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ALLIES LESSEN GERMAN FORCES IN WESTERN THEATRE OF WAR BY TWO FULL BATTALIONS

Whole Brigade of Enemy In Attack on Trenches on Jan. 25

Not Very Cheery News For Kaiser on His Birthday — German Aeroplane Brought Down Within Lines of the Belgian Army

Paris, Jan. 27.—The French War Office this afternoon reported as follows: In the region of Ypres and Ypres there were artillery engagements yesterday. A German aeroplane was brought down within the lines of the Belgian army. Statements made by prisoners establish the fact that it was not a battalion, but a brigade which, on January 25, attacked our trenches to the east of Ypres. The enemy lost in this affair what amounted to a battalion and a half of men.

"It has been confirmed today that near LaBassee, Givenchy and Gudinchy the Germans yesterday suffered a great check. On the road from LaBassee to Bethune, the bodies of six officers and 400 men were found. "The losses of the Germans consequently must represent at least two full battalions. "From Lens to Soissons yesterday saw artillery fighting. In the region of Craonne we maintained ourselves in the trenches captured by us during our counter attacks of January 25. "In the region of Perthes, at Hill No. 200, four violent attacks on the part of the enemy have been repulsed. "In the Argonne, in the vicinity of St. Hubert, a German attack was repulsed with the bayonet. "At St. Mihiel we destroyed new foot-bridges thrown by the enemy over the Meuse. "Yesterday passed quietly in Lorraine and in the Vosges."

GREAT WELCOME FOR THE LION

London, Jan. 27.—Most of the wars hips engaged in Sunday's naval battle in the North Sea have returned home. The Lion, the flagship of Sir David Beatty, was the last of the battle cruisers to arrive. She returned on Tuesday morning when the Arcturion, the Laurel, some of the destroyers and the battle cruisers Tiger, Princess Royal, Indomitable and New Zealand were already at their moorings.

RUSSIANS DRIVE BACK THE ENEMY

Petrograd, Jan. 27.—The general staff of the Russian army today gave out a report on the progress of the fighting which reads as follows: "In the Pskov region our troops took the offensive January 25, and drove all the detachments of the enemy who opposed them, back toward the line from Malvishchen to Lasdenen. During this operation we dislodged them from many of their positions after fighting at the point of the bayonet. "On the right bank of the river Vistula, there have been advance guard engagements of minor importance. A fusillade was reported January 25 on this locality, and in the vicinity of Vyschprov the line of our artillery has demolished a lookout post. On the left bank of the Vistula the Germans made several fresh efforts to assume the offensive, particularly near the villages of Borjimow and Goumine, and in the evening of January 24 and the afternoon of January 25, but each time they were driven back with serious losses. In the vicinity of the villages of Grabskieboudy and Rouda, to the northeast of Skierniowice, our fire reduced two German batteries to silence. "In Galicia the activity of the enemy has increased on the front between Casidok, Oujok, Nijeweretzki and Mladank, where the enemy in addition to his artillery fire, made other endeavors to operate on the offensive. He was, however, everywhere driven back. We took prisoners three officers and about 300 soldiers. "There have been no important changes in the Bukowina. ZEPPELINS DESTROYED "On January 25 a German Zeppelin flew over Libau and threw down mine bombs. "These missiles however did not do any damage. The Zeppelin then returned toward the frontier. At a point near Virgine our artillerymen succeeded in hitting this airship. She fell into the water. Light gunboats went out from Libau and finished her destruction. "Her crew of seven men were taken prisoners."

GERMAN COMMANDER IN AFRICA KILLED

Capetown via London, Jan. 27.—Admiral here state that Colonel Seyderbreck commanding the German forces in German Southwest Africa, has been killed at Windhoek. He was examining hand grenades when one of them was accidentally exploded and caused his death. AUSTRILIANS SAY THEY ARE SUCCESSFUL Vienna, Jan. 27.—An official Austrian communication reports successes in the fighting in the passes leading into north eastern and northwestern Hungary. The statement follows: "In the valleys of Ung, Latorca and Nagy-Zamos, the enemy has been forced to evacuate some important heights, after repeated and fruitless counter-attacks, which cost the enemy heavy losses."

ST. LUKE'S SOLDIERS

St. Luke's church now has no fewer than forty-seven men of the congregation serving in the colors. Two are on the fighting line. Eleven are at Salisbury Plain, twelve are in training in Fredericton or Halifax, and twenty-two are with the 26th battalion, or the A. S. C. in St. John. Those who are still in St. John were the guests at a reception given in their honor in the school room last evening. A knapsack prayer book was given to each man. Captain Frank Elliott, on behalf of the men, thanked the church for the gifts.

THE KAISER'S BIRTHDAY

New York, Jan. 27.—The fleet of German liners tied up at their docks in Hoboken, N. J., blossomed out today with German and American flags, and with red, white and black bunting in observance of Emperor William's birthday. Berlin, Jan. 27.—Two birthday decrees of amnesty were issued by Emperor William today, the fifty-sixth anniversary of his birth. One releases the active military from the disciplinary punishment inflicted upon them by court martial within a period of six months' imprisonment; the other annuls the prosecution of soldiers for offenses committed previous to the receipt of their call to arms.

AMSTERDAM, JAN. 27.—A telegram from Berlin, announces that General Von Buelow, commander-in-chief of the German second army, has been appointed a field marshal-general, and General Von Einem, commander-in-chief of the third army, has been promoted to the full rank of general.

LADIES OF DEMONTS CHAPTER HAVE TEA AND SALE IN McAVITY'S

New Rooms Placed at Disposal and Attractive Affair is Conducted

Attractively decorated with the flag of the Allies and with cut flowers, the new show-rooms of T. McAvity & Sons, in King street, were opened this afternoon with a tea and sale in aid of the Canadian Patriotic Fund conducted by the members of the Demonts Chapter, Daughters of the Empire. Tea was served from four to six o'clock with Harrison's orchestra in attendance, furnished by McArdy & Sons, who also provided the decorations. The arrangements were in the care of a capable committee headed by Mrs. Arthur W. Adams, regent of the chapter. She was assisted in receiving this afternoon by Mrs. G. K. McLeod and Mrs. F. E. Seyre. Mrs. L. E. Tilley was convener of the tea committee, and Mrs. D. P. Chisholm had charge of the tea tables. The book tables were in charge of Mrs. F. C. Jones and Mrs. J. U. Thomas, while Mrs. Simon Jones, Mrs. Botwick, and Mrs. W. E. Foster were in attendance at the chance booth. There was a fortune teller, whose name was not disclosed, but whose booth was a popular centre. Miss Laura Hazel and Miss Mabel Smith had charge of a guessing contest, and Miss Elizabeth Furlong of the coffee table. The affair promises to be a distinctive success.

SALE OF QUEBEC AND ST. JOHN RY. CO. EFFECTS TO SATISFY JUDGMENT

Matter of Thos. Nagle of St. John — Charles Parker of Sheffield Dead

Fredricton, N. B., Jan. 27.—The furniture and office fixtures of the Quebec and St. John Railway Co. were sold at auction this morning to satisfy a judgment obtained at the suit of Thomas Nagle of St. John. They were bid in by Ross Thompson for \$4,800 for \$181. R. B. Hanson, acting for the Sharkey estate, put in a claim against the furniture for rent. An automobile belonging to the company was purchased by W. J. McAlary of St. John, acting for the liquidators, for \$446. It is subject to a claim of \$170 for garage expenses. Directors of the Fredricton Board of Trade last evening organized for the coming year. A. D. Palmer was re-elected president. Charles Parker, Sheffield's oldest resident, died this morning, aged eighty-seven. He leaves his wife, two sons and one daughter. Mrs. Ellen Monahan died at her home here this morning from pneumonia. She leaves one daughter, Miss Mary. H. P. Timmerman, industrial commissioner of the C. E. R., is here today.

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE PAGES DEFICIT; SENDS OUT COLLECTOR

At a special meeting of the board of management of the Seamen's Mission Society yesterday afternoon, the finance committee reported that the institute faced a deficit on account of the cancelling of the city grant of \$250 in addition to loss of receipts from concerts on passenger steamers. The members of the committee expressed great dissatisfaction with the action of the commissioners in withdrawing the grant. It was decided to appeal to the public for greater support to enable the institute to continue its work. W. Rae Wilson was appointed collector and he will start at once on his duties.

LILY LAKE

The recent rains have cleared the ice. A separate room has been provided for the ladies in the skaters' shelter. The management have decided to charge the school children half price for checking their books, etc., on school days, and Saturday mornings. The ice will be cleared of snow after each storm when it is possible. The skating is free.

Spain To Help At Finish

Ex-Ambassador Advises Line-up With Allies

BEST WAY TO END WAR

Madrid, Jan. 27.—A cable from Madrid to the Tribune says: "Senor Perez Caballero, former ambassador of Spain in Paris, declared in an interview today that the best interests of Spain required a firm policy of armed neutrality for the present time, but with the intention of joining the allies at the most convenient moment. Judging from the present situation, he said, it was impossible for Germany to win eventually, and that, as Germany would not listen to peace proposals until she was defeated, the only way to end the war in a reasonable time was to support the allies and keep them in the moment for decisive action arrived."

KINGS COUNTY COUNCIL

Sussex Objects to Proportion of Assessment But Requests Are Refused

Hampton, N. B., Jan. 27.—At this morning's session of the Kings county council the newly revised and consolidated by-laws were approved and the lists of parish officers approved. It was resolved to memorialize the government to amend the act providing for the appointment of commissioners of the municipal home so as to admit of commissioners being appointed by the municipality. A strong delegation from Sussex complained of the rate of assessment on the town property as compared with the rate levied on the surrounding areas. The council decided not to comply with either request. It was ordered that 4000 copies of the revised by-laws be published in a pamphlet. The following assessments were ordered: For municipal home \$68, for pauper lunatics, \$22; for each lunatic \$11.11 for contingent fund, \$7,500; for school fund \$6,250. No action was taken on the proposal of the government to increase the grant to institutions for the blind in Nova Scotia.

THIRTY YEARS YESTERDAY

SAW FALL OF KHARTOUM AND DEATH OF GENERAL GORDON

The Day Marked by Demonstration Before His Statue in London

Montreal, Jan. 27.—A London cable to the Gazette says:—The thirtieth anniversary of the fall of Khartoum and the death of General Gordon was marked yesterday by the floral decoration of the Gordon statue in Trafalgar Square together with a demonstration by the scouts from the Boys' Home which he founded. The fact that Egypt once more menaced revived interest in the anniversary and large crowds assembled around the statue, which became a recruiting centre for its day.

FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

United States Government Bringing Together Employers and Men Out of Work

Washington, Jan. 27.—Employers of labor and employment seekers throughout the country will be brought together through the establishment of a federal employment bureau by the department of labor. Both the post office and agricultural departments are assisting in the plan, which aims at putting employers and employees in touch with each other without cost to either. Agents of both departments have been given blanks that applications may be made in any locality.

MEDAL PRESENTED TO LOCAL INTERCOLONIAL MAN

After a creditable record of some thirty years in the employ of the I. C. R. as night watchman, John Middleton was today the recipient of a long service medal. The presentation was made this morning in the office of L. R. Ross, terminal agent. Mr. Middleton enjoys the best wishes of numerous friends for continued good health and happiness. He has been a faithful employee. He retired about six months ago, with superannuation.

AUSTRALIA PLANS A RIFLE RESERVE OF HALF MILLION

Sydney, Australia, Jan. 27.—The Australian government announced today that it had a plan for the formation of a rifle reserve of half a million men, which may be used in Europe if the war is prolonged.

BRITISH COMMISSION SEEK MODEL AMBULANCE

London, Jan. 27.—This is the first great war in which field motor ambulances have been used extensively. It was inevitable that many defects should be found in existing types, and experts began to ask whether something could be done to standardize the patterns and to improve the type. A commission has been formed and the names of members show that the matter is regarded as of first importance by those most concerned about the welfare of the wounded soldier.

Close Remount Depot Soon

That Is Report in Military Circles Today—Governor To Inspect Overseas Troops Here

The remount depots at St. John and Halifax will probably be closed within a few days. Horses are now about 400 horses at the local station, while there are a few hundred more at Halifax, many of which it is expected, will be the best condition for ocean shipment. Captain Grepe, who has been in charge of the remount activities in these parts since the outbreak of war, will leave in a day or two for Halifax to close the depot there, and he may possibly have the horses from that place brought to St. John.

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A Veteran Skater On The Ice Last Night

Just to show the gay young blades what an old-timer could do, Josiah Fowler, aged seventy-eight years, went down to Victoria Park last evening, spent the evening on his skates on the ice, and won a match race. The speed was not terrific, but the way the veteran glided around the rink was good to see. It was Mr. Fowler who protested against an age limit by the Home Guard, on the ground that he did not propose to be shut out. There should be a lot of inspiration for young men in the example of Mr. Fowler.

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