

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. Artillery Actions, Patrol Encounters.

Paris, Dec. 31.—"Artillery actions occurred last night Northwest of Rheims," the War Office reports. "There were patrol encounters North of Cambrai, on the Aisne front, and near Bezonvaux, Verdun front. Everywhere else the night was calm."

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 Bezonvaux and Vauquelles 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

In the 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 both sides of the Pederobba, near the upper reaches of the Piave.

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. The total 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.

The Bolsheviks continue to receive reinforcements and ammunition from Krasnoyarsk. The Cossacks are offering a determined opposition to the Red Guards. Siberian railway guards are outnumbered and are being killed or driven from their posts. Communication with Petrograd has been cut off.

Bolshevik uprisings have occurred at Tshita and Verkhne-Udinsk, both of which towns are on the Trans-Siberian railway. Sarabia is quiet, with the Chinese in full control. They are guarding the banks, stores and railways.

RUSSIANS WILL NOT GET
ENGINES BUILT IN U. S.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 31.—Two hundred locomotives under construction in this country for Russia will be taken over as a part of the Government's plan for quick improvement in American railway equipment. The engines, many of them completed and awaiting shipment, will be changed in gauge to fit American tracks. The Government will hold for a time some hundred locomotives ready for shipment to France for use there on roads built by the American forces. When they have helped relieve freight congestion here these engines will be sent on to France.

BRANDON MARKETS.

Wednesday, Jan. 2nd, 1918.
Beef, dressed, carcass, per lb. . . . 15
Pork, dressed, carcass, lb. . . . 20
Veal, dressed, carcass, lb. . . . 15
Chicken, dressed, lb. . . . 12
Broilers, dressed, lb. . . . 22
Geese, dressed, lb. . . . 22
Ducks, dressed, lb. . . . 25
Turkeys, dressed, lb. . . . 25
Eggs, fresh, doz. . . . 41
Butter, lb. . . . 36 to 44
Potatoes, bushel . . . \$1.20

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 autumn 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.

The result of the work of the tribunals in Brandon is not yet known, and figures as to the number of men to be called out in this district will not be available for several days. Since the first class is to be called on the third of January it will doubtless be that time before accurate information can be given out.

Word has been received from Winnipeg that for the purpose of accommodating and facilitating the mobilization of drafted men, another depot battalion company of the depot battalion for this district, will be organized in Brandon. The men will probably be quartered in the Gordon-McKay building which has been used for soldiers' barracks in the past. No appointment has yet been made of a commanding officer for the Brandon company.

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.

"Two hostile machines were brought down in our lines on Sunday," says the official statement.

"A third was brought down in the enemy's lines. Two other hostile machines were driven down out of control. None of our airplanes are missing."

PARTIES ALMOST EQUAL
STRENGTH U. S. CONGRESS

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.

AUSTRALIA LIKELY
TO HAVE GENERAL
ELECTION VERY SOON

Nationalist Party Likely to Do Anything Calculated to Force Election

London, Dec. 31.—It is understood at Melbourne that the Nationalist party is likely to do anything calculated to bring about an election. The Federal session will be short. Approximately 130,000 referendum votes are still to be counted.

Wellington reports that the Government has virtually suspended the New Zealand hemp industry in order to divert the labor to harvesting.

1000 DEAD: EARTH-
QUAKE GUATEMALA

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.

NEW Y. M. C. A. SECRETARY



Mr. W. S. Maguire, who comes to Brandon from Montreal to become General Secretary of the Brandon Y. M. C. A.

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 forms of party strife;
Ring in the noble moods of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

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 kinder hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the light that is to be.

BELGIANS SUFFER FROM
GERMAN PRIGHTFULNESS

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.

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.

AUSTRALIAN BUSH FIRES

Sydney, Dec. 31.—A dispatch from Sydney says the biggest bush fire recorded in the hay district has been burning for days on a front of fifty miles, destroying crops, fencing and grass. Other fires are reported in the Wagga forest districts.

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 1,682 over Lieut.-Col. Wigle, Unionist. A total of 12,450 votes was polled as against 7,058 in the 1911 election.

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 revolt was managed by Germany and that the movement is essentially anti-national and anti-Russian.

The letter says: "It is a notorious fact that has been proved by documents in the possession of the Kerensky Government that Germany commissioned Lenin and gave him money to go to Russia to sow disaffection in the Russian army."

SHAKE-UP IN WAR
STAFF COMING SOON

New York, Dec. 31.—The Tribune prints a special Draper cable from London to the effect that a drastic shakeup in the British general war staff is expected shortly after New Year's.

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 and praise for the work he has done in Brandon were offered J. A. Wilson by the members of the Life Underwriters' Association.

Wilson, given in honor of the association 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.

Mr. Wilson, who has been manager of the Canada Life Assurance Company in this city, is a past president of the Underwriters' Association, and fellow members of the organization say that he has been responsible for bringing two honors to Brandon in the last year. The John R. Reid Cup for the largest proportionate increase in membership in the associations of Canada, and the Totam Pole for 1917, which is awarded for the largest increase on the North American continent, were the trophies that Mr. Wilson was instrumental in bringing to this city. Great regret was expressed at losing the man who has done so much to elevate the profession of life underwriting in Brandon, and the hope was expressed that Mr. Wilson would some day be able to return to the city.

A cut glass salad dish and a vase were presented to Mr. Wilson, which he in turn was asked to give Mrs. Wilson as a token of the high regard in which she is held by the members of the association who have known her.

The following resolution was read by the secretary, Mr. J. D. Matthews: "Resolved, That the Brandon Life Underwriters' Association place on record our appreciation of the splendid work accomplished by Mr. J. A. Wilson in behalf of our association, particularly in the winning of the Totem Pole last July in competition with every city on the North American continent."

Further resolved, That we express our sincere regard for Mr. Wilson as an honorable competitor, and our keen regret at his departure from Brandon; that we extend to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and family our very best wishes for the future and our assurance that they will be kindly remembered by the members of this association."

President Smiley, Secretary Matthews, Mr. Hobson, Mr. Daw, Mr. Wright and Mr. Fletcher made short addresses. All emphasized the necessity of showing appreciation of Mr. Wilson's services by a continuance of the work he has so ably carried on while here. Mr. Wilson in replying stated that it was only through the accident of his being president at the time of the big increase in membership that he was awarded the honors bestowed upon him by the association.

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.

NAVAL SERVICE FOR WOMEN

London, Dec. 31.—The British navy has announced the organization of a formal branch of naval service for women, under the title of the "Women's Royal Naval Service." The membership includes women employed on duties connected with the navy, chiefly in dockyards and at naval bases. Members will wear a distinctive uniform of navy blue with brass buttons.

The members of the new service have already been nicknamed "Wrens," this being a convenient shortening of the initials W.R.N.S., which they wear on their clothes.

SASKATOON BOARD

URGES PUBLIC OWNERSHIP
Saskatoon, Dec. 31.—The Board of Trade at a meeting Friday, passed a resolution protesting against the projected railway rate increase and calling upon the Dominion Government to bring all railways under public ownership and operate them under one system.

SWISS PRINCESS

Princess Marie Louise, daughter of the late King of Bavaria, has been married to a young man of the name of Vevey, a courtier of the Swiss government. The wedding took place at Vevey, Switzerland, on Saturday. The bride was wearing a gown of white tulle and lace, and the groom was in a suit of gray. The ceremony was performed by the Swiss minister of the interior.

HAROLD G. HUTCHINGS

MUST DON THE KHAKI

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—It is stated that notice has been sent Harold G. Hutchings, instructing him to report for service at Minto street barracks on Monday, January 7th.

The notice went out in the usual way from the office of the registrar under the Military Service Act, Hutchings' position on the list of eligibles bringing him into the third group of drafted men.

The order does not take into account the fact that application for leave to appeal to Ottawa is still under consideration by Judge Hagart. Apparently regardless of whether or not such leave is given, Hutchings will be signed up January 7th and continue in khaki unless the central appeal judge should reverse the decision of the local tribunals.

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 Tagesische 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."

"The Deutsche Zeitung says that the Entente has won the greatest victory of the war and that diplomats have destroyed all that had been fought for."

The Koelnische Zeitung, on the other hand, regards the conditions as opening the road to a peace advantageous to all sides.

The Lokal Anzeiger thinks that the German answer to Russia will not be much to the taste of people with military leanings, but adds: "The outlines, however, are drawn wide enough to give scope for demands of justice. Definite judgment on the peace work at Brest-Litovsk depends on how far this possibility is utilized in later negotiations."

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 Massing for Attack—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 massing 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 troops. 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."

FRENCH PENETRATE ENEMY
POSITIONS ITALIAN FRONT

Berlin, Dec. 31.—French forces on the Northern Italian front yesterday took the offensive. In the afternoon French infantry penetrated portions of the Austro-German positions on Monte Tomba, the German General Staff announced today.

NORWEGIAN STEAMERS

SUNK; SAILORS KILLED

London, Dec. 28.—Three Norwegian sailors 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.