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WHO NOT TRY IT.



War News.

Messages Received Previous to 9 a.m.

FURTHER PROGRESS ON WEST FRONT.

PARIS, Dec. 19. The French War Office this afternoon gave out official announcement as follows: During day of December 18th we organized in Belgium the territory won from the enemy the evening before, to south of Dixmude, and we advanced our front to south of the inn at Kerbeker. Our advance to the south of Ypres has been continued over very difficult and swampy territory. We have progressed in the region of Notre Dame Consolation to the south of La Bassee by more than one kilometre during the past two days. We also made progress in the direction of Coreney, St. Laurent and Blangy. In spite of spirited counter attacks the positions taken by us on December 17th have been retained. In the region of Albert during the nights of Dec. 17th, 18th and during the day of 18th, we advanced under very violent fire of the enemy, and we reached the barbed wire entanglements of the second line of German trenches. To the north of Maricourt we were obliged to abandon a trench occupied the night before, and set on fire by the enemy by means of hand grenades. Several German trenches have been occupied in the region of Mamets and in the vicinity of Lipens three violent counter attacks on the part of Germans were repulsed. In the region of the Aisne there have been artillery engagements and in Champagne the artillery of the enemy showed on December 18th increased activity as compared to the 17th. In the Argonne in the Forest of Lagrurie, we blew up a German undermining trench near St. Hubert. The enemy by a very spirited attack succeeded in making slight progress. It has been confirmed that in the heights of the Meuse our fire directed by aviators, demolished two heavy batteries

of the enemy and damaged a third battery. From the Meuse to the Vosges there is nothing to report. In the Vosges there has been spirited German rifle firing, but no attack.

CHANNEL BOMBARDMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 20. British warships off the Belgian coast were engaged with German land batteries with 12-inch guns for five hours on Saturday. Reports reaching here, late last night, from the front state that the German guns were eventually silenced or destroyed. The British ships shelled the German positions at Neuport and Middlekerke. The British ships are declared to have escaped undamaged. The Allied land forces co-operated with the fleet by directing a determined sortie against the region of Neuport.

RUSSIAN OFFICIAL.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 20. The following official communication was issued last night from general headquarters: On the right bank of the Vistula in North Poland, there has been no change. An attempt by the enemy to proceed from the right bank of the Vistula near Dobryzn was repulsed by artillery fire. The enemy has been compelled to evacuate quickly an island in the Vistula which he had occupied. We seized at this point several pontoon bridges. Fighting on the Dnura River has begun to develop. We have repulsed several German attacks in other regions. On the left bank of the Vistula there have been engagements only by advance guards. In West Galicia on the left bank of the Dniestr, on the night of December 17th and 18th we captured as many as one thousand prisoners belonging to German divisions, which already had been engaged in this region. A strong force from the Przemyśl garrison attempted to open the railway in the direction of Bierzona to the southwest. Our troops are fighting here under favorable conditions.

AUSTRIAN OFFICIAL.

VIENNA, Dec. 20. Western Galicia was declared to be clear of Russians in an official statement issued here late last night. The Austro-Hungarian army is declared

to have taken 26,000 prisoners and great quantities of war material.

DIXMUDE EVACUATED.

LONDON, Dec. 20. The Germans have evacuated Dixmude.

VIOLENT FIGHTING ON THE YSER.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 20. A Netherlands correspondent to the Telegraph sends the following despatch: Violent fighting continues on the Yser. The British fleet's guns are playing havoc with the German ranks. Trains filled with wounded are entering Bruges. Most of these trains proceed eastwards. The Allies have not occupied Roulers, but fighting is raging between there and Ypres and Dixmude.

BOER REBEL SHOT.

LONDON, Dec. 20. A Reuters despatch from Pretoria, tells of the first military execution of the rebel leaders involved in the uprisings in British South Africa, which followed the outbreak of the European war. Capt. Fourie was shot after being convicted of treason. His brother, Lieut. Fourie, was also condemned to death, but sentence was commuted to imprisonment for five years, on account of the captain's admission that he had induced his brother to join the rebellion. Both men had been officers in the South African Defence Force, and being Boers, were tried by a court-martial composed of Boers. The captain met death with fortitude.

TWO MORE SHIPS SUNK BY MINES.

SCARBOROUGH, Dec. 20. The German mines claimed two more vessels off the coast this afternoon. Two British mine-sweepers, which endeavored to remove the mines left by the German warships, were blown up and sunk, and there was damage done between Scarborough and Filey, seven miles south of here.

STEAMER SUNK; CREW SAVED.

LONDON, Dec. 20. The British steamer Tuntola struck a mine on the North coast of Ireland, Saturday, and it is believed foundered, according to an announcement made by the Admiralty to-day. The crew were saved. The Tuntola was bound from Partington for St. John N.B.

KING GEORGE AND THE NEW SULTAN.

LONDON, Dec. 20. King George to-day sent a message to Hussein, Kemal, whose appointment as Sultan of Turkey was announced yesterday, assuring him of his sincere friendship and unfailing support in safeguarding the integrity of Egypt. "Your Highness has been called to undertake the responsibilities of your high office at a grave crisis in the national life of Egypt," the message ran, "and I am convinced you will be able, with the co-operation of your ministers and the protection of Great Britain, to successfully overcome all influences which are seeking to destroy the independence of Egypt, and the wealth, liberty, and happiness of its people."

CHURCHILL'S CAUSTIC CRITICISM.

LONDON, Dec. 20. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, in a letter to the Mayor of Scarborough, in which he expresses the sympathy of himself and of the Navy, at the losses sustained through the German bombardment of Scarborough and the disappointment of the escape of the German warships says: "We await with patience the opportunity that will surely come. But viewed in a larger aspect the incident is one of the most instructive and encouraging that has happened in the war. Nothing proves more plainly the effectiveness of British naval pressure than the frenzy of hatred aroused against us in the breast of the enemy. This hatred has already passed the frontiers of reason. It clouds their vision; it darkens their counsels, and convulses their movements. We see a nation of military calculations, throwing calculations to the winds; of strategists, who have lost their sum of proportion; of schemers, who have ceased to balance the loss and gain. Practically the whole of the fast cruiser force of the German Navy, including some great ships that are vital to their fleet, and utterly irreplaceable, have been risking for the passing pleasure of killing as many English people as possible, irre-

spective of sex, age or condition, in the limited time available. To this act of military and political folly they were impelled by violence of feelings which could find no other outlet. This is very satisfactory and should confirm us in our course. Their hate is a measure of their fear. Its senseless expression is proof of their impotence and is a seal of their dishonor. Whatever feats of arms the German navy may hereafter perform, the stigma of baby-killers of Scarborough will brand its officers and men while sailors sail the seas."

DANIELS ABANDONS PLANS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. Secretary of the Navy, Daniels, to-day, announced that he had abandoned the plan of sending warships to the Pacific side of the Panama Canal to aid in enforcing the neutrality of the Canal.

A MINE TRAGEDY.

NEW GLASGOW, Dec. 20. While examining a section of the Allan shaft of the Acadia Coal Co., this morning, Inspector of Mines Blackwood and Supt. of Mines Brown were overcome with gases and lost their lives. A third man, Neil McLean, an overman, was resuscitated on being brought to the surface. The men were investigating the cause of an ineffectual explosion which occurred early in the morning.

BROKE INTO LIQUOR SALOON.

BUT GOT NOTHING FOR THEIR TROUBLE EXCEPT THIRTY DAYS IN JAIL.

Three old offenders named Cunningham, Aspell and Cuddihy, who are a great source of trouble to the police and who usually spend every winter season in the Penitentiary, caused a bit of a sensation last night while the community was sleeping, by breaking into the liquor saloon of Mr. Thomas Wall, but got no loot and are now in prison where they will "celebrate" the Christmas and New Year festivities. Shortly after last midnight, watchman A. Rice, while making his rounds in the West End of Water Street, heard a noise in the Cove that divides the stores of Messrs. H. Brownrigg and T. Wall. He walked over there and the first he saw was the prisoner Cunningham and his pals. Their actions aroused the suspicion of the watchman who immediately reported the matter to the police station. Sergt. Mackey and Constables Forsy, Collins and Stockley visited the place already mentioned and after a brief investigation found Cunningham, Aspell and Cuddihy on the premises of Mr. Thomas Wall, they having effected an entrance by breaking in a door at the rear. The burglars were looking for liquor but only succeeded in getting a few tins from a cask. On being captured Cunningham and Aspell showed resistance and engaged the attention of these officers while one officer took charge of Cuddihy, who went off quietly to the lockup. After a strenuous struggle Sergt. Mackey and his assistants safely landed their assailants in durance vile. To-day His Honor Judge Knight, knowing what the next-door-wells were hoping for, sentenced the two who fought with the police to 14 days' hard labor and the third to 14 days' hard labor. The defendants seemed sorely disappointed as they expected "six" calendars.

Here and There.

LOCAL ARRIVES.—The local from Carbonear arrived in the city at 12.40 p.m. to-day.

EARL OF DEVON.—The Earl of Devon left Coachman's Cove at 2 p.m. Saturday, coming south.

FOGOTA.—The Fogota left Horwood at 7.20 p.m. yesterday, coming south, and is due here to-morrow morning.

STEPHANO COMING.—The Red Cross Liner Stephano left Halifax at midnight Saturday and is due to arrive here at eight o'clock to-night.

CHRISTMAS TRIBUNE.—We acknowledge with thanks a copy of "The Newfoundland Illustrated Tribune." The publication is, as the name implies, well illustrated, and contains many interesting articles.

AT BOWRING PARK.—The ice on the lake at Bowring Park is in excellent condition. The place is lit up nightly; there is no charge for going there and is an ideal resort for skating.

LAFLANDRE LEAVES.—The s.s. LaFlandre, bound from Rotterdam to New York, which put in here on Saturday short of coal, leaves for her destination this evening, having got a supply of coal from the s.s. Beatrice.

POLICE COURT.—Two boys summoned for coasting, had to pay costs. A fireman, charged with being drunk was fined \$2 or 7 days. A fisherman in for safekeeping, was discharged. In an affilation case bonds were furnished. Three men for housebreaking were convicted; two were sent down for 30 days, and the other 14 days.

GLENCOE'S OUTWARD PASSENGERS.—The Glencoe sailed from Placentia at 9.30 a.m. to-day with the following passengers in saloon:—Mrs. Templeton, Miss Templeton, Miss N. Flynn, Miss A. Baker, Miss M. Murdoch, Capt. Vatcher, Messrs. Burdock, Chessman, Goldstone, Keating, Bishop, Fletcher, Coady, Grandy, Elford, Boyd, Bobbin, H. Bobbin, A. Noel, T. Grant, J. Pettie, C. Cluett, T. Brien and 6 second class.

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Christmas Gifts 1914

Special Offer of Silverware for This Week Only.

BIG REDUCTIONS. GENUINE BARGAINS.

Hundred of satisfied buyers have already availed themselves of this great opportunity. If you wish to profit, call to-day and save money. Here is a few of the many articles we offer:—

CRUET STANDS . . . \$2.60, \$3.00, \$3.75, \$4.25	CAKE BASKETS . . . \$5.00 to \$8.00
BON BON DISHES. \$1.10, \$1.25, \$1.60, \$2.20, \$2.40	BISCUIT BARRELS . . . \$8.00, \$5.50, \$7.00
BOUQUET HOLDERS. \$1.30, 2.25, 2.50, 5.00, 6.00	AFTERNOON TEA SETS. \$6.00, 7.50, 10.50, 17.50
ROSE BOWLS . . . \$4.00, \$6.00	SILVER PHOTO FRAMES—\$1.50, \$2.00, 2.50, 5.00
COMBINATION FRUIT STANDS. \$5.00, \$10.50	SILVER WAITERS . . . \$6.00, \$7.00
FRUIT BOWLS . . . \$6.00, \$8.00	Many others too numerous to mention.
SUGAR & CREAM SETS. \$2.10, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00	All Bargains.

Ayre & Sons, Ltd., Hardware Dept.

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The GIFT WEEK

Brings with it many calls on the purse, yet the following suitable and serviceable gifts are within the buying power of One Dollar:

Gent's GLOVES HANDKERCHIEFS TIES SOX SHIRTS COLLARS	Ladies' CAMISOLES GLOVES HANDKERCHIEFS HOSE LACE COLLARS HAND BAGS.	Dainty Assortment PLAQUES TIDIES NEEDLE CASES TEA CLOTHS S. B. CLOTHS CUSHION COVERS
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LINEN COVERS

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Suitable for Xmas and New Year Gifts,

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Really some very fine Covers with Striking Designs.

Bring the Children to see Admiral Jellicoe's Flagship, "Iron Duke," in our East Window.

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XMAS POULTRY

JUST ARRIVED.

Turkeys, Geese, Ducks, Ply. Rock Chicken

All selected dressed stock. Make your selection now. We will keep it in cold storage for you until you require it.

Cleaned Currants, 1 lb. carton . . . 7½c.	Condensed Milk . . . 5c. tin
Seeded Raisins, 1 lb. carton . . . 14c.	Campbell's Soup . . 12c. tin
Dates, 1 lb. carton . . 10c.	English Corn Flour, 8c. lb.
Shelled Walnuts. . . 45c. lb.	English Mince Meat, btl.
Des. Coconut . . . 16c. lb.	Fresh Eggs.
1 lb. tin Cust'd Powder, 25c.	20 brls. Holyrood Cabbage.
Potato Flour . . . 10c. lb.	Cranberries . . . 40c. gall.

DURING XMAS WEEK WE OFFER
1 lb. Bulldog. 1 lb. Bull Dog.
TEA 50c. Tea for 42c. Reg. 40c. Tea for 34c.

Irish Hams and Bacon.	50 boxes Florida Oranges, \$4.25 box.
Fidelity Hams and Bacon.	10 bxs. Cal. Navel Oranges.
Purity Butter, 2 lb. prints.	40 boxes Valencia Oranges.
Irish Butter, 1 lb. prints.	50 kegs Grapes.
Ox Tongue in Glass—English.	Grape Fruit, Pears.
Fresh Oysters.	Bananas, Tangerines.
N. Y. Corned Beef.	200 brls. Selected Apples.
Fresh Sausages.	

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