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The Germans Are Hard Hit

Both The French And British Troops Defeat Them

ENGLISH CAPTURE POSITION

Enemy Attack Time and Again in Effort to Recover Spot Overlooking LaBasse But Khaki Boys Stand Firm

St. Omer via Paris, Feb. 11—The capture of the hill of Notre Dame de Lorette by the French has been announced at headquarters here. The hill, which dominates the entire region, has been fiercely disputed for weeks.

Positions captured by the British close to Violans Station, was of considerable importance, as it overlooks Lebusse. The Germans made several attempts to recapture it, but the British troops held strongly fortified lines, and repulsed these attacks with heavy slaughter.

The British captured on Sunday night two trenches near Fostubert, taking 500 prisoners, who belonged apparently to the newest class of German recruits. Nearly all of them were young and wore new uniforms.

So, too, in Alsace.

Berne, via Paris, Feb. 11—Great military activity is apparent in Upper Alsace, especially in the Larg Valley, and in the districts of Penzance and Recey, close to the Swiss frontier, where fierce artillery duels take place every day.

Two hundred German volunteers, covering their uniforms with sheets, so they will not make an enviable record in the country's militia, taking many prizes by shooting, and other military activities.

Thirty-five members of the company in the South African war, and thirty-three returning sailors, resumed their work at the front.

Since the store company went to the front it has been engaged almost constantly in the fighting.

REPORTS SENTIMENT AS STRONGLY FOR ALLIES

Toronto, Feb. 11—Hon. Mr. Justice Riddell, who represented Ontario at the recent celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans, and of One Hundred Years of Peace, which took place in New Orleans last month, in the course of a report to the government, states that he found the overwhelming sentiment was in favor of the Allies.

HALTS ADVANCES IN PRICE OF FOOD

Warsaw, Feb. 11—Military orders have been issued prohibiting speculation in food or other necessities of life under penalty of court martial. Since this regulation went into effect artificially advanced prices have fallen twenty-five per cent.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—A shallow trough of low pressure is moving across the Great Lakes and milder weather is likely to set in over Quebec and the maritime provinces. Fairly high temperatures have prevailed in the west.

Milder—Westerly to southwesterly, a fair and becoming milder; Friday, westerly winds and mild. New England—Cloudy tonight and day; warmer; fresh to strong south-east winds.

Wilhelmina Cargo Seized By British Today

Falmouth, Eng., Feb. 11—The cargo of the American steamer Wilhelmina was seized by the British authorities here today, in accordance with the decision of the foreign office. The cargo is to go to a prize court.

ALLIES MAINTAIN ALL POSITIONS BUT LOSSES ARE DECLARED SERIOUS

French War Office Reports Severe Fighting With Artillery and Infantry While Both Sides Use Bombs From Airships—Germans Suffer Heavily

Paris, Feb. 11—The French War Office this afternoon reported— "Along all of the front yesterday, as far as Champagne, there were artillery exchanges. In the northern region there were several aeroplane expeditions on our part, as well as on the part of the enemy. The projectiles dropped by the aeroplanes of the enemy within our lines did no damage.

"In Champagne, a German attack against our position in the forest to the north of Meuse-la-Hurais recently occupied by us, was repulsed. "In the Argonne the fighting in the vicinity of the Maréchal-Thérèse earthworks has been very violent. According to the latest reports received here the German forces amount to about one brigade. We have maintained all our positions. The losses of the enemy are considerable, and ours are serious.

"In the Vosges there has been a thick fog and abundant snow. It was during a very dark night that there occurred an infantry engagement, reported yesterday, at La Fontenelle, in the Ban-De-Sept. The Germans had at least two battalions of the 10th division. After having pushed some ground our troops recaptured everything they gave up. This was during the day of February 10, and it was accomplished by a series of counter-attacks."

Looks Well For Russians

Reports Continue Optimistic—Germans Rush Troops to East Prussia to Help Check the Czar's Men

London, Feb. 11—The Russian reports of the fighting from the extreme north to the extreme southeast of the line through Poland continue optimistic. The loss of some ground in the Tostopolis district in Belorussia appears to have been more than offset by what the dispatches from Petrograd describe as the strategic importance of the Russian gains in the Carpathians.

The British press finds much cause for comment in the Austrian official admission that "the fighting is heavy and vexatious" in the Carpathians. It is evident that both sides find the fighting among covered passes, with only the most precarious connection with their sources of supplies a warfare in which the results gained are very dearly purchased.

In the extreme north, where the Russians have been conducting a flank movement against the forces of the Kaiser in east Prussia the situation is becoming clear. The Germans have rushed heavy reinforcements thither, and with the men they expect to be able to stall the Russian advance.

The Russians, however, already would appear to be in a position threatening Intsbury, from which German town the population is reported to have been advised to depart until the present military operations are concluded.

BATTLE STILL BEING FOUGHT. Geneva, via Paris, Feb. 11—The battle which began in the Carpathians on February 7 still is raging fiercely on a front of sixty miles from Mount Poliana-Runa to Mount Mako, according to the latest information received here. In the Mezolaborz region, General Danki is said to have been obliged to send reinforcements to extricate a Hungarian corps which was almost cut off.

The Russians are reported to have gained several miles in the valley of Lyuta, which borders the northern slopes of Polovina-Runa and also advanced a half mile in the valley of Labozov, where the railroad passes. In a single charge by the Russians upon Austro-Hungarian trenches, 1,200 men are said to have been killed and wounded in a three hour's bayonet fighting.

Petrograd, Feb. 11—More than fifty Turkish sailing ships were sunk by the Russian fleet in the Black Sea during the recent operations. At Trebizond which is a heavy damage was caused by the Russian warships, which succeeded in smashing three batteries operated by Ottoman gunners defending the port.

The entire shore of Asia Minor, between Platana and Rize, a distance of more than sixty miles, has been shelled by the Russians, and three important bridges destroyed.

FINANCE MINISTER MAY PUT AN EXPORT DUTY ON RAW MATERIALS

Speculation as to Articles Affected in Budget Speech This Afternoon

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 11—The budget will be laid before parliament this afternoon by Hon. W. T. White, minister of finance. He has been called upon to devise means of raising new revenues in the neighborhood of fifteen millions as the deficit this year will be around \$60,000,000, exclusive of war expenditures, which will be met by loans from Great Britain. To carry on the ordinary business of the dominion, new taxation, it would appear, will be necessary, while the war costs will be met by a loan of \$100,000,000 from the imperial authorities.

The nature of the new taxation has been very carefully guarded. It is believed, however, that it will affect a large number of imports, especially luxuries, while money will be raised by taxing banking and legal documents. Excise taxes will also be increased, and are expected to be affected. Loans will be taken, and sugar, tobacco and liquor probably be necessary. It was suggested this morning that Mr. White might resort to export taxes and seek revenue in the many raw materials which leave the country for use in other countries.

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Are Leaving Lodz in Hurry

Germans Evacuating Important Town in Poland

TRANSFER TO KALIZ

Petrograd Sends Out Word of Enemy Being Driven From the Warsaw Front By New Russian Offensive

Paris, Feb. 11—The evacuation of Lodz by the Germans has been confirmed, according to a Petrograd despatch to the Havas Agency, which states that stores, offices, commissariat and transports are being removed hastily to Kalisz. A refugee who escaped to Czestochowa, the despatch credits with the statement that the Germans have resumed with redoubled vigor the construction of heavily fortified lines which was suspended six weeks ago.

Lodz, the second city of Poland, was captured by the Germans on December 8, when Field Marshal Von Hindenburg began his dash for Warsaw, seventy-five miles to the northeast. The Russians were driven out of the city only after a desperate resistance according to German reports, although Petrograd contended it was evacuated for strategic reasons. The Russians were reported yesterday to have assumed the offensive on the Warsaw front in an effort to push back the Germans. The latter still said to have transferred many troops from that region to East Prussia.

London, Feb. 11—The News Column as correspondent telegraphed that he has learned that the population of Intsbury, East Prussia, has been advised by the military authorities to leave the town.

Copenhagen, Feb. 11—Private reports from Berlin say it is rumored here that the Germans have evacuated Intsbury, East Prussia, and that the inhabitants of the city are fleeing in panic before the Russian enter.

AIM TO CONFISCATE BELGIAN PROPERTY

German Tax Imposed on All Refugees After March 1

Washington, Feb. 11—The Belgian Legation issues a statement denouncing a tax imposed by Germany upon Belgian refugees who do not return to the country by March 1, as a confiscation in violation of The Hague convention. The statement was issued after Minister Havenith had called at the state department. It follows— "A great number of Belgians, amounting nearly to one million, fled from their country to save their lives and safeguard their honor after the burning of many houses, the slaughter of many harmless citizens and the devastation of the country committed by the German troops.

"Now the German government imposes a tax, equal to ten times the usual personal tax on all Belgians absent from their country who shall not be back in Belgium before March 1st, 1915.

"The German government after having imposed an enormous war levy of 400,000,000 francs (\$66,000,000) upon Belgium, already ruled by war and enormous exactions, made, on December 14, 1914, the formal promise that no further taxes would be imposed upon the country.

"The new taxation laid upon the absent Belgians is not only a violation of The Hague convention, but constitutes the breach of a most solemn pledge.

"It has not the character of a taxation, but, in fact, it amounts to a real confiscation."

BRITISH DYE WORKS TO GET STATE HELP

Concern Now Being Organized Will be Capitalized at \$10,000,000

London, Feb. 11—A modified plan for the development of the dye-making industry to supply England with dyes formerly imported from Germany, is announced by Walter Huncman, president of the Board of Agriculture.

The plan will be undertaken under the auspices of the government. It provides for the formation of a company with a capital of \$10,000,000, of which half will be placed on subscription. The government will make a further contribution up to \$20,000,000, at the rate of £1 for every £25 of additional capital subscribed. The government advance will bear interest of four per cent, and will be repayable within twenty-five years. The government also will grant £100,000 for laboratory and other experimental work.

NOVELTY SHOWER. Friends last night assembled in honor of Miss Nellie McBride and gave her an agreeable surprise at her home in Lombard street, in anticipation of a nuptial event soon to occur. She was tendered a novelty shower and received many useful remembrances. Games and dancing were enjoyed, refreshments served, and best wishes extended to Miss McBride for future happiness.

WAR BRINGS ENGAGEMENT OF MARRIAGE FOR ONE OF CANADIAN NURSES

Plainfield, N. J., Feb. 11—Mrs. Margaret Griffiths has received announcement of the engagement of her only daughter, Agnes Balfour Davis, a nurse, in the medical corps of the first Canadian expeditionary force to Lieutenant Colonel Bennett Balfour, attached to the 10th Battalion of Nova Scotia and the headquarters staff.

FIRE IN BARN; HORSE IS NEARLY SUFFOCATED

A little before six o'clock this morning fire broke out in a barn in Lester street, owned by the St. John Real Estate Company, occupied by J. Haworth. It did considerable damage. The fire is thought to have originated from the contents of a pipe or the butt of a cigarette, although it is not certain how it started. The building was not damaged to any great extent, but the occupant were quite badly scorched and two injured by water and smoke. Mr. Haworth had considerable difficulty in saving his horse, which was nearly suffocated.

NEW GENERAL OF JESUITS

Rome, Feb. 11—Father Ledochowky was today elected general of the Society of Jesus, in succession to Father Francis Xavier Werns.

WHERE "SAFETY FIRST" SHOULD HAVE RULED

This morning as one of the street cars was going down Main street hill at a fast rate of speed, a man ran out and attempted to board it. He succeeded in catching hold of the handle, but lost his footing and was forced to let go. He narrowly escaped falling run-over as he was tossed directly in the path of a horse coming up the hill. The driver fortunately witnessed the incident and pulled his horse up in time to prevent it from running over the man.

SOCIALISTS OF ALL THE NATIONS TO MEET

Havre, Feb. 11—The International Socialist Bureau has summoned delegates from both belligerent and neutral nations to meet at The Hague. They will confer separately and later hold a general assembly if this can be arranged.

POLICE COURT.

In the police court this morning one man arrested on a drunkenness charge, was fined \$8 and two months in jail. K. J. MacRae, vice-consul for Norway, asked Magistrate Ritchie to allow two Norwegians, Edwan Swanson and Sigurd August, who were recently sent to jail for fighting, to leave the city on a Norwegian bark. The request was granted.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

The steamer Manchester Citizen sailed from port this morning for Manchester with a large general cargo. The steamer Cape Breton, from Sydney, with a cargo of coal, arrived in port this morning at 11:30 o'clock. The steamer Hochelaga arrived this morning with a cargo of coal from Louisbourg, N. S. The Allan liner Hooperian is to sail on Friday with passengers and a large general cargo for Liverpool. The schooner Lucille arrived in port this morning from New York.

FOR THE BELGIANS.

Contributions to the Belgian relief fund have been received by Mayor Frink from the schooner Lucille arrived in port this morning from New York. No. 15, Hillboro, per E. M. Sherwood, \$25; Women's Foreign Missionary Society, Presbyterian church, Shemungus, \$71.80; Knights of King Arthur, St. David's church, per W. J. Fraser, \$5; St. David's church, \$8.

DINNER AND GOOD TIME FOR MEN OF THE CHARYBDIS HERE

City and St. George's Society Combine in Entertaining the Naval Men

The party of one hundred men from H. M. S. Charybdis, whose vessel lies damaged in Bermuda as the result of a collision, and who arrived here this week, will be the guests of the city and of St. George's Society this evening.

The lieutenant in charge of the party called on Mayor Frink at city hall this morning, and in return His Worship has extended an invitation to the whole party to a dinner at the city hall.

The dinner was a success and the men were entertained at dinner in Bond's restaurant at 6:30, and after the supper is over they will adjourn to the city hall for the evening.

TOO MANY WANT TO TREAT THE SOLDIERS

Movement to Have Bais Closed—Militia Order Says Pipes Instead of Cigarettes

London, Ont., Feb. 11—Local temperance people will move at once to have all London saloons closed during the war. Complaints have been made that scores of citizens continually want beer drinks for the soldiers training here. A militia order today requests the men to discontinue cigarette smoking and use pipes instead.

PRESENTATIONS TO POST OFFICE MEN TODAY

Three Going to the War—Associates Honor Them

The noon hour in the post office today was marked by an event out of the routine, because of the mustering of the staff on the lower floor to honor three of their associates, two going to the war, one already away. Postmaster Edward Sears, in behalf of those gathered, presented to H. B. Roberts an army wrist watch, to King Kerr a signet ring, and also gave a fountain pen to be forwarded to one of the clerks who has already gone, Elmer Ingraham, now with the Canadian Postal Corps in Toronto. Mr. Roberts is with the 26th Battalion, while Mr. Kerr will leave tonight for Fredericton to join the Divisional Ammunition Column, with Harry Carson of North End. The postmaster paid the men a tribute to the esteem in which they were held by himself personally and by their associates on the staff, and wished them every possible success. Three hearty cheers were given for each of the volunteers by the clerks and officials gathered in their honor.

NEW HARBOR RANGE LIGHTS IN OPERATION

The Marine and Fisheries Department announce that the new harbor range lights have been installed and were in operation last night for the first time. The two lights are placed in such a position that a steamer coming round the island will be able to take her course and come right up the channel, thus making it a great aid to navigation. One of the lights is on a steel structure, erected in the rear of Rodney street, West St. John, and the other on the proposed site of the new No. 16 wharf. The former structure stands 120 feet in the air.

GOVERNMENT IS IN SESSION HERE TODAY

The provincial government met this morning at eleven o'clock in their rooms, Prince William street. Premier Clarke and all the members were present with the exception of Hon. John Morrisey, whose train was late. The morning session was devoted to matters of routine in which there was nothing of public interest, according to a statement made by the premier afterwards. Another session will be held this afternoon and it is probable that the date of the opening of the legislature will be fixed at this meeting.

TO RAISE FOODSTUFFS ON VACANT CITY LOTS

Owen Sound, Feb. 11—At the annual meeting of the Owen Sound Board of Trade the board appointed a committee to carry out a scheme of town plot cultivation, which was a suggestion made by the secretary in his annual report. It is intended that all vacant land within the corporation shall be put under cultivation and thereby increase the production of food stuffs this year.

HAS ASSIGNED. Wharton Blake Fairweather, confecturer, of West St. John, has made an assignment to J. J. Sweeney for the benefit of his creditors.

SAY GERMAN AMERICANS OVERAWED PRESIDENT WILSON

London, Feb. 11—In a long leading article, The Frankfurter Zeitung says German-Americans have vindicated their reputation. The Frankfurter Zeitung openly attributes the American note about contraband to "the energetic pressure of German-American voters and their representatives in parliament." It writes: "The German-Americans have a long practised reserve and felt themselves in public to do Americans, and only at home and among their friends to be Germans. Suddenly, in the hour of need and peril for their old home, they rallied and lo and behold, it is seen that they are a political power of the first rank in American life, for these German-Americans mean more than three million voters. They are splendidly organized through their many associations, and they are opposed by the demagogues of English origin."

WHEAT GETS SET-BACK

Chicago, Feb. 11—Wheat sagged in price today, influenced by lower quotations from Liverpool. The market was also heavily affected by assertions that country offerings showed considerable increase. Furthermore, the possibility of enlarged Russian shipments from Archangel and Vladivostok appeared to be attracting somewhat serious attention instead of being generally brushed aside as when first talked of. The opening here, which varied from 6-8 to 1-1/2 lower, was followed by a decided further setback.

JOHNSON ON SCHOONER TRIP ON HIS WAY TO BATTLE WITH WILLARD

Barbadoes, B. W. I., Feb. 11—Jack Johnson, accompanied by his wife and Frank Hagney, an Australian boxing partner, sailed yesterday on the four-masted schooner Henry Kreeger for Cienfuegos, Cuba, where he will connect with a special boat which will take him to Tampa, Mexico, on his way to "fares" for his bout with Jess Willard on March 6.

GOES TO PRISON.

Kingston, Ont., Feb. 11—Harry Symonds, K. C., arrived here from Toronto last night under the charge of Sheriff Ogle and this morning was taken to the Portsmouth penitentiary to serve a five year sentence.