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Australians and The New Zealand Contingent To Egypt For a While

Seasoned There and Then Direct To Front to Join Other British Troops—Officials Give Out Little About The Fighting Today

London, Dec. 3.—"Australian and New Zealand contingents have been disembarked in Egypt," according to an announcement of the official bureau, "to assist in the defence of that country and complete their training there."

"When the training is completed, they will go direct to the front to fight with the other British troops in Europe."

GERMAN SUBMARINES BOTTLED UP.

New York, Dec. 3.—A special cable to the Herald dated on the Belgian frontier Wednesday says:

"The last naval bombardment of Zeebrugge resulted in the destruction of the electric plant which supplies power for the operation of the lock gates giving access to the maritime canal, with the result that the gates cannot be opened."

"The Germans are in a serious predicament unless they are able to manipulate the lock gates and Zeebrugge is useless."

"They must take their submarines piecemeal overland to Antwerp, and the delay in this matter may be disastrous to them."

QUIET DAY SAYS BERLIN.

Berlin, Dec. 3 (3:10 p. m.)—Today's official statement was limited to the following brief announcement:

"In neither theatre of war has anything of importance happened."

NO CHANGE IN POLAND

London, Dec. 3.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Times says that by retaking Strykow the Russians have regained possession of the Lods-Warsaw way.

"There is no perceptible alteration in the relative positions of the opposing armies in Poland, and the Germans apparently still maintain their hold on the central region, west of Lodz. The situation remains extremely interesting and hazardous."

The Russians are making progress in the neighborhood of Cracow. They are now within eight miles of the city."

USE OF SEDITIOUS LANGUAGE CHARGED

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 3.—The police last night arrested H. M. Fitzgerald, known locally as "the Irish orator," on a charge of uttering seditious language.

Fitzgerald addressed a large crowd on a street corner during the evening, and it is alleged that in the course of his remarks he used language derogatory to the British royal family.

KRUPP FACTORY HIT BY BOMBS

London, Dec. 3.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company quotes a message from Berlin to the effect that the Krupp factory at Essen, Germany, was bombed yesterday by an aeroplane.

It is said that bombs were dropped from the aeroplane on the guns in half of the buildings. The aeroplane escaped uninjured, and the extent of the damage has not been ascertained.

Prisoners of Canadians

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 3.—There are now confined in Fort Henry, 465 prisoners of war. Some have been put to work building the roadway leading to the fort.

Austrian Report

Vienna, via London, Dec. 3.—An official Austrian communication says:

"In West Galicia it was generally calm on Tuesday, Russian night attacks in Northwest Wolbrom were repulsed. The fighting west of Nowo Roskoszko (Poland), and near Loda, is developing favorably. At Przemysl (Galicia), the Russians under the influence of their last sortie, have remained passive. Several of the enemy's aviators have dropped bombs unsuccessfully. In the Carpathians, there has been no decision reached in the fighting as yet. The news that the Austrians had entered Belgrade was cheered by the troops in the northern war theatre."

The Car at the Front

Petrograd, Dec. 3.—Emperor Nicholas has arrived at the theatre of war in Poland. The sanitary inspector of the Russian army on the northwest front, telegraphs that the health condition of the troops is not only favorable, but that cases of illness are fewer than in times of peace.

Feared He Is Prisoner

Paris, Dec. 3.—Dr. Albert Calmette, an eminent scientist and director of the Pasteur Institute in Lille, who has been one of the chiefs of the medical service of the army, is missing and it is reported he is a prisoner of war in Munster. He is a brother of the late editor of the Figaro who was killed by Mrs. Cailaux.

Newfoundland Volunteers

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 3.—Enlistment for the second contingent to be sent by Newfoundland to join the British army is proceeding rapidly, together with that of the first contingent.

Phelix and Ferdinand

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, E. P. Sturp, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Pressure is quite high this morning over the Great Lakes, and nowhere very low. Showers have been general from Eastern Ontario to New Brunswick, while the weather continues moderately cold in the west.

Clearing and Colder

Maritime—Showers today, then strong northwest to north winds, clearing and a little colder.

New England—Cloudy and colder tonight and Friday; fresh north winds, becoming northeast.

King On The Firing Line

London, Dec. 3.—King George of England, who has been visiting the British lines in Flanders, went out to the firing line today, according to a telephone message received this afternoon, by the Evening News from Calais.

RECOMMEND STUDY OF THE SCRIPTURES IN SCHOOLS AS A PART OF THE CURRICULUM

Resolutions recommending the study of the scriptures in the public schools of the provinces were passed at an inter-denominational meeting in the Church of England Institute rooms this morning. His Lordship Bishop Richardson was appointed chairman of the conference and Rev. A. J. Archibald, secretary.

After the matter was discussed thoroughly and considered from all angles, it was resolved that in the judgment of the conference the reading and memorizing of scriptures should be made obligatory in the public schools and, further, that this reading and memorizing should be embodied in the school curriculum and subject to examination.

This would put the study of the scriptures on the same basis with the other subjects taught in the public schools. The resolution will be sent to the provincial governments asking that its conditions be embodied in the school act.

A committee consisting of His Lordship Bishop Richardson, Rev. F. S. Porter, Dr. J. H. MacVicar, Rev. R. J. Haughton, of St. John, and Rev. Dr. J. M. Palmer, of Sackville, was appointed to consider the matter of a syllabus of scripture readings and to arrange for devotional exercises, the committee to report at the next session of the general conference.

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EFFECT OF WAR ON BUSINESS IN STATES

Conditions Improving But There Will be Much Room For Charitable Work This Winter

New York, Dec. 3.—The results of the comprehensive study of the effects of the European war on business throughout the United States, gained from reports received from more than 600 correspondents, including governors, mayors, officials of unions, industrial associations, banks, etc., will be made at the fifteenth annual meeting of the National Civic Federation, which will begin here tomorrow.

The report says that conditions are improving and predicts that a further advance toward prosperity will be witnessed during the next few months.

The report was prepared by John Hays Hammond, chairman of the committee, and was presented by him at the meeting.

It strikes a gloomy note in speaking of the unemployed. It states that the country will be confronted this winter by a situation which will demand extraordinary philanthropic efforts.

The report says: "The great savings institutions of New York city report that business is not altogether normal. In Philadelphia and even in Pittsburgh, despite the severity of the depression in the iron and steel trade, the deposits of the largest savings banks, have, during the last month, exceeded withdrawals."

Certain lines of trade, the report states, have been stimulated because of orders placed by foreign nations, but the purchase of supplies by belligerent nations signifies but a slight fraction of the American business world."

TOW-BOAT AND SCOW ASHORE ON BAY LEDGES

Life Boat Rescues Crew and Saves Scow But Tow-boat Likely Total Loss

Digby, N. S., Dec. 3.—Contractor Reid's gasoline tow boat and a scow from Trout Cove for Annapolis drifted ashore on L'Anse-au-Loup yesterday afternoon while the machinery was being repaired. These ledges are in the Bay of Fundy off the eastern point of Gulliver's Cove. The life-boat, Daring, in charge of Capt. John W. Hayden of the Bay View station, went to the tow-boat's assistance and brought the crew ashore. The life-boat also towed the scow to this port. The tow-boat filled and was entirely submerged at high water, and it is thought it will be a total loss. She contained a 30 h. p. three cylinder Mianus motor.

Schooner Dorothy G. Snow, Captain Ansel Snow, arrived this morning from the fishing grounds with 100,000 pounds of mixed fish.

No local officers will be included in the ranks which have been recruited by Lieut. Col. Armstrong here. No further word had been received concerning the appointment of officers for the ammunition column from St. John other than those already announced.

Still No Word.

There is still no word regarding the names of the officers who will accompany Lieut. Col. McAvity to the front.

Cavalry Going.

Returning to St. John Col. H. A. McLean visited Ottawa and had a conference with Major General Hughes regarding the Canadian forces going abroad. He confirmed the announcement made in the local press yesterday regarding the sending of another regiment of infantry from the maritime provinces, and also the sending of three squadrons of cavalry. Orders had not yet been received, however, and because of that it was not possible at the present to speak definitely concerning New Brunswick mounted regiments.

Local Horses.

Unless the embargo upon live stock from the States is lifted, it is said that it will be necessary to equip the cavalry regiments going from Canada with horses from the Dominion. The remount department has been depending to a great extent upon the ranches of the western states for their stock of horses.

Horses will be needed for the artillery units, and the army service corps in addition to the cavalry, so that there is apt to be a brisk demand for equine stock throughout Canada. So far as shipments from the remount depot here are concerned, it is said to be unlikely that there will be any of much consequence after the next sailing, and that if the sending of remounts from Canada is continued it will probably be from Halifax.

Militia Away.

Nine of the aliens brought here yesterday aboard the steamer Cabotia from Salisbury Plain were sent forward today to Halifax, where they will be examined by the military authorities at headquarters. The others, who were given an honorable discharge from the first contingent, the only reason for their non-acceptance being their alien descent, will probably proceed to their homes in the States or other parts of Canada today.

DESTRUCTION OF NOME HAS BEEN AVERTED

Nome, Alaska, Dec. 3.—A blizzard which threatened Nome with destruction by forcing ice and water from Bering Sea high upon the beach, subsided yesterday without doing serious damage to the town.

The huge Arctic ice pack, extending from the shore as far as the eye could see, kept down the surf. No news concerning conditions in the smaller camp has been received.

GERMANS HAVE NOT ENOUGH MEN TO CRUSH EUROPE

French Military Critic Ridicules Enemy's Assertion That They Have 100 Army Corps in The Field

New York, Dec. 3.—A Paris cable to the Herald says:

Lieut.-Col. Rousset in La Liberté ridicules the German assertion that there are 100 army corps in the field.

"If it were true, it would only make the Germans' failure the more striking," he says, "but the assertion is not true. The Germans have fourteen and a half corps opposing the Russians and forty-three and a half corps opposing the Franco-British forces."

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PYTHIAN HOME GUARD PLANNED

An Idea Which Might Be Extended to Result in Regiment From Local Societies

There was launched in St. John last night a home guard movement, which may have wide-spread effect. At a meeting of New Brunswick Lodge Knights of Pythias, it was proposed to organize a Pythian home guard. So far nothing in detail has been worked out, but the project has been unanimously favored by the project expressed by the speakers at the meeting. The general idea is to have the fraternal societies of the three city lodges and they perhaps unite them.

Following along this line comes the thought of extension of the plan to all the fraternal societies of the city and ultimately perhaps, have a regular home guard regiment formed from the men of the societies.

At last night's meeting speakers thought men of active military service should not join the proposed home guard, reserving the places for those who are not in the military service.

More will be heard of the matter soon but meanwhile it opens a large field of activity for other organizations to enter.

DO NOT WANT TO SEE THE LOBSTER FACTORIES CLOSED

P. E. I. Meeting—Fox Men's Request For a Publicity Agent

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 3.—Lobster packers and fishermen of Prince and Eastern Queens counties yesterday met in Summerside and passed an unanimous resolution protesting against the closing of the factories for the season.

Capt. J. W. Stanley, who is receiving a commission in the heavy battery of Canadian Artillery for the front, left this morning for Halifax, accompanied by three men. The remainder of the contingent, twenty-seven men, will leave tomorrow.

A committee of fox men, appointed at a meeting on Tuesday night, waited on the government today and asked for the appointment of a publicity agent to advise the industry abroad.

Premier Matheson replied that some effective organization must first take place among fox breeders, so that authoritative information could be supplied by them to the agent.

LIFE NET FOR USE IN WINTER PORT WORK; A 'LONGSHOREMAN'S DEVICE'

A simple but apparently effective net to be used under the landing stages to safeguard the lives of the longshoremen was shown to Mayor Frink this morning by a member of the union named Regan, who waited on His Worship, accompanied by E. J. Tighe. Mr. Regan is the originator of the device, and has been approved by the longshoremen. The request was made that the city should provide these nets for the various steamers which enter the port. It is probable that the suggestion will be laid before the council at the next meeting.

THOUSAND TRY TO GET FROM CONCENTRATION CAMP

Guards and Reserves With Fixed Bayonets Frustrate Attempt in England

Lancaster, Eng., Dec. 3.—An attempt to escape made last night by a thousand prisoners in the concentration camp here was thwarted by the guards who charged the mobs with fixed bayonets, wounding several. The guards at first were overcome but reserves were summoned and when they reached the scene they found 1,000 prisoners advancing, armed with bricks, sticks and stones. Mrs. Violet, wife of Dr. A. H. Barton and Miss Charlotte, at home. He was a member of Log Cabin Club of the Independent Order of Foresters and was also a member of the Odd Fellows of Old Town, Maine.

STEAMERS COLLIDE IN A FIERCE GALE

Deal, Eng., Dec. 3.—During one of the fiercest gales on record, the Dutch steamer Batjan, 6,000 tons gross, from Java, went ashore last night on Goodwin Sands, after a collision with the British steamer Nigbee. The latter anchored later in the Downs. No lives were lost.

NORWEGIAN STEAMER IS A BRITISH PRIZE

London, Monday, Nov. 30.—(Delayed in transmission)—Lloyd's Agency declared today that the Norwegian steamer Regan, which reached Liverpool yesterday from New York, has been taken into custody by the British authorities, and is being held as a prize.

The steamer Regan, Captain Borge, left New York on November 13 for Liverpool. She is of 1,946 tons register.

BACK TO THE SHIP. John Tooline and Otto Colson, natives of Sweden, and Jack Breason an Englishman, were arrested by Police Sergeant Baxter early this morning, charged by Captain Tooline of the bark Pestalozzi, with refusing duty and absenting themselves from the ship without leave. The men denied the charge. The captain agreed to take the men back to their duties as article seamen, giving the prisoners a severe talking to as to their duties as article seamen, chored later in the Downs. No lives were lost.

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