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THREE GERMAN CRUISERS AND TWO DESTROYERS PROBABLY LOST

GERMANS REPEL ENEMY ATTACK MADE ON LINE

Severe German Onslaughts Driven Back at Soissons, Craonne and Argonne.

CASUALTIES ENORMOUS

Five of Kaiser's Regiments Left Thousand Dead on Field at La Creute Alone.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. PARIS, Jan. 27.—Nothing has been heard of the military venture which it was reported the Germans were preparing for Emperor William's birthday, unless their attacks on the French at Ypres and on the British at La Bassée were intended as such. All the official accounts agree that these attacks were very severe ones, but beyond this there is nothing in common between the accounts of the allies and the Germans concerning the fighting.

ATTACKS ON FRENCH LINES

Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to The Toronto World. PARIS, Jan. 27.—Violent attacks were made on the French lines at several points today, in which the French generally repulsed the enemy. At La Creute, near Craonne, where an old quarry used as a magazine and storehouse was blocked by a hand-to-hand battle, the Germans used a storm of machine projectiles, which blocked the retreat of two companies of troops, who were captured by the enemy. This advance enabled the enemy to penetrate the Foulon wood and render some trenches untenable. The French delivered sharp counter-attacks and regained a good part of the lost ground, capturing prisoners belonging to five regiments of the enemy and forcing him to leave 1000 dead on the field. The presence of so many German units in this field indicates their presence in great force on these parts of the long battle line.

A BANK'S HOUSE-WARNING

The Dominion Bank had its real house-warming yesterday, when the annual meeting was held in the new building at Toronto's main corner, for many years the site of the bank's head office. It was, probably, the best-attended bank meeting ever held in the city, shareholders being present from all over Ontario and some from Winnipeg and Montreal. On the head office floor, up at the top, there was the big assembly room for the meeting, and later on the new kitchen and restaurant wing, on the flat below, for the start of the shareholders' luncheon. The guests were shown thru the basement flat, devoted to the savings bank branch and vaults; the main city banking flat, and the two flats on the top, devoted to head office staff, assembly room, etc. There were some at the meeting yesterday who remembered the modest beginning of the bank, who had seen its steady growth, and its now prominent and still expanding position. Next to its successful business record, the Dominion's two best assets are its name and its location at Toronto's centre, where it has one of the most complete establishments of its kind in America.

THE QUAKER GIRL

The bright and delightful English musical comedy, "The Quaker Girl," always a favorite in Toronto, will be at the Princess Theatre next week with the usual Wednesday and Saturday matinees. Seats for the engagement are on sale at the theatre.

Roumanian War Loan Is Financed in London

Twenty-five Millions to Be Advanced by Bank of England for Purchase of War Materials Under Agreement Signed Yesterday.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—An agreement was signed in London today for the loan of \$5,000,000 (\$25,000,000) to Roumania. The money will be advanced by the Bank of England to the Bank of Roumania against Roumanian treasury bills. The loan is a result of the visit to London of the Roumanian finance commissioner. It is understood that Roumania will use the money for the purchase of war materials.

KAISER'S BIRTHDAY SOLEMN OCCASION

Berlin Observed Event by Holding Religious Services—Eulogies in Press.

SUCCESS PREDICTED TO REVERT TO OLD ACT

Count Zeppelin Sails With New Dirigible to Pay Respects to Sovereign.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—Emperor William's birthday was celebrated with enthusiasm in Berlin today, although with a degree of solemnity which would not have been expected in times of peace. A Reuter despatch from Amsterdam transmits a telegram from Berlin describing the celebration. The city was decked with flags. Members of the diplomatic corps, court officials and representatives of the state and municipal governments attended the services at the cathedral. Crown Princess Cecilie and Prince August Wilhelm attended the service and were cheered enthusiastically. A reception was held later in the city hall. The emperor's birthday was celebrated generally in the other cities of the empire.

WHOLESALE DISMISSALS OF HOEDEIA OFFICIALS

Strict Orders Given to New Men Concerning the Treatment of Foreigners.

DIRIGIBLE SALUTES KAISER

GENEVA, via Paris, Jan. 27, 6 p.m.—The new and fastest Zeppelin dirigible balloon yet constructed, fully equipped for war, and with it is stated, Count Zeppelin aboard, left Friedrichshafen this morning in fine weather for the purpose of saluting Emperor William on his birthday. The dirigible subsequently will join the North Sea aerial fleet.

EMPEROR'S ABDICATION IS AGAIN RUMORED

Dual Monarchy's Ruler Cannot Agree With Views of Kaiser.

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BRITISH FORCE ROUTED TURKS LOSSES HEAVY

Enemy Were Driven Across Ratta Canal and Camps Shelled.

VICTORS' LOSSES LIGHT

British Casualties About Fifty—Constantinople Report Mere Fabrication.

TO DEFER ELECTION TILL PEACE COMES

No Dissolution of British Parliament Till War is Over, Says Whip.

TO REVERT TO OLD ACT

Government Has Power to Repeal Five Year Clause in New Measure.

DJEMAL PASHA AT HEAD OF INVADING TURKS

Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to The Toronto World. ATHENS, Jan. 27.—Djemal Pasha, former Turkish minister of marine, has been given command of the Turkish army which is advancing against Egypt.

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THE KAISER'S SMILE

GERMANS ACQUIRING NICKEL PROPERTIES?

Agent Makes Deal at Sudbury Involving Half Million Dollars.

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Prisoners Reported Sinking of Kolberg and Plight of Seydlitz and Derflinger Was Desperate When Pursuit Was Abandoned—Two Destroyers in Sinking Condition.

SHOT STRUCK LION'S FEED TANKS AND PREVENTED GREATER SUCCESS

Lion and Tiger, First to Overhaul Enemy, Met Concentrated Fire and Were Temporarily Crippled—British Officers and Men Lived Up to Traditions.

(BRITISH OFFICIAL)

LONDON, Jan. 27, 11.56 p.m.—The admiralty have received the following preliminary telegraphic report from Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty, regarding the naval action between the British and German squadrons in the North Sea on Sunday:

"A flotilla of destroyers, patrolling about 7.50 o'clock in the morning, sighted and attacked the enemy, whose force, according to the reports received, consisted of four battle cruisers, six light cruisers and some destroyers. Their position when sighted was approximately 14 miles east southeast of our battle cruiser squadron.

"Orders were given by signal to the destroyer flotilla to chase the enemy and to report their movements. As it appeared that they had at once commenced to retire to the east southeast, the battle cruisers were directed to steer southeast, with a view to securing the lee position and to cutting the enemy off if possible. The situation developed by degrees into a stern chase.

"Speed was worked up to 28 or 29 knots and the enemy were gradually being overhauled. At about 18,000 yards a slow and deliberate fire was opened, and we began to hit at a range of 17,000 yards. Our fire was returned by the enemy.

"The rest of the squadron were directed to attack the rear of the enemy. The Lion, with escort, steered to the northwest, steaming with one engine, and I transferred my flag to one of the destroyers, and subsequently to the Princess Royal. Thru the damage to the Lion's feed tank by an unfortunate chance shot, we were undoubtedly deprived of a greater victory. The presence of the enemy's submarines subsequently necessitated the action being broken off.

"The result of the action was that the Blucher was sunk and two other battle cruisers were heavily on fire and seriously damaged. The German prisoners reported also that the Kolberg had been sunk by our salvoes from our squadron.

"Subsequently the starboard engines of the Lion also developed trouble from the same cause as the port engines and the Indomitable took her in tow and brought her into port. The damage to the Lion and the Tiger is in neither case serious, and repairs can be completed in a short time. The remainder of the squadron were not hit.

"The casualties were very slight. The death of Engineer Captain Taylor, whose services have been invaluable, is deeply regretted. The great credit is due to the engine room staffs for the fine steaming of the squadron.

"According to a trustworthy authority the condition of the German battle cruisers Seydlitz and Derflinger when the pursuit was abandoned owing to the approach of the German mine fields, was desperate in the extreme. The Derflinger was reported to have been torpedoed by a British destroyer, and it was considered questionable whether she would be able to reach the safety of the mine fields.

"The battering of the German ships was said by this authority to have been rather understated than exaggerated. Two of the German destroyers, it was asserted, were so badly damaged by the British fire that they could not long remain afloat.

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LONDON, Jan. 27.—The South African rebels under Col. Maritz, who were overwhelmingly defeated in a second attack on Upington yesterday, were despatched from Cape Town. The force under Col. Maritz, the last of the rebels in the Union of South Africa made their escape into German territory after their defeat on Oct. 27, and the border into Bechuanaland on Monday. It was their first aggressive movement since that time.

The fire of the Cape artillery was magnificent. Nine of the rebels were killed and the rest surrendered.