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Says British Need Sixty Divisions More in the West

London Times Writer Urges Greater Efforts

"HAVE NOT DONE ENOUGH" Declares Allies Have Nothing Like Superiority Necessary to Bring Decisive Victory—A Crying Need for More Men

London, Jan. 15.—The "Times" military correspondent maintains that the prolongation of the war "is the result of the foredoomed failure of the peace move" throws upon all the Allies the duty of making greater efforts in order to achieve victory. He says that Germany did not wait for a reply to her peace offer but initiated measures a month ago to expand her supply of men and munitions.

"We ought to see," the correspondent writes, "clearly enough now that our efforts on land, especially on the western front, have not been adequate to secure a decision or even to deserve it." Referring to the imputation "with a vengeance" to exaggeration, that the British have 2,000,000 men in France and the French have 2,000,000, he says that statements of this nature serve rather to obscure the issues than to illuminate them.

"The offensive devolves on us in order that we may evade the enemy from the territories of our allies and such an offensive against modern means of defense demand a great superiority in strength, particularly in heavy guns, infantry and all other modern military machinery."

"Before the war we supposed that even three to one superiority not too great for the attacker and I must repeat again and again that we have not done this and that we have not done this."

"The writer declares that there is a crying need for more men and that there has been a great remission in the creation of new divisions along the lines of Kitchener's original conception. He refers to the military plan published in the "Times" in 1914, which he says Lord Kitchener himself revised and declared would insure Britain being capable of continuing the war when the other powers were exhausted."

According to the correspondent this plan has gradually lapsed, from many reasons, chiefly the recruiting trouble in the autumn of 1915, which, he says, even now is far from cleared up. "We need another sixty divisions in the west," he concludes. "The necessary men exist and there is every probability that their appearance in the field will decide the war."

NATIONALS TAKE ALL The Nationals took all four points from the Rangers in the City League fixture on Black's alley on Saturday evening, and immediately eliminated them from any possible chance to clinch the present series. The scores were:

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes McKen, Gilmore, Cosgrove, McDonald, Moore, Ramblers, Covey, Jordan, Beatty, Coughlan, Riley, Toumatt.

METHODIST MINISTERS The monthly meeting of the Methodist ministerial congress was held this morning in the board room of Centenary church. Those present were Rev. Thomas Hicks, Rev. W. G. Lane, Rev. S. McLaughlin, Rev. W. H. Barralough, Rev. Robert Crisp, Rev. Gilbert Earle, Rev. G. H. Somers and Rev. J. C. Berridge. It was decided that the Methodist ministers of this district would give their co-operation to the Social Service Congress.

FOUR LITTLE ONES DIE IN BLIZZARD Cadillac, Sask., Jan. 15.—Four children were frozen to death in a blizzard on Thursday near a school house in Township 11. Two little boys were permitted to leave the school house during a supposed lull in the terrific gale. As they did not return a sister, about thirteen years of age, went out to bring them. Another child also got out and all four perished.

AS MANY SHELLS IN TWO DAYS AS IN WHOLE FIRST YEAR

Piling up Great Reserve of Ammunition

BRITISH FACTORIES HUM

In One Week Recently Output Exceeded, by 30 Per Cent, Entire Reserve Munitions Stock on Hand When War Began

New York, Jan. 15.—The following Associated Press correspondence from London, dated Jan. 15, is published here today. English munition factories are now turning out, every forty-eight hours, more heavy gun ammunition than they manufactured in the entire first year of the war, and the production is still increasing week by week in preparation for the great offensive on the western front, which British military critics believe will come next spring.

Although figures of the actual production of guns and munitions are jealously guarded and there is no avowed part of the ministry of munitions of any intention to disclose the important figures, there is a widespread feeling of optimism among the officials in the big munitions headquarters, just off Whitehall, as well as a willingness to give out "comparative figures" to justify that optimism.

The improvement in our position may be illustrated in this way," remarked an official of the ministry. "We are now manufacturing every week three times as many 155 millimeter shells, five times as many 200 millimeter shells, and three times as many 230 millimeter shells as we manufactured during the whole first year of the war."

"Of small shells, we are turning out in about seven weeks the same quantity as was produced during the last year. Finally, the number of shells of all kinds completed during the first week exceeded by thirty per cent, the entire stock of munitions held in reserve at the outbreak of hostilities."

ARTHUR E. HALL IN RUSSIA WITH MACHINE GUN INVENTION Friends in St. John have received copies of the New Haven Register of New Haven, Conn., reporting success won by Arthur E. Hall, who now is in Russia, demonstrating his machine gun invention. Mr. Hall, who is a brother of Mrs. J. B. Crane of Sussex, is expected to visit St. John on his return from Europe. The newspaper story is as follows:

"Word was received here today that Arthur E. Hall, an excellent inventor, and a resident of West Haven, has reached England, and by this time is likely in Petrograd, where he is to demonstrate his machine gun invention to the military officials of the Russian empire. His invention is insured by the government for \$500,000."

SOLDIERS' WIVES A soldier's wife came to the "Times" office today to protest against such remarks as that soldiers' wives are getting more money than their husbands. It is not her husband's case, and since her husband has been badly wounded she is getting more money than she needs. Her children are getting too much money, she says.

When the people are tired of giving me what I am entitled to, let them send my husband home. He did his share, and let them send home what is left behind. I would rather have him as he is than all the money they might pile up."

This thrifty soldier's wife has a little bank account in waiting for her husband's coming, and she hopes they will send him home.

Such criticism as is offered of course does not apply to all to this woman and others like her, but to those who are getting more money than they need, and who are neglected while she is living a gay life. This last woman's case has been referred to the Children's Aid Society, along with two others where children are also involved. Lady Aberdeen asked a St. John audience to give serious thought to this matter of soldiers' wives and children, some of whom need special attention.

Money for Their Wheat Melbourne, Jan. 15.—Premier Hughes announced today that the government on Monday would advance to farmers thirty pence a bushel on account of the amount due for Australian wheat recently purchased by the British government. This will involve a payment of \$15,000,000.

Fair and Cold Maritime—Strong northwest winds, fair and cold; Tuesday, overcast, fair and cold. New England forecasts—Overcast tonight, probably followed by snow on Tuesday, but much change in temperature, fresh north to east winds.

Likely Amend Assessment Act

One Feature Matter of Tax on Banks—Commissioners to Take up Matter Next Week at Morning Meetings

The report of the city assessment commission and the criticism of the report submitted by the council on the Board of Trade will receive the careful attention of the common council next week. Beginning on Monday, a series of meetings will be held each morning for the study of the documents.

One of the suggestions made this morning was that the rate of taxation on the total volume of business transacted by the banks should fluctuate according to the rate of interest the banks charge their clients.

It would be better to take more time for personal consideration before dealing with them in meeting. During the discussion it developed that the council is not likely to adopt the report and the proposed new act in full and that it is possible that several amendments will be made before the bill is sent to the legislature.

CHARGED THAT HE WAS ANNOYING GIRLS Wm. Pressel on Trial in Police Court Says He Can Prove Alibi

William Pressel was arrested on Saturday night by County Constable Saunders on a charge of molesting young girls in Rothway avenue. In the police court this morning he pleaded guilty.

The policeman testified that while he was standing at Haymarket square on Saturday night about 10:30 o'clock three young girls asked him if he would accompany them to their homes as a man was following them. He told them to walk along and he would follow. He said he later walked up behind them, Haymarket square and burst after the girls and later walk up behind them. He accused the defendant and asked him to explain his actions and he said he was told it was none of his business. He placed the man under arrest.

The three girls testified that they were in the street at the time and saw the man and also spoken to him. They were afraid to go home. The girl who was first arrested by Magistrate Ritchie said she was here from New York on a visit and was employed in Peter's laundry. He denied that he had followed the girls and said he could bring witnesses to prove an alibi. He acknowledged being in a drunkenness on Saturday night but said he was only taking a walk. He was remanded to the police station for two months in jail. Policeman Gosline testified that he saw the man and narrowly escaped falling over a wharf.

ENEMY LO ES ONE MORE SUBMARINE The accompanying letter speaks for itself: Montreal, Jan. 11, 1917. R. E. Armstrong, Esq., St. John, N. B.: Dear Sir:—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your cheque for \$12,000.00, being amount secured in St. John, N. B., in aid of the above fund. This will be wally reported to the general committee, on whose behalf I beg to thank you and all those who so generously subscribed, for this contribution to the fund. Yours very truly, DAVID SMITH, Honorary Secretary, Fund of Montreal, in writing to the local secretary, says that it is hoped that another \$100,000 will be raised before the fund is closed.

THE WHEAT MARKET Chicago, Jan. 15.—Wheat prices (under upward today, owing largely to dimming stocks and enlarging clearances for Europe. Opening prices, which ranged from 1-4 off to 7-8 advance, with May at 185 to 185-1/4, and July at 1-2 to 1-2 1/4-1/4, were followed by a material upturn all around, but then something of a reaction.

WEATHER REPORT Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupp, director of meteorological service. Synopsis—A very pronounced area of high pressure covers Canada and the northern part of the United States from Atlantic to Pacific. The weather is everywhere very cold and especially so in Manitoba, where the temperature is between thirty and forty below zero.

WOMAN WINS VERDICT OF \$170,000 Sued Rich Third Cousin, Octogenarian For \$500,000

Pittsburg, Jan. 15.—Miss Nettie M. Richards won a verdict of \$170,000 here in a \$500,000 breach of promise suit against Henry Deniston, her wealthy third cousin, an octogenarian.

Miss Deniston's counsel announced that the case would be appealed. Miss Richardson, 40, and a former made love to her, but that on her visits to his home he twice proposed that she marry him. She took care of him in his declining years. Mr. Deniston is said to be worth upward of \$2,000,000.

Big Guns Boom On Western Front

WESTERN FRONT SNOW COVERED Treacherous Mud Hidden for a Time at Least

A WORD PICTURE Correspondent at British Headquarters Impressed by Change That Snow Storm Brings—But British Guns Keep on Firing

With the British Armies in France, via London, Jan. 14.—This has been one of the strangest days in the strange world-war. It has been a wonderfully white day—a day of snow, white fields and strange white trees glistening in magical mantles of clear white frost. Even the brown, gripping, remorseless mud of the Somme—the mud that has been almost the master of the war for the last two months—had hidden its treacherous depths, for the time being at least, under the soft feecy flakes that came during the night to spread a Sabbath vestment of purity over the wretched, squalid and sombre battlefields of Northern France.

In most of the front line trenches there was the mystic quiet that comes with snow. "No man's Land" had been lifted for the moment out of its degradation and the fighting zones. The tortuous rusted barriers of grim barbed wire in front of the enemy positions had been transformed into graceful strands of crystal ice and clinging snow. Back of the lines the British guns that never cease to fire or sleep, guns that winter cannot muzzle or frost subdue, spoke with a white hazy breath from hiding places screened and doubly secure by the white cover of the newly fallen snow. Under the spell of the snow and mists there was what it is not often the case out here, an almost tangible touch of peace in the air.

Whether it was the white fog that enveloped so much of the front, or whether it was just some shadowy spirit of the Sabbath, the strident voices of the guns seemed more muffled than usual and farther away. But the messengers that the guns sent smashing through miles of glacial space spoke to the front lines in the same determined tone that they have heard with such unrelenting regularity during all those dreary days. The war that stretches out over the years is a war that necessarily resolves itself into a routine of much the same thing over and over again. Today however, in all its whiteness it seemed just a wee bit different.

FINES OF \$40,000 French Restaurant Man Finds it Expensive to Sell Absinthe Against Law

Paris, Jan. 15.—Heavy fines were inflicted yesterday on the proprietor of the Mollard restaurant, outside Gare Saint Lazare, for selling absinthe. Eight hundred and thirty bottles christened "Our Elixir" had left the restaurant. The fines ordered by the prosecutor to pay 168 francs of 40 each, also 1800 revenue dues multiplied five times. The court also ordered the absinthe seized to be confiscated. The breweries, cafe and bar owned by the Mollard Company were ordered closed altogether. The fine amounted to nearly \$40,000.

MAJOR ASTOR IS ONE OF LLOYD GEORGE'S SECRETARIES London, Jan. 14.—In the appointment of his parliamentary secretaries, Mr. Lloyd George once again illustrates the extent of his confidence in the first line, have on all occasions given proof of devotion and complete content of duty. At the beginning of the war the two princes sought to enlist in the French army but could not be taken on account of the law excluding the former French royal family, whereupon they joined the Belgian forces.

NEW SPAN FOR QUEBEC BRIDGE READY IN FALL; NO PUBLIC CERMONY Ottawa, Jan. 15.—According to advices here the new central span of the Quebec Bridge will be put up without any public ceremony. The same plan is being followed in its construction as before, but there is special care to see that no weak or defective member enters into it.

NEUTRALS EXPELLED FROM ROMANIAN CAPITAL Berlin, Jan. 15.—An official communication says the neutral governments represented at Bucharest were requested to recall their ministers and they left Bucharest on Jan. 18 on a special train placed at their disposal.

SAW SUBMARINE IN ATLANTIC ON LAST THURSDAY New York, Jan. 15.—News that an unidentified submarine was moving westward in the Atlantic as late as last Thursday was brought to post here by the British freight steamer Clematis, in from Bordeaux, France.

Paris, Jan. 15.—The French navy has reported that the submarine was seen on a third ocean voyage to America. The stragler made no move toward the Clematis, which was at the time approximately 800 miles east of Newport, R. I.

Artillery Active On Line Held By The French REPORTS OF BELLIGERENTS Paris Announces Floods and Violent Snowstorms on Macedonian Front—Enemy Depot of Munitions is Destroyed

Paris, Jan. 15.—There was active artillery fighting last night in the vicinity of the Avre River, and in the sector between the Aisne and the Argonne. Otherwise the night was uneventful. Berlin, Jan. 15 (via Sayville)—"North of the Somme lively artillery fire continues," says today's army headquarters report on the western front. "While at several places advanced by hostile patrols were repulsed, our reconnoitering detachments in successful enterprises brought prisoners and machine guns."

Paris, Jan. 15.—The war office communication today concerning the Macedonian front, says: "Bad weather has resulted in many floods, and violent snowstorms are recorded from the region of the Balkans. The enemy shown activity along the front held by the Italians, where an attack has been repulsed and prisoners have been taken. The Vardar positions have been violently bombarded and in the region of Rastitsa our artillery responded with energy. A depot of munitions has been destroyed at Futurs, on the north of Araditsa. There have been several encounters to the south of Lake Ochrid, particularly in the vicinity of the city of Veles. One of our Chinese detachments was engaged. Another detachment has made a slight advance in front of Sarajev. Berlin, Jan. 15 (via Sayville)—"The weather being cloudy the fighting activity was small," says today's German statement regarding the Russian front. In Greece.

Athens, Friday, Jan. 12, via London Jan. 15 (delivered)—The allies occupied the Island of Cerigo on Wednesday. Cerigo is the southernmost of the principal of the Ionian Islands, belonging to Greece. It is in the Mediterranean on the southern extremity of Morea. Some other Greek insular possessions have been occupied by the allies, supposedly on account of the establishment of bases for hostile submarines. Russian Report. Petrograd, Jan. 15.—In the course of a violent engagement yesterday near the Kacino River, on the northern Roumanian front, the Roumanians threw back their opponents one verst (66 miles). The Teutonic forces northeast were repulsed by the Russians, who inflicted heavy losses on their opponents. Field Marshal Von Mackensen's army has made a further advance toward Galata, causing the Russians to withdraw towards the north in the vicinity of Vadani.

NOBLE BROTHERS OF AUSTRIAN EMPRESS IN THE BELGIAN ARMY Princes Commended in Recent French Army Orders Paris, Jan. 15.—Prince Sixtus of Bourbon de Parma and his brother, Prince Xavier, brothers of the Austrian Empress, who are serving in the Belgian army have been commended in French army orders in the following terms: "They spontaneously offered their services in the cause of right and attached to the section of stretcher-bearers in the first line, have on all occasions given proof of devotion and complete content of duty. At the beginning of the war the two princes sought to enlist in the French army but could not be taken on account of the law excluding the former French royal family, whereupon they joined the Belgian forces."