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ALLIES DEVELOPING AN OFFENSIVE PLAN

French Lines are Now More Than Ten Miles Within the Borders of Alsace

CAPTURE GERMAN LINE

German Artillery Along the Meuse is Clearly Outclassed by French Guns—Former Give up the Fight.

(Exclusive Leased Wire to Journal of Commerce.)

Paris, December 15.—The offensive movement of the French troops in Alsace and Lorraine is developing important successes, especially in Alsace.

The French have pushed their lines forward toward Altkirch, which is now practically invested on three sides.

It has been officially announced that the French left wing in Alsace has pushed forward from Thann to Sienbach, northwest of Muehlhausen.

The centre of the army, aiming direct at Muehlhausen, has pushed forward to the important cross-roads at Pont d'Assach, while the right wing has reached Eglinton, directly north of Altkirch.

The offensive movement of the Allies in Flanders is slowly progressing. Yesterday there were heavy artillery engagements which the Allies claim resulted in benefit to themselves.

The French attack on the German trenches in the forest of Montmarie resulted in the capture of a line 500 metres long.

French troops, too, pushed forward along the Ypres Canal, and to the west of Hottelbeke, a town which the Germans held for many weeks.

According to official reports the German artillery along the Meuse is clearly outclassed by the French guns, and the Germans appear to be moving farther to the north.

The Turks openly blame the Germans and fear the destruction of the Ottoman navy by a repulsion of the submarine fleet.

Paris, December 15.—At one o'clock this morning practically all the street lights throughout Paris were turned off instantaneously and without warning of explanation.

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B. HAL BROWN, President and General Manager, Prudential Trust Company.

GERMANY SHARING LARGELY IN EXPORTS OF COTTON

New York, December 15.—Features of Monday's exports were shipments from Galveston of 22,556 bales of cotton, 3,238 bales from New Orleans, and 6,652 bales from Savannah, making a total of 37,906 bales from these three ports.

Tonnage for future shipments is engaged and the movement is prospectively to be of great proportions.

Germany is sharing largely in these exports and there is nothing to interfere with the continuance of the movement to the Continent.

Washington, December 15.—President Wilson is hopeful that both the Columbia and the Nicaragua treaties will be approved at this session of Congress.

Tokyo, December 15.—An explosion occurred today in a coal mine at Fukuoka as a result of which 900 laborers are imprisoned in the workings of the mine.

The Prince of Wales, who celebrated his nineteenth birthday yesterday, is now attached to General French's staff and is with the army in France.

Bishop Earthing, who was fifty-three years of age yesterday, was born at Cincinnati, U.S., on December 13th, 1861.

George J. Bury, who was yesterday elected a director of the C. P. R., was appointed a few weeks ago to succeed Mr. David McNeill, as senior vice-president in Montreal.

Col. George Stephen Castle, who has been appointed to command the next battalion from the 5th Royal Highlanders to go with the Third Contingent, is a well-known military man.

Lieut.-Colonel C. A. Chauvot, who has been appointed commander of the second Franco-Canadian Regiment which will shortly be organized, is a lawyer by profession.

James Ramsay MacDonald, member of the British Parliament and chairman of the Labor Party, has gone to the front with an ambulance corps.

The Hon. Sydney Fisher, who spoke here last night on "Japan: Our Ally," was Minister in Montreal and educated at McGill and Cambridge Universities.

M. J. Butler, Canadian director of the Armstrong-Whitworth Company of Canada, who opened their new steel plant on Saturday, was born at Deseronto in 1837.

London, December 15.—The following statement was issued by the Press Bureau: "Fighting has recommenced in Northern France. A combined attack by the Allies was made yesterday at Hottelbeke-Wycharde line."

CONFIDENCE STRONG THROUGH THE WEST

Country is Getting Some Benefits From the War Through Better Markets and Higher Prices

PROPERTY VALUES FIRM

No General Desire Shown to Sell Real Estate for Less Than it Cost. Says Manager of Prudential Trust—Company Increasing Western Business.

That there is a great feeling of optimism all over Western Canada, coupled with an unshaken confidence in the future of the country, is the impression gained by Mr. B. Hal Brown, general manager of the Prudential Trust Co., who has just returned to Montreal from the coast.

The Prudential has been registered in Saskatchewan and British Columbia for the past three years, but with the passing away of the Dominion Trust Co. it was decided to extend operations in the west, and with this object Mr. Brown has arranged for facilities to provide a service for the large clientele of the Dominion Co., which had built up a remarkable business.

As possible, give a service to those people who had arranged for it with the Dominion Co. and who desire the default amount to be replaced. Mr. B. Leuberton, a director of the Prudential, who has his headquarters in Victoria and an office in Vancouver will look after the business.

"There is a great feeling of optimism in the West," said Mr. Brown, discussing the general situation, "and the people regard the situation as only temporary. Confidence in the value of property is firm and there is no general desire on the part of the people to sell their holdings for less than they gave for them. They feel that the value is sure to rise and that while there is a temporary loss as soon as normal conditions return prices will advance."

"The further west one goes," continued Mr. Brown, "the more the people seem to want luxuries and advantages even greater than they had in the cities from which they migrated. The result was that the country had been over-developed in many sections."

He considered that Western Canada was deriving actual benefit from the war. The farmers were getting better prices for their grain and livestock and there was a ready market for any articles that could be manufactured. That borrowing had been stopped was really a blessing, although perhaps one of the disguised ones.

Have, December 15.—According to news which has reached the Belgian Government, the German Government-General of the occupied territory in Belgium has ordered the provincial councils to meet on December 17 to take the necessary measures for the payment of the war tax of 350,000,000 francs (\$70,000,000).

BARRACKS FOR 3rd BATTERY

Men of Battery Received Orders This Morning to Make Ready to Enter Barracks This Evening.

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ALLIES MAINTAIN EVERYWHERE THEIR FORMER PROGRESS

Paris, December 15.—The 2 p.m. official communique follows: "Between the sea and the Lys the English have captured a small forest to the west of Wycharde. The ground gained yesterday by our troops along the Yser Canal and to the west of Hottelbeke has held despite the vigorous counter-attack of the enemy."

"On the Belgian frontier on the Somme there is nothing to report. From the Somme to the Argonne, there have been intermittent cannonades, not very violent, except in the region of Crouy. In the Argonne we have made some progress and maintained our advance of the preceding days."

"In the Vosges the railroad station at St. Loman, south of St. Die, has been violently bombarded at a loss range by the Germans. In Alsace the enemy's artillery is showing great activity except at Steinbach, where an attack by the German infantry, starting from Uffholtz, was able to gain a foothold. We have maintained everywhere our former progress."

NOT PERTURBED OVER SUIT. New York, December 15.—New York Central officers are not greatly perturbed over the suit of the General Investment Company of Maine, otherwise C. H. Venter, in the State Court at Cleveland to enjoin consolidation of the Central and Lake Shore.

They believe it unlikely that these proceedings will prevent approval of consolidation by stock vote of Lake Shore at its December 22nd or actual consummation of consolidation about January 1st. Lake Shore is paying to-day its rate for \$7,500,000 which it gave to head Evans Committee of Minority Stockholders for 15000 shares Lake Shore stock. It is also carrying on purchase of other minority stock on the same terms, \$60 a share.

TURKISH SUZERAINTY MUST END. London, December 15.—In a letter to the Times regarding the future of Egypt, Lord Cromer says: "It is an absurdity to suppose that the Khedive has unwisely thrown in his lot with the Germans, his defection is probably of no great political importance. The personal influence of His Highness in Egypt is at present slight. Whatever may be the future political status of that country, Abbas Hilmi can no longer be its ruler. Egypt as a result of the war must be wholly and irrevocably relieved from the pernicious 'marr' or Turkish suzerainty."

OPPOSED TO LITERACY TEST. Washington, December 15.—President Wilson made known that he was opposed to the literacy test in the Smith-Barnett Immigration Bill. He declined to say whether he would veto the measure if passed in its present form, however. The bill has many features, good, bad and indifferent, he said, and he was not yet ready to commit himself upon it.

BOMBARDS SEBASTOPOL. Constantinople, via Berlin and Amsterdam, December 15.—Turkish Minister of Marine announced that an Ottoman cruiser had bombarded Sebastopol, the Russian fortress on the Black Sea.

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