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## QUIET AT SOISSONS; BLOODY FIGHTING IN NORTH POLAND

Severe Fighting in Part of Western Front and Russians Win in Most Severe Conflict Yet in Mlawa and Vicinity

Paris, Jan. 19.—The French War Office this afternoon reported: "In Belgium there has been a snowstorm, and there have been also intermittent artillery exchanges at certain points. There was also a fall of snow yesterday in the region of Arras, where our heavy artillery on several occasions silenced the batteries of the enemy."

"As we set forth yesterday a fairly spirited engagement has been developing at La Boisselle, where, following the breaking out of several lines we were compelled during the night of January 17-18 to evacuate our positions. These, however, we recaptured on January 18 at daybreak. The enemy has not renewed his attacks on this part of our front."

"In the section of Soissons, the bombardment of the suburb of St. Paul during the night of January 17-18 was not followed by any infantry attack, and the day of January 18 passed in absolute calmness."

"In the valley of the Aisne, to the east of Soissons, and in the section of Rheims, there were, yesterday, artillery exchanges."

"To the northwest of Pont-A-Mousson, we yesterday occupied another field work of the enemy in the forest of Le Pretre, where we today occupied 500 yards of the trenches of the enemy."

"In the Vosges yesterday saw a snowstorm. Here also, there has been artillery fighting, particularly in Bas Du Sap, and in the neighborhood of Thann."

### BLOODY FIGHTING IN NORTH POLAND

Petrograd, Jan. 19.—The bloodiest fighting that has occurred in battle-racked Poland has been in progress in and around Mlawa, for four days. The ruins of the little north Polish town, practically destroyed by the artillery fire of the opposing Russian and German troops, on Sunday changed hands three times, but is now held by the Russians, who have thrown the German forces back toward the east Prussian border.

In southern Poland heavy reinforcements received by the Germans, have forced a change in the Russian front. After the Germans had burned the forest west of Kielce to drive out the Russian batteries posted there, the Czar's forces were withdrawn from Kielce as the position of that town was of no strategic advantage.

### MANY FRESH BRITISH TROOPS AT FRONT

Amsterdam, via London, Jan. 19.—"Heavy artillery fighting has been heard since early Monday, around Ypres, where the Germans have taken an active offensive," says the Dutch correspondent of the Telegraaf. "Their efforts to occupy Ypres have thus far been unsuccessful. Many fresh British troops have arrived at the front."

The Telegraaf correspondent at Scelte, in the region near Ghent, wires that the Germans have issued proclamations forbidding the inhabitants to discuss the war under penalty of a heavy fine or long imprisonment.

"Some of the inhabitants have already been punished," he says. "In fact the prisons are filled, not with ordinary criminals, but with citizens who have unwittingly been guilty of some infraction of the numerous German prohibitions."

### RUSSIANS SINK SHIPS

Sebastopol, via Petrograd, Jan. 19.—It is announced here that Russian torpedo boats entered the Bay of Sinope, on the coast of Asia Minor, and sunk three sailing vessels. The equipment of the ships were saved.

### COST GERMANS HEAVILY

London, Jan. 19.—A special to the Daily Express and the New York Herald from the Belgian frontier says:—

The temporary advantage to the Germans on the Aisne in the northwest of Soissons, was gained at a heavy cost. Many trains of wounded, who were victims of the deadly shrapnel fire of the French, have arrived at Louvain on the route to Cologne, while the local hospitals in the towns behind the centre of the German line are filled with wounded whose condition is too serious to permit their removal to Germany.

### REVOLUTIONARY TALK IN CONSTANTINOPLE

London, Jan. 19.—The Central News has a despatch from its Athens correspondent, who declares that the authorities in Constantinople are suppressing the news of Turkish defeats in the Caucasus. He says they have ordered the execution of anyone spreading unauthorized news reports.

The military rule in Constantinople is stricter today than it was in the strictest days of Sultan Abdul Hamid. Revolutionary rumors are numerous. The British Navy Collier in Trouble

Callao, Peru, Jan. 18.—The British steamer Kingsway, an auxiliary of the British navy, and used as a collier, arrived here today, damaged, having struck rocks at Point Santa Elena. The British consul is endeavoring to arrange with the Peruvian government to permit the steamer to enter a dock for repairs.

### FOR BELGIAN FUND

Mayor Frank received this morning through Mrs. A. S. Lamb, a contribution of \$10.75 for the Belgian fund from Havelock, N. B. The following contributed to it: Mrs. C. D. Perry, Dr. A. S. Lamb, C. F. Alward, Jonathan Hicks and Mrs. H. B. Hicks.

### WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—A disturbance which originated in the Gulf of Mexico, on Sunday and developed over the Middle States yesterday, has passed to the St. Lawrence Valley, having caused heavy snow falls in Ontario and in Quebec and the maritime provinces.

Storm signals are displayed at Atlantic ports.

Unsettled

Maritime—Southwesterly gales with occasional rain. Wednesday, unsettled still mild.

New England—Cloudy with occasional rain. Wednesday, partly cloudy with cold; fresh west to southwest winds.

## Canadians Nearly All On Continent Or On The Way to France to Fight

London, Jan. 19.—Practically all the Canadian soldiers are now upon the continent or on their way to France. Following the removal of Princess Patricia's light infantry to the battlefield, the work of transporting the other Canadian units to France was hurried to meet new and violent German attacks.

## More Than 90 Already Have Made Application Expect That Mounted Rifles Will Go to Egypt—I.C.R. Men in Ranks Here Have Grievance—Mobilization at Amherst

More than ninety applications have been received by Major C. H. McLean, O. C. Squadron "B," 6th Mounted Rifles, from men anxious to serve in that unit which, the understanding is, will be despatched to Egypt for action there. The expectation is that the regiment will be ready to sail almost as soon as the main body of the second contingent leave for England. A machine gun section is to be added to the regiment and Lieut. G. S. Grimmer, who is now in Halifax taking a course of instruction, will have command of it. It will comprise twelve men. It is possible also that a battery may be added to the regiment.

Lieut. E. J. Lonsberry of Fredericton has applied for a post with the regiment, and is considered likely that Lieutenants Evans and Morley will receive appointments. The 28th is depleted in numbers because of so many of the men having gone overseas with other units. The same is true regarding the 8th Hussars, in which no further appointments have been made other than those announced yesterday in the Times. Major Ings is expected this week from Charlottetown to confer with Lieut. Col. McDougall regarding appointments.

Will Protest

In the various units now in training in the city are quite a number of former I. C. R. employees, who plan to hold a meeting on Friday night in the armory to protest against what they say is an unfair action on the part of the management regarding army allowance. One meeting has already been held by some I. C. R. volunteers and the one on Friday is to follow. The protest is to be presented to the management regarding the matter. A Moncton paper outlines the men's grievances as follows:—

1.—There is a seeming delay in paying the I. C. R. employees who have joined the Overseas Expeditionary Force.

2.—That the majority of those enlisted as privates are receiving half or less than half their former wages, while many of them have bills to settle before leaving.

3.—That the I. C. R. railway employees do not draw the separation allowance, and do not participate in the patriotic fund, and they ask why I. C. R. employees should be barred from the separation allowance, merely because they receive pay from the government, while a C. P. R. employee, who also is guaranteed full pay, is permitted to draw \$20. indoor drill.

The bad weather of the last few days has caused a cessation from the rigors of outdoor drill, tactical exercises and route marches for the 26th Battalion, and it has also meant indoor drill for the No. 5 Co. A. S. C. As soon as the exercises will be continued.

The members of the jobbing department of the Globe Publishing Co. yesterday honored one of their number, Private Howard Logan of the 26th Battalion, by presenting to him a valuable case of pipes. The presentation was made by W. J. Watson.

Friends gathered last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Donnelly, 179 Metcalf street, in honor of James McNulty, a member of the 26th Battalion, and during the evening he was made the recipient of a silver ring, the presentation being made by Kenneth Robertson, a friend of the regiment.

Amherst News.—A regiment of cavalry numbering 600 men and a regiment of infantry numbering 1,100 men will be mobilized in Amherst for the contingent. Major Benoit and Engineer Knight of the Headquarters staff in (Continued on page 2, third column.)

### REAL ESTATE NEWS

Property transfers for the week ended January 19, in St. John city and county were:

Canadian Consolidated Lands Ltd., trustees to Wm. Sloan, \$1,085, property in Lancaster.

Angeline Ferguson to T. E. Wilson, \$800, property in Lancaster.

Mary F. and C. J. Harkins et al to Ellen Jansson, \$1, property in Charlotte and St. James street, St. John.

Mary Jones to Ellen Jansson, \$1, property in Harding street.

Humphrey Jones to Ellen Jansson, \$1, property in Harding street.

Adelaide Jones et al to Ellen Jansson, \$466, property in Harding street.

John Wilson to G. M. Wilson et al, \$1, property in Lancaster.

In Kings County:

F. J. Armstrong to Geo. Patterson, \$1,550, property in St. John.

First Baptist church at Chas. Nobles, \$25, property in St. John.

Robert Hastings to F. D. Carter, \$1, property in Upland.

Kyle E. Humphrey to W. G. Quigley, \$1, property in Robeson.

D. I. Kierstead to O. W. Kierstead, \$100, property in St. John.

David Muir to Angenetta A. Holmes, \$3, property in St. John.

Chas. Nobles to James Vail, \$800, property in Springfield.

D. H. Rees to Clara McBride, \$25, property in St. John.

### JAMES DUNLOP DEAD

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 19.—In the Moncton hospital early this morning James Dunlop of Little River, Kent County, passed away. Last night he underwent an operation, but did not regain consciousness. He was seventy years old, was born in Moncton, but lived at Little River all his life. He is survived by his wife, six sons and two daughters. A half-brother, Dr. Alderman James Dunlop and the late Doctor Dunlop of Moncton.

### FUNERALS

The body of F. W. Hadley, who died suddenly in this city yesterday afternoon, was sent to Halifax on the noon train.

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Wallace took place this afternoon from the residence of her son-in-law, Robert Carrigan, at 1111 St. John street. The body was conveyed to the funeral home of the Good Shepherd, where burial services were conducted by Rev. Walter P. Dunham. Interment took place in the Church of the Good Shepherd cemetery, Moncton.

### FREDERICTON SOLDIER INVALIDED HOME

John Smith, of Fredericton, who went to Salisbury Plain, has been invalided home.

## NOVA SCOTIANS FIRST TO FRONT

17th Battalion, Supplied With Lee Enfields, to Re-inforce Princess Pats

### DISTINCT COMPLIMENT

Overseas Sent to England of No Use and Are Coming Back—Webb Equipment to Replace the Oliver—Not Too Many Sets of Harness Sent

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 19.—Why the Lee Enfield rifle is being supplied the 17th Nova Scotia battalion instead of the Ross rifle, is a question which could not be answered at the militia department this morning. It was officially stated that the department has had no intimation about it. Such changes really do not have to be reported here. The department, however, is disposed to accept as a fact, the report that the Nova Scotia regiment is going to reinforce the Princess Patricia's and for this reason, is being equipped with the Lee Enfield rifle. It is regarded as a distinct compliment to the efficiency of the Nova Scotia, that of the regular division, they should be the first to be sent to the trenches. Some Toronto men are with them.

Regarding the charge that unnecessary supplies of overcoats, harness and Oliver equipment have been sent to England, it was admitted at the department today that provisions had been sent over in the belief that weather conditions might be somewhat similar to those in Canada. As a matter of fact, there is no snow and the shoes are largely being returned.

It was declared to be false that too much of the harness had been sent over. If it is not needed for the forces now on Salisbury Plain, it will be required soon. No more Oliver equipment will be issued. The department instead, is adopting the Webb equipment.

### BELIEVES ESTIMATES WILL BE CUT TO THE FIGURES OF LAST YEAR

That is Expression of Opinion By Board of Trade President Today

J. A. Likely, president of the board of trade, said this morning that he is assured there would be a further revision of the city estimates with the result that they would finally be made the same as last year.

He understood the commissioners were to meet tomorrow morning and carry out the wishes of the citizens as expressed at the board of trade meetings and on the streets generally.

### HUBBARD NILES DEAD

Oae Daughter, Two Brothers and Sister Live in St. John

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 19.—At his home in Gibson last night Hubbard Niles died. He was one of the best known residents of York County. He has been a sufferer from heart trouble since he was confined to his home for three weeks. He was a staunch Liberal, and always took an active part in political contests. He was in his 76th year, and leaves his wife, four daughters and two sons—Mrs. Thomas Mooney of St. John, Mrs. Fred Allen of Fredericton, Lillian, May, George and Earle at home.

Henry and John Niles of St. John are brothers, and Mrs. John Niles of St. John is a sister. Mrs. Niles is a daughter of the late Mrs. Cherry Moore, who inherited a large fortune in Belfast some years ago. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon.

### ATTORNEY-GENERAL, A GERMAN, GIVES UP AUSTRALIAN POST

Adelaide, Australia, Jan. 19.—Hermann Homburg, attorney-general of South Australia since 1909, has resigned because of the anti-German feeling existing among the public.

### CHOSE SKIPS

At a meeting of the Thistle Curling Club last night, the following were elected as skips to meet the St. Andrew's club on next Saturday: W. A. Shaw, W. J. Shaw, J. S. Malcolm, A. D. Malcolm, H. C. Olive, D. R. Willett, J. C. Chesley, S. W. Palmer, F. A. MacAndrews, Geo. Bishop, W. J. S. Miles, L. A. Langstroth, D. McMillan and R. S. Orchard.

## Piece of "Jack Johnson" Shell From Firing Line Received By Local Clergyman Today

Corporal Ellis Sends it With Comment on Terrible Nature of Wounds it Inflicts—Also Comes Another Interesting Souvenir

A fragment of Jack Johnson shell irregular in outline with cruel, jagged edges, sharp as a knife, was this morning received by Rev. R. J. Houghton through the mail as a souvenir from the firing line sent by Corporal A. Ellis, formerly a member of the Congregational church and now serving with the 7th Divisional Train, British Army.

The fragment is of heavy metal, is about two inches in length and a glance at it is sufficient to prove the deadliness of the shell.

Corporal Ellis writes:—"This is a piece of German shell known here as Jack Johnson. They inflict terrible wounds, the rough, jagged surface tearing the flesh as it goes through the body."

Hebert Dodd, a Moncton man who was called home as a reservist to fight in the British army, was wounded by the same type of shell of which Mr. Houghton received a fragment today. In a letter to Ald. Fryers of Moncton, Mr. Dodd tells the following story of his experience:—

"I got wounded on Dec. 21st, a bullet through the left arm, and a broken arm, but I am going on fine. I get everything I want and am well looked after. A few can't grumble. Well, Sir, I don't think you can call this a war—I call it wholesale murder. I am a lucky fellow to get away as easily as I have so far. There is no mistake about it, our Tommies are fighting splendidly, and deserve all the praise they get. I don't think it will last long."

"We were up at Ypres but we came down for a rest, till we had sudden orders for all our division to move. We marched all night until three o'clock the next day and then the fun began. We had orders to attack and drive the Germans out of the trenches and our Tommies did it fine. But my word! the Jack Johnson's coal boxes, etc. Our artillery swept them out of it pretty quick. That's where I got my German Christmas box this year."

In the registered parcel received by Mr. Houghton today containing the shell was also an interesting souvenir in the shape of the tobacco gifts from the Princess Mary fund which Corporal Ellis also sent. An ornate gold box of tobacco, engraved with the names of the allied nations and accompanied by a pretty card with Princess Mary's best wishes and a brand-new pipe completed the gift.

## ANOTHER GREAT SHOCK; THIS ONE IN TOE OF BOOT

Extreme Southern Part of Italy Suffers From Earthquake

Not known if lives lost

### Still Finding People Alive Under Debris in Scenes of Last Week's Disaster—Wolves Attracted From the Mountains

Rome, Jan. 19.—That a strong earthquake has occurred at Calabria, especially around Cosenza, the capital of the province, is reported here. It is not yet known whether there has been loss of life or serious damage to property.

Calabria is in the southwestern extremity of Italy, commonly called "The Toe." It is a mountainous region, and disastrous earthquakes have been frequent there.

Tagliacozzo via Rome, Jan. 19.—Not so far from the waters and suffering of the people of Avezzano, is that of the inhabitants of the entire district to the south of Avezzano, Sanseverino, Gioi, Decima, and other towns. The loss of life and damage to property in these places is as great, but no sufferers have been reported.

Only 200 out of 2,000.

Paterno, high up on the mountain side, has suffered probably more than any other town in the whole earthquake region. Less than 200 persons have been saved out of a population of 2,000, and not a single house remains standing. All are shapeless ruins.

More than 4,000 of the people of Pescara are buried under fallen buildings. Some of the corpses which have been recovered, lie on the ground at street corners, while others are hastily enclosed in ruins of the houses, and are still being dug out of the ruins, there are only 150 soldiers at Pescara to assist the survivors in rescue work. The few surviving towns officials complain bitterly of the neglect. They say no bread has been obtainable since Saturday and that the people and soldiers have had nothing to eat but vegetables brought from neighboring villages.

Nearly All Killed.

More than 4,000 of the inhabitants of San Benedetto perished out of a total population of 5,000. Only volunteers from the nearby districts have been engaged in the rescue work. They took out ten living children from among the debris on Sunday, and today they saved a young woman and a five months old child.

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### Art Treasures Not Damaged

Rome, Jan. 19.—The Vatican denies that art treasures, especially in the Sixtine chapel, had been damaged by the earthquake.

## TAKES BRIGHT VIEW OF FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CONDITIONS

Thomas Malcolm of Campbellton Cheerful in Interview With Times

"It is only too true that there is a financial depression but this is due to the calamity having cut off the real lack of money," said Thomas Malcolm of Campbellton, this morning in an interview in the Royal Hotel "So far as I know there is the usual amount of work going on in practically all industries and generally I should say more money was being paid out than was the case last year."

"It has been an excellent season for the lumber operations," he said, "the lack of snow has facilitated cutting and yarding but of course there will be plenty of snow yet for hauling."

Mr. Malcolm said he understood the new railway bridge at Van Buren connecting the International Railway, now operated by the Intercolonial, would be completed by March and that the business on this line would then be greatly augmented.

## CUT GERMAN PRODUCTS OUT OF THE MARKETS OF BOTH FRANCE AND RUSSIA

Paris, Jan. 19.—The government has decided to appoint a committee to study means of establishing closer relations between the French and Russian governments, and to advise on eliminating from both German products.

## DEMAND ACCU... FOR LARGE SUM OF MONEY

Mexico City, Jan. 19.—At its session yesterday, the sovereign convention of the revolution decided to demand from General Emilio Gutierrez, the provisional president, who abandoned his post and fled from the city on January 16, that he give an accounting regarding 10,500,000 pesos (\$2,250,000), which they say should be in the treasury.

### A Jarring Note

At Magliano-Di-Marsi, the vice-mayor of the town objected to the band being used as a camping place by the people. Deputy Vigorini rushed to the spot where the mayor was standing and violently upbraided him. He threatened that if the official persisted he would have him placed in jail. The vice-mayor, frightened, gave his consent for the people to remain enamped where they were.

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