

BRITISH REGAIN PART WELSH RIDGE

German Occupation of Sunday was Short Lived—British Counter Attacks on Cambrai Front Recovered Most of Lost Territory

London, Dec. 31.—The British in successful counter attacks on the Cambrai front have regained the more important territory on the Welsh Ridge taken by the Germans in yesterday's attack, the War Office reports.

Cold With Snow

London, Dec. 30.—Aside from bombardments and reciprocal artillery duels, little is going on in the major theatres of the war. On the French front the weather is still cold, and this, with the snow that covers the ground everywhere, is impeding operations on a large scale.

The Germans Saturday night essayed an attack against the British Northeast of Ypres, where for several days past they had been laying down a heavy preparatory artillery fire. The attack, however, was futile, for the British, ever on the watch, raked the Germans with their fire and repulsed them with considerable losses.

Likewise attempts to carry out raids on small French posts at Besonvaux and Vanqueries resulted in failure, and in addition the enemy lost men made prisoner. There is considerable intermittent artillery activity along the entire French front.

In Italian theatre, the infantry for the present is idle, but the big guns continue to carry out mutual bombardments against opposing positions in the hill region from the Asiago Plateau Eastward to the Piave river. This activity is particularly pronounced on the Monte Tomba sector and a few miles to the East on the upper reaches of the Pederobba, near the

COMPENSATION COMMISSION IS A COSTLY LUXURY

With an average of 100 claims per month, the staff of the Workmen's Compensation Commission runs to a salary roll of \$2,626.60 per month. Six men, including the Commissioner, draw an aggregate of \$20,900 per annum. These are Mr. Wilson, William Nell, assistant commissioner, N. Fletcher, office manager, Inspector Hogarth, and Messrs. Irwin and Harvey.

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BRANDON MARKETS

Table with market prices for various goods like beef, pork, veal, chickens, ducks, turkeys, eggs, butter, and potatoes.

EXEMPTION APPEALS HAVE BEEN HEARD JUDGE GOING AWAY

Judge Leaves to Join Mrs. Cumberland in California and Return in Spring

ANOTHER COMPANY HERE

TO Facilitate Mobilization of Drafted Men—To be Quartered in Gordon-McKay Building

The work of hearing appeals for exemption from military service has been completed in Brandon. Judge Cumberland has been handling such appeals since the last applicant on Saturday. Owing to the strenuous character of the work entailed in deciding the fate of the men who appealed, Judge Cumberland is leaving Brandon for a holiday. He will depart today for California where he will join Mrs. Cumberland who has been there for some time. Judge and Mrs. Cumberland will return to Brandon in the Spring.

U.S. TROOPS KILL SIX MEXICAN BANDITS

Americans Followed Outlaws Into Mexico and Fight Resulted—No American Casualties

Eagle Pass, Texas, Dec. 31.—At least six Mexican bandits were killed in a fight between bandits and United States troops and Texas Rangers on Saturday at San Jose, Mexico. The Americans had crossed into Mexico on the trail of the Mexican cattle thieves. There were no American casualties.

U.S. VOTES NEW CREDITS FOR ALLIES

Additional Votes on Saturday Brings Total to Well Over Four Billions

Washington, Dec. 31.—Credits to the Allies passed the four billion dollar mark Saturday when Secretary McAdoo authorized additional loans of \$185,000,000 to Great Britain for January purchases in the United States; \$100,000,000 to France; \$75,000,000 to Belgium; and \$1,000,000 to Serbia. Today's total was \$348,500,000 and the total credits to the Allies \$4,236,400,000.

CIVIL WAR RAGES EASTERN SIBERIA: WOMEN MURDERED

Peking, Aug. 31.—Civil war is in progress at Irkutsk, in Eastern Siberia on the Trans-Siberian railroad, and in the surrounding districts. The town was set on fire by the Red Guards after they had murdered the French consular agent and three other Frenchmen. Many persons, including women and children, are being murdered, and street fighting is under way.

CAUSE OF COAL SHORTAGE

Washington, Dec. 31.—A. L. Sneed, distributor for the fuel administration, told the Senate Investigating Committee that coal was generally unavailable because persons who could afford it overbought local dealers did not keep faith with the fuel administration and distributing facilities were inadequate.

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DID GERMANY AID BOLSHEVIKI TO SECURE POWER?

Letter to London Times Purports to Substantiate This Supposition

London, Dec. 31.—The Times prints a long letter from its Petrograd correspondent, dated Saturday, which purports to substantiate the view that the Bolshevik revolution was managed by Germany and that the movement is essentially anti-national and anti-Russian.

RING OUT THE OLD RING IN THE NEW

Ring out the old, ring in the new; Ring happy bells across the snow; The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true. Ring out the grief that saps the mind; For those that here we see no more; Ring out the feud of rich and poor; Ring in redress to all mankind. Ring out a sickly dying cause; And ancient toms of party strife; Ring in the noble moods of life; With sweeter manners, purer lives. Ring out false pride in place and blood; The civic slander and the spite; Ring in the love of truth and right; Ring in the common love of good. Ring out old shapes of foul disease; Ring out the narrowing lust of gold; Ring out the thousand wars of old; Ring in the thousand years of peace. Ring in the valiant man and free; The larger heart, the kindlier hand; Ring out the darkness of the land; Ring in the new day that is to be.

FIVE ENEMY PLANES DESTROYED OR PUT OUT OF ACTION ON SUNDAY

British Aircraft Inflict Loss on Germans Without Losing Any of Own Machines

London, Dec. 31.—Five enemy airplanes were destroyed or put out of action by the British on Sunday, who lost none of theirs.

AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS VOTED AGAINST CONSCRIPTION

London, Dec. 31.—Melbourne's latest referendum figures are 945,000 votes for, and 1,121,000 against conscription. The figures include the votes of the Australian forces, 51,000 for and 56,000 against.

AUSTRALIA LIKELY TO HAVE GENERAL ELECTION VERY SOON

Washington, Dec. 31.—How close the political balance in the house will be when Congress convenes on Jan. 3rd, is shown by this summary made by the Clerk of the House: Total membership, 435. Democrats 211; Republicans, 209; independent group, 6; vacancies, 9.

NORTH ESSEX ELECTION

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 31.—The official recount in the North Essex Federal election completed Saturday gives Wm. C. Kennedy, the Liberal candidate, a majority of 1,582 over Lieut.-Col. Wigle, Unionist. A total of 12,450 votes was polled as against 7,058 in the 1911 election.

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New York, Dec. 31.—An estimate of 1,000 persons dead in an earthquake at Guatemala City is contained in a telegram received from the Central and South American Telegraphs Company manager at San Jose, Guatemala, who returned to San Jose from Guatemala City yesterday afternoon.

SHAKE-UP IN WAR STAFF COMING SOON

Field Marshal Haig will stay, but the Chief of Staff has prepared a list of younger men who will replace several well known army leaders.

Further Admiralty changes are also near. The U-boat is still the war's greatest factor and the most severe menace to the Allied cause.

LIFE UNDERWRITERS BID FAREWELL TO J.A. WILSON

Regret Departure Past President Under Whose Leadership High Honors Had Been Won

Best wishes for success in his new life in Brandon were offered J. A. Wilson by the members of the Life Underwriters' Association at a luncheon given in honor of Mr. Wilson at the Prince Edward Hotel Saturday afternoon. Twenty-five members were present to bid farewell to Mr. Wilson, who will make his home in Winnipeg after the first of the year.

BELGIANS SUFFER FROM GERMAN FRIGHTFULNESS

Civilian Population Feel Iron Heel of Invaders—Depleting Occupied Territory

Washington, Dec. 31.—A statement issued through the Belgian official information service indicates that the German authorities in Belgium are dealing harshly with the civilian population of the occupied territory, stripping the country of food necessities, clothing and metals.

HUNS DISCUSS PEACE TERMS AS THOUGH THEY MIGHT BE ACCEPTED

Amsterdam, Dec. 31.—Pan-German newspapers angrily condemn the peace terms of the Central Powers. The Tagesliche Rundschau of Berlin says "Never before have we given up everything so completely we have so dearly bought with the blood of hundreds of thousands, with the sweat of millions, with the deprivations of our children, with our own hunger."

NORWEGIAN STEAMERS KILLED

SUNK; SAILORS KILLED London, Dec. 28.—Three Norwegian sailers are believed to have been killed in the sinking of the five Norwegian steamers by German submarines. The steamers sunk were the Regin, 1,845 tons; Start, 728 tons; Ragna, 1,747 tons; Noirdopol, 1,800 tons, and the Spro.

MAY STOP MAKING LIQUOR IN CANADA

Transportation of Liquor Into Any Part of Canada in Which Sale of Intoxicating Liquor is Illegal Prohibited After April 1st.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Immediately after the holidays, the War Cabinet will, it is understood, take up the consideration of prohibiting the manufacture of intoxicating liquors. The conditions of the liquor industry will be investigated with this end in view. Following the investigation, the date will be determined on and after which the manufacture of intoxicating liquors within Canada may be prohibited.

The transportation of liquor into any part of Canada in which the sale of intoxicating liquors is illegal, is prohibited after April 1st.

Prohibition provisions enacted by virtue of the War Measures Act remain in force during the war and for twelve months after the conclusion of peace.

HOPE FOR VICTORY AND PEACE DURING THE YEAR 1918

London, Dec. 31.—Lord Derby in a message to Le Matin, hopes that the coming year will see our troops returning home after the victory of right over might.

Lord Robert Cecil, in a message, admits that the French and British troops have a hard year before them, but hopes that, strengthened by the Americans, they will hold out till victory. "Let us hope that the war will end before the next New Year", he says.

BRANDON BOY WRITES OF CAVALRY ACTION

Charged Boches Missing for At Least a Week—Frustrated Their Plans

That the Canadian Cavalry Brigade has recently had opportunity of engaging the Huns is evidenced not only by the casualty lists, but from letters being received by friends and relatives of men serving in Western Cavalry units. A Brandon boy in the "Strathcona Horse", writing to his parents, says:

"Since last writing things have indeed happened; in other words, we have had a taste of what cavalry in action is really like. Excuse the term, but to put it plainly, it was h— We have had some hard work during the past month. We had quite a time in the Cambrai affair and were rather badly cut up.

"At another time the Boches were missing for a counter-attack. We charged and frustrated their plans. Our commander (Lt.-Col. Docherty) was shot through the head and instantly killed as he led the victorious troopers. The Germans outnumbered us five to one. There were three hundred of them, with about fifty machine guns, facing our squadron. For a time it was warm work. But they broke and ran. The Boche is all right at a distance, but when it comes to close quarters one of our men is as good as ten Huns. To give you an instance, two of our fellows ran into twenty of them and cleaned up the whole bunch. We were warmly congratulated for our work and told that we had saved the situation. It was again my fortune to come out of it without a scratch. In spite of everything, I am feeling fine. Don't worry about me. We are now resting for a few days just behind the line. Tonight I received a splendid parcel from Grandma, and had a good feed, instead of taking a drink of water, tightening my belt, and calling that a meal!"

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