

ARMIES ENTERING HARDEST PERIOD OF WAR

FRENCH HIGH COMMISSIONER TO THE U.S. IS CONFIDENT NOT NEAR ITS RUSSIAN AND HUNGARIAN ARTILLERY P.E.I. PEOPLE MORE ACTIVE

M. Tardieu Thinks Coming Strong German Attack on West Front Will Prove Another Verdun—German Raids on British Positions on Belgian and Arras Fronts Repulsed—Other Raids North of Passchendaele and South of Lens Also Fail.

An Atlantic Port, Jan. 2.—The Entente Allies are entering the hardest period of the war, but a period which will prove richest in decisive results, "if we know how to play a good game," and the issue will be decided in the next six months, according to Captain Andre Tardieu, French high commissioner to the United States, who returned to this country yesterday.

While Captain Tardieu pointed to the possibility of a strong German attack on the western front during this winter, he is "absolutely confident that it will be another Verdun."

The urgency of an enormous economic effort was emphasized by the French representative.

Hun Raids Repulsed.

London, Jan. 2.—Several raids were made by the German forces last night

on the British positions on the Belgian and Arras front. The official statement issued by the war department today says that all the raiding parties were repulsed. The text of the statement follows:

"Yesterday evening under cover of a heavy bombardment three parties of the enemy attempted to raid our positions in the neighborhood of Mericourt, southeast of Lens. The hostile parties were dispersed by our artillery fire, and they failed to reach our trenches. They then were attacked in the rear by our machine guns, which inflicted many casualties and secured a few prisoners."

Other raids attempted by the enemy in the course of the night south of Lens, at Hill 70, in the neighborhood of the Menin road and north of Passchendaele were all repulsed. The enemy secured a few more prisoners in these encounters."

Car Tumbles from Train and Rolls Onto River—Potato Man Has Marvellous Escape.

Houlton, Me., Jan. 2.—Buried in a freight car which broke from a train and rolled down an embankment onto the ice in the Abolusset River in suddenly frigid weather was the experience of Charles Leen, of Sherman, who was keeping fire to warn the tubers which were being shipped to Providence. To add to Leen's troubles the two dislodged sections of the train came together coupled, and proceeded with the train in ignorance of the time being of the strange accident.

Leen was sleeping peacefully after replenishing his stores when the car broke out of the train on the banks of the river, just east of Bowdoinham, and turned several revolutions before it landed a shattered wreck and, with its contents, rolled into the water. Leen was buried, scattered far and wide over the ice of the Abolusset.

When Leen was dug out one of his legs was sticking through a hole in the ice, and he was somewhat bruised. The frost spoiled the potatoes.

Troops Fraternize and Much German Revolutionary Literature Being Distributed Among Slav Soldiers.

London, Jan. 2.—The fraternization of troops on the eastern front is already passing beyond the control of enemy officers, writes the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News.

Quantities of revolutionary newspapers, printed in Germany, he adds, are being distributed. An illustrated supplement contains, among other stimulating matters, a photograph of the German embassy with a huge banner across it inscribed "The proletariat of all lands unite."

Underneath is written, "These words are the words of a German. Did you Hindenburg utter them? No. They are the words of Karl Marx. We shall be sending a Russian workman to live in the Russian embassy in Berlin. When will you send us a German workman as ambassador to Petrograd?"

Several Raids on British Posts in France Repelled—Italian Statement.

London, Jan. 2.—The report from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters tonight said: "In addition to the raids reported in this morning's communiqué, the enemy attempted last night to raid one of our posts in the neighborhood of Oppy, but was driven off before reaching our trenches."

"This afternoon the enemy's artillery has shown increased activity in the neighborhood of the Ypres-Comines canal. On the remainder of the front there was nothing of special interest."

Object to Car Ferry Leaving Regular Service to Succor Five Steamers in Distress.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Jan. 2.—The car ferry steamer Prince Edward Island left here tonight for Cape Tormentine with a large number of passengers. After coaling up, she will sail for Cape Chat to the relief of five steamers caught in the ice in the mouth of the St. Lawrence.

A telegram, signed by Premier Arsenault, Mayor Brown and the president of the board of trade was sent to the minister of railways protesting against taking the steamer from the island service.

In the event of her being lost or detained for any time the island would be completely isolated as she is the only ice-breaker able to maintain the service and this province would again have to depend on hand propelled boats between the capes. It was also stated that information was received that the Montserrat was going to the relief of the ice bound steamers, thus removing the danger of lives being lost. There is a heavy congestion of freight both to and from the island and the withdrawal of the car ferry would be very serious. Under most of the favorable conditions it would take a steamer about a week to make the trip.

Our January sale of overcoats comes in on the crest of the wave—just in time to benefit the man who has been "putting off" putting on a new overcoat.

Now he can have his pick— from six or seven different models—and a very large saving on every coat.

All odd overcoats and broken lines, without regard to former prices of \$15 to \$30, are marked for clearance at

\$10.50, \$12.50, \$13.50, \$15.50, \$17.50, \$19.50, \$22.50

Bear in mind these are overcoats made of worthy materials, carefully selected for our regular stock, splendidly tailored, not made cheaply for sale purposes.

Gilmour's, 68 King St.

RUSSIA NOT TO ACCEPT HUN TERMS

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M. Kameneff, a member of the Russian delegation, read the German terms which he characterized as showing the positive annexation plans of the Central Powers, and he declared they were unacceptable in their present form. He added that the terms had not been discussed.

"If, after the resumption of negotiations," the delegate said, "the German insist upon these terms Russia will conclude peace with the German imperialists, but with the representatives of the people, the socialists of Germany."

DRASTIC CUT IN U.S. TRAIN SCHEDULES

Thus Far St. John Has Not Been Affected, But Montreal and Quebec Points Have.

Several Canadian points will be affected by the general reduction in passenger train service being made in the United States since the government assumed charge of the railways. St. John will probably not be affected unless the traffic congestion becomes worse than it is now. On the Boston and Maine system the sleeping car service on two daily trains to Montreal will be eliminated. The New York-Portland night train will be taken off. It has not been decided what trains on the Maine Central and Bangor and Aroostook roads will be taken off, but it is understood an announcement will be made shortly. The worst thing that could happen the Maritime Provinces would be the elimination until spring of one of the St. John-Boston through trains. If this is done there will probably be some part of a combined St. John-Boston-Bangor train.

Philadelphia, Jan. 2.—The Pennsylvania Railroad today made a drastic cut in its passenger service in an effort to clear the lines for freight traffic. The company cancelled 164 trains, including the Congressional Limited, operating on the lines east of Pittsburgh. The change will take effect on January 6.

Not more than one parlor car will hereafter be permitted on any day train anywhere on the Pennsylvania system. All parlor cars will be drawn on the Schuylkill division, which includes Reading, Pottsville and Wilkes-Barre.

ZERO WEATHER IN SOUTHERN FRANCE

Another Heavy Fall of Snow in Eastern and Central Districts Impedes Transportation.

Paris, Jan. 2.—Another heavy fall of snow in eastern and central France and in the Vosges has greatly increased transportation difficulties. Lyons, with its numerous standing at zero, a degree of cold almost unheard of there, is snowbound. The Lyons-Lyonnais railway is completely blocked, and the few still running are hours behind schedule. In the heart of the great ironworking district of Central France, is under three feet of snow and the railroads in the Paris and Northern France, curiously enough, are fairly open. Snow and rain, however, are making the roads between Central and Southern France, and transportation of the armies is going on without interruption.

GREAT-SKATING, REAL SPORT ON BOSTON HARBOR

For First Time in Forty Years Young People Go on Ice at That Port—Cold Wave Disappearing Seaward and Relief from Arctic Weather in Sight.

COUNTING VOTES ACROSS WATER

It Is Not Expected Result Will Be Known Before End of Month.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Allocation of military votes cast in England and on the continent of Europe, opened today in the case of polls held in France and Belgium. The votes were allocated to the various constituencies and counted in Paris; those cast in Great Britain are allocated and counted in London.

It is not expected that the result will be known before the end of the month. Allocation and counting of military and naval votes cast in North America opens in Ottawa early next week.

MARRIAGES

Lockhart-Pallen.

An interesting wedding took place last evening at the residence of the Rev. J. A. MacKellan, when Miss Apollis M. Pallen, formerly of Roxbury, Mass., became the bride of Pte. James Lockhart of this city. The bride wore a becoming steel grey traveling suit with hat to match and was attended by Mrs. James Hunt, who was seated in a blue serge with hat to match. The wedding supper was served. Private and Mrs. Lockhart will reside in the city for the present and will later take up their residence in Boston. The groom's present to the bride was a substantial cheque, that to the bride's maid a silver set ring, and to the bridesmaid a gold wrist watch. The bride received an abundance of beautiful and useful presents.

MARRIED.

SCOTT-WORDEN.—At the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, on January 2, 1918, by Rev. Wm. Duke at nuptial mass, Miss Madeline Worden to Mr. Frank Scott, both of this City.

DIED.

JOHNSTON.—At the St. John Infirmary, Dec. 31st, 1917, Annie, widow of Basil Johnston, of Upper Loch Lomond, (Boston papers please copy). Funeral will be held from her late residence, Upper Loch Lomond, Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Coaches will leave the residence of her daughter 271 Richmond street, at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. Friends invited. Service at her late home at 2:30 o'clock.

SANCTION.—In this city, Dec. 31, 1917, Arthur M. Saxon. Funeral on Thursday at 2:30 from 23 St. James St., to St. John Baptist church, Broad street.

BLAIR.—In Boston, January 1st, 1918, Thomas B. Blair. Notice of funeral hereafter.

ENGLAND FACES MEAT SCARCITY

Many Butcher Shops in London Without Supplies Yesterday and Compelled to Close.

London, Jan. 2.—Many parts of England are now threatened with a meat scarcity. "Until" very recently meat was fairly abundant, though high in price, but a new order issued by the food controller regarding the price of cattle on the basis of live weight has caused the farmers to refuse to sell their beasts in the market, while the butchers, in some places, complain they cannot continue to sell at schedule retail prices and are determined to close their shops unless the prices are raised.

Many butcher shops throughout London were without their supply of meat today, and some were forced to close. Almost no beef arrived at the Smithfield market.

The government relieved the situation somewhat by releasing from its store 2,000 carcasses of mutton, but this was soon taken.

ANOTHER RUSSIAN REPUBLIC SET UP

This Time It Is Black Sea Territory Which Has Set Itself Up in Business.

Petrograd, Tuesday, Jan. 1.—A new republic has been set up in the Black Sea territory, with Novorossiysk as the capital. A coalition cabinet including constitutional democrats, has been formed.

Delegates from Ukraine to the constituent assembly will arrive in Petrograd tomorrow. No effort was made to open the assembly today.

"Chernomorskaya" Black Sea territory, is a district of Trans-Caucasia, consisting of a long narrow strip on the coast of the Black Sea and on the west slope of the Caucasus.

THE WEATHER

Maritime—Northerly winds, fair and continued cold.

New England—Fair, continued cold Thursday and Friday; moderate north and northeast winds.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 2.—A heavy snowfall has occurred today in Cape Breton, while in all other parts of the Dominion the weather has been fine. The temperature has been much the same as yesterday in all the provinces.

GERMAN SPY CAPTURED!—It is believed an important capture was made on the C. P. R. train on Monday last when detective took into custody a man supposed to be a German spy, and who has been operating in this province and Maine for some time. It was stated that after his arrest the man was taken to Fredericton and will be given his trial there.

One report said the suspect had been travelling through the State of Maine poisoning wells, etc., and the authorities have had their eye on him for some months just waiting for an opportunity to catch him with the goods on him and land him behind the bars.

FR. VAUGHAN IS AN ENGLISHMAN FIRST

London, Jan. 2.—Father Bernard Vaughan, the famous Jesuit, and brother of the late Cardinal, speaking in Trafalgar Sq. for war economy said people had asked him whether the Pope would accept his views, and he added: "Why do I come in here to speak to you? To show you that, against a priest, I am an Englishman still and not to any man who stands between me and my King, my country or my flag."

The sentiment was received with tremendous cheers.

FIRE LOSS IN 1917

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 2.—According to figures compiled by the committee of conservation, fire losses in Canada during 1917 totalled \$23,251,604. The number of fires reported totalled 4,092, but over \$15,500,000 of damage resulted from seventy-six fires. Fatalities due to fires for the year number 1,189, apart from the Halifax disaster.

OBITUARY

The death is announced in Roxbury, Boston, of Mrs. Charles R. Sayre, formerly of Sheddale. Mrs. Sayre was a native of Kings County and relatives reside there and in St. John. Mrs. Sayre is survived by a husband, two sons and four daughters.

Henry Dalby, Montreal, Jan. 2.—Henry Dalby, formerly editor of the Montreal Star, and well-known journalist, died today.

FRANCE WILL ADOPT DRASTIC MEASURES

Candy and Pastry Shops to Be Closed and Private Use of Automobiles Will Be Prohibited.

Paris, Jan. 2.—Three drastic measures for the conservation of food and other supplies have been decided upon by the minister of provisions, Victor Boret. All shops of confectioners and pastry cooks are to be closed, restrictions will be placed on restaurants, which charge high prices to prevent them from out-bidding the more popular establishments in purchasing supplies, and the private use of automobiles will be prohibited.

Leased and sent home without cost to them.

REMOVED PIMPLE, DEATH FOLLOWS

Mrs. Harry Crawford of Houlton Was Miss Ross of Doaktown, N. B.

Houlton, Jan. 2.—As the result of removing a pimple from her chin with her fingers a few days ago Mrs. Harry Crawford of this town is dead of blood poisoning. Mrs. Crawford was formerly Miss Ross of Doaktown, N. B., and came here thirteen years ago. She was a housewife and had no children.

Leo Dolan, of the Sydney Post was reported to have been killed last night. Mr. Dolan will leave this morning for Sydney after spending the Christmas holidays at his home in Fredericton.

Ivan Pipes, of Amherst, is in the city.

STMR. MATANZAS IS HAULED OFF

Struck on Ledges Near Where White Star Steamer Atlantic Was Lost.

Halifax, Jan. 2.—After being on the same ledge where the White Star steamer Atlantic was lost with 547 lives, in 1874, the New York and Cuban mail steamer Matanzas was floated off today and towed twenty-eight miles, stern first, into Halifax.

In a dense fog on the morning of December 22, the Matanzas, in charge of Captain S. M. Houston, of New York, ran on the ledge and in a vicinity responsible for the loss of many fine ships.

SCHOONER SETH, JR. ABANDONED AT SEA

Crew of Halifax Vessel Picked Up and Landed at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Jan. 2.—Captain Weston Keating and crew of the British schooner Seth Jr., of Halifax, arrived in Philadelphia after being rescued from their waterlogged vessel on December 26. The Seth Jr. was bound from South American port to Canada and sprung a leak. The crew was rescued by a passing steamer and the schooner sank shortly afterwards.

The Seth Jr. was built at Liverpool, N. S., in 1910 and registered 199 tons. She was owned by James Bald, Ltd., St. John's, Nfld.

Fires Also Damage Newport News and Portsmouth, Nearby.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 2.—Twenty-five suspects were on the grill today in the investigation of the mysterious fires of fire which yesterday did \$2,000,000 damage in Norfolk, and lesser damage in Newport News and Portsmouth, nearby.

Two women are among those detained.

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Girls! Use Lemon Juice!

Make a quarter pint of beauty cream for little cost. Clears, softens and whitens the skin. Brings out the hidden roses!

By all means, girls, prepare a lemon beauty cream. You will soon realize that true loveliness does not mean the powdery look of white cosmetics, or the use of hot-house dyes, but is typified by the velvety softness of your skin, your peach-like complexion and rosy-white cheeks.

At the cost of a small jar of ordinary cold cream one can prepare a full quart of the most wonderful lemon beauty cream, and complexion beautifier, by squeezing the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white. Care

HEARING RESUMED.

The hearing in the Valley Railway case will be resumed this morning at ten o'clock before Commissioner Stevens.

Petrograd, Saturday, Dec. 29.—Bessarabia has declared its independence as the Moldavian republic, and from a part of the Russian federated republic.

Bessarabia is a government of Southwestern Russia, adjoining Rumania. About half the inhabitants are Rumanians. The population is in the neighborhood of 2,000,000. Kishinev is the capital of Bessarabia, which has an area of about 10,000 square miles.

MAKE INSIDE REPAIRS NOW

Lumber is cheaper than it will be later, carpenters usually are not so busy. Make the changes that you have put off so long. A few months will see the spring rush and delays. DO IT NOW.

For lumber write

The Christie Wood-working Co., Ltd. 186 Erin Street.

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Behind the Brit Dec. 20 (Correspo stated Press) he tag left of the on Ypres except heap on stones. The range of German may be visited in as it is too far to offer a certain ta bombardment.

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QUEBEC

Lieut.-Gov. New Year's Majesty the

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—eral has forward following messag F. B. LeBlanc, Lie Quebec:

Quebec

Sir:—I have the to request Your to His Majesty the myself, of my cabin all the inhabitants Quebec, the expe ted attachmen esty's person and at wishes for a h Their Majesties and members of th all His Majesty's four recurrence New Year's Day, I once more to a c ming participation that decisive victo to the world the and abiding peace. "For this we fight"

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