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GREAT RESERVE SLICERS GET FOR NEXT DRIVE A LAST CHANCE

Allies Are Gathering Munitions And Men

LITTLE EXPENDITURE LATELY

Since September Offensive They Have Been Picking up Material and Estimate is That Two Out of Every Three Shells Are Stored

New York, Dec. 30.—A cable to the Herald from London says—

The three months since the sharp and successful offensive of last September, have seen a remarkable rapid accumulation of reserve munitions and men on the western front in preparation for the next general advance.

The expenditure in shells has been even less than it was during the summer, if conditions may be judged accurately from the official communiques. Aside from the activity at Hartmann's Winterkopf, where comparatively small forces are engaged, the men have been called on for little real fighting.

While the expenditure—human and material—has been at a minimum, the production of both necessities has been at the maximum.

France and Britain have been working their fully mobilized steel plants night and day, and it is estimated that out of every three shells, two have gone into the reserve supply that will be used when the time comes to maintain an unprecedented rain of death on the German positions from Nieuport to Switzerland.

Into the reservoir of men has gone a large proportion of the new units which will receive their real baptism of fire in the next "big push."

TODAY WITH THE SOLDIERS HERE

The work on the quarters for the 11th Battalion in the Agricultural Hall is about completed, and snug, comfortable barracks are the result.

By tonight or tomorrow the quarters will be ready for occupancy and the recruits will make their home here for the winter. The new quarters are said to be particularly well suited.

More names were placed upon the honor roll today. Nineteen men were sent from Perth, N.B., this morning volunteering for overseas service.

Of these fifteen were taken for the 10th while the other four expressed a preference for the 11th. The list of recruits today included: George H. Murchison, Charles V. Armstrong, Leonard Johnson, all of Perth, Daniel McGloin of Harcourt, Oscar L. Dewey, Sheehan, and Ernest F. Dwyer, Cole's Creek, Queens county.

Good Meeting Capt. L. P. D. Tilley, recruiting officer, and Lieut. Victor Belque, 69th Battalion, returned to the city today from Moncton. At a recruiting rally there last night Lieut. Belque gave an address as did Lieut. Col. F. A. Guthrie of Fredericton. The meeting was well attended, and then men volunteered for the French Acadian battalion, the 16th, Lieut. Col. Daigle, O. C., while others expressed their intention of doing so soon. Lieut. Col. Guthrie intends speaking in Sackville tonight.

New Year's Leave Those soldiers who were not given Christmas leave from duty here will have their holidays from this evening over New Year's. About fifty per cent. will be away until next Monday.

Route March The members of the 14th Battalion had a route march this morning, accompanied by the 10th Battalion band. They marched from their quarters in West St. John through Carleton and Lancaster to the city and crossed in the ferry to barracks. The 69th Battalion had drill about the army, and the recruits for the 11th in Broad street.

Fire on the Bankdale Caused by Explosion; More Fiendish Work

New York, Dec. 30.—The steamer Bankdale arrived this morning from Bordeaux after a most tempestuous passage in which the cattle fittings and rails were carried away and boats lifted from their fastenings.

On the outward passage to Bordeaux, on November 19, when 700 miles from that port, a bomb exploded in No. 6 hatch. The cargo, consisting of cotton, was set afire, but it was finally subdued. All the cotton in the No. 6 compartment, consisting of 200 bales, was destroyed.

Cable despatches on November 26 from Bordeaux stated that the Bankdale had arrived there with a fire in her hold, and that an inquiry was being instituted.

Governor Hammond Dead Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 30.—Governor W. S. Hammond of Minnesota, died suddenly early today at Clinton, La.

RUSSIANS HIT KING'S PALACE

Germany Said To Have Sent Troops to Varna

FIGHTING IN THE WEST

Enemy Efforts to Repair Damage Done to Trenches Are Frustrated by Well Directed Artillery Fire of Allies

London, Dec. 30.—King Ferdinand's palace at the Black Sea port of Varna was hit during the recent Russian bombardment of that Bulgarian town, but the damage was unimportant, says a despatch from Athens to Reuters' Telegram Company. The same Russian squadron, the correspondent adds, bombarded the Bulgarian port of Traica.

Important German forces from Serbia, according to semi-official advices received by the correspondent, are now concentrated at Varna.

In the West Paris, Dec. 30.—The text of the official statement given out today by the French war department follows:

"To the west of Poinsie the enemy attempted to capture one of our saps in front of Dompire. The attack was completely repulsed.

In Champagne, in the region of Navarin farm, our artillery fire prevented the enemy from repairing the trenches which were demolished by us on the night of December 28-29.

"On the rest of the front there was nothing to report."

Von Mackensen in Sofia London, Dec. 30.—A semi-official telegram received in Amsterdam from Sofia, Bulgaria, states that Field Marshal Von Mackensen, German commander, arrived at Sofia yesterday, according to a despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company.

After visiting the German and Austrian ministers to Bulgaria and King Ferdinand, he returned to headquarters.

It was reported on December 28 that Von Mackensen was directing preparations for a powerful expedition against Egypt.

EX-ALDERMAN OF MONCTON KILLED; WOMAN INJURED

Party Throws From Auto While on Return From Dorchester

Dorchester, N. B., Dec. 30.—Ex-Alderman Juddus N. Boudreau of Moncton, a prominent merchant of that city, was killed here late last evening when his automobile, which he was driving, turned turtle.

Mr. Boudreau, Ambrose S. Legere, a conductor of the Moncton Tramways Company, Mrs. Andre Breaux, her two daughters, Misses Laura and Regine, and Miss Dupuis, all of Moncton, were in the car. They left Moncton early last evening for a pleasure trip and after staying in town here for some time started for Moncton on return. When about one mile out the car ran off the road.

Mr. Boudreau and Mrs. Breaux were pinned under the car when it turned over, and the others were thrown clear and it is thought that Boudreau was killed by being struck in the temple by some part of the car, while Mrs. Breaux was more or less seriously injured. Mr. Legere walked back to town and summoned help and the car was lifted and Mr. Boudreau and Mrs. Breaux extricated. Dr. Allen of Dorchester was summoned, but Mr. Boudreau had passed away. The other members of the party sustained only minor injuries and were able to return to Moncton by the night express.

Coroner A. W. Chapman considered an inquest unnecessary and the body will be taken to Moncton today for burial.

RECRUITING MEETINGS

Every Night (Except Sunday) Recruiting Office open corner Mill and Union streets. GO AND ENLIST.

New Year's Day Grand Demonstration for 15th Battalion (afternoon). Speeches at Army at close.

Sunday, January 2, 1916. Special Day of Intercession in all Churches.

Public meeting in Imperial in evening at 8:45 to be addressed by Rev. John E. Burke, C. S. P., Toronto, and Major Brown.

Sunday, January 9, 1916. Soldiers' Memorial Day. Special services in all city churches in evening.

German View of It. Berlin, Dec. 30.—The decision of the British government in regard to compulsory military service is attracting wide attention in Germany.

The Morgenpost says conscription means a complete breach with the ideals of the British, and believes it is not certain whether it can be carried out with out affecting affairs of state seriously.

THE OLD ENMITY BEING REVIVED

Austrians and Hungarians Are At Odds

QUARRELS ARE SERIOUS

Hungarian Grievances Aired in Parliament by Leader of Independence Party—Slighted and Insulted by the Austrian Officers

London, Dec. 30.—The Budapest correspondent of the Post in a letter published today, states that the old enmity between Austria and Hungary has burst into a fresh flame, and that even the presence of unity, which had existed, has disappeared since the time when the Austrians removed the Hungarian flag from a fortress in Belgrade.

The seriousness of the present quarrels, the correspondent says, is instanced by the parliamentary activities of the independent party, which, despite the entreaties of the premier, have been airing the Hungarian grievances. Here Uramany, a leader of the independence party, in a recent fiery speech, declared that the advantages gained in the war were largely due to German generalship and Hungarian bravery, and added that Austrian generalship and martial spirit had nothing to do with them. If anyone had done the same amount of work and shown the same heroism and sacrifice as the Hungarians, he said, they would by this time be enjoying peace. Although these Hungarian remarks were not the least of their sore enemies, the Italian, he said, the Austrians had shown no appreciation and they had to face continually the brutal behavior.

The speaker continued to recount some of these instances, remarking that the Austrian communications were full of light and acts of Hungarian heroism and that Austrian officers displayed and insulted the Hungarian flag.

Count Tass, the Hungarian minister, in defending the Austrians, replied that petty tricks of humilation had not been committed by any one in authority but by subalterns and he would see that they were reprimanded.

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN WAGES INCREASE IN NEW YORK AT NEW YEAR'S

Pay of 200,000 Employees in Various Trades to Be Raised

New York, Dec. 30.—It is estimated that wages of 200,000 employees in various trades in this city will be increased beginning on January 1. The increases are expected to aggregate millions of dollars. Thousands of workers on street, subway and elevated railroads are included.

The United Trade of Business Agents for the building trade unions announced that the wages of more than 8,000 manual laborers and lathers already have been increased by from twenty cents to \$1.40 a day. Increases beginning on January 1 are demanded by many other unions and range from twenty-five cents to fifty cents a day. Increases in pay have been granted to 19,000 girls in the military trade, 4,000 waiters and to 200 mechanics in New York navy yards. Employees say they do not remember a time when core labor organizations asked larger pay than at present, nor when so many were obtaining it.

BASILICA THREATENED

Some Damage Done at Seminary in Quebec by Fire

Quebec, Dec. 30.—A blaze that took threatening proportions about eleven o'clock last night, menaced for a while the historic Basilica of Quebec, and attacked the 300-year-old seminary, destroying the lavatories of the latter institution, and damaging the cardinal's palace by smoke and water.

The damage is rather slight, but it took a three alarm fire squad to quench the flames after over two hours of strenuous work.

FUNERALS TODAY

The funeral of James W. Brickley took place this afternoon from his late residence 77 Lennox street to the Catholic church where burial services were conducted by Rev. Miles Howland. Interment took place in the new Catholic cemetery. The many floral tributes received gave expression of the esteem in which Mr. Brickley was held.

The funeral of Mrs. Daniel Parker, who died in Eastport, Me., took place this afternoon from the residence of her son-in-law, George H. Brown, Lancaster Heights. Burial services were conducted by Rev. F. R. Hayward and interment took place in Cedar Hill.

The Canadian Loan. Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 30.—The second payment of 71-2 per cent of the Canadian domestic war loan is due on Monday, and there is every indication that it will be met promptly. The subsequent payments of 20 per cent will mature on the first of February, March, April and May.

May Come In With The Derby Plan

Volunteers

REPORTED TERMS OF BILL

Overwhelming Support of British Manhood Predicted But Some Unionist Members of Cabinet May Resign

London, Dec. 30.—The Daily Express today asserts that there is a group of at least three Unionists in the cabinet, led by the Earl of Selkirk, president of the board of agriculture, who are likely to resign because Premier Asquith's plan for modified conscription does not go far enough.

"These men," says the paper, "content that it is wrong to force conscription to serve in the army, when there is a large proportion of married men who can be spared more easily and that altogether, the premier's plan is a useless compromise. The Express therefore anticipates a fair crop of resignations among the supporters of voluntary enlistments, and the determined oppositionists but says that the resignations will not be serious enough to imperil the existence of the government.

The paper also expresses the opinion that the Earl of Derby, director of recruiting, will find a place in the reconstructed ministry.

According to the Daily Sketch the government has a bill under consideration, embodying the following method of conscription:

"When it is decided to call to the colors any attested group under the Derby's plan a day will be fixed for the men in that particular group to present themselves at a military depot. Until that day any attested bachelor of the age stipulated for conscription may volunteer for the army and so volunteering will escape the stigma of conscription, but all falling to volunteer on the stipulated day, will be brought in. Severe penalties will be imposed on all single men who did not respond to this final call.

Another Report New York, Dec. 30.—The London correspondent of the New York Herald says that the following bill will be introduced in the House of Commons next Tuesday, and I am informed he will follow this with the presentation of a bill which will exempt the following classes of those among half a million single men, who are physically fit, and who have refused to respond under the group system to the call of their king and country.

That the sheep may be distinguished from the goats, the king has expressed through Lord Derby, to all men who proclaimed their willingness to serve their nation to wear the khaki armband. British's new badge of courage, to distinguish them from others who, having refused to respond to their country's call willingly, now are to be brought into the enforced service of all at single men, which now seems inevitable.

This is as far apart as the poles from the general conscription policy demanded by Lord Northcliffe and his parliamentary puppets. Therefore it will be supported by an overwhelming majority of the manhood of Great Britain, and even the majority of labor and some prominent physicians and Red Cross workers, and a large number of other persons.

Kaiser Recognizes Carranza

Berlin, via London, Dec. 30.—Germany has extended recognition to the de facto government of Mexico headed by General Venustiano Carranza.

Phelix and Ferdinand WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The depression which was centered in Kentucky yesterday morning passed off the middle Atlantic coast and out to sea. High pressure now covers Canada, attended by fairly low temperatures. Snow fell yesterday in the southern portions of Ontario and in the maritime provinces.

Fair and cold. Maritime—Fresh to strong northerly winds, fair and quite cold today and on Friday.

New England Forecasts—Fair tonight and probably Friday, not much change in temperature. Moderate northwest winds, becoming variable.

AUSTRIANS BEATEN IN SEA FIGHT

Try to Bombard Durazzo But Lose Two Destroyers and Rest of Squadron Is Put To Flight

Paris, Dec. 20.—Two Austrian torpedo boat destroyers have been sunk as a result of an encounter with sea forces of the allies at a point outside of Cattaro in the Adriatic. The purpose of the Austrian ships was to bombard Durazzo.

An allied squadron went to meet them, with the result set forth. In addition, the remainder of the Austrian squadron was pursued by the warships of the allies and compelled to flee towards the Austrian base.

"An Austrian naval division having come out from Cattaro for the purpose of bombarding Durazzo, certain squadrons of the allies went forth to give battle. The Austrian torpedo boat destroyers Lika encountered a mine and was blown up. The destroyer Triglav, of the same type, was destroyed by fire from the ships of the allies. The remaining warships of the enemy were pursued and fled in the direction of their base."

There have been several previous encounters of lesser importance in connection with Austrian attempts to interrupt transportation of Italian troops to Albania and of supplies for the Serbian forces, which have retreated to that country. Several supply ships have been sunk by Austrian warships.

The destroyers Lika and Triglav were sister ships, built in 1913. They were 266 feet long, of 787 tons displacement. Each was armed with two 3.9 inch guns, six 11 pounders and two torpedo tubes.

CLOSE DOWN VALLEY RAILWAY AND DISMISS THE EMPLOYEES

Orders from Ottawa and They Are to go Into Effect Tomorrow—Is Cochrane Dissatisfied With Agreement?

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 30.—S. B. Wass, assistant divisional superintendent, was notified from Ottawa yesterday that the St. John Valley Railway, now being operated from Centreville to Gagetown by the federal government, would close down on Saturday of this week.

The road was to be operated by the government during the last year under a temporary agreement. It is understood that Hon. Mr. Cochrane, minister of railways, is dissatisfied with the terms of the agreement and has been trying to make new arrangements which will be more advantageous to the federal government, but being unable to bring out the desired change, he has decided on drastic measures with the hope of bringing matters to a head. This is the view of a case which is taken by many here.

It will be remembered that the federal subsidy to the road expired in October, and this, it is felt, will give the government opportunity to repudiate the bargain with the local government. Traffic on the road has been very brisk of late, and its closing down without much warning will cause the greatest inconvenience. Only recently the train service on the Fredericton-Gagetown section was increased from weekly to tri-weekly, and only lately it was announced that a mail service would be provided.

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SIR ROBERT AND LADY BORDEN WILL WITH GRIP

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 30.—Sir Robert and Lady Borden are down with the grippe. They returned from Virginia hot springs only to be prostrated with the epidemic which prevails in Ottawa.

W.M. G. CONWAY NEW WHARFINGER AT THE I.C.R. PIER

Friends of Wm. G. Conway are pleased to hear of his appointment to the office of wharfinger at the I. C. R. pier succeeding Chas. McMullin who has been appointed general manager with the St. John Ice Co. Mr. Conway has been in the service of the Intercolonial for many years and is well qualified for the position to which he has won promotion. He is familiar with the duties as to the steamship department and his experience in the freight office will also stand him in good stead. He will take up his new duties next week.

MANY JOIN IN LAST TRIBUTE TO WORTH OF JAMES A. BELVEA

The funeral of James Austin Belyea took place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from his late residence, 67 Haas street, following a private funeral service which was conducted by Rev. Victor Jarvis.

The body was taken to its last resting place in Fernhill. The funeral cortege was long and impressive and gave testimony to the esteem in which Mr. Belyea was held. Members of St. John Law Society attended in a body. A large number of beautiful floral tributes were received.

At a meeting of the Saint John Law Society, called on account of the death of Mr. Belyea, held at noon today, the following resolution was moved by E. T. C. Knowles, K. C., seconded by C. H. Ferguson:

"The Saint John Law Society records with regret the death of James A. Belyea, Esquire, K. C.

"Mr. Belyea was admitted to the bar of this province in the year 1874, and since then had practised his profession in this city.

A discreet adviser, a careful practitioner, honorable and conscientious in the discharge of his professional duties, a public spirited citizen and a kind hearted gentleman, we regret that his removal by death is a distinct loss to the profession, and that he will be held in kindly remembrance by his fellow practitioners."

The society decided to attend the funeral in a body.

FROM FORMER POLICEMAN

Chief of Police Simpson has received a post card from Corporal F. W. Storm, who is a member of an overseas battery now stationed at Roffery Camp, Sussex, England, and who formerly was a member of the local force. He said they had arrived safely at their destination and he was well.

TO JURY BY NIGHT

Los Angeles, Dec. 30.—The case of Matthew Schmidt, charged with the murder of Charles A. Hagerly, killed in the explosion of the Los Angeles Times building five years ago, probably will be in the hands of the jury by night-fall.

Harcourt Viceroy of India

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London, Dec. 30.—Louis V. Harcourt, who holds a place in the cabinet as first commissioner of works, has resigned to become viceroy of India.

It is understood that Mr. Harcourt is one of the cabinet ministers opposed to the compulsory enlistment of fit men. His retirement from the cabinet may be due to this.

CANADIANS ON NEW YEAR'S LIST

Likely War Service Has Counted in Selection of Those to be Honored by King

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 30.—The New Year's honor list for Canadians is not expected to be a lengthy one, as anticipated that knighthood will be conferred more especially upon those who have rendered particular service in connection with the war or the problems it involves. Ottawa expects that eventually Hon. W. T. White, minister of finance, and Hon. A. E. Kemp, chairman of the war purchasing commission, will be knighted, though it is doubtful if in either case, it is forthcoming immediately.

The cabinet now has four knights, Sir Robert Borden, Sir George Foster, Sir George Perley and Sir Sean Hughes. It is customary for the colonial secretary to communicate with the government general some time previous to New Year's and the king's birthday, to inquire as to any names he may wish to suggest for the honor list. The government has the right to submit recommendations independently, but it is the custom also to consult the prime minister as to any names he may desire added. It is not a matter upon which the cabinet acts as a whole, pronounced. The list is then forwarded to London and submitted to His Majesty, who has the deciding as to whether the honors will be given and, if so, when.

It has occurred repeatedly that persons recommended for knighthoods have not secured them for a year or even longer after their names were submitted. This contributes the element of uncertainty and causes great precautions to be taken against any premature announcements until the list is officially promulgated in London. It is expected, however, that it will contain some Canadians.

NEXT SESSION TO BE HELD IN ST. JOHN

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 30.—The executive of the Provincial Teachers' Institute met here last night and decided to hold the next meeting in St. John on June 28, 29 and 30.

Six more recruits were enlisted this morning for overseas service, making twenty-one for the week.

THE WHEAT MARKET

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Trebbling of insurance on cargoes routed through the Suez Canal had a bullish effect today on the wheat market here. Opening prices, which ranged from 3/4 to 5/8 a bushel, with May at 125 1/2 and July at 117 1/2 were followed by a sharp reaction and then a fresh upturn.

ACCIDENT

Vernon Pitt, a machinist in the Cornwell cotton mill, was badly shaken up this morning as a result of being caught in a shaft. He was rescued by companions and as he was apparently quite seriously injured he was sent to the hospital. An examination failed to disclose any broken bones and this afternoon he was resting comfortably.