

RUSSIA IS HOLDING GERMANS STRONGLY AND WIN ADVANTAGE

Heavy Losses Have Been Inflicted in Recent Fighting.

Emperor Nicholas Joins the Forces at the Battle Front.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Times' correspondent telegraphs from Petrograd: "Operations of the Germans on the front at Sochaczew Rawa, on Christmas Day, slackened at all points except on the right. This looks as if they were seriously alarmed for the safety of their flank."

"Heavy guns, including 11-inch howitzers, have been brought up by the Germans near Sochaczew and Rawa. Russian critics consider this attempt at intimidation, a very risky one. "Describing the action near Bolimow, on the Rawa, the Novoye Vremya correspondent writes that when the Germans left the trenches in order to carry out a night attack, the fire of a Russian battery and machine guns mounted on automobiles, ignited a forest and the German lines after a short struggle against the flames, fled in an easy march, and men were mown down as if it were daylight. Russian riflemen then leaped out of their trenches and counter-attacked with bayonets, inflicting heavy losses."

"Upwards of 100 German bodies were collected at dawn and the survivors taken prisoners. The enemy were hurled back on their three lines of trenches. The Russians captured two battalions and eight machine guns. The prisoners taken at Bolimow are typical Prussians, tall and strong. Many were wearing the silver helmets of the Prussian Guards."

THE GERMAN PLANS. The Daily Mail's correspondent wires from Petrograd as follows: "The question that is being discussed eagerly to-day is: 'Have the Germans changed their plans. Both of their flanking operations, the one in east Prussia and the other in the Carpathians having failed, they have been reduced during the last ten days to frontal attacks which caused them alarming losses."

"What the Germans can do instead of making frontal attacks of this disastrous kind is not suggested, but the arrival behind their front of 11-inch guns may point to a new development. Guns of this calibre are of no great use for open field fighting. The Russians used them at Muiden. At first their effect on Mora was slightly noticeable, but it soon was lost. There are no fortified places here for the Germans to bombard."

"The next few days probably will show whether Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has anything up his sleeve."

EMPEROR THERE. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A cable from London to The Herald, says: "Emperor Nicholas has joined Grand Duke Nicholas at the Russian field headquarters at the front. He signalled his entry to the field of operations by withdrawing their infantry along the Buzra and Rawa Rivers into their protective works and launching a violent artillery attack against the opposing positions. The spectacular features of the battle in Poland are thus transferred to the line of the Pilica, further south where Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is directing an offensive in force, and where both sides say they have inflicted heavy losses."

While extremely severe, the weather along the Pilica has not been sufficiently cold to cover the river with ice thick enough for transport, and the occasional days of comparative warmth have left the country in a condition, which almost prevents all heavy baggage movement. The result has been a handicap for both armies, and the opposing commanders are hoping for the early appearance of the normal Polish winter, with its deep freezing. Solid ice over the rivers and streams, reports from the arena of fighting say, will eliminate a cause for numerous casualties since thousands of men have been either drowned or sent to hospitals suffering from pneumonia contracted by sudden immersion in the icy waters."

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LESSON TAUGHT IN THE UNIQUE NAVAL BATTLE

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The expedition to Heligoland and Schilling road is largely commented on this morning. The Daily Express says: "It will not greatly encourage the Germans or lend them added confidence in their Zeppelins and submarines, so frequently advertised as a means of destroying England utterly."

The Daily Telegraph considers the exploits "the most remarkable yet recorded in the history of aeronautics. As an extension of sea power there is," it adds, "an attractive suggestion of novelty in underwater craft bringing to safety the pilots of aircraft."

The Times says: "The combination of air craft, surface craft and underwater craft attack and of Zeppelins, seaplanes and submarines in defence, the refusal of German surface ships to come out and the success of British arms within some thirty miles of the Kiel canal gives to the Christmas Day battle an interest and significance of its own."

The Daily Graphic says: "Not the least interesting points are the apparently contemptuous ease with which the much-vaunted Zeppelins were put to flight by the British."

The Morning Post says: "The account seems to show that the Zeppelins can be driven away by ship's guns, that it is not easy to drop bombs from Zeppelins to hit moving ships, and that against a ship's movement submarines may be unable to discharge torpedoes with effect."

Submarine B 11 Again At Work in Dardanelles

ATHENS, Dec. 28.—It is reported that a British submarine entered the Dardanelles yesterday and destroyed three of the five series of mines which had been laid in the channel. The submarine was not seen by the gunners at the forts and escaped undamaged. On December 14, the British submarine B11, commanded by Lieut. Holbrook, dived under five lines of mines in the Dardanelles and torpedoed the Turkish battleship Mesudiyeh, which sank shortly afterwards. The B11 escaped. For this brilliant exploit Lieut. Holbrook received the Victoria Cross.

MANY WOUNDED

Were Brought From the Lines on Flanders Christmas Day.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A London Daily Express despatch dated on the Belgian frontier, Sunday to The New York Herald, says: "After its Christmas festivities the German army in Flanders again went to the front in a desperate effort to prevent the allies from gaining fresh ground and to retake the trenches already lost."

Men wounded by shrapnel on Christmas Day, were arriving at hospitals in Bruges yesterday. The report is that a cause for numerous casualties since thousands of men have been either drowned or sent to hospitals suffering from pneumonia contracted by sudden immersion in the icy waters. The Russians apparently have again gained ascendancy over the Austrians in South Poland and Galicia. The Austrians themselves admit the loss of towns of Kaslo and Krosno, on the South Galician railway, which their army took across the Carpathians captured a week or more ago. The Russian report last night is the record of a series of victories from Mid-

FOUR ARRESTS. REGINA, Sask., Dec. 28.—Four arrests have been made in connection with the theft of \$871 from government paymasters Cameron and Campbell, while at Gull Lake Hotel. It is stated sensational developments are expected.

Belgians Succeeded In Taking 3,000 German Prisoners

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Dec. 20.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail in Northern France says: "The Belgian army has won a success that is the more valuable for being a revenge for the reverse endured on the same ground early in November. As a result of five days' continuous work, not so much in the way of fighting as in sapping and crawling toward the enemy, they made between two and three thousand German prisoners."

"This considerable success was won near Lombaertzyde, just north of Nieupoort. The Germans were holding a line of entrenchments, one wing of which was somewhat exposed and unsupported by other troops. The Belgian commander realized that this wing was left in the air and gave him a chance. While part of his force kept up a vigorous attack on the enemy's front, another was detailed to work against the exposed flank."

"Sapping here, and taking advantage of a natural ditch or a rise in the ground, the Belgians at last reached a position from which a sudden surprise attack could be launched. At last the moment came. The Belgians sprang out simultaneously from the intrenchments in front and from their cover on the flank, charged toward the enemy's trenches and took them by surprise."

"There was a moment of indecision and suddenly the Germans surrendered as the triumphant Belgians converging from two sides stopped with their bayonets at their very chests."

WILL DESTROY FLEET WHICH WON'T COME OUT--BRITISH PLAN

[By Special Wire to the Courier] NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A cable to the Herald from Amsterdam says: "Telegrams received by the newspapers from the British serial said on Cuxhaven, but they all describe the amazement and confusion produced by the sudden and unexpected blow administered by the navy. Despite the fact that the official report, the only one available states that the British attempt was absolutely futile and had no military or naval significance, it is easy to read between the lines of the communique that the British bombs were most destructive. What surprises the Germans, is the daring

of the British cruiser, Force, which succeeded in coming through the mine field to the mouth of the Elbe. The general feeling now is that England has decided to wait no longer for the German fleet to come out, a proceeding which has hitherto been prudently postponed for obvious reasons but intends attacking decisively. There is a foreboding that Admiral Von Tirpitz's childish scheme of forcing England to make peace without having risked Germany's best ships, already is shattered in pieces. The Cuxhaven has been useful as a forerunner of the coming inevitable destruction of the German fleet in German waters."

IN EVERY WARD, THE FIELD OF ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES IS A VERY POTENTIAL AFFAIR

The following are the aldermanic candidates nominated to-day. In every ward, apparently, there will be a contest. In Ward Two the Courier, on Saturday failed to mention the name of Ald. J. W. English as a candidate this year. The omission was unintentional. Mr. English, who has made an excellent representative, is again standing this year, his friends will be glad to know. The nominations are as follows:

- For Alderman Ward One SAMUEL SUDDABY—93 Oxford St., grocer and butcher.—Nominated by C. L. Brown and Reginald Welsh. GRANT JARVIS—Colborne St., furniture dealer.—Nominated by C. L. Brown and W. J. Mallaney. REGINALD WELSH—50 Brant St., grocer and butcher.—Nominated by F. Jarvis and Wm. Mallaney. GEORGE HAVILAND—61 Brant St., real estate agent.—Nominated by Grant Jarvis and Chas. L. Browne. THOS. QUINLAN—83 Dufferin Ave., gentleman.—Nominated by Geo. W. Havilandy and James Fraser. FRANK J. CALBECK—4 Jarvis St., Merchant tailor.—Nominated by M. B. Cutcliffe and James Fraser. PHILIP H. SCORD—115 Dufferin Ave., Contractor.—Nominated by M. B. Cutcliffe and F. J. Calbeck. JAMES H. HURLEY—Lorne Crescent, printer.—Nominated by A. G. Montgomery and Thomas Quinlan. ERNEST R. KEID—14 Dufferin Ave., barrister.—Nominated by L. E. Percy and Jas. H. Hurley. FREDERICK E. MORRISON—117-119 Oxford St., druggist.—Nominated by Grant Jarvis and Chas. L. Browne. JOHN WILDEIS Brant St., Supt. Packing House.—Nominated by Arthur O. Secord and L. E. Percy. Ward Two STEPHEN PETTIT FITCHER, real estate agent, 111 William Street.—Nominated by R. E. Ryerson and Irwin S. Armstrong. JOSEPH HENRY MINSHALL, builder, 107 William Street.—Nominated by Edward S. Orr, and seconded by Chas. H. Read. JOHN WILLIAM ENGLISH, contractor, 13 Princess St.—Nominated by A. Scruton, and seconded by J. H. Minshall. GEO. HERMAN MCCANN, grocer, 15 Marlborough St.—Nominated by Geo. Woolams, and seconded by Irwin S. Armstrong. GEO. ALFRED WOOLAMS, painter, 45 Palace Street.—Nominated by Jos. D. Lowe, and seconded by W. T. Adams. ARTHUR ALVIN LISTER, druggist, 73 William Street.—Nominated by J. H. Minshall, and seconded by Irwin S. Armstrong. NATHANIEL D. NEIL, gentleman, 100 Brant Avenue.—Nominated by S. P. Fitcher, and J. H. Minshall. JOHN MCGRAW, contractor, 30 Ada

Avenue.—Nominated by L. E. Percy, and seconded by L. E. Gray. Ward Three WILLIAM MATTHEW CHARLTON, barrister-at-law.—Nominated by E. Cutmore, seconded by J. T. Burrows. THOS. E. RYERSON, merchant, 63 Brant Avenue.—Nominated by W. M. Charlton, seconded by Thos. S. Wade. JOHN S. DOWLING, insurance broker, 157 St. Paul's Avenue.—Nominated by T. E. Ryerson, and seconded by J. L. Anford. ARTHUR OLIVER SECORD, insurance broker, 12 Nelson Street.—Nominated by Rev. G. A. Heyd, seconded by W. J. Hollinrake, barrister, 44 Wellington Street.—Nominated by Edward G. Dunn, seconded by Edward Cutmore. MORRISON MCBRIDE, printer, 122 Alfred Street.—Nominated by F. J. Calbeck, seconded by W. A. Hollinrake. FRED C. HARP, grocer, Lorne Crescent.—Nominated by E. Cutmore, seconded by F. H. Goff. Ward Four W. H. FREEBORN, 128 Elgin St., manager.—Nominated by John W. English and seconded by Samuel Reynolds. JOHN WEDGEWOOD BOWLEY, 33 Dalhousie St.—Nominated by J. Walter and seconded by Robert Smith. —Nominated by J. J. Walter and seconded by Robert Smith. JOSEPH BRODABENT, 191 Murray St., merchant.—Nominated by Thomas Digby, seconded by Thos. Poulton. WALTER J. BRAGG, 178 Park Ave., auctioneer.—Nominated by George MacDonald and seconded by Robert Hunter. DAVID LYLE, 233 Drummond St., superintendent.—Nominated by H. W. Sterne and seconded by Leon Reynolds. GEORGE MACDONALD, 53 Peel St., merchant.—Nominated by John T. Walters and seconded by J. W. Bowley. MORRISON M. MACBRIDE, 122 Thos. Digby, seconded by James Humble. ANDREW LESLIE BAIRD, 218 Nelson St.—Nominated by Thomas Poulton and seconded by Jesse Bertie. WILLIAM J. ELLEN, corner of Brock and Chatham, grocer.—Nominated by Frank Waller and seconded by J. W. Edwards. ALBERT BURNS, 191 Drummond St., grocer.—Nominated by J. W. Edwards, and seconded by J. W. Bowley. Ward Five CHRISTOPHER GRESS, butcher,

an indisputable right to bombard such "military stations." "That women and children should lose their lives in consequence of such bombardment is, it says, "regrettable, but unavoidable, if they remain in such coast towns and are not placed in security by responsible officials." Admiral Schlieper, writing in The Lokal Anzeiger complains bitterly that Germans in their conduct of war, and especially of this war, have been far too considerate. The purely humane side of war receives far too much attention and they worry themselves about humanitarian matters when they ought to be conducting their campaigns with all possible rigour. He agrees with Admiral Von Tirpitz that German submarines must develop still further their activity and torpedo everything British that comes in their way. "England is choking Germany," he writes, "and under the circumstances everything is permissible."

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MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES ARE LINED UP TO-DAY FOR ANNUAL SCRAP AT THE POLLS, JAN. 4



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GERMAN WRITERS ARE IN FRENZIED STATE OF MIND AS WITNESS THESE ARTICLES

[By Special Wire to the Courier]

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A cable to the Tribune from London says: "The reply of the German press to the scathing comment of English newspapers on the recent raid on the Yorkshire coast, reveals the state of mind at which the Germans have now arrived. The Koelnische Zeitung may be cited as a characteristic instance. The journal is one of the organs of the foreign office, but it is impossible to know whether the article was inspired or not. The Koelnische Zeitung says that English newspapers lie as usual when they speak of a characteristic instance. The whole world knows, it states that Whitley has a coast guard station and a signal station, and that Scarborough has a coast guard station. According to German belief all coast guardmen are liable to be called upon to serve in the navy and the German journal adds that an enemy has consequently

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Mayor Spence Receives Acclamation for Second Year Term.

Many Candidates Lined Up For Board of Education.

The quietest nomination for municipal honors in years was held this morning at the city hall. Although there was quite a gathering present, there was no stir in any part of the proceedings, and the result was that Mayor Spence received an acclamation for a second term. Geo. Wedlake was elected for two years to the Hydro Electric Board, two candidates were nominated for the Water Commission and a plethora of front runners were named for the nine seats on the Board of Education. A. G. Montgomery and Samuel Burnley were the nominees for Water Commissioners, the chairman, John Fair, holding his seat for another year, but the papers for Mr. Burnley were not handed in. Consequently, Mr. Montgomery was elected by acclamation. Nine members of the Board of Education are to be elected, the leading five to hold office for two years and the remaining four for one year. That there will be withdrawals from the field is assured, but it looks very much as if an election will be held, as double the number of candidates required to be lined up for election must withdraw by 5 o'clock to-morrow night, otherwise their names will go on the ballot paper. In the matter of aldermanic and other offices, qualification papers must be presented to the city clerk before 9 p.m. Tuesday.

Contrary to precedent, the City Clerk did not preside this morning over an after-meeting. Short addresses were, however, delivered by Mayor Spence, whose acclamation was popularly received by all present. The Mayor returned thanks for the honor, and believed, after it had been accorded him in such a way, that the majority of the ratepayers felt that he had arisen conscientiously to fulfill the duties of the office. At any rate he would continue to do the best he could to merit approval.

The tenor of Mr. A. G. Montgomery's remarks was that he liked the job of being water commissioner, and appreciated its responsibility. He admitted that ill-health had kept him out of the city months at a time, but was sure that his friends were pleased that he was present at his old self again. He would, if elected, give the best that was in him. Mr. Montgomery spoke strongly in support of the waterworks by-law.

Chairman John Fair was called upon, and spoke strongly for the by-law to raise \$100,000 for the waterworks. Necessary work had to be done, he declared, to meet necessary demands. The expenditure could not have been curtailed, as it would have impaired the efficiency of the plant. Where the work is completed there will be a duplicate system, the capacity of the galleries being more than doubled. Mr. Fair trusted that there would be no adverse vote to the by-law.

The proceedings then closed, and many present went off to the dilapidated wards to look after aldermanic nominations.

For Mayor J. H. SPENCE, manufacturer, Park Avenue.—Nominated by R. E. Ryerson and Thomas Hendry. (For one year, by acclamation.)

Hydro Commission GEORGE WEDLAKE, manufacturer.—Nominated by P. B. Ballachey and T. Hendry (Acclamation for two years.)

Water Commission A. G. MONTGOMERY, gentleman, 37 Dufferin Avenue.—Nominated by C. B. Heyd and E. R. Read. SAMUEL BURNLEY, gentleman, Marlborough street.—Nominated by I. Armstrong and J. H. Clement. (One to be elected for two years, as Mr. Burnley's papers were not presented. Mr. Montgomery was, therefore, elected by acclamation.)

Board of Education IRWIN S. ARMSTRONG, blacksmith, 83 Dundas street.—Nominated by W. F. Eastman and S. E. Fisher. ROBERT E. RYERSON, merchant, 31 William street.—Nominated by T. Hendry and C. H. Hartman. M. E. B. CUTCLIFFE, merchant, 93 Dufferin Avenue.—Nominated by R. E. Ryerson and P. F. Ballachey.

BUSINESS GOOD. WINNIPEG, Dec. 28.—The indication has not been during the Fall and early Winter so far below normal, is found in the fact that the Winnipeg Electric Railway is to-day writing cheques for shareholders to the amount of \$270,000. This is a quarterly distribution 3 per cent on common stock, amounting to \$9,000,000. (Continued on Page 5)