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French Report Capture of Perthes Village

RUSSIANS' VICTORY OVER TURKS CALLED A GREATER FEAT THAN VON MOLTKE'S

German Had Advantage of Numbers and Good Roads When He Defeated French in 1870—Russians, Outnumbered, Fought in Snowclad Mountains.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Jan. 9.—The Times Petrograd correspondent telegraphs as follows:

"The military critic of the Russkoyevostok declares that the crushing defeat of the enemy at Sari Kaushch overshadowed the achievement of General Von Moltke, when he overpowered the French army in 1870.

"Von Moltke had under his command a considerably larger force than the enemy, and was able to move along the magnificent French roads," the critic says, "while the Russians had to meet a numerically superior Turkish force and manoeuvre in the snow-covered mountain defiles. For the first time in military history two large armies fought at an altitude of from 8,000 to 10,000 feet in severe winter weather."

TRY JAPANESE TACTICS.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Jan. 9.—The Daily Mail's correspondent telegraphs from Petrograd:

"The Germans and Austrians are

holding out obstinately in Galicia, and the Germans before Warsaw still are attempting to pierce the Russians' protecting dam. They have given up frontal attacks in masses, and are now employing the same methods as the

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IMPORTANT VILLAGE TAKEN FROM ENEMY IN ALLIES' ATTACK

Perthes Captured While Germans Were Busy Fighting For Hill—Total Gain Made Exceeded 500 Yards Advance at Other Points.

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, Jan. 9.—2:40 p.m.—The French war office this afternoon gave out the following official announcement:

"To the south of Ypres we have damaged the trenches of the enemy and reduced to silence the mine-thrusters of the Germans.

"In the region of Arras and in the vicinity of Amiens there have been artillery engagements resulting advantageously for our batteries.

"In the region of Soissons we yesterday morning occupied very brilliantly 'Hill 132.' Three times during the day the enemy delivered violent counter-attacks. Each time they were repulsed. Our gain is represented by three lines of German trenches along a front of 600 metres. The enemy, not having been able to recapture these, which they had lost, bombarded positions and set fire to the village of Justice.

"Splendid Progress.

"To the south of Laon and of Craonne our artillery demolished a camp of Hunnians covering some machine guns, and reduced to silence the artillery of the enemy.

"In the region of Perthes, the enemy delivered an attack to which we responded immediately by a counter-attack. This movement on our part permitted us not only to retain our positions at 'Hill 200' west of Perthes, but also to take possession of 400 yards of the trenches of the enemy between 'Hill 200' and the village of Perthes. Furthermore a direct attack delivered by us on Perthes at the same time that we were making our counter-attacks on 'Hill 200' made us masters of the village. We installed ourselves in Perthes, and we have advanced beyond the village boundary. Our total gain in this locality is more than 500 yards.

"Along all the front between Rheims and the Argonne our artillery has inflicted noticeable losses on the enemy. This has been attested by prisoners. In fact, we were subjected on our left flank to a direct attack from the enemy, to which we replied with a counter-attack which brought us back to our point of departure.

"In the Vosges district, to the north-west of Flirey on the forest of Mily and in the forest of Le Preire, we made some progress.

"In the region of Cernay we maintained our position. Further to the south the enemy, strongly reinforced, continued on Page Three.

BRITAIN TO CRUSH MILITARISM DEVIL

Former American Ambassador
Choate Says They Will
Wipe It Out.

PEOPLE'S FINE ATTITUDE

Nothing Could Be Grander
Than Stand Taken By
Women.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Jan. 9.—"Britain is determined never to submit or yield. She never will make peace until the devil of militarism has been so vanquished that it will never trouble the earth again."

So said Joseph H. Choate, former United States ambassador to Great Britain, in an address before the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society yesterday afternoon.

"The British courage, spirit, and hope are magnificent," he continued. "Nothing could be more grand than their wives and mothers in the attitude they take toward the war. I read the other day that the son of a friend of mine, a woman well known in London, had been killed. I wrote to her and shortly afterward received an answer. I wish I had the letter here to read to you. She had four sons, three in the army and one in the navy. One is dead, one is wounded, one had been taken prisoner, and one is still safe on board a British battleship. In her letter she speaks of her pride that she has been able to devote all of our sons to the cause."

ROUMANIAN MOBILIZATION TO BEGIN DURING PRESENT MONTH

(Canadian Press.)

Paris, Jan. 9.—The Roumanian mobilization will begin in the last week of January, according to the Petit Parisien, by the calling up of three classes, totalling 135,000 men. The mobilization will be continued until 600,000 men are ready for the field.

It is said that Switzerland will be asked to take charge of Roumanian interests in Germany and Austria, the Petit Parisien says, but it adds that the cabinet has made no definite arrangement as yet.

The Front Page Editorial

A citizen should be as certain of having his ashes and waste material removed as of securing his milk and bread each day. He is paying for it, in the first place, and in the second place the whole idea of municipal ownership is on trial in the present system.

Before the city secured control of the garbage department there was a reasonably efficient collection. The contractor knew that he was forced to make collections promptly or the city would take his contract away.

Since the city took over the collection there have been so many soft jobs to nurse. Filled with a false sense of security in their positions the office-holders have allowed the garbage collection department to be carried on in a most haphazard fashion. It has fallen into sloppy inefficiency.

In one block, for instance, out of seven houses, three of these houses did not have ashes or garbage removed for three weeks, although the owners had complied with the regulations and had paid their share in taxes for the collection.

Any manager who permits such a state of affairs to exist does not deserve to be spared the humiliation of dismissal. Every man in the department who has been lax should be replaced as soon as possible.

If the health department should have been probed for permitting certain inefficiencies, the garbage department should be the subject of the same inquiry, for there is a question of public health and cleanliness involved in laziness that permits garbage to accumulate for weeks. Impudence on the part of collectors has been another complaint, and these men who perform the work difficult as it may be, should be made to realize that they are expected to give the same service as though they were delivering coal or bread or milk.

Mayor Stevenson is taking a proper stand in demanding that the garbage system be placed upon a proper basis. He will have the support of council and citizens.

"PRINCESS PATS" NOW IN TRENCHES

Canadian-Scottish Regiments
Next To Follow Them
To France.

DO NOT LOSE IDENTITY

Will Keep Canadian Characteristics—General Is Proud of Them.

London, Dec. 29.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Part of the Canadian contingent, which has been under a course of training on Salisbury Plains, has now been given a chance to show the men's fighting abilities in the trenches in Northern France.

Princess Patricia's Regiment, largely composed of men who have seen previous service, entrained a few days ago for Southampton, where it embarked for a French port. It is to be followed by the Scottish regiments of the contingent, and later by other units, some of which have been attached to British regiments.

It was hoped when the contingent arrived that the Canadians would form an army of their own, but being composed, as it is, of men who have had experience in the arts of warfare and raw recruits, this was found impracticable, unless the contingent was to remain in England for an indefinite time.

Don't Lose Identity.

Now the regiments are being sent out as they become eligible under the direction of experienced British officers, and will take their places in the line with British regiments of similar character. They will not, however, lose their individuality as they will be known as the "Canadian units" of such regiments as they become part of, and in time the main body will go out as the "Canadian Contingent."

The men have had a hard time of it on Salisbury Plains, but there has been little grumbling. With transport motors and wagons passing all the time the camp has been churned up into a field of mud, while the weather, a damp cold that pierces to the bone, has proved trying to men used to the dry, bracing atmosphere of Canada.

General Proud of Them.

Hard work has been the rule. Men who came over with the idea that they were to be sent to the front immediately have nevertheless buckled down to the routine drill that tries the patience of all.

Major-General, in command of the contingent, speaks highly of the results attained since the contingent went into camp in England. He has had some unusual conditions to deal with, such as the apparent lack of discipline, which arises more from close comradeship of officers and men than any disrespect for the officers' uniform, but this has all been overcome, and the general is as proud of his army as any other British commander.

Exclusive Photos From Great War Front at Warsaw

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Advertiser Illustrations

Wives and mothers of Polish soldiers waiting to collect the soldier-pay of husbands and sons at the front at Warsaw headquarters. They are destitute. An officer investigates each case and money and help is given in the proportion required.



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German prisoners of war being carted into Warsaw under guard of Russian soldiers.



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Polish Red Cross hospital in Warsaw. The two patients in the foreground are Russian officers. The doctors and nurses are Polish.



Advertiser Illustrations

Wrecked home of wealthy landlord at Roktino, eight miles from Warsaw. Picture was taken three days after desperate battle between Germans and Russians.

PREACHING COURTESY

Grand Trunk Has Special Instructor Here Today.

All railroads in the London divisions have been lucky this winter in having no accidents of any account. Derailed freight cars have been the only mishaps on any of the lines in the vicinity of this city.

Instructions are being given out to all Grand Trunk trainmen, engineers and firemen today at the East End yards regarding courtesy to passengers, train rules, and eye tests of every man are being made. The men in charge is W. Kiopel, instructor for Ontario Grand Trunk lines.

Saw Woman With Her Hands Cut Off

[Canadian Press.]

Winnipeg, Jan. 9.—Miss Evelyn E. Ballie, returned from England, talked with a middle-aged Belgian woman, living on both of whose hands had been cut off by Germans. She was alone in the house when a German officer and eight men entered. They demanded and received food, wine, and her valuables, and then the officer ordered the men to cut off her hands.

A NERVOY THIEF

Kills and Dresses Cow in Owner's Barn. Leaving Offal.

[Canadian Press.]

Guelph, Ont., Jan. 9.—One of the nerviest pieces of cattle-stealing yet heard of was reported to the police this morning by Robert Holman, living on the York road, about four miles from this city. When he went to his barn this morning he found that one of his choicest heifers had been killed and dressed on the premises, the thief taking the carcass and hide and leaving the oval on the barn floor.

MOTHERS ASK CONSIDERATION

Believe Board of Education
Should Consider Petition
of Last Year.

AN INTELLIGENT INTEREST

Women of City Wish To Elect
Advisors To Aid School
Trustees.

[BY ISABEL C. ARMSTRONG.]

Shall the mothers of London be represented on the school board?

In other words, will the school board grant the petition of the Mothers' Clubs of London to appoint an advisory committee of three members to confer with the board or committee of the board on matters affecting the well-being and educational interests of their children, either through personal interview or by submitting written reports and suggestions?

A petition from the Mothers' Clubs to this effect was brought up before the school board of 1914 at the last meeting of the year and laid over to be dealt with by the 1915 board. The subject was again brought at the organization meeting of the new board this week and turned over to be dealt with by No. 1 committee, of which Mr. Thomas Rowe is chairman and the secretary, Mrs. Furt on behalf of the fourteen Mothers' Clubs of London.

The mothers feel that no one is or should be more keenly interested in questions affecting the well-being of the children at school age than the mothers themselves. Since the organization of the Mothers' Clubs, which meet in the school buildings, the mothers are taking an increasingly intelligent interest in educational problems, with which they are growing more and more closely in touch. Things come under the observation of these hundreds of mothers which must needs escape the busy trustees. They do not ask for a woman trustee. They recognize the fact that the position, alone of a woman on the school board would be a most delicate one, and one which it would be difficult to find a suitable candidate willing to accept.

In Advisory Capacity.

Their desire, however, for representation cannot be abandoned. Instead of a woman trustee, they suggest a committee of three level-headed women to represent the constituency of Mothers' Clubs, weigh in decisions submitted, and present them in businesslike form. Their further idea is that this committee of women shall be prepared to advise with the board or committee of the board when called upon.

Trustee W. T. Strong, sponsor for the communication from the Mothers' Clubs at the last meeting of the 1914 board, expresses as follows his entire sympathy with the movement on the part of the women for representation: "Knowing something of the matter, I consider the request of the Mothers' Clubs a most modest one. All the larger schools, practically all the schools in the city, have these Mothers' Clubs. It is a genuine revolution to attend a meeting. The mothers

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"IS GOOD TO BE A
BRITON NOWADAYS"

So Says Admiral Jellicoe In
Praising His Men's
Patience.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Jan. 8.—An interesting letter from Admiral John Jellicoe was read at an entertainment for the soldiers' and sailors' wives last night.

"The men," he wrote, "are an example of cheery patience that is splendid. If they have the action of excitement, the trial of patience would not be so severe, but they are content just to wait and watch, and it is good to see how well they stick to the rather monotonous work."

"We don't get much comfort out of the weather, either. The nights are very long, the day is very grey, and the decks are very, very wet, but none of these things affect the spirits of the men any more than cold and wet trenches and constant shell-fire affect the spirits of those splendid soldiers of ours in Belgium. It is good to be a Briton nowadays."

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 29; lowest, 20.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 o'clock today were: Highest, 24; lowest, 22.

TOMORROW'S FAIR.

Forecast.

Moderate weather, with much the same temperature today and on Sunday.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria 38 30 Cloudy

Winnipeg 34 20 Cloudy

Calgary 31 17 Clear

Winnipeg 32 18 Clear

St. Arthur 29 15 Clear

Parry Sound 29 15 Cloudy

Ontario 29 15 Snow

Quebec 28 14 Clear

Montreal 28 14 Clear

Quebec 28 14 Cloudy

Father Point 22 12 Cloudy

Minus (—) means below zero.

An important area of high pressure is now centred in the Middle States with indications that a disturbance will slowly develop west of the Mississippi and move toward the Great Lakes. The weather is fine, with moderate temperature throughout the Dominion.