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MORE THAN MILLION MEN AND THOUSAND GUNS IN TERRIFIC BATTLE IN POLAND

Much Depends on Outcome of Gigantic Conflict Which is Steeping the Earth in Blood—Less Intense Today on Western Front

Petrograd, Feb. 6.—More than a million picked troops, and more than 1,000 heavy guns are engaged in a terrific battle in the region of the Bzura and Rawka Rivers, in Poland, and upon the outcome of this conflict hangs the fate of the present campaign for the mastery of Western Poland.

For a week the heavy artillery has been shaking the blood-soaked earth with its thunder, and the attacks of the Germans and the counter attacks of the Russians have left the battlefield covered with corpses.

FRENCH SUMMARY

Paris, Feb. 6.—The French War Office this afternoon reported: "No infantry engagement has been reported as having occurred during the day of February 5. From Arras to Rheims, there were artillery engagements, with results satisfactory to us. There has been no change in the situation in the vicinity of Perthes and Massiges.

"In the Argonne and in the Woëvre district French artillery yesterday dispersed convoys of the enemy, and set fire to a convoy train of twenty-five wagons.

SAYS GERMANY MEANS TO DO IT

London, Feb. 6.—A Daily News despatch from Copenhagen says:—Representatives of the Berlin press were summoned to a meeting with the imperial chancellor last night, when the head of the naval department expressed the conviction that the public and press of Germany would unanimously agree to the carrying out of a blockade of the English coast.

Germany had at her disposal all the necessary means to carry out a blockade, and those means would be used with all possible swiftness after a fortnight's respite had been given to neutral states to bring their ships to port.

The German government hoped that neutral states would not realize the situation, but agree to the blockade decision, as England's tyranny on the seas of the world would be smashed only in this way.

JAPANESE CRUISER A COMPLETE WRECK

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 6.—The Japanese cruiser Asama, which struck an uncharted rock off Lower California, is reported a complete wreck.

DROPS BOMBS IN COLOGNE

Amsterdam, Feb. 6.—Hostile airplanes flew over the city of Cologne and dropped bombs then escaped in the direction of Düsseldorf, according to a despatch from Berlin.

STRICKEN WHILE PUTTING BLANKET ON HIS HORSE

P. E. Island Farmer Found Dead by His Brother
Charlottetown, P. E. I., Feb. 6.—Yesterday Richard McDuff, of Brookfield, aged 65, a farmer, was found dead in his stable near one of the horse stalls.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—The disturbance is now centered over northern Ontario, and rain or snow has fallen over the greater part of Ontario and Quebec.

Maritime.—Strong southerly to south-westerly winds, with snow and rain; Sunday, westerly winds, clearing.

New England Forecasts.—Partly cloudy and colder tonight; Sunday, fair colder; strong west wind.

Canadians Now Near Rouen Bulk of Them Have Crossed Channel—Great Concentration of British Forces Near Boulogne

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 6.—Despite Germany's threats to exterminate transports, it is apparent from private despatches received here this morning that the bulk of Canada's first contingent has safely crossed the English Channel, landed at Harve, and are now encamped or billeted in or near Rouen, which is a city of 100,000 population, on the Seine River, about eighty miles north from Paris, and not far from Harre.

PARADE TO FOUR CHURCHES SUNDAY

Three Bands to Head the Soldiers Tomorrow
KHAKEE FOR ARTILLERY
Issue to the Partridge Island Men—Two More to the Divisional Ammunition Column—Presentations—Selecting Non-Coms. For Mounted Rifles

The church parades of the 28th Battalion and No. 8 Co. C. A. S. C. tomorrow will be to several churches. The former will visit St. Paul's, the Cathedral and Brunsell street Baptist church, while the Army Service unit will parade to St. Mary's headed by the Colley band. The 62nd and City Corvet bands will accompany the infantry.

THE "BOMB" WAS A BRICK OF COAL

Serious Matter For "Joker" Though, if Captured
FOUND NEAR FALLS BRIDGE
All kinds of wild rumors were in circulation today as a result of a supposed bomb found at the Suspension bridge last night. The police declare the "bomb" was a brick of coal.

AUSTRIAN CAUGHT NEAR THE TORONTO PUMPING STATION

"Looking For Work" But He Had \$125 in His Pocket
Toronto, Feb. 6.—Josef Knias, an Austrian reservist, was arrested by Stanley Hertzke yesterday for loitering in a suspicious manner at the pumping station at the foot of John street on Thursday night.

Another member of the artillery garrison on the island has gone to Fredericton to join the 2nd ammunition column. A. Jones, gunner, A. St. John boy who has been residing for some time in St. Stephen is another who has joined the colors at Fredericton.

CHAPLAINS ALSO WILL REACH BATTLE FRONT

Former St. John Man One of Three Y. M. C. A. Secretaries to Accompany First Contingent to France
Salisbury Plain, Feb. 6.—The War Office has now consented to allow eleven Canadian chaplains to go to the front with the first Canadian contingent.

KAISER'S WISH WAS G ANTED; SHOULD BE MORE WARY NOW

Copenhagen, Feb. 6.—A Berlin report states that the Kaiser recently visited Doberitz concentration camp. All the prisoners were murdered while the Kaiser held religious services. The Kaiser also sent Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg to the camp at Rupprecht, Bavaria.

MARSHALL WILDER DIED WEALTHY MAN

Humorist Was Worth More Than Quarter Million
New York, Feb. 6.—The will of Marshall P. Wilder, humorist, who died on January 10, in St. Paul, disclosed real estate holdings in New York state valued at \$200,000 and \$17,000 in personal property.

CUNARDER CRIPPLED AND A DRIFT IN WHITE SEA

Berlin, Feb. 6.—A despatch from Christians states that it has been learned there that the Cunard liner steamer Thracia has lost her propeller and is drifting in the White Sea with a cargo of 150,000 crows.

Herald Puts It Up To American Government Trouble if One Life is Lost to United States by Reason of Piracy Project of Germans—Some Strong Statements

New York, Feb. 6.—Unless there is actual destruction of neutral ships, marine insurance underwriters here express the opinion that the shipping between this country and Great Britain and France will not be lessened in volume because of the German admiralty blockade declaration.

THE HERALD'S WARNING

Under the caption of "Whom the Gods would destroy, they first drive mad," the Herald says: "Do Americans realize the full meaning of the German official announcement published yesterday that the seas surrounding Great Britain and Ireland, including the whole English channel, are hereby declared to be a military zone?"

"It means that Germany declares war upon the entire world. Ships belonging not only to the nations with which Germany is at war, but also those belonging to neutral nations—to the United States, to Italy, to Holland, to Sweden, to Norway to Denmark, to Greece, to Spain—are according to this fiendish document, to be destroyed even when it may not be possible to preserve crews and passengers from danger.

LOOK OUT FOR TROUBLE

The Tribune says:— "If the German government is looking for trouble with the United States, or Spain or Italy, all it has to do is to permit a submarine to torpedo an American Spanish or Italian vessel entering the German admiralty's psychological 'war zone'."

SEND COPY TO EACH MINISTER

I. C. R. Men Take up Matter of Pay For Those Who Enlist For War
Moncton, N. B., Feb. 6.—A meeting held last night in Moncton regarding pay for I. C. R. employees who have enlisted for service in the war was attended by representatives of every branch of organized labor on the I. C. R.

AEROPLANE SEEN OVER NIAGARA FALLS

Niagara Falls, Ont., Feb. 6.—It was reported that an aeroplane passed over the city late last night. A few nights ago, the guards at the Toronto Power Plant reported that a flying machine passed overhead about midnight. It carried a red and green light.

C. P. R. VETERAN IS DEAD AT McADAM JUNCTION

Death called a veteran railroad man of the C. P. R. this morning in the person of Christopher Johnston of McAdam Junction, who died at his home there after a month's illness from pneumonia, in the 74th year of his age.

AY REASON FOR STRIKE DIFFERENT THAN STATED

A delegation of the men who went on strike on the dredge Don Federico called at The Times office this morning to say that a published statement to the effect that they went on strike because one of their number was discharged for fighting was altogether untrue.

EXPLOSION IN GOAL MINE; 130 MEN THERE

Fayetteville, W. Va., Feb. 6.—An explosion occurred in the mines of the New River Coal Company at Carlisle, near here, this morning. One hundred and thirty miners had gone in, and it is feared many have perished.

FOR THE PLAYGROUNDS

The Playgrounds' Association acknowledges the following gifts:— J. Willard Smith \$5.00 Mrs. Emily Goodwin 10.00 Miss L. Dunn 3.00 Collected by Miss Heffer 42.80

GREAT GALE SWEEPS NORTH SEA; LIVES ARE LOST

Aberdeen, Scotland, Feb. 6.—A score of persons are believed to have been drowned in shipwrecks caused by a gale which, sweeping the North Sea, a salvage boat from Hull turned turtle off the coast. A trawler and a small steamer were driven ashore.