

OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

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On despatch says that the Prince of Wales, Lieutenant Grenadier Guards, has been promoted to full lieutenant.

More cruisers Scharnhorst and Goeben, protected cruiser Leipzig, three of the German ships which had been menacing British shipping in the South Atlantic, while the British Good Hope and Monmouth in the Pacific were destroyed off the Falkland Islands.

The German squadron, made off during the night, according to latest accounts, are being followed by British cruisers.

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er is seriously ill, according to a despatch from Amsterdam, which says: "The latest news from Berlin says that Emperor William's illness is unchanged and he has been unable to attend to his duties."

Annual meeting of the Society for the Protection of Women and Children held here yesterday afternoon. The meeting was held in the hall of the Commercial Union building.

ending Mexican forces opposite Nacozari, Arizona, have been ordered to cease firing into American territory. The Mexican forces are being ordered to return to their quarters.

The determination of the United States government to become known last night, after a full day of discussion by President Wilson with his cabinet.

R. Carleton, commander of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, has been recalled by the office for duty, and will leave Kingston, Ontario, during the week ending December 11.

Agency at Paris is informed by its correspondent that a practical deadlock prevails, as a result of the resignation of the cabinet on December 5. It is reported that the various parties, after a series of meetings, have been unable to agree on the formation of a new cabinet.

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Hesperian Arrives in St. John. St. John, N.B., December 11.—The winter port season was opened yesterday by the arrival of the Allan liner Hesperian. Captain Main had 321 passengers, 1,530 bags of mail for Canada, and overseas mail for China on board, and 20 officers and men sent from the first expeditionary forces at Salisbury Plains.

GERMANS REPULSE ATTACKS. Berlin, December 11.—The 2 p.m. official report says: "Two French attacks in the forest of Le Pretre and west of Pont a Mousson, were repulsed. There is no change in the situation east of Marignan Lakes. Our attacks in Northern Poland are progressing. There is no news from Southern Poland."

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GERMAN OFFICERS IN COMMAND OF AUSTRIAN ARMY OPERATIONS

Petrograd, December 11.—German officers have assumed complete control of the operations of the Austrian army south of Cracow, in Western Galicia, where one of the biggest battles of the war seems to be developing.

Arch-Duke Frederick, Commander-in-Chief of the Austrian armies, has yielded the direction of the massed forces south of Cracow which are trying to cut the Russians back and relieve Cracow, where the Russians are establishing a siege.

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THE BUSINESS MAN'S DAILY ONE CENT

ALLIES DEVELOPING OFFENSIVE TACTICS. In Both Theatres of Warfare They are Pressing the Germans as Never Before. CAPTURE TWO CITIES.

Allies Have Taken Roulers, an Important Strategic Point, and Driven Germans Out of Armentieres.

(Exclusive Leased Wire to the Journal of Commerce.) London, December 11.—Indications of the success of the British and French offensive in Flanders came to-day in despatches from the front, reporting that the Allies had captured Roulers, and had driven the Germans out of Armentieres, nine miles northwest of Lille.

The report of the capture of Roulers comes from the Daily Express correspondent, but was later confirmed in a despatch from Amsterdam, stating that correspondents of the Amsterdam newspapers at Sluis reported the Germans driven from the city.

According to the Daily Express correspondent, the Allies are pushing their offensive beyond Roulers, and expect to force the Germans out of Thourout and Thielt. He reports that the Germans have completed preparations to evacuate these places before the Allies advance.

The capture of Roulers is an important advance for the Allies. The city is of tremendous strategic importance, and its capture shows the extent of the Allies drive at the centre of the German army in Flanders.

The capture of Armentieres shows the successful resumption by the Allies of the fight around Lille. According to despatches telling of the capture of the city the British troops drove the Germans from their trenches on Tuesday, and forced them back beyond the range of the British artillery.

There is every indication that the Allies are developing their offensive with success. While the advance at any point of the line has not been rapid, this is explained by the fact that the British and French troops prefer to occupy such ground as they can hold to dashing forward to points from which they can be easily driven out.

The second stage of the campaign in Poland is marked by vigorous activity on both sides. The German plume at Warsaw from the west appears to have been blocked, but, in a strong attack north of the Vistula, and another in the southwest from the direction of Skierzwice, the Germans continue to menace the Polish capital, although Petrograd officials report that fighting here had been unfavorable to the invaders.

While on the defensive above the line from Lodz to Czesochowa, the Germans are pressing so strenuously along the sixty mile front between Lodz and the Vistula, that the Russians are sending all available forces there.

From Soudau a German army has passed southward nearly thirty miles within the Polish border, where it is almost in contact with the strong Russian fortress of Novo Georgievsk, which in all probability will be given a wide berth, with a view to flanking the Russian right wing east of the River Bug and threatening Warsaw from the northeast.

The Russians may have to relieve the pressure upon Warsaw by throwing forward their armies in East Prussia, where the opposing forces are fighting along an eighty-mile line between Johannesburg and Gumbinnen.

Austrian resistance is stronger in the Cracow region. The Austrians are making their best efforts to complete the German plan and are beginning an offensive by trying to outflank the Russian left, which is besieging Cracow, while the other wing of their army, resting on the extreme German right, seeks to proceed northeast, with Radom and Kielce as the objective.

NO PROGRESS IN FLANDERS. Berlin, December 11.—By Wireless—Headquarters report that the Germans have made no progress in Flanders, but to the east and west of the Argonne forest the enemies artillery positions have been attacked with good results.

MAY RECAPTURE BELGRADE. Paris, December 11.—The Nish correspondent of the Paris Journal telegraphs that the Austrian losses in Serbia are at least 60,000 men, and that the Serbians are on the point of re-capturing Belgrade, being only five miles from there.

TRANSPORT PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH SUNK? Valparaiso, December 11.—Dispatches from Coronel say the merchant ship that arrived at Concepcion last night reported it had intercepted a wireless message stating that the German transport Prinz Eitel Friedrich had been sunk by a Japanese warship.

CANADIAN LOCK COMPANY. The Canadian Lock and Novelty Company, Limited, has applied for a change of name to Canadian Lock Company, Limited.

AUSTRIAN OFFENSIVE CAMPAIGN AGAINST SERBIA COLLAPSES

Nish, December 11.—The Austrian offensive campaign in Serbia has collapsed in a disastrous catastrophe, says an official statement.

"In the face of the great numerical superiority of the Austrians the Serbians were compelled to fall backward for nearly a month in order to retire to a position where they could fight under favorable conditions.

"Finally the Serbians made a stand on the slopes of Mount Rudnik, where the battle began on December 3rd, and lasted five days. The fight, which raged over a front about sixty miles long, resulted in a complete rout for the Austrians. True, our losses were heavy, but those of the enemy were enormous.

"The 15th and 16th army corps, forming the enemy's right wing, were cut to pieces. We captured more than 100 officers, 20,000 privates, 70 cannon, 50 military trains, one standard, an enormous quantity of provisions and ammunition and much hospital equipment. The enemy is now in retreat all along the line with our troops in pursuit. We have retaken Valjevo and Ushitz, capturing many prisoners."

THE FRENCH STATEMENT. Paris, December 11.—The official statement says: "The enemy showed some activity in the region of Ypres yesterday. He directed several attacks against our lines, three of which were completely repulsed. Only at one point of the front did the Germans succeed in reaching one of our trenches in the first line.

"For our part we have continued to advance in the direction of the enemy's lines in the region of Arras, and in that of Yvroucourt. "In the Argonne we have pushed forward several of our trenches and rolled back two German attacks."

MORE ARTILLERY DUELS. Paris, December 11.—The official statement further says:—"In the region of Verdun we have consolidated our gains of the preceding days. The German artillery is showing great activity, but has been unable to inflict on us any losses. Conditions are the same on the heights of the Meuse.

"In the forest of La Forete, our advances are continued and maintained. "To the south of Thann, we have captured the railroad station of Aspach. On the rest of the front in the Vosges there are artillery duels."

EMPEROR'S CONDITION GREATLY IMPROVED. London, December 11.—"Emperor William's condition is so greatly improved that he was permitted to confer with the Imperial Chancellor last night," says a dispatch from Amsterdam. It adds that the Kaiser's fever has disappeared and that bronchial catarrh, from which he has been suffering, is no longer causing him much discomfort.

"Reports that the Kaiser is suffering from pneumonia are untrue," concludes the dispatch, which says the information it conveys is from an official source in Berlin.

ROUMANIA ATTEMPTING TO BRING PEACE TO EUROPE. London, December 11.—Roumania is attempting to bring about peace in Europe. A delegation of Roumanian bankers who arrived here a week ago have sounded financiers of Germany and England on the possibility of ending the war. They will leave for New York, where they will confer with American financiers. They will return to Bucharest and report to the Roumanian King.

Men in the Day's News. The Hon. G. J. Clarke, who has been called upon to form a new Government in New Brunswick, was born at St. Andrews, in that province in 1857. He has had a lengthy political career, during which he was Speaker of the New Brunswick Legislature and Attorney-General of the province. He is a journalist and a lawyer.

Mr. Frank S. Barnard, of Victoria, who was recently appointed Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, is one of the best known men in the Pacific Province. Mr. Barnard was born in Toronto in 1856, moving with his parents, four years later, to British Columbia. He is connected with a large number of financial and industrial concerns in his adopted province, and has also represented British Columbia in the House of Commons, being elected for Yale-Caribou in 1888. He is a brother of G. H. Barnard, the present M.P. for Victoria.

L. J. Tarte, recently made a Park Commissioner by the City of Montreal, is president and general manager of "La Patrie." He is the son of the late Honorable J. Israel Tarte, one of the best known public men in the history of this province. "Joe" Tarte is not actively interested in politics, but takes a keen interest in militia matters, good roads, and all questions having to do with the better government of the city.

Mr. Justice Archibald, who is mentioned as a probable successor to Chief Justice Sir Charles Peers Davidson, is a "Blue Nose," having been born at Musquodoboit, N.S., in 1843. He was educated at Truro and at McGill University, and called to the Bar in 1871. He has been a Puisne Judge of the Superior Court since 1893.

Mr. James Morgan, who has been made one of the Park Commissioners for Montreal, is head of the firm of Henry Morgan & Co. He is one of the best known business men in the city, being most active in every worthy cause. For a number of years he was treasurer of the Citizens' Association, which had for its purpose the securing of better government in the city.

Colonel Septimus Denison, who is going to the front in command of a Brigade in the Second Contingent, comes of a military family. He was born in 1859, educated at Upper Canada College and at the Royal Military College, Kingston. He served in the Staffordshire Regiment, retiring with the rank of Major. He was A. D. C. to the Earl of Aberdeen when the latter was Governor-General of Canada, and in the South African War acted as A. D. C. to Lord Roberts. He is regarded as one of the most efficient officers in Canada.

HAVE SECURED ORDER FOR 600,000 SHELLS. With Exception of the Copper all Component Materials will be Made in Canada. EIGHTEEN-POUND SHELLS.

Much Trade That Formerly Was Supplied by the Germans in the Way of Forgings are Going to Nova Scotia Steel Company.

(Special to the Journal of Commerce.) New Glasgow, N.S., December 11.—"We have received from the War Department a second order for shells three times the size of the first order," was the initial information given yesterday in an interview with Mr. Thomas Cantley, first member of the Shell Committee.

If this order is three times the size of the first order, then the new order must be for 600,000 of the eighteen-pound shells.

"This second order is at a much lower price," continued Col. Cantley, "for we had to meet a competitive price this time. Another feature of this order is that it is for what is called 'fixed ammunition,' that is, it includes not only the shell bodies but the brass cases and the cordite as well, in fact, every part and portion of the complete shell ready for use in the gun."

This lot will be a "Made-in-Canada" shell, as Canada will furnish all the materials which go to make it up with the single exception of the copper for which we will have to go outside. Those who will produce the cordite and the brass cases for these shells are already adding to their buildings and plants to accommodate the new line, and the assembling contractors are preparing for the portion of the work.

In answer to our next question he informed us that the new order was for eighteen-pound shells only.

Then switching off on business conditions in general as he found them, he stated that things were looking better and a more hopeful feeling was prevalent. The steel trade was growing brighter also.

According to information which we received the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company is already reaching out and embracing certain markets in the Old Country which were formerly catered to by German industry.

"Yes, we have already received orders for a considerable tonnage of large forgings from the Old Country which were before the war manufactured in Germany, owing to the fact that the German steel trade has been put out of business by the war," he said.

"We have at present two men on the other side, one in Great Britain and the other in France, looking into conditions, watching opportunities and measuring up the size of the field, one representative of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company, and another in the interests of the Eastern Car Company, and we have already had some results from the visit of the first man and hope for more from the same source and also hope for some business in railway rolling stock."

"These shell orders will distribute about eight millions of dollars in various portions of Canada in wages, for it is practically all labor," he continued, "for as I have said before every single item is made out of Canadian raw products except the copper."

"That then will mean much to an industrial centre such as this?" we said. "Certainly," was the reply, "at least three-quarters of a million dollars of that amount will be distributed right here."

Mr. Cantley informed us that he would return again on Thursday and take up once more his duties on the Shell Committee.

We have learned that as time goes on the duties imposed on the Shell Committee are daily increasing and other lines akin to shell making are being taken up.

At present they are experimenting on trench digging shovels and on plating for motor cars. Col. Cantley informed us that the present order for shells had to be completed according to the contract by the end of May, 1915.

We have also learned, on good authority, that the Shell Committee has been asked to supply 30,000 swords for the Indian army, which in itself means a large amount of work, all of which will be the product of Canadian industry, and this Sword Committee and Shell Committee has undertaken to fill.

ABSTAIN FROM BUSINESS ON EVE OF STOCK EXCHANGE OPENING

New York, December 11.—On the eve of the opening of the Stock Exchange for restricted trading, the lending institutions are inclined to abstain from doing business, and this circumstance, combined with somewhat better bidding, is imparting a steadier undertone to the market.

Rates, however, show no change from the preceding day. A few loans have been negotiated for the shorter periods at 4 per cent. For other maturities the quotation is 4 1/2 per cent.

INCREASE COMPENSATION OF RAILWAYS CARRYING MAILS. Chicago, December 11.—A Washington special says that the Post Office Committee will include provisions increasing compensation of railroads for carrying mail about \$2,000,000 by changing the base of compensation from weight to space in the appropriation bill, which it will report for action next week.

FIRE PUTS MANY OUT OF WORK. Pittston, Pa., December 11.—E. W. Ewing, breaker and washer at Port Griffith, owned by the Pennsylvania Coal Company, was burned to-day, causing a loss of \$300,000, and throwing 2,500 persons out of work.

C. ST. L. AND N. O. ISSUE OVER-SUBSCRIBED. New York, December 11.—The \$5,000,000 Chicago, St. Louis and New Orleans 5 per cent equipment trust certificates guaranteed by Illinois Central Railway, which were offered by Kuhn, Loeb and Company this morning have been heavily over-subscribed for, and subscription list has been closed.

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SAFEGUARDING THE INTERESTS OF THE FOX RAISING INDUSTRY.

(Special to Journal of Commerce.) Charlottetown, P. E. I., December 11.—At the annual meeting of the Island Fox Breeders' Association, arrangements were made for a convention to be held in Charlottetown to draw up legislation to promote and safeguard the interests of the fox industry.

The executive committee have decided to take immediate steps to correct false impressions abroad regarding the business, the publicity to be carried out through leading newspapers, the committee acting in conjunction with the publicity agent.

DRESDEN AT SANTA CRUZ REPORT. Montevideo, Uruguay, December 11.—The German cruiser, the Dresden, is reported to have taken refuge in the Argentine port of Santa Cruz in a badly damaged condition, according to a wireless message received here. If this is true, the Dresden will probably be interned there until the end of the war.

NIAGARA FALLS DEBENTURES. Niagara Falls, Ont., December 11.—The city has decided to accept the bid of Wood, Gundy Company, Toronto, for the \$25,000 debentures, at a price of \$1.538 paying the brokers half of one per cent. for floating the issue. The bonds bear interest at 5 per cent.

BAR SILVER AT NEW YORK. New York, December 11.—Handy and Harman quote silver 56 cents; London bar silver 23 1/4d.

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