German forces on account of an outbreak of scurvy. Owing to the spread of this disease the military authorities, according to the report, decided on withdrawal with the view of avoiding panic among the civilian inhabitants of the city.

This report has reached Kiev from various sources, and appears to be corroborated by Austrian and German prisoners. It is said also by prisoners that the approaches to Lemberg have not been fortified, with the exception of a few pairs which have been made to the old trenches. On the other hand the Grodek Lakes and the line of the river San, are being fortified, strongly, and from Przemyśl to the Vistula, a series of concrete fortifications is being constructed.

PHONE PEOPLE HAVE BANQUET TO BRING CONVENTION TO CLOSE

The members of the operating staffs of the N. B. Telephone Company to the number of forty-two enjoyed a pleasant time last evening when a banquet was tendered them by the firm at Bond's Cafe. An excellent menu afforded pleasure, and afterwards came a round of speeches, musical numbers, dancing and other amusements. The banquet was given by the firm at Bond's Cafe. An excellent menu afforded pleasure, and afterwards came a round of speeches, musical numbers, dancing and other amusements.

NO MORE 'SWEAR WORDS' FOR TORONTO STAGE

Toronto, Dec. 11.—Never again will certain "swear words" be heard upon the stage of any Toronto theatre. Steps have been taken to put a stop to the employment of certain phrases which have been common in stage-talk for a long time. The order applied to the high-class dramatic houses as well as the vaudeville and burlesque theatres.

ATTACKED BY SUBMARINE AND THEN BY AIRSHIP

Marseilles, France, Dec. 11.—Officers of the French steamer Harmonie, which arrived here today that the vessel was attacked recently by an Austrian submarine. The submarine fired two torpedoes and then withdrew. The next day the Harmonie was attacked by an aeroplane that flew overhead for a quarter of an hour, and dropped six bombs, all of which fell into the sea.

AUSTRIANS KILL NON-COMBATANTS

Ancona, Italy, Dec. 11.—Austrian aeroplanes flew over this city yesterday afternoon and dropped bombs, which killed two people and injured several others. No material damage was done.

TONIGHT'S MEETING

M. E. Agar will preside at the meeting in Mill street recruiting rooms this evening. H. A. Powell and Rev. R. J. Haughton will speak. Charles Cromwell will give an exhibition of club swinging and dance to the music of the pipes. Robert Holder and others will sing and H. V. McKinnon will give piano selections.

Fair and Cold

Maritime—Northwest to north winds, decreasing tonight; local snow flurries, but generally fair and cold today and Sunday.

New England forecast—Increasing cloudiness tonight; Sunday probably snow, somewhat higher temperature, fresh north winds, shifting to east.

News of Maritime Province Men In the War

Joins 115th Alexander Davidson, day porter at the Barker House, Fredericton, will join the 115th Battalion.

Enlisted in West Among the volunteers, who have enlisted in western Canada, is Harold Gross, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gross, Moncton. He enlisted in September with the 46th Battalion, which is now training at Winnipeg.

Enlisted as Private Amherst News—Frank White, son of Mrs. John White, Amherst, has enlisted as a private in the 106th regiment, Mr. White is not under any compulsion from a financial standpoint to enlist, but rather, otherwise, and in doing so is making a big sacrifice for his country.

Nova Scotia Casualties Harry Hall, of 208 Water street, Halifax, 10th Battalion, is officially reported to have died of wounds, Charles Owen Allen, Kentville, N. S., 10th Battalion is suffering from concussion.

Recruiting in York Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 11.—The Province of New Brunswick is well in the lead in recruiting, is the statement made by Captain L. P. D. Tilley, chief recruiting officer for New Brunswick, in a letter to J. J. McCaffrey, the local recruiting officer, extending congratulations upon the work being done in this section of the province. For the last nine weeks during which time Mr. McCaffrey and Deputy Recruiter, Sergt-Major Brewer have been carrying on the work—192 recruits have enlisted in Fredericton, making an average of over twenty-one recruits per week. Five recruits enlisted here yesterday, four being sworn in yesterday afternoon. They were George Day and Arthur Carey of Chipman, W. G. Leary of St. John, and Charles Stephenson of Fredericton. They all left for Sijoes.

The local recruiting offices have issued instructions from the province to Halifax to recruit men for Divisional Signalling Company being formed in the area of the Division. The recruits needed for this work must be telegraph operators, electricians or signallers. A number of mechanical transport drivers (chauffeurs) are still needed to complete the quota allotted to the 6th Division and Recruiting Officer McCaffrey has requested the recruitment men for this corps in this city.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM H. R. H. THE DUKE TO CANADA'S SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—A Christmas message from the governor-general to the forces overseas and in Canada, is being promulgated in militia orders. It extends to all his best wishes for Christmas and his congratulations on the excellent manner in which they have come forward for the defence of the dominion and the empire. He feels sure that when called to the front they will worthily maintain the traditions of those who have preceded them overseas.

FRENCH CRUISER TAKES TWO PASSENGERS OFF AN AMERICAN LINER

New York, Dec. 11.—The steamship San Juan of the New York and Porto Rico line, was held up and searched by a French cruiser while bound from New Orleans to San Juan, Porto Rico, according to a message received today. Two second-class passengers were removed. The San Juan flies the American flag. She is the third vessel of this line to have been held up within the last five days.

WEATHER BULLETIN

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

Synopsis—Depressions cover Newfoundland and the lower Mississippi valley, while pressure is high over Great Lakes. Cold weather made by several days in the north.

LONGSHOREMAN HURT

Edward Goguen, a longshoreman, who resides in Church avenue, Fairville, had the toes on his left foot badly crushed this morning while he was working on one of the steamers. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital, where he received treatment from Dr. F. L. Kennedy. Later he was driven to his home.

ALLIES WILL WIN; NO DOUBT OF IT

LAST CASE WAS FAR BACK, IN 1811

Gribble Matter in St. John Starts Search of Records—Major Mersereau to England in February

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 11.—In connection with the Wilfrid Gribble case in St. John the crown authorities have been looking up the records of previous cases. It has been found that the last prosecution on section charges in this province took place in 1811. The accused was Abijah Garrison of Waterborough, Queens county, who was alleged to have used seditious language in proposing a toast. The outcome of the case is not shown in the records.

Major J. J. Mersereau, who has been in Halifax consulting military authorities, returned here last evening. He expects to leave for England in February. The thermometer dropped below the freezing point last evening and the river is sealed from shore to shore.

John Anderson, M. P. of Barony, celebrated his 94th birthday on Dec. 9.

PAY \$50 OR GO TO JAIL FOR MONTH

Penalty for Supplying Liquor to Soldier—Two Cases

John Keefe, arrested last evening by Detective Barrett and Assistant Detective George Briggs on a charge of supplying liquor to a soldier in Pond street, pleaded guilty in the police court this morning and was fined \$50 or one month in jail.

DEMOBILIZATION OF GREEK ARMY EXPECTED SOON

Athens, Dec. 11.—The Greek government has made all arrangements for demobilization of the army. It is expected a decree to this effect will be issued shortly.

THEFT OF RARE GEMS FROM ART INSTITUTE

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 11.—A thief gained entrance to the Art Institute of Chicago today and escaped with a collection of rare jewels, valued at between \$50,000 and \$500,000.

WAR NOTES

The coal supply in Athens is reported limited. Another peace demonstration of large proportions, outside the Reichstag in Berlin on Thursday evening is reported. It is officially announced in Berlin that, after a short visit to Lemberg, capital of Galicia, Emperor William has reviewed the German troops on the Strips river.

GERMAN PROCEEDINGS AGAINST A SOCIALIST

Paris, Dec. 11.—It is reported that the German military authorities have begun fresh proceedings against Dr. Karl Liebknecht, Socialist member of the Reichstag, but his prosecution requires the sanction of the Reichstag.

DEATH OF DAVID F. ORAM

At his home at Grand Bay on Friday at 11 p.m., David F. Oram, son of the late Daniel E. Oram, passed suddenly away with pneumonia and heart trouble. Besides his loving wife and two children, he leaves his mother, two brothers, Pte. Daniel E. Oram of the 29th Battalion and John C.; two sisters, Mrs. Samuel Deahon and Miss Nellie at home. The funeral will take place on the arrival of the Boston train on Monday at noon. Interment will be in Cedar Hill.

American Editor Sees For Himself How It Is Going

LIKELY TWO-YEARS MORE

No Hope of Starving Germany But She Will Be Soundly Thrashed—London Recruiting Sergeant's Effective Way of Putting It

New York, Dec. 11.—A cable from London to the New York Herald says: "I am now absolutely certain we will win this war," was the naive neutral declaration of Colonel George Harvey, editor of the North American Review last evening as he was preparing to leave for America on board the Rotterdam on Monday. He is going after a sojourn, during which he saw not only cabinet ministers, and heard at first hand their opinions on the outcome of the struggle, but personally inspected the reserves—an immense army of 4,000,000 which still is in the making—and the wonderful development of the great munitions which controls more than a million men and women, and has transformed, as if by magic, the balance of shell power, which a year ago was three to one in favour of the Germans, to a ratio of five to one in favor of the allies.

The Sergeant's View "Why are you so confident that victory will be with the allies?" I asked Col. Harvey replied: "Before I left the United States, I agreed with a Columbia professor who said preponderant power in men and money was bound to tell in the end, but now I have a stronger argument—one which fell from the lips of a recruiting sergeant in the Strand yesterday.

"Don't you want to be on the winning side?" said the soldier to a group of civilians, who he was suggesting should don khaki.

GOLD AND HARDSHIPS IN RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN DRIVE TO SUICIDE

Nine German Officers Put End to Lives Within Twelve Days

Petrograd, via London, Dec. 11.—Another epidemic of suicides is reported among the German forces in the vicinity of Drinsk, by prisoners captured in that region. Nine officers, including the commander of a battalion, are said to have ended their lives within a period of twelve days. Cold and hardships of the campaign are alleged to be the causes. Polish and Serbian Landsturms captured from the Austro-German forces along the southern front report that an alignment of Austro-Germans have been detached to forage food and stores from the captured territory at points near the frontier.

PEACE DESIRE HIDDEN IN CHANCELLOR'S WORDS

Paris, Dec. 11.—Paris newspapers express the opinion of behind the spoken remarks of Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German chancellor, in his address to the Reichstag, as he perceived a desire for peace. "Germany's plan is evident," says Gabriel Hanotaux, former foreign minister in the Figaro. "While the chancellor rattles the sabre and proclaims Germany's undiminished strength and determination to win, the Socialists are put up to feel the ground for peace proposals, through their international connections in neutral countries."

The Matin asserts that the chancellor, notwithstanding his great ability, has failed to hide the truth concerning Germany's straits. "The idea that Germany could lack anything," he says, "suggested astonishing revelations to him."

BELGIAN MUNITIONS FACTORY IS BLOWN UP

Havrre, France, Dec. 11.—The munitions factory of the Belgian government was destroyed today by an explosion. Extensive damage was done and many persons injured.

Tomorrow Night's Recruiting Meeting

His Lordship Bishop Richardson and Major C. G. Pincombe of the 104th Battalion will be the speakers at tomorrow evening's great recruiting meeting in the Imperial Theatre. W. J. Mahoney will be the chairman. C. A. Munroe will sing, and the Imperial orchestra will play, beginning at eight o'clock. The chair will be taken and the meeting begun at half-past eight.