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NANAIMOITE ON THE BATTLELINE

Mr. Fred Banks Writes Brother Here From France. in Good Health—Had One of His Horses Shot in Thigh.

The many friends of Mr. Fred Banks, the reservist who left Nanaimo for the front where he has been in the thick of the fighting for some months now, will be pleased to learn that writing on November 24 he was still in the best of health and spirits. Writing his brother Edward here, he says:

24th November, 1914.
My Dear Brother,—Just a line to let you know I am in the very best of health so far. I might tell you we have had a rough time of it, especially at Y—. We have left that place and gone into France and I hope by the time you get this letter the whole thing will be over.

I would have liked to have written you before, only writing material is very scarce, and also soap. We have just got supplied with a piece today and I can tell you it fairly dazzled my eyes.

I might tell you we were treated splendidly with the people of Belgium and France, and I have made many friends amongst the French soldiers.

Well Ted I would like to have a line from you just to learn how things are going on in Nanaimo. I have only had one letter from my wife since I have been in the country and not a line from Canada at all, so you can see how seldom we get mail.

We are having some rotten weather just now, some snow, very sharp frosts and some very bitter winds. I seem to feel the cold more here than at home. Well Ted I am dropping a few lines to Tom and mother. A few Dutch cocktails would go good just now. I would not care if it was Union or Silver Spring just now. We get a lot of rum now and again, and I can tell you we can do with it, especially this cold weather.

Well Ted old boy I hope to be soon back in Nanaimo again. I have had some good luck so far, but I was sorry to lose one of my horses. She got shot in the thigh on the 26th of Oct. at Y—, and she did not seem to get over it so I had to get rid of her. She was a nice roan mare. Well I shall be forced to draw to a close now hoping you will have a very enjoyable Xmas. It will be impossible for me to have mine in Nanaimo, but if I have got to have mine here, you can bet I shall enjoy myself if there is a possible chance, so now I will quit and believe me to remain your affectionate brother Frederick James Banks.

P.S.—Please excuse me Ted for not mentioning your wife and children. Well I hope they are in the very best of health as I might say I found mine in the pink on landing in England, so good-bye for now, Fred.

Portland, Dec. 26.—The Portland team of the Pacific Coast Hockey League tonight defeated the Victoria team 8 to 1. The game was lightning fast and terrific throughout. Portland's speed winning for her. There were 2,000 spectators attended the game.

Concert Tonight By The Arnold Orchestra

The Arnold Orchestra has prepared a special holiday program for tonight's concert in the Opera House. The Orchestra will give two concerts during the day, one at Ladysmith during the afternoon and the second in the Opera House in the evening. Special features about both concerts should attract good houses. Both concerts will be practically the same with the exception that Mr. Robertson will give a violin solo at Ladysmith, one of the vocalists being unable to make the trip.

The program for the concert in Nanaimo is as follows:

1. Overture—"Zampa" (Herold)
2. (a) La Paloma (Spanish Serenade) (Chevalier d'Yradier) (b) Serenade from "Les Millions d'Harlequin" (R. Drigo)
3. Cornet Solo—"Washington Guard" Polka (H. Miller)
4. "Rigoletto" (Verdi)
5. Trombone Solo—"The Bandolero" (Leslie Stuart)
6. Andante from Piano Quintette (Reisiger)
7. Vocal Solo—"The Gift" (Behrend)
8. Intermezzo—"A Garden Dance" (G. Vargas)
9. "Robin Hood" (De Koven)

"God Save the King"

DROWNING ACCIDENT NEAR MUDGE ISLAND

George W. Johndro, a resident of Mudge Island was drowned Christmas night, the body being recovered yesterday morning in the vicinity of the drowning.

From what can be learned of the accident it appears that Johndro and a companion were returning home late at night when their boat capsized, Johndro failing to come to the surface.

The deceased was 38 years of age and his only relative as far as is known, is a mother residing at Franklyn, Quebec.

Funeral arrangements are in the hands of Mr. D. J. Jenkins and the burial will probably take place on Monday in the Gabriola Island cemetery.

DEPOSITORS OF DOMINION TRUST

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—The depositors of the Dominion Trust Company chose four names to recommend to Chief Justice Hunter for the position of permanent liquidator of the company this evening. The court will be asked to make a selection among them. The depositors adopted a recommendation of a committee to this effect after a lengthy discussion. The names are Mr. W. E. Jardine, formerly manager of the Bank of Vancouver; Mr. J. F. Forrester, local manager of the Standard Trust Co.; Mr. Archer B. Martin, liquidator for the Ocean Falls Company, and Mr. Ashwell Anderson, head of Andersons Limited with offices here.

TURKS REPORT A RUSSIAN DEFEAT.

Berlin, Dec. 26, by wireless to London, 8.45 p. m.—Reports received in Berlin from Constantinople says that the Turks have won a decisive victory over the Russians in the Caucasus between the towns of Olti and Idn.

Olti is in the Russian territory of Kars, while Idn lies about twenty miles farther to the south in the Turkish province of Erzerum.

FRENCH SUBMARINE CAUGHT BY NET

London, Dec. 27.—A steel net stretched across the entrance to Pola harbor, the great naval port of Austria, proved the undoing of the French submarine Curie, says a despatch from the Milan correspondent of "Lloyd's News." In company with other submarines, the Curie was attempting an entrance into the harbor to torpedo an Austrian squadron at anchor there. The Curie had penetrated to the harbor bar when she collided with the net. An Austrian merchant man gave the alarm and the forts opened fire. Two shots struck the Curie, which slowly sank. The Captain and the crew, with the exception of one officer, swam clear and were captured.

IS FAVORABLE TO RUSSIA

Fighting Along Whole Galician Front Results in Defeat For Austrians—No Change Along the Vistula Front.

Petrograd, Dec. 26.—The following official communication was issued from general headquarters tonight:

On the left bank of the Vistula the general position is without essential change.

Between the lower courses of the Vistula and Pilica the fighting on December 25 was of less desperate character with the exception of that region bordering on the Pilica where throughout the night and day violent combats continued. Likewise fighting of a desperate nature with the Austrians has been general along the lower courses of the Nida river. On December 24 in that region we took prisoners, sixty-eight officers and about four thousand soldiers.

In Galicia the fighting along the whole front is favorable to the Russian arms.

NEW A. O. F. COURT AT SOUTH WELLINGTON

The British Columbia District of the Ancient Order of Foresters propose to open a new Court of the Order in South Wellington early in January. Already a number of names have been handed in of residents in South Wellington, Chase river and vicinity who are willing to join.

The Nanaimo Court instituted in 1875, claims to be after forty years existence the premier Court in Canada, (and there are Foresters Courts in every center from the Atlantic to the Pacific) so there is no reason why a flourishing branch should not be set going at South Wellington. The Charter entrance rate of \$5.00 will only obtain while the Court is being formed after which the district initiation rates which are much higher will be required of entrants. Those desiring to join or wanting particulars are requested to apply to Lamont Ross, Secretary Court Nanaimo, C. E. Banbridge, South Wellington; Dave Richards, Chase River, or to W. G. Gray, District Secretary, Box 643, Vancouver, B. C.

Mr. H. J. Cave, the popular tenor of Vancouver, will be here to sing the tenor solos in the "Messiah" on Tuesday evening "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted" is one of his particular numbers. Miss Eileen Maguire will sing "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion" among other solos. Both these artists are favorably known and no one should miss them.

TROOP AND HOSPITAL TRAINS COLLIDE

London, Dec. 26, 10.10 p. m.—A Reuter despatch from Warsaw says that 400 men were killed and 500 wounded in a collision between troop and hospital trains at Kalisz, Poland. The troops were coming from Prussia and the hospital train was proceeding to Germany with wounded officers. The trains were running at full speed when they collided. More than twenty cars were wrecked.

An investigation disclosed that a railway switch had been changed at the last moment. The station master, switchman and others are under arrest.

At the bachelor quarters of Eugene G. Heinel, Front street, on the night of Christmas eve, a very pleasant gathering took place, celebrating the festive season. Amongst those present were Messrs. G. B. Bolster, Charles Beadle, Edward Edwards, Dan Stover, George Archibald, Bert Marsh, Wm. Morton, Sam Johnson, and Thorne Hamilton, who sat down to a sumptuous repast which was prepared by Chief Chef Edwards. Toasts for the King and the Dominion and various other toasts were made and the party broke up at the early hours of morn, with the singing of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and "Auld Lang Syne."

The football match at Ladysmith on Christmas Day resulted in a victory for Nanaimo by a score of one goal to nil.

WELSH MALE VOICE CHOIR ENTERTAINED

The local Welsh Male Voice Choir gave a concert on Christmas Day to the soldiers of the guard and German and Austrian war prisoners at the Nanaimo jail.

Mr. C. L. Davies made an efficient chairman, the pianist being Mr. D. Phillips. The program was as follows:

- The Choir—"Soldiers Chorus."
- Mr. Tom Lewis—"The Young Brigade."
- Choir—"Men of Harlech."
- Mr. L. Williams—"The White Squall."
- Mr. E. James—"Anchored."
- Choir—"Comrades."
- Mr. R. Johnston—"The Mighty Deep."
- A Quartette of four prisoners.
- A duet of prisoners.
- Choir—"Farmer."
- Mr. Williams (senior)—"Hobyderridanda."
- Mr. Williams encore—"The Black Pig."
- Mr. Dan Jones—"Mary of Argyle."
- Mr. Dan Jones, encore—"Banks of Lochlomond."
- Messrs. Williams and Lewis—"Larchwood Watch."
- Choir—"On the Ramparts."
- Choir—"Tipperary."
- Prisoners—National Anthem, "God Save the King."

MEXICO TORN BY CIVIL STRIFE

Three Rival Armies Are Struggling For Ascendancy in War Worn Republic—Executions Ordered Stopped.

Mexico City, Dec. 26.—Provisional President Gutierrez issued a circular tonight to all generals of the armies of the convention ordering them in most explicit terms to cease all summary executions for whatever offense. A copy of the circular was sent to Generals Villa and Zapata.

The provisional president's secretary gave out an interview authorized by the chief executive in which he said that General Villa, objected to the circular as unnecessary because Villa wished to run down "the assassins" and punish them. The rival conventions are in the field and three rival armies are struggling for ascendancy to power.

ENDED MOURNING FOR DEAD WIFE

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—In a little basement shop here, Bernard Goldsmith, a cobbler, had treasured for five years an urn containing the ashes of his wife, Sarah.

At Christmas time the old man would place the urn on a bench in front of his seat and on Christmas day he would decorate it with a wreath.

Today, when a friend knocked at the cobbler's door, to give him the greetings of the season there was no response. He opened the door and went in. On the bench was the urn with its accustomed wreath and by its side sat the old man, a smile on his face and a gas tube in his mouth. His mourning for his life's companion was ended.

Special Christmas service in the Baptist Church this (Sunday) morning for children, subject "The Tree of Life. The Golden Y." All welcome.

TAKEN OVER ROOMS OF EAGLE HOTEL

Mr. John Ovington, of Chase River has taken over the Eagle Hotel dining parlor and rooms and is in a position to cater to the wants of the travelling public as well as being admirably situated to furnish splendid accommodation to miners.

Mr. Ovington has 32 rooms under his control all equipped with hot and cold water and every modern convenience.

HARD FIGHTING SLOW PROGRESS

Neither Germans in Poland or Allies in Flanders Make any Appreciable Gain in Past Two Days Fighting.

London, Dec. 26.—Neither the Austro-German offensive operations against the Russians nor the allied attack upon the German line in the west have made any appreciable progress, although the fighting continues along the greater part of the two fronts with unabated intensity. In both cases the attacking armies appear to have run full tilt against what seems to be an almost impenetrable line.

The Germans in their official report announce that they have ceased their attacks on the Bzura river, which, with the Russian masses behind it, stands across their direct path to Warsaw. They are now trying to find a way to the Polish capital along the course of the Pilica river, which is a considerable distance south of Warsaw.

For has interrupted with the battles in Flanders, but along the French front the Germans have been delivering fierce counter-attacks in an effort to throw off the pressure which the allies are exerting. In these, as in the attacks of the allies which preceded them, the losses on both sides have been considerable, but naturally heavier on the side which has been attacking.

The slowness of the allies progress is expected in London as being due to the refusal of the general staff to sacrifice a great number of soldiers. They are satisfied with gaining a series of small successes by means of artillery practice which in time, it is pointed out, should prepare the way for a general forward movement.

According to information from Constantinople the Turks are fortifying the shores of their territory in the Gulf of Saros and on the Sea of Marmora, indicating that they expect visits from the allied fleets.

The announcement by the German admiralty of an attack by the British warships against the German coast is the first intimation of what appears to be a reply to the recent attack by German cruisers against the English seaports of Scarborough, Whitby and Hartlepool. The British authorities having as yet no mention of this operation.

HAS NO WORD OF PHILIPPINE REVOLT

Washington, D. C. Dec. 26.—Official information of a native uprising in Manila, reported in press despatches, was still lacking at the war department tonight, forty-eight hours after a message of inquiry had been sent.

The report indicated that the uprising had been promptly suppressed and was of such minor character that officials of the insular bureau did not view the matter as justifying another message asking for particulars. It is assumed the delay is due to the absence from Manila of General Harrison, who is on an inspection tour among the outlying islands of the group.

The general staff has had no report whatever of a rising from Major-General Barry, commanding the United States forces in the islands.

American officers who have served in the islands express entire confidence today in the loyalty of the Philippine scouts which they said had amply demonstrated in the past when both the scouts and the constabulary rejected the overtures of ambitious native leaders.

The civil administration is said to have a splendidly equipped secret service in operation and officials here believe there is little possibility that the government could be taken by surprise.

Manuel Quezon, resident representative in congress, declared today: he could not credit any disturbance in the islands.

"If the United States troops were taken out of the Philippines today," he said, "the Filipino could be relied upon to defend American soil there. There is no revolt, I am certain. There is no ground for revolt or any specific grievance against the United States. The Filipinos are convinced that the people of the United States are dealing with them in a spirit of fairness and justice. There may have been a local disturbance which some people thought was an uprising but there is no revolt. I

CATHERINE BROWN DIED IN VANCOUVER

The death occurred in Vancouver Christmas Eve of Catherine Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brown, former well known residents of Nanaimo.

The deceased was a native daughter of Nanaimo, aged 24 years, and had been ill for several months, but it was only during the last two weeks that her illness took a serious turn. She is survived by her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

The remains will be brought to Nanaimo for burial, arriving here on take place from Jenkin's Undertaking Parlor, Tuesday afternoon at 2.45 Monday evening. The funeral will take place at St. Paul's church at 2.30.

GENERAL HUGHES TO MAKE TRIP WEST

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—General Sam Hughes stated today that he was planning a western trip of inspection as soon as he can get away. The minister has an accumulation of work which he wants to clear up first while he is still suffering from a severe cold. The minister when he makes his trip will go through to Victoria and will go over the coast defenses as well as review all troops enlisted for the second contingent.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—There has been no friction between General Sam Hughes and General Alderson who is in command of the first Canadian contingent. Cordial messages are passing constantly between the minister of militia and General Alderson.

A day or two ago a cable was sent by a Canadian correspondent with the troops at Salisbury Plain stating that there has been friction and that as a result the resignation of General Alderson might be expected soon. General Hughes returned from Lindsay today and gave an emphatic denial to the statement. The correspondent who cabled the story had been given supernumerary lieutenantcy to enable him to remain with the troops. His commission has been cancelled. There are other complaints against his correspondence.

DARING DASH BY BRITISH WARSHIPS

Berlin, Dec. 26.—(By wireless via Sayville L.I.) The German admiralty made the following announcement: "On December 25 eight British ships made a dash into a German bay. Hydro-aeroplanes conveyed by them made an advance against the mouths of German rivers and dropped bombs on ships lying at anchor and a gas tank near Cuxhaven, without hitting them or doing damage. The hydro-aeroplanes were fired at and withdrew in a westerly direction.

German airships and aeroplanes encountered against the British forces and succeeded in hitting with bombs two British destroyers and one other vessel of the convoy. On the latter fire broke out. Fog prevented a continuation of the fighting.

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BRITISH MAKE DARING RAID

Fortified German Naval Base of Cuxhaven Attacked by British Warships and Hydroplanes—Details are Lacking

From Berlin comes an official report on authority of the German admiralty, of a raid by British warships on the German coast. Cuxhaven, a fortified seaport and adjoining territory seems to have suffered from the British attacks in which ships and a number of hydroplanes took part.

No details of the raid are given beyond the statement that German airships and aeroplanes succeeded in throwing bombs on two British destroyers and one other vessel of the convoy, the latter being set on fire. Both French and British reports of the Battle in Belgium and northern France indicate sharp fighting against British and Indian contingents near St. Hubert, the Germans report that they captured 19 officers, 588 men, 14 guns and other equipment, and that the British left more than 3,000 dead on the field.

Germany has replied to the French aeroplane attack on a village and the dropping of bombs on the open town of Freiburg with an attack by German airmen on the outskirts of Nancy. Regarding this operation a Paris despatch says that a Zeppelin flew over Nancy and dropped fourteen bombs, killing two persons, wounding several, and slightly damaging houses. This is the first report of activity by a Zeppelin against a French city.

In north Poland, according to the official German report, east of the Vistula the situation remains unchanged but it is announced in the same bulletin that the Germans have ceased their attacks on the Bzura river, which means that temporarily, at least, the advance on Warsaw from this direction has been checked. On the right bank of the Pilica river, however, the German attacks have been successful.

Petrograd reports continued fighting on December 25 between the lower courses of the Vistula and the Pilica and violent engagements in the region bordering on Pilica. Likewise there has been severe fighting with the Austrians along the lower course of the Nida, where the Russians claim to have taken more than 4,000 prisoners.

RUSSIANS RECAPTURE AUSTRIAN POSITIONS

Vienna, Dec. 26.—The war department issued the following communication this afternoon: "After four days of heroic fighting our troops on December 25 took Usjok pass. In Galicia the Russians continue the offensive which began some days ago and recaptured with superior forces Krosno and Jaslo.

"The situation remains unchanged on the lower course of the Donajec river and along the Nida river.

"We are making slow progress to the south of Tomaszow. In the Balkans quiet has prevailed for the last ten days, there having been only minor encounters on the Sava and Rina rivers. We acknowledge attacks were made December 24th by the Montenegrins on the fortress of Bilek."

Miss Huguette Norris, who is attending Business College in Vancouver, is home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Eli Rowlands of Duncan was in the city last evening visiting friends. Mr. Rowlands has a son at the front with the Royal Army Medical Corps, having gone to France during the early stages of the war. He has made good at the front. The Rowlands having been recommended for promotion by General French.

have received a number of Christmas greetings by cable from Manila. Had there been any revolt, I would have heard of it, and I did not. Previous reports that it was necessary to disarm Philippine scouts on Corregidor already have been denied by the insular government.

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