

ALL SOAKED GROUND IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM INTERFERES WITH ALLIES' OPERATIONS

Offensive Movement Halted by Incessant Rains—Most of the Fighting Confined to Artillery Duels—Several Fortifications of Enemy Between The Meuse and the Oise Demolished By Allies Guns—Two German Attacks in Forest of La Grurie Fail.

Paris, Jan. 3.—The following official communication was issued tonight:

"According to the latest advices received here there has been no alteration in the situation. The weather continues to be very bad on almost the whole front."

The French official statement issued this afternoon says: "During the day of January 2, we strengthened the position to the north of the Lys gained during the preceding days. The enemy has shown activity only in the region of Zonnebeke, which he has violently bombed. From the Lys to Arras there is almost complete quiet."

"There was an artillery engagement in the region of Albert and Roye, and our infantry advanced some five hundred metres near La Boisselle."

"From the Oise to the Meuse, on the plateau of Touvent, our heavy artillery has demolished several fortifications, from which the enemy was harassing our sappers."

"Spirited artillery duels have taken place to the west and the east of Craonne. Near Perthes-Les-Hurlus we have progressed about three hundred metres. Near Beausejour there has been infantry fighting, in which we have inflicted serious losses on the enemy."

"The Germans have launched two attacks without success in the forest of La Grurie. On all this portion of the front the artillery has shown everywhere great activity."

"In the region of Verdun, and on the heights of the Meuse, there was an artillery duel. We have again gained a little ground in the forest of Bouchon, northeast of Troyon, and in the forest of Le Pretre (northwest of Pont A Mousson)."

"In the Vosges we have occupied one of the enemy's trenches. Artillery engagements have taken place in the Ban De Sapt, and in the Valley of the Save."

"In Upper Alsace our former gains in the region of Thann have been maintained. We have bombarded a German train in the railway station of Altkirch, and caused some damage on the railway between Carspach and Dierspach, to the southwest of Altkirch."

"In general the perceptible abatement which can be noted in our active offensive should be attributed to the incessant rains which soak the ground and make operations everywhere almost impossible."

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

RUSSIA

Petrograd, Jan. 3.—The following statement was issued today by the Russian army headquarters:

"On the Bzura and Rawka Rivers we are continuing the successful repulse of German attacks in spite of the enemy's heavy artillery fire and bomb throwing."

"On the road to Wiosozowa, in the Kleicze region, at the village of Lopuzno, on December 31, German troops, after a stubborn battle, took possession of a portion of our trenches, but a later counter-attack forced the enemy to abandon all the trenches previously occupied. During this affair we captured several hundred prisoners and nine machine guns."

"In western Galicia our fighting continues in the region of Gorlice. In the region of Uzsok Pass we occupied Austrian positions, where we took as many as a thousand prisoners."

"The Austrian retreat in Bukovina before the drive of our troops has taken the character of a great rout."

AUSTRIA

Vienna, via London, Jan. 3.—The following official communication was issued here today:

"Repeated attempts by the enemy to break our front west and northwest of Gorlice, Galicia, were unsuccessful. The enemy advanced heavily during the fighting, which lasted the whole of the day, our troops stormed and captured a height south of Godlice."

"We annihilated a battalion, captured an officer of the general staff, four subalterns, 850 men and two machine guns. An enemy aeroplane was shot down. Elsewhere there is nothing to report."

GERMANY

Berlin, Jan. 3 (by wireless to London, 3:20 p. m.). The official statement issued today by the German army headquarters says:

"Western theatre—Some of the enemy's ships accompanied by torpedo boats, appeared off Westende, Belgium yesterday afternoon without firing."

"On the whole of the western front artillery fights took place. An infantry attack by the enemy followed to north of Saint Menchould (in the Argonne forest). It was beaten off with severe losses to the French."

"In East Prussia and in North Poland there is no change in the situation."

"To the west of the Vistula river our troops succeeded in taking a specially strengthened point D'Appui of the Russians at Borjow after several days of hard fighting in which we captured 1,000 prisoners and six machine guns. In three night attacks the Russians attempted to re-take Borjow, but they were all driven off with heavy losses."

"To the east of the Rawka river our attack is proceeding steadily."

"The Russians, several times, have reported successes in the vicinity of Inowoloz (on the Pilica river, seven miles east of Tomaszow). These are pure inventions. Russian attacks in that district were repulsed with heavy losses to them, and yesterday they ceased to attack the position."

"On the east of the Pilica river the situation is unchanged."

REFUGEES FROM HOLLAND TO ENGLAND

About 2500 Being Transferred Every Week—Helping the Neediest.

London, Jan. 3.—Belgian refugees to the number of 2,500 weekly, are being transferred from Holland to England, said Percy Alden, the labor member, in discussing the matter with the Montreal Gazette correspondent. Mr. Alden has been at Flushing for some weeks past, at the request of the Board of Trade, on behalf of which a daily boat has been chartered for the transportation of refugees, either free or subsidized passages being given. The preference is being given to those for whom accommodation of a satisfactory nature is not being given in Holland. It is not a case, Mr. Alden declared, of England selecting the best but rather the neediest refugees. He further stated that of the \$50,000 voted by the City of Glasgow for relief in Holland, \$25,000 has been applied to helping these who means are exhausted, \$20,000 given to the Netherlands committee for Zealand province, and \$5,000 given for interned Belgian soldiers. Mr. Alden repudiated the idea that the Trades Unions object to the employment of refugees, and said that the latter, when employed, received union rates of pay. He disagreed with a recent report on this question, and would go much further than its recommendation.

IRON. MR. ROGERS BACK IN OTTAWA

Brings Cheering Report of Conditions in the Prairie Provinces—Wholesale Trade Brightening Up.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 3.—Hon. Robert Rogers returned today from Winnipeg and brings with him optimistic reports regarding conditions in the west. He thinks conditions on the prairies are better than in any other part of Canada. Wholesale trade is brightening up. Mr. Rogers has high words of praise for the men who have waited for the second and third contingents. They are a splendid body of men, he says, they are also enthusiastic and there are not enough vacancies for all the men who want to enlist.

DECEMBER WETTEST MONTH ON RECORD

Rainfall in London 6.34 inches for Month—Plays Havoc in the Training Camps.

London, Jan. 3.—A year unparalleled in its history, with a month of unprecedented rainfall, a record taken in North London for December showing a total of 6.34 inches. The wettest previous December was in 1876, with 6.25 inches. Now a day, the evening and, most of Sunday saw a continuation of the downpour, which is causing havoc in the training camps throughout the country.

MUST HAVE BILLS OF LADING AND MANIFEST OF CARGO WITH THEM

British Board of Trade Reminds Captains They Will Thus Obviate Delays and Search.

London, Jan. 2.—The Board of Trade today notified the British Merchant Marine that it is essential for the captains of all British merchant ships always to have on board their bills of lading and a manifest of the cargo. Neglect to comply with these instructions, it is set forth, may result in merchandise being stopped and detained by warships of Great Britain or of the allied navies. It is anticipated that the production of manifests will assist in the passage of neutral cargoes without detentions to the ships.

LATE SHIPPING

New York, Jan. 2.—Ard stmr Armbic, Liverpool; Sant Anna, Marseilles. Portland, Jan. 3.—Ard stmr Zealand, Liverpool. Liverpool, Jan. 3.—Ard stmr St. Louis.

BALKAN STATES ARE FOR AN EMBARGO ON EXPORTS OF GRAIN

London, Jan. 3.—The persevering steps which have been taken to bring about an understanding between the Christian Balkan States, and with the idea of securing the neutrality of Bulgaria, are reported to be progressing with complete success, according to despatches received in London from the near eastern capitals, and Greece, Serbia, Rumania are preparing for eventualities.

During a discussion of the budget in the Greek Chamber of Deputies, M. Theokotis is reported to have declared that the speech recently delivered by the Bulgarian Premier regarding Macedonia, which Bulgaria considered should have been ceded to her after the last Balkan war, constituted a menace; while the Greek Minister of Finance said that Greece was making urgent military preparations to maintain her liberated territory.

ITALIAN PAPER URGES NEUTRALS WORK TOGETHER

Rome, Jan. 2.—The newspaper Vita, the organ of the Italian Radicals, today comments at considerable length on the recent American note to Great Britain on the subject of shipping. This is the most important document which has appeared since the beginning of the war, the paper declares, for the United States possess the greatest power in the world not involved in the conflict. Neutrals nowadays must be in a position to enforce their rights. This the United States can do, for she has enormous interests throughout the world, and a formidable fleet. "Fortunately," the paper goes on, "American interests are identical with those of the smaller neutral powers. These states can follow in the footsteps of the United States. Should the neutral powers of Europe join hands as have done the countries of Scandinavia, for the protection of their maritime interests, their voice would be more convincing. Experience shows that observance of the right of neutrality is contingent upon the possession of material strength on the part of the neutral powers to enforce their point of view."

NEW MINISTER TO VATICAN AT SERVICE IN ENGLISH COLLEGE

Rome, Jan. 3.—Special prayers were said today in all the English churches in Italy for the ultimate victory of the Triple Entente nations. In the chapel of the English College Cardinal Gasquet and the new British Minister to the Vatican, Sir Henry Howard, the latter in full uniform, were among those who participated in the communion service. Their action was in striking contrast to the members of the British embassy to the Quirinal, none of whom was present at any service. It was also remarked that the Rector and the Vice-Rector of the Irish College did not participate in the service, nor attend the reception given by Cardinal Gasquet in honor of Sir Henry Howard.

HIS LIFE, IF NEED BE, IN BRITAIN'S CAUSE, ARCHBISHOP SAYS

Toronto, Jan. 3.—In the course of a stirring sermon at St. Michael's Cathedral today, Archbishop McNeill said: "When we think of the slain we make no distinction, Christian charity prizes for all, but when we come to organizations and institutions, to cause, I am prepared to defend the cause of right, the cause of Britain and Belgium, with my life."

HALIFAX LADY LOST HUSBAND IN DISASTER TO BRITISH BATTLESHIP

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 3.—Lt. Commander (Gunnery) Street, of the battleship Formidable, blown up in the English Channel, is believed, to have been lost in the disaster. Lt. Col. Oxley, has received a cablegram from his daughter in London, who married Lt. Street in Halifax a year ago, stating: "All hope abandoned." Previous to joining the Formidable Lt. Street was gunnery instructor on the Canadian cruiser Niobe.

Beware of teas that are dusty and full of broken leaves—as these are injurious in use and unpleasant in the cup, the dust being generally put there to reduce the cost. "SALADA" Teas are always Fresh, Fragrant, Free from dust and economical in use—preserved and sold only in sealed packets at 25c, 45c, 55c, 65c, per pound.

PERCY HOLDEN ILLINGWORTH, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO TREASURY, DIED YESTERDAY IN LONDON

London, Jan. 3.—Percy Holden Illingworth, chief Liberal whip in the House of Commons and Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury, died today of typhoid fever. He was born at Bradford in 1869. In August, 1912, Mr. Illingworth was appointed chief Liberal whip, succeeding Lord Murray of Elibank, whose purchase of Marconi shares as an investment of the funds of the Liberal party was the subject of much discussion when a parliamentary committee in June, 1913, investigated the scandals connected with government wireless contracts.

MISSION OF BRITISH ENVOY TO VATICAN TO COUNTER-BALANCE INIMICAL INTERFERENCES AROUND HOLY SEE—NEITHER SIDE SPECIALLY FAVORED AT VATICAN

London, Jan. 2.—The publication of a parliamentary paper of the instructions given to Sir Henry Howard concerning his mission to the Vatican entirely justifies the despatch sent some weeks ago by the Gazette correspondent to the effect that the aim of the appointment was to counter balance the inimical influences around the Holy See. The message in question was endorsed heavily, but the official paper shows the envoy was instructed to inform the Pope that the British government were anxious to put themselves into direct communication with him for the purpose of demonstrating the motives which governed their attitude since the moment normal relations between the great powers of Europe were disturbed. The Daily News comments as follows: "Even if a personal approach to the Pope were necessary, it is not clear why the Allies could not have made use of the Belgian Minister to the Vatican." The Rome correspondent of the Tablet points out that it is impossible to discover any word, whisper or indication, that the Pontiff, or any person representing the mind of the Vatican, favored one side or the other.

PART OF CARGO FROM THE STEAMER NAVARRA LANDED AT YARMOUTH

Yarmouth, N. S., Jan. 3.—Five cargoes of hay and baled straw have been landed at Yarmouth from the steamer Navarra, about 85 tons of hay and 100 bales of straw. A portion of the sleds which is to sail for Havre as soon as the 800 bales are saved. The position of the ship is unaltered, and, it is believed, she may be floated if no storms arise.

NOON SERVICES IN MONTREAL FOR THE BUSINESS MEN

Montreal, Jan. 3.—Special prayers in connection with the war were offered in the Montreal churches today following the Imperial Order-in-Council, and the annual week of prayer, which was thus begun today, will have special reference to the war at each service. In addition to the evening prayer meetings there will be a daily noon service, to be held at 12 o'clock in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church.

MORE CASUALTIES AT SALISBURY PLAIN

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—The following deaths in the Canadian Expeditionary Force at Salisbury Plain are announced by the Military Department: January 2, No. 13,798—Private Wm. Douglas Saint, Fifth Battalion of cerebro spinal meningitis. Next of kin, Wm. Saint, Tension Road, Cambridge, Eng. January 2, No. 46,971—Bugler George Macdonald, Seventeenth Battalion, of broncho pneumonia. Next of kin, Mrs. Charles Macdonald, North street, Westville, N. S.

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O'KEEFE—On the 2nd inst., Margaret, wife of Patrick O'Keefe, leaving her husband and two sons to mourn. Funeral on Monday morning, from her late residence, 16 Carmarthen street, to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, for High Mass of Requiem. Friends invited to attend.

DORMAN—In this city on the 3rd inst at her residence, 25 St. Patrick street, Mary A., wife of F. W. Dorman, leaving her husband, four sons, two daughters, and two sisters to mourn their loss. Funeral Tuesday at 2:30 from her late residence, 25 St. Patrick street. BELL—At 215 King Street East, this city, on the 2nd inst., William A. Bell, aged 46 years. Funeral from his late residence, at 11 o'clock on Tuesday.

INTERCESSION DAY IN ENGLAND

Churches of Metropolis Crowded Despite Weather Conditions.

London, Jan. 3.—The bad weather had little effect on the church attendance today, when all the leading Metropolitan churches were crowded both morning and evening for the Day of Intercession. St. Paul's Cathedral, where the Archbishop of Canterbury preached, was full half an hour before the service began, in the evening, though it stands far removed from the residential areas. The City Temple, with Rev. R. J. Campbell presiding, and Westminster Central Hall, the Methodist headquarters, were also crowded. Rev. Mr. Campbell told his congregation that he had conversed a few days ago with an engineer, the last of a heroic dozen, who attempted to blow up a bridge under a deadly German fire. "How did you feel," Mr. Campbell has asked him "when you tried to light the fuse in the face of apparently certain death?"

"Death did not seem to matter," was the reply of the engineer. "That," added Mr. Campbell, "seems to be the spirit of this supreme crisis." Four services were held at St. Paul's Cathedral, the first beginning at eight o'clock in the morning, and being conducted by the Right Rev. Arthur Ingram, the Bishop of London. The great Cathedral was thronged throughout the day. Westminster Abbey also had a large attendance, and a sermon being preached by Archbishop Wilberforce.

At all the Church of England's places of worship a special form of service sanctioned by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York was used. At Westminster Cathedral large congregations assembled to take part in the special mass presided by the Missal to be used in time of war. Similar services were held throughout the British Isles and in the overseas dominions.

RELEASE STEAMER HELD AT HALIFAX FOR EXAMINATION

Had 153 Cases of Raw Rubber Manifested as Gum—Most of Detained Articles Marked "For Germany."

Halifax, Jan. 3.—The Norwegian steamer Sandefjord, which was brought into port a month ago by a British ship and detained pending an examination of her cargo as it was thought she had contraband of war on board, was released on Saturday and sailed late in the day for Copenhagen. Nearly 8,000 tons of freight was discharged, and the naval authorities have now placed a portion of the cargo in the Admiralty Court. The goods retained consist of 153 cases of raw rubber, manifested as gum and 100 kegs of "hoop" casing, most of these goods being marked "for Germany."

Charles W. Coleman of Waltham, Mass. The funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her late residence.

IMPERIAL—"TERENCE O'ROURKE" TODAY Second of Our Splendid Society Series.		
How the Arabs Were Defeated by Terence.	HANDSOME WARREN KERRIGAN In "The Empire of Illusion."	The Infatuation of the Princess of Grandlieu.
DEVASTATING BILLOWS Recent Storm Wrecking Famous Oyster Island.	GERMAN SHIPS WE SUNK The "Dresden and Leipzig" Recently Destroyed.	
The Plot of the "THE HAZARDS OF HELEN" Second of Miss Holmes' Adventures.	TWO LUBIN COMEDIES Rattling Laugh-Material.	
CUSHMAN & SUNDERLAND Singers, Talkers and Society Dancers.	MUSICAL TALENT	GERTRUDE ASHE Favorites Soprano in Latest Songs.
GREAT FILM FOR Paul Armstrong and William Mizner's Great Play "THE GREYHOUND"—5 Reels A Tremendous Deep Sea Gambling Plot.		
OPERA HOUSE Tonight—"THE SILVER GIRL" EVERYTHING NEW BIG SONG NUMBERS SCENIC SURPRISES BEST PROGRAM OF THE SEASON 10-20-30c NO HIGHER SEATS ON SALE IN ADVANCE PHONE 1363 Souvenir Corona Chocolate Matinee—Wed. at 2.30		

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