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ALLIES' GUNS WORKING HAVOC AMONG GERMAN IN BELGIUM GERMAN CRUISER REPORTED SUNK

HEAVY GUNS OF ALLIES CAUSING TERRIFIC HAVOC

High Explosive Projectiles Prove Big Factor in Modern Warfare.

GERMAN GUNS INFERIOR

Allies Have Gained Ascendancy and Enemy's Losses Are Great.

(BRITISH OFFICIAL)

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Jan. 10.—The conclusion reached by the official observer attached to British headquarters at the front in a report given out today under date of Jan. 8, that heavy guns are of supreme importance in modern warfare.

"Experiences in this war have caused many profound modifications of the theories commonly held before it broke out," he says. "But no factor was so underestimated as the effect of high explosive projectiles fired by guns and howitzers.

The opening of the war found the allies in a position of inferiority to the enemy in this respect—an inferiority which, however, has since been made good—and the Germans are now experiencing to a far greater extent than before the devastating effects of these missiles.

Complete Surprise. The successes of the Japanese at Port Arthur had given an inkling of the possibilities of the heavy howitzer when employed against entrenched fortifications, but the decisive effect of high explosives against troops in the field in well concealed positions, has come as a complete surprise.

The gunner and more especially the garrison gunner has opened up a new field for his art, and it has become clear that it has never before possessed, and certainly greater, than it has known since the time of Napoleon, who, an artillery officer himself, placed great reliance on the moral and batteries effect of the fire of modern batteries concentrated against that of the enemy's line which it was his intention to break.

But for the last hundred years this secret overture to the ally has generally speaking been depended upon to create a moral effect rather than to achieve any material result, and it has been reserved for this war to prove that it is the chief agent in destroying the enemy's power of resistance.

Blow Up Trenches. It is extremely hard to conceal the position of trenches from aerial observers and once their position is disclosed to the gunners and the exact range obtained, it is not long before whole lengths of trenches are blown in and entanglements and every form of obstacle, however ingenious, swept away.

"That the moral effect is very great is shown by written and verbal evidence from prisoners who lately have been captured.

The allied artillery is gradually assuming a superiority over the German—a factor of great importance to the prosecution of our general offensive.

Austria Expected Soon to Break with Germany. Switzerland Town Hears of Growing Dissatisfaction With Alliance.

Bern, Jan. 10.—According to private despatches from Vienna, the rupture between Austria and Germany is looked upon as a certainty within the next few weeks. The opinion is growing, it is said, that Austria should seek a separate peace and withdraw from the conflict, saving what is possible from the wreck.

"Thirty Leagues Under the Sea." Beginning this afternoon with matinees at 2 o'clock and 4.30, the famous Italian submarine expedition movie pictures that were so largely patronized and greatly appreciated here last November, will again be presented for the entire week at the Princess Theatre. The evening performances will begin at 8.30.

BREAD FAMINE DRIVES BELGIANS TO RIOTING

Crowd at Marcinelle Smashed Windows of Town Hall—Fed Later.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 11.—(Via London, 12.11 a.m.)—A despatch to The Telegraph from Brussels says: "A bread riot has occurred at Marcinelle, Province of Hainaut, Belgium. A crowd collected around the town hall and smashed its windows. The police restored order with some difficulty, and later bread was supplied to the populace.

"The German army is suffering from typhus and pneumonia."

EMPLOYERS MUST PAY OR FINE WILL FOLLOW

Compensation Act Amended Providing Penalty in Cases of Delinquency After Fifteen Days.

According to an announcement in The Ontario Gazette, there has been an alteration made in the Workmen's Compensation Act. There has been quite a little trouble to get some employers to pay their assessments, and in this connection clause 51 of the act has been amended. In future all employers who fail to pay within the stipulated 15 days will be fined 5 per cent. on their assessment, and an additional 1 per cent. for every calendar month after.

TORONTO MEN JOIN KITCHENER'S ARMY

Kelly and Clarke of Q.O.R., and Cameron of Grenadiers.

TRAINING TILL FEBRUARY

Camp Orders Outline Work for the Next Four Weeks.

Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to The Toronto World. SALISBURY, Eng., Jan. 10.—Three supernumerary officers of the Toronto battalion, Lieut. Norman Kelly and C. L. Clarke of the Queen's Own, and Lieut. J. A. Cameron of the Royal Grenadiers, have accepted commissions in Lord Kitchener's army.

A large number of Canadians are securing commissions in British regiments, including 20 from the Toronto contingent. Lieut. Laferly, the Calgary lawyer, will join the Lincolns; Capt. Cookson, Saskatoon, a former imperial officer, takes command of a British battalion.

The camp order of yesterday outlines further training till Feb. 6, owing possibly to the poor working conditions and the outbreak of sickness.

The report that the Princess Patricia's were in action two weeks ago is unconfirmed. The official casualty list to Jan. 2 does not mention the Canadians.

ROUMANIA SOON TO JOIN IN WAR

Member of Parliament Says Country on Eve of Great Developments—War's End Near.

PARIS, Jan. 10.—G. I. Diamandy, deputy in the Roumanian parliament, and member of the Franco-Roumanian mission, now in France, declared at a banquet Saturday night that Roumania was now on the eve of grave developments, and that it was sure to win, "because we are sure of the justice of our cause. He said he was sure that Roumania's entry into the war would result in its end. He added that he did not speak officially, but that he voiced the sentiment of his people generally.

TURKISH ARMY CORPS OFF TO INVADE EGYPT

LONDON, Jan. 10.—"The eighth Turkish army corps has left Damascus for the Egyptian frontier, well armed, provisioned and provided with 8000 camels for crossing the desert," says a despatch from the Athens correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company. The message continues: "It is reported from Beirut (Syria) that all French and Greek subjects have been taken to Damascus. Two British subjects have been taken to Damascus in chains because of an effort to escape."

BRITAIN CANNOT GIVE PLEDGE TO MEET DEMANDS

Principles of U. S. Contentions Not Disputed, But Difficulties Seen.

FOES GETTING SUPPLIES

Increase in Commerce Between Neutrals Suspicious—Full Reply Later.

Canadian Press Despatch. WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Great Britain's preliminary reply to the note from the United States Government requesting an improvement in the treatment of American commerce on the British fleet was made public here and in London today by mutual agreement between the state department and the British foreign office.

The British communication concurs in the view of the United States that commerce between neutral nations should be interfered with only when imperatively necessary, and officials of the Washington Government construed it as conceding that the principles expressed by the American note were just and upheld by the previously accepted usages of international law.

The only formal comment made tonight was contained in a brief statement issued by Secretary Bryan who said: "This answer being preliminary and not being intended as a complete reply, we will postpone comment until the full answer is received."

Difficulty in Practice. Briefly, the British note, while conceding the principles of the American Government's contentions, points out (Continued on Page 2, Column 2).

BRITISH NEWSPAPERS APPROVE GREY'S STAND

Satisfaction Over Spirit of Cordial Frankness Shown is Expressed.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Jan. 11.—(1.50 a.m.)—The London morning newspapers, in commenting on the reply of Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, to the protest of the United States Government over delays to American cargoes thru their being held up for examination by British warships, express themselves in the main to expressions of complete approval of the foreign secretary's handling of the difficult and delicate subject.

Recognizing that the reply is only a preliminary one, the newspapers refrain from any detailed argument or criticism, but express satisfaction over the spirit of cordial frankness with which they assert Sir Edward Grey has met the American arguments.

The figures quoted by Sir Edward of American trade are held to present a strong case from the British standpoint, and the government is fully supported by the newspapers in its view, that while all possible concessions should be made where only questions of procedure are concerned, England's position in the war precludes any real change in policy.

Second Week of Dineen's Great Half-Price Fur Sale of Ladies' Rich Furs. Today marks the start of the second week of the big Half-Price Fur Sacrifice at Dineen's, 140 Yonge street.

Last week was simply one continuous round of selling, and showed the women instantly appreciate real values. Of course this sale is a record, and it must have caused the Dineen Company considerable serious thought before a momentous decision to simply sacrifice every lady's wardrobe and fur piece in store at half-price in January takes "service" and shows a policy that must be admitted. They will not carry over and immediately after began to look badly, and perhaps can be considered out of service for a long time.

EARL GREY'S DAUGHTER A NURSE



Lady Sybil Grey, daughter of Earl Grey, former Governor-General of Canada, who has enlisted as a Red Cross nurse, and is actively in charge of the wounded at Howick Hall, Northumberland, England.

TURKISH CRUISERS BADLY DAMAGED

Russian Warships Engaged Breslau and Hamidieh in Black Sea.

DESTROYED VESSELS

Many Sailing Ships, Steamers and Lesser Craft Burned.

Canadian Press Despatch. PETROGRAD, Jan. 10.—The following semi-official statement was given out here today regarding the recent naval activity in the Black Sea: "On Christmas Eve (January 6 modern calendar) our warships in the Black Sea engaged the enemy's cruisers Breslau and Hamidieh, inflicting upon them considerable damage. On the day after Christmas our ships explored the Bay of Sinope fired on several Turkish craft loaded with cargo. The same night Russian torpedo boats bombarded two of the enemy's sailing ships carrying flour and took 15 men prisoners.

Burned Many Ships. "On the third day after Christmas our ships explored the harbors of Trebizond and Phtana, where they discovered nothing to arouse suspicion in the harbor of Surneneh they burned a large number of Turkish barkas loaded with cargo. East of Surneneh our ships destroyed four of the enemy's merchant vessels and eleven sailing ships in the harbor of Rizeh.

"They also bombarded Khopa. According to information received here the mine-layer Peik-i-Sheket, on January 3 entered the harbor of Stean, in the Bosphorus, assisted by Stean's mine-layer. Peik-i-Sheket had been badly damaged along the water line and bow where a cannon had been disabled. The mine-layer ran ashore, immediately after began to leak badly, and perhaps can be considered out of service for a long time."

FRENCH ARTILLERY DESTROYED TRAINS

Over Three Miles of Railroad Above Altkirch Also Demolished by Fire.

GERMANS DRIVEN BACK

Allies Gain Strategic Railroad Dominating Annexed Part of Alsace.

Canadian Press Despatch. PARIS, Jan. 10.—The bombardment on January 7 by the French heavy artillery of the railway station at Altkirch, Upper Alsace, was more than a simple military manifestation, says The Matin. The precise object of the attack was to prevent the passage of important reinforcements which were destined to co-operate in the general defence of Strassburg.

Aided by aviators, the French artillery demolished the railway line of the upper Ill River, rendering it useless to the Germans for more than five kilometres (three miles), continues the paper. Above Hirsbach two German trains bringing reserve troops en route from the Swiss frontier to the Muhlhause, broke down. Later the trains were subjected to a heavy artillery fire, began to burn and were burned. The Germans meantime began a retreating movement towards the hills dominating Hirsbach.

"The engagement hereabout," says The Matin, is regarded as the most important of the new campaign in the Vosges. The French have attained a strategic railway command in an annexed country. They have already cut the line above Altkirch. The central railway from the Swiss frontier to Strassburg is the secret of the German resistance in Alsace. The day is near, says The Matin, when the adversary, deprived of the line of the valley of the Ill, must continue the war on foot to defend the left bank of the Rhine."

ALLIES NOW WITHIN 9 MILES OF OSTEND

German Civilians Are Leaving the Town Because of the Close Proximity of the French and British Armies.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Jan. 10.—German civilians are leaving Ostend because the allies have now advanced to within nine miles of that town, according to a despatch to The Amsterdam Telegraaf from its Shins correspondent.

GERMANS EVACUATE LILLE

City Now Is Virtually in Possession of the British, According to Confirmed Rumors.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—(4.04 a.m.)—A despatch to The Daily Express from Boulogne asserts that confirmation has been obtained of the rumors that the Germans have evacuated Lille, and that the city is now virtually in the possession of the British.

LARGE CRUISER VON DER TANN REPORTED SUNK

Invincible Said to Have Been Victorious Off Brazilian Coast.

REPORT UNCONFIRMED

German Battle Cruiser's Complement More Than Nine Hundred Men.

Canadian Press Despatch. BUENOS AYRES, Jan. 10.—La Prensa publishes the report that an engagement has taken place off Rio Grande de Norte, Brazil, between the British battle cruiser Invincible and the German battle cruiser Von der Tann, adding that the Von der Tann has been sunk.

The German battle cruiser Von der Tann was reported several weeks ago to have crossed the Atlantic to join the other German warships in the South Atlantic and Pacific. Her arrival in these waters has never been recorded.

The Von der Tann is of 18,000 tons displacement, 582 feet in length, a speed of 27.8 knots. She carries a complement of 919 men and an armament of eight 11-inch guns, ten 5.9 guns, 18 24-pounders and four torpedo tubes.

The British battle cruiser Invincible is of 17,250 tons displacement, with a complement of 731 men. Her armament includes eight 12-inch guns, 16 4-inch guns and four torpedo tubes.

The Invincible was one of the British squadron which sunk the German squadron, including the Guelensau, Sparnhorst, Nürnberg, and Leipzig, off the Falkland Islands.

REPORT NOT CONFIRMED

Canadian Press Despatch. RIO JANEIRO, Jan. 10.—The Havas Agency has received no confirmation of the reported battle between the British cruiser Invincible and the German cruiser Von der Tann, off Rio Grande de Norte. Naval officials here place little credence in the report.

BELGIAN OFFICERS JAILED FOR AIDING COUNTRYMEN

General Told German Court Kaiser Was Rascal—Given Life Sentence.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 10 (via London). Jan. 11, 1.58 a.m.—A despatch to The Telegraph from Brussels says a court-martial at Liege has sentenced the retired Belgian General Gustave Fize and Lieut. Gillo to life imprisonment on a charge of assisting 350 young Belgians to reach Holland and join the Belgian army in France.

"The general at the trial," the correspondent adds, "asked for a death sentence, saying he disliked imprisonment. He told the court that Emperor William was a rascal. The general was sent to Glatz, Prussia, to the same prison where Burgomaster Max of Liege is being held."

PERSIAN TOWN SEIZED BY TURKS, SAY ENEMY

Canadian Press Despatch. BERLIN, Jan. 10.—(Wireless to Sayville.)—Turkish forces have occupied the town of Kour, in the Persian Province of Azerbaidjan, and to the east of Lake Van, the Russians retreating northward, according to a Turkish official announcement received here Saturday from Constantinople.

The official statement also reported that Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovitch, brother-in-law of Emperor Nicholas, had been killed in the fighting at Mandoub, Persia.

THIRTY BOMBS DROPPED OVER FRENCH TOWNS

Dunkirk and Environs Visited on Sunday by Dozen Aeroplanes.

NONE SEEN OFF COAST

Reports of German Raid on England Did Not Materialize.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Jan. 11, 1.51 a.m.—A Zeppelin airship, accompanied by three German monoplane bombers, over Farnes, Dunkirk and Calais Saturday night, according to The Daily Chronicle's French frontier correspondent. It was believed, the correspondent adds, that the aircraft were headed for Dover. They were flying very high and did not attack the towns they flew over.

No hostile aircraft were sighted at any point along the English coast Sunday, although a vigilant aeroplane and automobile patrol was maintained as a result of the rumors that the Germans would be desired to be headed for England.

PARIS, Jan. 10, midnight.—A despatch to the Havas Agency from Dunkirk says that a dozen German aeroplanes bombarded Dunkirk and environs Sunday. Thirty bombs were set on the ground, but owing to the precautions that had been taken there were few victims. The material damage was unimportant.

MADE IN CANADA ADDRESS

Some hundred members of the Toronto Canoe Club heard H. D. Seely, secretary of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, speak on the Made in Canada movement, Saturday night. A patriotic appearance was given to the affair by "buttonholing" every one present with a small Union Jack.

THRU THE REVOLVING DOOR WITH GRAN' HONOR.

John: Yuh look liken me'n my own Kul. An' yuh talk like me. Tom: Then I'm goin' to call yuh Pap. An' yuh call me Your 'Wordis when I get on th' gins hat an' the white kid. But Tom'll do when we're in your office or you're in mine at th' city hall. John: I's my opinion, young man, that both them jobs' mine, an' we'd better start right ar to that. Tom: Your opinion's mine, Pap! John: An' yuh be on ha'n on Monday to receive me with gran' honors when I cum thru th' revolving door. Then what was spun outt' chassay in an' we'll go in like th' minstrel show when it comes to town.

