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THE BELGH SOLDIERS HUNG ON THE SLINGERS ENEMY

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PATHETIC LETTERS French Artillery Across Aisne Commands Most of Old Position at Crouy.

Canadian Press Despatch. BEFORE SOISSONS, Jan. 19.—(By Courier to Berlin, via London.)—The correspondent of the Associated Press reached the battlefield of Soissons over the turnpike leading from Soissons, approaching by automobile as far as the village of Crouy, a scant mile from the French outposts which were the scene three days earlier of desperate combats.

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FILII ISLANDERS TO FIGHT FOR BRITAIN

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RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE EXPECTED IN POLAND

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DAY KINGS DESCRIBED AS FAIR REPRISAL

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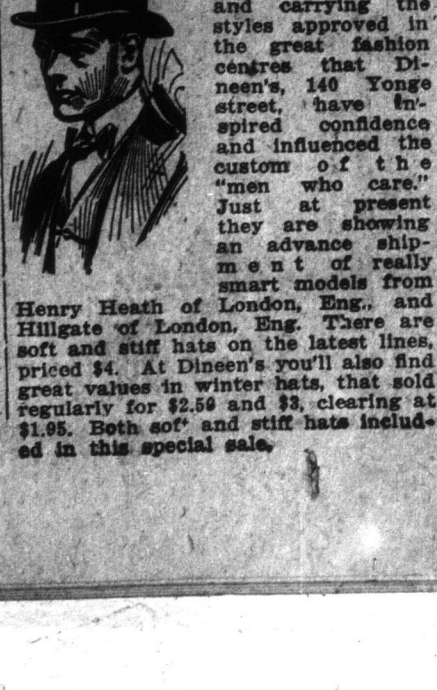
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