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War Fighting Again The Western Theatre

Used by Stormy Weather Ends—Victories Over Germans—Latifying Territory Taken

After a comparative lull, caused by stormy weather, fighting and Germans in Northern France and Belgium is becoming much fiercer, according to an official "eye witness" narrative, written by a member of the staff of Field Marshal, Sir John French, and issued by the permanent press bureau today.

GERMANS FORTIFY PLACES TAKEN.

Petrograd, Jan. 2.—The inactivity of the Germans in the neighborhood of Warsaw for some days is explained, according to reports reaching here, by the statement that they have employed this time in fortifying the territory already taken up to the Bzura river and along the left bank of the lower and middle Vistula river.

According to reliable information, Lodz, Lowicz, Skieriewice and Piotrow are now as strongly fortified as Kalisz and Czeszochowa. The Germans attempted to make this territory as difficult to invade as German soil.

Residents of west Poland now reaching Petrograd say that hundreds of stores have been blown up by the Germans and that all available building material, especially bricks and metals have been used in the new fortifications.

German attacks between Skieriewice and Warsaw had their base at Piotrow, which are said to be equipped with railroads, telegraphs and all the necessary accessories of war.

ISLAN REPORT MILLS OF SUCCESSES.

Petrograd, Jan. 2.—The general staff reports the situation in the various districts of action along the Russian front.

"The region to the north of the Lya (northern Russian Poland) have had a partial offensive. On the Vistula, south of Wyszogród, our armed steam-ammunitioned the infantry of the river with success. Between the Vistula and the Lower Pilica the Germans have a series of attacks supported by fire of their heavy artillery. One day in an action on the left bank of Bzura River near Wladowice, we repulsed two night attacks. On the Bzura River we repulsed an attack directed against Dolatka.

On December 31 the enemy manifested activity which was particularly intense in the region of the town of Rawka and six miles east. On the Bzura River, the action has spread out the positions cut off the routes from Stohno to Klesze.

In Galicia we made energetic attacks the enemy in the region of Gorlice (west of Jasio) near Mchanka and Glaty, and in the region of the Bzura River we destroyed, after a hard fight, the German fortifications established on the heights. In the village of hanks we captured about 8000 prisoners, including sixty-eight officers, four and six mitrailleurs. The fighting in this region still continues. Four counter-attacks which the enemy, supported by armored automobiles, were repulsed by our artillery.

In the region of Perthes we occupied and retained a forest low kilometre to the northeast of Mousles-burles. The enemy did not deliver a counter-attack.

In the region of Reims there was a very violent bombardment by the enemy. Our artillery also obtained happy results in the region of the Aime, where it silenced the artillery of the enemy and drove out several sections of German troops.

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Times Men To Fight For Empire



Three members of various staffs connected with the Evening Times are in the roll of St. John boys who are to fight for the Empire. Mr. Jennings is a son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Jennings of Little River. He has been a valued reporter. He is now attached to the 23rd Battery of Artillery now in Fredericton. Mr. Finley is of the Times' press-room staff, a son of Robert J. Finley of Loch Lomond road, pressman for the Times. He has had some soldering, having been a member of the 62nd Fusiliers. He is now enrolled in the 26th Battalion. Mr. Smith is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smith of 157 Queen street, and his brother, William H., as well as he, is going to the war. He is a member of the Times' composing room staff. He is attached to the Army Service Corps. All three are popular, bright young men, who may be depended on to do well the work assigned to them. Each carries a wrist watch presented by their associates on their leaving to go to the war.

German Troops Have Not Lost Spirit THE BRITISH-BORN

London, Jan. 2.—While some of the German prisoners appear gloomy and criticize their leaders, this is no fair indication of the sentiment of their fighting troops. So says a British official eye-witness at the front in a despatch dated December 31, adding: "Neither the spirit of real war nor the lack of material of war has yet been felt by the Germans nor has the consciousness of defeat been brought home to them. They believe that Russia has suffered decisive defeat, that England is exhausted and France ready to make peace. They are conscious, however, that the war will last much longer than at first expected."

YOUNG WOMAN IS SAID TO BELONG HERE

A young woman who was attacked on a train going from Halifax to Sydney was said today to belong to St. John, although her name was not available. It was said that there were at least three men in uniform under arrest in connection with the matter. The matter is being investigated by the Moncton I. C. R. authorities. The soldiers said to be responsible were said to have boarded the train at Halifax. The young woman is in a hospital at Trenton.

FALLS DEAD IN SON'S ARMS

Charlotte, P. E. I., Jan. 2.—This morning William Sherren, aged sixty, dropped dead from heart disease while in the provincial government building. His son, who was with him, caught him in his arms as he fell. Mr. Sherren was at one time manager of the government stock farm.

PARLIAMENT FEB. 4

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—At one o'clock this morning the government called parliament to meet on Feb. 4th.

EARLY RING MEANS MILKMAN

Milk dealers in the North End are complaining about the number of bottles being stolen from doors after the early morning delivery. They say that some people are making a habit of taking the bottles, and as a result they are the losers. Owing to this they say they are compelled to awaken the housekeepers and personally deliver the bottles.

THIRTY-FIVE LOADED CARS BURNED WITH A LOSS OF \$100,000

Buffalo, Jan. 2.—Thirty-five loaded cars were destroyed by fire in a collision between an Erie Railroad freight train and a Nickel Plate railroad freight train at a cross-over at Blasdell today. The cars were loaded with bagged flour and the loss was estimated at \$100,000. Henry Midland, of Conneaut, Ohio, conductor of the Nickel Plate train was fatally injured.

MRS. MARGARET O'KEEFE

The death of Mrs. Margaret, wife of Patrick O'Keefe, occurred this morning at her home, 16 Carmarthen street, after a long illness. Besides her husband she is survived by two sons, David and Frederick. She was a daughter of John McDevitt of this city. The funeral will be held on Monday morning at 8:30 from her former residence to the Cathedral for requiem high mass.

PRE-PAYMENT PLAN

The pre-payment plan in the street railway service was inaugurated yesterday in the city. There was heavy travel throughout the day, and the system being new to so many caused delays at times, though for the most part, considering it was just the beginning, it worked fairly well.

TO TRAIN AS NURSES

Two well known young women of this city are leaving this evening for the States to study nursing. Miss Martha Wallace is going to Lowell, Mass., where she will enter St. John's Hospital, and Miss Gene Ketchum is going to Newport to enter the public hospital there.

Others Likely Near When The Formidable Sank

But Admiralty Orders Are For Each to Look Out For Its Own Safety—Loss of Battleship Was Something to Be Expected

New York, Jan. 2.—A Herald cable from London says:—The Admiralty up to a late hour had not given the locality of the disaster in the battleship Formidable. For the last week the British fleet has been increasingly active in shelling the German shore positions from Westende north to Zebrugg. The latter town particularly has been the target for the naval guns because it is there the Germans have established their principal submarine base. Several weeks ago a bombardment destroyed the electric lock control in the canal leading to Bruges, and the submarines supposedly have been held in the inner basin between the sea and the canal gates.

While England realizes such losses as that of the Formidable are inevitably the accompaniment of the kind of naval warfare the fleet is facing, the grief for the loss of 700 or more men who went down with their ship is widespread.

The Herald's naval correspondent says:—The loss of the Formidable is a part of the price Great Britain knew would have to be paid for the success achieved by the co-operation of the fleet in the campaign of driving the Germans from the shores of Belgium. There has been nothing definite said about the invaluable services which the British dreadnought or second line battleships already have rendered, and their almost miraculous escape from all dangers has been remarkable.

"The loss of the Formidable does not effect the real fighting force of the British fleet. That is precisely why she and other vessels of a similar type have been used for the more hazardous naval warfare. Of course, the loss of life aboard the Formidable is great, though the details so far are lacking.

"So far as can be learned, no submarine was seen either before or after the explosion, although it is generally assumed that the loss can be credited to submarine activity. The heavy sea and the dim light of the early morning would have permitted an under the water craft to approach within easy striking distance without serious danger of discovery.

"The Admiralty statement indicates that other vessels of the squadron were near when the Formidable sank, and it is the firm belief here that only the orders for each vessel to look out for its own safety prevented further loss."

OFF PORTSMOUTH, SAYS RUMOR Paris, Jan. 2.—The British battleship Formidable which sank in the English Channel on Friday morning, was torpedoed off Portsmouth by a German submarine, according to a report current in Paris.

MORE THAN 400 NOW ON THE FUNDS LIST

Twenty-eight Names From Second Contingent Added Today—More Contributions

The number of applicants for grants from the Canadian patriotic fund is steadily increasing. Twenty-eight names, from the second contingent, were added this morning to the list which now includes more than four hundred families.

C. B. Allan received contributions this morning for the Patriotic Fund as follows:—Friend, 25; Miss Lily Clark, Puxnatunaway, Pa., \$10; proceeds patriotic concert, Cumberland Bay, Dec. 23, \$18; patriotic committee, Bath, N. B., \$2; Belgian Fund.

Mayor Frink has received for the Belgian relief fund contributions as follows:—Mrs. Sydney DeBrisay, Petticoat, N. B., \$10; Mrs. M. B. Dunn, Harcourt, N. B., \$1; proceeds of play young people of Havelock, per Miss Amy A. Parks, \$48.02; Northumberland Agricultural Society, \$10; Women's Club, secretary-treasurer, \$25; M. B. C., \$5; proceeds of concert, young people of Forest Glen, per Colpitts Milling Supply Company, \$20; C. Percy Masters, \$10; No. 25, Ernest, Pa., \$2; Agnes M. White, Walkham, Mass., \$2; Lily M. Clark, Puxnatunaway, Penn., \$10; Master Albert W. Clarke, Manawagansh road, \$5; Mrs. Alfred H. Clark, \$5; Master George T. Clarke, \$5; Alfred H. Clark, \$10; Court Black Granite, No. 997, L. O. F., Bocabee, Charlotte county, per Hector S. MacKay, \$20; Miss Robertson, The Cottage, Lakeside, \$10; Women's Canadian Club, St. Stephen, per Miss Bessie McKewen Clarke, \$14.04; Christmas union service, Methodist church, Chatham, per S. McLean, \$10.83; residents, Chipman, additional, per A. Turner, \$44.75; Bath, N. B., Belgian and Canadian Patriotic Society, \$209.59.

LAPRESSE CHIEF DEAD

Montreal, Jan. 2.—H. T. Berthiaume, proprietor of La Presse, died this morning.

PRESENTATIONS TO SOLDIERS

An enjoyable gathering was held last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Holder, 22 Wall street, in honor of Frank and Harry Tennant, members of the 26th battalion. They are brothers of Mrs. Holder, and as a token of regard and remembrance their relatives assembled at her home and presented to each a wrist watch. A pleasant time was enjoyed by those present.

PRESENTATION

The staff of T. S. Simms & Co., in their offices in Lancaster this morning assembled in the main office in honor of Miss Myrtle Fox who is today severing her connection with that company. In behalf of those assembled, A. L. Foster, treasurer, presented to Miss Fox who is to become a bride within a few weeks, a handsome traveling bag.

CHRISTMAS TREAT

In the school room of Waterloo street Baptist church last night the annual Sunday school Christmas treat was held under the direction of Miss Pooley. Santa Claus made his appearance, and stripped a big tree of Christmas remembrances for the little ones, besides extending best wishes for the New Year.

WITHDRAWN

Twenty-five shares of the stock of the Northern Dredging Company, par value \$2,500, were offered by auction by T. I. Lantalam at Chubb's corner at noon today. After some bidding the price offered stuck at \$2,500 and the stock was withdrawn.

OPERATION ON KAISER AT ONCE, SAYS REPORT

Amsterdam, Jan. 2.—A private dispatch from Berlin says that Emperor William has been advised by his physician to undergo an operation for catarrh of the throat at once.

MOOSE AND FRIENDS HAD GOOD TIME NEW YEAR'S EVE

A New Year's eve celebration conducted by the local lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, in their spacious home on Hazen street, was a pronounced success. About 800 Moose and their friends were present and a enjoyable time was had with a musical programme, card tournament, and Dutch auction. Special prizes and Dutch auction. Special prizes and Dutch auction. Special prizes and Dutch auction.

THE WHEAT MARKET

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Wheat swept rapidly higher today, the market being here offers and responding very freely to purchase orders, which were affected to some extent by demand from domestic millers. The millers appeared to have finally concluded not to wait any longer for a lessening of export call, unfavorable weather in Argentine counted far-against the bears and so, too, did predictions of light world shipments. After opening 1/4 to 1/2 higher, the market rose in some cases above the previous close.

WALKER-TURNBULL

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Turnbull, 42 Millidge avenue, when their daughter, Elsie Myrtle, was united in marriage to Geo. W. Walker, of Hampton, by the Rev. D. Hutchinson. The bride looked charming in a dress of white silk crepe de chene with a white and orange blossoms and carried a bridal bouquet of pink and white carnations. Many presents were received. The groom's present to the bride was a handsome gold watch and chain, from the groom's brother, John Walker, came a clock. Others included a substantial check, silverware, cut glass and china. The bride's traveling suit was of blue alligator cloth with plush hat and white ostrich plumes.

SOLDIERS TO CHURCH

The members of the 26th infantry battalion will parade to church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. There will be two bands, the 62nd which will accompany the Protestant members of the unit to St. John's (Stone) church, and the City Cornet which will march with the Army Service Corps, No. 5 Co., will also have a church parade tomorrow morning. The Protestant members proceeding to Carleton Presbyterian church, and the Catholics to the Church of the Assumption.

G. STEVENS' TEAM WINS FIRST SERIES

The Y. M. C. A. senior bowling league yesterday, McGuffey's team took points from Ritchie's 1168 to 1151. The game closed the first series ended thus:—

R. ROBILSON BETTER

N. B., Jan. 2, 1915.—Hon. C. A. who has been confined to his bed through illness for several days today for the first time. He is a son of Captain and Mrs. Kinloch, Manual Training Institute, Moncton, and Miss Mary daughter of Captain and Mrs. Kinloch, of River Hebert were the bride's honor on Dec. 26.

WM. A. BELL DEAD

The death of William A. Bell, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bell, occurred this morning at his parents' home, 215 King street east, after an illness of two months, from heart trouble. Besides his parents he is survived by four brothers, Doctor H. H. and Doctor Edward of Philadelphia, Frank F. and George K. Bell of this city, and four sisters, Misses Lillian, Bessie, Emma and Alice, all at home.

LITTLE ONE DEAD

Friendship with them in the loss of their infant child, Helen Margaret, which took place this morning. The funeral will take place on Sunday at 2:30 at her father's residence to connect with an suburban train. Interment will be in Hampton.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service. A disturbance of some importance is being tracked across the Great Lakes and indications that a storm will develop near the Atlantic coast. A cold wave has come in over the north and is spreading to Ontario. Snows are displayed in the marines.

Snow

—Heavily gales with snow on Sunday. Clear and bright on Monday. Snow tonight; Sunday fair, much colder; fresh south winds.