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BRITISH SUCCESS IS REPORTED IN MESOPOTAMIA

Troops of John Bull Win Out in a Stiff Engagement and are Pursuing the Turks.

London, Jan. 17.—Despatches from the Far East show that British and Russian forces are meeting with considerable success in campaigns against strong enemy forces in Mesopotamia, Persia and the Caucasus. While these campaigns are being fought at points rather widely separated, it is obvious that the Allies are working on a comprehensive plan, with the idea of finally establishing an Anglo-Russian line from the Persian Gulf to the Caspian Sea. A feature of the Caucasus fighting is that the Russian official statement gives the first official intimation that Germans are fighting with the Turks in Persia.

BERLIN ADMITS THE RUSSIANS HAVE FORCED A WITHDRAWAL OF TURKISH OUTPOSTS.

Berlin, Jan. 17.—(By wireless to Bayville)—The Russian forces in the Caucasus have forced the Turks to withdraw their advanced posts several miles at some points, according to the Turkish official statement today, received here from Constantinople.

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New York, Jan. 17.—A cable from London to The New York Tribune this morning says: "I am informed that the report that the Prince of Wales will not return to the front because the heir to the throne has relentlessly exposed himself to the enemy, is unfounded, but it is true that during the king's convalescence he may be retained here for the public duties usually performed by his father. He will later rejoin the army in France, where his bravery and simplicity have made him the idol of all ranks, as soon as the king has completely recovered from his recent accident."

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TROOPS GUARD A Plant in the States While Workmen Resume Work.

Westfield, Mass., Jan. 17.—Guarded by more than 100 State police, the plant, Springfield local police, the two plants of the H. B. Smith Company, which has been tied up by a strike of 300 laborers and 600 machinists, resumed operations this morning. It was estimated that 500 of the company's 1,100 employees returned to work. There was no violence of any kind reported.

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VERY FINE ADDRESSES GIVEN BY N. W. ROWELL, K. C., M. P. P., AND MAJOR WILLIAMS AT RALLY

Leader of the Opposition in the Ontario House Was Heard to Excellent Advantage—Major Williams Also Addressed the Gathering in Effective Style.

The Grand Opera House last evening was completely filled a quarter of an hour before the curtain went up. But the people who flocked to hear the recruiting speeches were mostly women, old men and soldiers. It is plainly evident that some new forms of recruiting will have to be inaugurated, for only four recruits were secured last night from that large audience, and two of the best, most eloquent and learned speakers in Ontario made appeals.

THE SONS OF A Millionaire Arrested For Plotting His Alleged Murder.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—Irving and Herbert Uptide, 23 and 19 years old respectively, taken into custody last night after the police had obtained evidence of an alleged plot to murder their father, Furman D. Uptide, millionaire commission man and their mother, are still held in jail to-day at Oak Park, a suburb. Chief of Police Lee, of Oak Park, said the younger son is being held merely as a corroborative witness, but he refused to tell what charge, if any, had been lodged against Irving, the elder son.

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CAPTAIN VON PAPEN USED SOME VERY STRONG LANGUAGE

When He Found He Had to Give up His Papers—British Newspaper Comment on the Case.

London, Jan. 17.—The morning newspapers to-day comment extensively on both Germany's note to Great Britain, concerning the Baralong incident, and the papers seized from Captain Von Papen, the former German military attaché at Washington. The Baralong note is generally characterized as a piece of legal pettifoggery which will not likely get much support in the United States.

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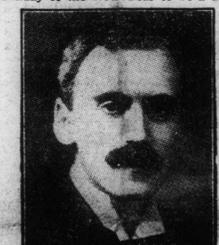
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CONSERVATIVE ANNUAL MEETING The Annual Meeting of the Conservative Association for South Brant will be held at THE CONSERVATIVE ROOMS Dalhousie St., Brantford SATURDAY 29th at 8 p. m. All Conservatives of the riding are welcome. Election of officers and other business. Mr. W. F. Cockshutt M.P. will be one of the speakers. ANDREW L. BAIRD PRESIDENT

RELIGION IS STIRRING FRANCE

Samuel N. Watson Gives Reason for Splendid Confidence of the People.

(Special Dispatch.) PARIS, Jan. 15.—During the morning service at the Church of the Holy Trinity, No. 10, rue d'Alma, Paris, the pastor, the Rev. Samuel N. Watson, described the mental cause of the absolute assurance of the French people that the war will be a victory for French arms. Watson said he had been asked a stranger in Paris some idea of the underlying motive of that confidence which even the casual can sense about him in the people. He explained it thus—"It is the pure and Christian teaching and aspirations of its childhood which is moving to-day. It is everywhere. I have talked with peasants in the fields, with old women keeping the shop while their men were at the front and their daughters working in the trenches, with soldiers from the country villages, with the towns and cities, and their force the conclusion—France is in this struggle by a superb she has laid hold of the spiritual, vibrating in the air to-day. It is vibrating in the soul, and it gives them faith and on to the 'Rock that is higher.' You cannot mistake the meaning of communion with God. When the other day, a peasant on a farm, with a basket of lettuce on his back, came into a church in a little village, a great-fellow of shifting shadows, with dim eyes in the distance, I watched him by himself at the feet of our Lord of Ave. For a while he held his face in his hands, and when he had a sort of radiance in his eyes, that is the heart of this people's faith. It matters not; it is the human soul in touch. Ages they have been trained to it; and still the same childlike simplicity lives faith in it. As Joan of Arc to the angels in the trees in the forest, so they talk to God as to a friend. People have had about it religious outward symbolism which has had the religious life of other people, but a spirit within them, as he has told them the meaning of it, is in it nothing for them to be afraid of."

CHINA HAVE EYE ON CHINA

Many Making Overtures and Promises in Event of Victory. Says the Paris Figaro.

(Special Dispatch.) PARIS, Jan. 15. —The Germans, in pressing their neutral, have not overlooked the assertion of the Paris Figaro, that the Germans are making of China of much the same sort as to Turkey. In the guise of despatches to the Chinese press, are made that in case of a German victory China would profit much and would be advantageous for that to espouse Germany's cause. "Wolf Agency," says the Figaro, "is following through China placards in which foretell, in the form of despatches, an ultimate German victory and the conditions which Germany will offer to the Allies. One of the newspapers at Peking sent the promises and they are translated as follows:—Twenty years Russia will give over to Germany the Trans-Siberian railroad and have to pay the military indemnity."

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