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## War News.

Messages Received  
Previous to 9 A.M.

ALMOST AT ALTAKIRCH.

PARIS, Jan. 7.  
French troops are now only 2½ miles from Altkirch, in Upper Alsace, taking up their position in a forest near the town.German aviators, attempting to attack Dunkirk, were put to flight by the French batteries.  
Fighting in Flanders is confined to artillery conflicts, in which the French have gained the advantage over the Germans.

MLAWA AGAIN.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 7.  
Another battle for the possession of Mlawka is developing. The Russians are sending reinforcements to strengthen their army, now facing the Germans.

BRITAIN'S REPLY CONCILIATORY.

LONDON, Jan. 7.

The reply of Great Britain to the American note regarding interference with its shipping, it is said in well-informed circles, is wholly conciliatory, and shows a disposition on the part of England to do everything within reason to avert delay to American shipping. At a time when freight rates are high, and consequently loss of time is so costly to ship owners, England wishes to do everything in its power consistent with the proper safeguarding of the interests of the Allies, and to facilitate world trade and stimulate commerce, paralyzed as it is, by war conditions. Consequently, it is declared, there is no disposition on the part of England to protest against the purchase of German vessels by Americans, where sales are genuine, and ships are not used so as to avoid what might reasonably be called the consequences of belligerency. Use of transferred German ships in the cotton trade with Germany, probably would call forth objections from the Allies, although cotton is not contraband, because the Allies, it is said, would regard such use as a roundabout means of escaping the effects of the war. At any rate objection is not likely to be made until ships are actually transferred and their prospective use clearly indicated. It is probable that the Allies will take the position that sale money shall be held until the close of the war as a guarantee that it will not be of assistance to belligerents. An assurance that a German ship, purchased by the United States Government or its citizens, would engage in South American trade only, probably would satisfy the Allies and prevent any formal objection, as a stimulation of trade with South America is greatly desired by the Allies. While it is pointed out that the sale of German ships in New York Harbor to the American Government, or its citizens would inevitably relieve German ships in New York Harbor, and German citizens of the heavy expense of maintenance and insurance, undoubtedly consequences of war within the meaning of international practice, still England probably would be willing to waive objections on this point, were the vessels (not permitted?) to enter trade in Norway, beneficial to Germany, Austria or Turkey.

DENIES CARDINAL'S ARREST.

LONDON, Jan. 7.

The German Military Governor of Belgium has issued an official denial of the report that Cardinal Mercier had been arrested by German authorities.

BRUTAL MURDER IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Jan. 7.

Mrs. Van Looy, wife of a Belgian soldier, now fighting against the Germans, and her three children, aged 8 years, 5 years, and 10 months, were murdered in their home. The discovery of the crime was made this afternoon. The dead mother and her children were lying in bed, apparently having been strangled.

CANADIAN BYE-ELECTIONS.

OTTAWA, Jan. 7.

Arrangements have been reached between the party leaders to have five bye-elections, now pending, to go by acclamation. Four of the seats were held by the Conservatives and one by the Liberals. The elections will be held at once.

SYNOPSIS OF A MILITARY OBSERVER.

LONDON, Jan. 7.

The New Year opened upon a more favorable situation for the Allies than any they had known since the commencement of the campaign," says a report made by a military observer attached to the British Army headquarters at the front. The report was made public to-day by the Official Information Bureau. It is dated Jan. 4th, and supplements similar narratives as given out at intervals during

Make this  
one of your

## New Year Resolutions

"I resolve to do my Shopping at the Royal Stores--The Economy Store."  
Note these FRIDAY & SATURDAY Specials.

## Ladies' Hose.

20 dozen pairs superior quality Hose, in Black Cashmere and Worsted; guaranteed Fast Black; seamless foot, shaped ankles. Reg. 65c. pr. Friday and Saturday 55c

Lace  
Curtains

30 pairs only Nottingham Lace Curtains, three yards long. In White and Cream; new attractive designs. A nice selection. Reg. \$1.00 pair. Friday and Saturday 82c

Toilet  
Covers

A good assortment of White Toilet Covers in assorted sizes; Marcella and Grecian makes. Some of them are 22 x 46 inches. Reg. 55c. each. Friday and Saturday 48c

Fancy  
Tea Cloths, &c.

Never were Fancy Linens sold at such reductions considering the quality and patterns. Tray Cloths, Sideboard Covers, Table Cloths, etc.; Lace Edged, Hemstitched and Embroidered. Reg. 60c. each. Friday and Saturday 50c

White  
Shirting

Stout medium weight Shirting, 30 inches wide; over 2,000 yards in stock; easy to sew by hand or machine. Special per yard. Friday and Saturday 9c

Stair  
Druggel

Very special values in assorted pretty patterns, made of best Cotton and Jute, 18 inches wide. Special for Friday and Saturday 10c

Cocoanut  
Doormats

Heavy Cocoanut Fibre Centres; plain scalloped effects; neat Black and Red Wool Borders; Size 36 x 31. Reg. price \$2.00 each. Friday and Saturday 1.60

Huck  
Towels

Real serviceable Towels, in heavy Huckabuck; Red borders, fringed ends; ready for use. Special for Friday and Saturday 12c

Face  
Cloths

Made of good Turkish Toweling; White only; fringed all round; soft finish; large sizes. Special Friday and Saturday 6c

## Fancy Oriental Linens.

Clearing lines of Embroidered Linens, Oriental designs.  
30c. D'Oyley selling for 15c  
55c. Table Cloths selling for 45c  
\$3.50 Table Cloths 1.75

## Ice Creepers.

Insure yourself against injury on slippery streets, secure a pair of Ice Creepers at a reduced price. We are offering 10 dozen Japanese Reversible Ice Creepers for Friday and Saturday. Easy to adjust, Ladies' and Gent's sizes. Special per pair 19c

## Wool Infantees.

A big assortment of Infantees in various styles and makes; all Wool and Silk and Wool mixture; most of them sold regularly at 30c. pair. Friday and Saturday 20c

## Great Clearance Sale of

Ladies' Shoes,  
\$1.80 values for

\$1.25

Ladies' Dongola Kin Blucher Oxfords, in Tan and Black. Sizes 2½, 3, 3½, 4, 4½, 5, 5½, 6, also Misses in sizes 7, 12, 13, 1 and 2 Values \$1.80 per pair. Friday &amp; Saturday 1.25

## SHOES

For Men, Women  
and Misses.

These Boots and Shoes are to be cleared out at once to make room for new lines. They are not old stock, but up-to-date styles bought for last Fall's trade. All sizes are not represented.

Children's Shoes,  
Reg. \$1.30 values for

75 cts.

22 pairs only Children's Shoes in Strap and Lace styles. Black and Tan; Sizes 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 13½ and 14. Values \$1.30 pair. Friday and Saturday 75c

## Men's Boots and Shoes.

An assortment of Patent Leather An Tan Boots and Shoes for men; sizes assorted; neat shapes; values \$3.20 pair. Friday and Saturday 1.50

## Ladies' Strap Shoes.

Another lot of Ladies' Shoes in Tan and Black, strap and oxford styles; sizes 3, 3½, 4, 4½, 5, 5½, 6, 6½, 7; values \$3.30 pair. Friday and Saturday 1.60

## Showroom Specials.

LADIES'  
OVERALLS.

Superior quality White Muslin, very attractive styles; Belted, Lace trimmed and Embroidered Bodies. Reg. 65c. each. Friday and Sat'y 52c

JOB  
RIBBONS.

Ribbon prices cut in half; Plain Silk and Broadcloth Ribbons, in various pretty colors; 6 inches wide, soft lustrous finish. Values 35c. yard. Friday and Saturday 15c

INFANTS'  
RUBBER BIBS.

In plain and check designs, well made and finished with White Cotton tapes. Special for Friday and Saturday 11c

LADIES'  
CORSETS.

Every woman knows that the D &amp; A Corset is ahead of other makes. We offer 2 models for Friday and Saturday: Medium and Low Bust; Lace trimmed tops; all sizes. Reg. \$1.25 pair. Friday &amp; Saturday 1.58

SILK & SATIN  
GIRDLES.

About 3 dozen dainty Sash Girdles in beautiful Silk and Satin; plain colors, assorted. Reg. 75c. each. Friday and Saturday 60c

LADIES'  
EMBROIDERED  
COLLARS.

High Grade assortment of Lace Collars in different styles, White and Cream stock; Dutch and Peter Pan styles. Reg. 50c. each. Friday and Saturday 40c

## Odds and Ends of the Notion Counter.

LAVENDER SMELLING SALTS—In Fancy Glass Bottles. Reg. 15c. each for 10c

CIRCULAR BRUSHES—Sanitary, easily cleaned, strong wood handles. Reg. 15c. each for 10c

ERASERS—For Ink and Pencils. Special 2 for 6c

LEAD PENCILS—Hexagon, Gilt tips; Red Rubber. Special 2 for 5c

ROUND PLACQUES—Assorted sizes and subjects. 11c

LEATHER WATCH CHAINS—Strong Leather straps and links. Special each 8c

TOILET SOAP—Lullaby, assorted odors. Special 2 cakes for 9c

PEARL BUTTONS—For Shirts and Blouses; assorted sizes. Special 3 cards for 5c

INDIA TAPE—In bundles, assorted widths. Special 10c

HAIR ORNAMENTS—Hair Clips, Barrettes and Sidecombs. Special each 8c

STATIONERY BOXES—Containing Fancy Note Paper and Envelopes. Special 17c. each for 14c

## The ROYAL STORES, Ltd

## LATEST

2.00 P.M.

THREATEN EGYPT.

COPENHAGEN, To-Day.  
A despatch from Cologne says the Turks have concentrated their principal armies, consisting of 120,000 regulars and 70,000 Bedouins, at Jerusalem for an attack on Egypt.

GERMANS CROSSED THE BZURA.

LONDON, To-Day.  
News was received here to-day that the Germans have crossed the Bzura River in Poland and are only 26 miles from Warsaw. Military observers here are of the opinion that Warsaw will soon be invested.

## St. Pierre Bulletin

OFFICIAL (7th). Midnight.  
Fierce German attacks are reported to-night in Lassigny district, in Argonne at crossing of Four de Paris, Varennes and Hautevevauchee Roads in Verdun district and on height overlooking Steinbach. All these attacks were repulsed. The President of the Republic signed a decree prohibiting the wholesale and retail sale of absinthe and other similar liquors. The second decree limited the opening of liquor bars.Second Canadian  
Contingent expected  
to leave in March

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—It is understood in Militia circles here that the second Canadian expeditionary force will leave for England early in March. It is expected that all necessary equipment, rifles, etc., will be available by next month, and the force will be ready to embark by the last week in February or the first week in March.

Although no official information is given out here as to the plans of the War Office in connection with the Canadian troops, there is reason to believe that a brigade, at least, of Canadians will be sent to Egypt to assist the Australian, British and Indian troops there in the offensive operations against Turkey.

Just what use is to be made of the nine regiments of mounted rifles now being raised throughout the Dominion, is not ascertainable at present, though it is believed that some of them will go to Egypt since the nature of operations now proceeding in Europe in the western war arena render cavalry of little use. Probably a portion of the mounted troops being raised will be retained in Canada for home defence purposes.

## A Sudden Death.

The ushering in of 1915 has witnessed many sudden deaths but none with such awful suddenness and under such sad circumstances, as that which occurred this morning when Mrs. John Furlong, of York Street, was snatched in an instant by the Grim Reaper, heart failure being the cause. Deceased, who was a splendid type of young woman, was 31 years of age, and wife of Mr. John Furlong, master pilot. Mrs. Furlong, without complaint, retired at the usual hour last night with her little five-year-old daughter, while her husband went out for the night on duty. The latter returned home at six o'clock this morning and on entering his room was dumbfounded to find his beloved partner cold in death, lying in bed beside her darling child. It was indeed a sad home-coming for the bereaved husband who will have the sympathy of the community. At no time recently did she complain of being unwell, and death is supposed to have followed a sudden attack of the heart. The Telegram extends its deepest sympathy to the sorrowing husband and other relatives.

## VICTORY

## Bowrings' Ships.

The Prospero left Wesleyville early this a.m. going north.  
The Portia left Bonne Bay at 5 a.m. to-day.

No more useful gift for a man than a Safety Razor. We sell the Giant Junior Safety at 50 cents. A perfect shaver and the wonder of all users. CHESLEY WOODS, 140 Water Street, Manufacturer's Agent—Dec 16, 14

Yesterday afternoon an elderly fisherman of Horse Cove, went into Knowling's grocery store on Water Street to make some purchases, and on his way out "lifted" a ham. One of the clerks missed the pork and made after the visitor, who was later captured by officers Noseworthy and Sheppard and walked to the police station. To-day in court he was let go by giving two bonds for his future good behaviour.

## 18 Days Out.

The S. S. Beothic must be experiencing similar stormy weather as that reported by other shipping which arrived recently. She is now eighteen days out from Naples and it is expected will call at North Sydney for a coal cargo on her way here.

## Here and There.

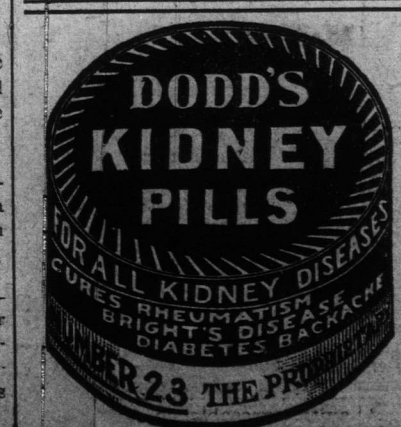
JOINED POLICE FORCE.—Three recruits named Snow, Hebert and Whelan enlisted in the police force during the past few days.

IN DRY DOCK.—The S. S. Bellaventure is now in dry dock getting a tank repaired and otherwise put in readiness for the sealing voyage.

HERRING CARGOES.—There sailed from Woods Island yesterday for Gloucester the schooners Agnes, Aloha, Mary D. Young and T. M. Nicholson with 250, 540, 668 and 400 barrels of herring, respectively.

## Norwegian Sealer.

The Norwegian steamer Njord, which it is said, will prosecute the seal fishery in the Gulf the coming spring, is now at North Sydney where she will be outfitted. From there she will proceed to Seven Islands at which port she will clear for the seal fishery.



## Leaving Havre.

Mrs. Jones, wife of Chief Steward Jones, of the S. S. Mowenna, which brought a cargo of oats from Prince Edward Island for the French Army, received word by telegraph yesterday from her husband saying that the ship would be leaving Havre, France, in a few days, though the message did not say whether the Mowenna would be coming here first or to New York; probably the latter as the ship will run the Red Cross service while the Stephano and Florizel are at the icefields.

Stafford's Phoradone Cough and Cold Cure is the best preparation you can take for all kinds of Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma and various Lung Troubles. Price 25 cts. Postage 5c. extra.—Jan 2, 15

the progress of the war. "So far as the British are concerned," says the report, "the small expeditionary force of four divisions which took the field in August and which is steadily increasing in numbers and become injured to the war, can look back on a record of hard fighting such as the British troops seldom have sustained in the past. The struggle the last four months has entered upon its fourth phase. A slow, but none the less marked change which has taken place, resulted definitely in passing the initiative into the hands of the Allies. This is not shown so much by material results obtained, although at some points of the allied front ground has been gained, while in some places very marked progress has been made, resulting in the capture of guns and strongly entrenched positions; but our advantage lies in the fact that it is now the Allies who, for the past few weeks have assumed and maintained the offensive role, while the enemy has been acting on the defensive. The fact that the enemy is acting on the defensive does not mean

he has given up attacking altogether, but his attacks have been in the nature of counter attacks, undertaken either in order to regain ground previously lost, or to relieve the pressure on some other part of the German line. It is only by analysing the total results of these attacks by both sides that a clear idea can be obtained, and a really marked progress has been achieved by the Allies." After referring to the ultimate consequence of repeated small successes, the British observer adds: "It must not, however, be thought that this is other than very slow and laborious progress, or that the final result is within immediate reach. Yet every capture by the Allies in the field, represents lost ground for which the enemy expends much blood and treasure, and is a step forward in the process of attrition, which eventually will bring the war to an end." The British observer states that he is able to confirm the reports that there is considerable sickness in the German ranks. He says for some time past there has been a good deal of typhoid

and that some German units have even been withdrawn temporarily on this account.