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**ALLIES SUCCEEDED IN CROSSING GERMAN WIRE ENTANGLEMENT**

Paris, December 22.—Official 3 p.m. communique follows:—

"Between the sea and the Lys nothing happened during the day of December 21st except artillery combats."

"Between the Lys and the Aisne we rolled back a German attack which tried to debouch from Carency, and we took some houses at Biangy. Attack by the enemy on the Metz and neighboring trenches were not permitted by our troops to make any appreciable progress from that side."

"In the region of Ligny three attacks by the enemy have been repulsed. We have made slight gain to the east and to west of Tracy Le Val. Our artillery successfully shelled Plateau of Nouvron."

"In sections of the Aisne and of Rheims there were artillery combats."

"In the Champagne region and in the Argonne around Souain there were violent bayonet combats. We have not made appreciable progress in the Argonne."

"We captured in the environs of Perthes Les Hurles three German works, representing a front of 1,500 yards of trenches."

"To the northeast of Beaulieu we fortified the position taken on December 20th, and occupied all the trenches which border on the summit of Calvaire."

"In the Forest of Gurie our progress continues. At St. Hubert we repulsed an attack. In Bolants Forest, where some ground had been lost, we re-took the two lines of trenches."

"Between the Argonne and the Meuse we advanced slightly to the environs of Vaquois. To the north of the Forest of Malancourt our troops succeeded in crossing a wire entanglement, and in capturing some trenches where the enemy has held his position on the right bank of the Meuse."

"In the Forest of Conservoy we lost and then re-took after a sharp fight the ground gained by us on December 20th."

"From the heights of the Meuse to the Vosges there is nothing to report."

**FIERCE BATTLE IN GALICIA.**  
Lemberg, via Petrograd, December 22.—More than 100,000 Russian and Austro-German troops are engaged in great conflict over the battle front of about 120 miles long in Galicia. The battle line forms almost a right angle extending from Birca, a few miles west of Przemyel, southwest of Lupkow and some distance northwest to Zakliczin on Dunajec River, south of Ternow.

The general battle was precipitated by the energetic efforts of the Austro-German troops to raise the siege of Przemyel. Only bare details are reaching here.

**LATE QUEEN HAS MANY GRANDSONS UNDER ARMS.**  
London, December 22.—Twenty-two grandsons and great-grandsons of Queen Victoria, are under arms in the war. All but five are fighting with the Germans.

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**ALLIES CONTINUE STRONG OFFENSIVE**

**Have Been Uniformly Successful—New French Guns Prove Superiority—Fleet Shell German Positions MANY TOWNS REOCCUPIED**

Rumored That Allies Again Take Dixmude—Russians Advance—At Least Six Battles Raging—Austrian Offensive Checked—Engagement at Przemysl.

(Special to Journal of Commerce.)

Paris, December 22.—The offensive of the French and British troops continues to develop. During the past twenty-four hours some desperate fighting has taken place at both wings of the French and British lines, the Allies being uniformly successful. The British fleet along the coast has again been shelling the German positions and is reported to have compelled them to evacuate several cities. Along a front of about 200 miles progress of several hundred yards was made by the Allies during the past twenty-four hours. The advances were marked with hard fighting. There were numerous infantry attacks developing into hand to hand encounters and resulting in heavy losses on both sides.

The past twenty-four hours, too, have been marked with terrible artillery duels all along the line. In these the French and British have more than held their own.

Where the new French guns have been in action they have more than demonstrated their superiority. There is no doubt that the offensive of the Allies is gaining momentum, and although the advances made have been small, the positions captured have been important and are being used by the Allies as basis of further attacks and advances.

It is believed here that important developments are taking place along the coast. The British-French and Belgian troops here have been pushing ahead from the Lys to the coast line, aided by frequent bombardments of the German positions by the British and French fleets. It is even reported to-day that the Allies have reached Ostend, although there is nothing to confirm this report.

There seems little doubt, however, but that the Germans are being compelled to evacuate many positions along the coast. The evacuation of Middelkerke and a general backward movement in Flanders is reported by the Dutch papers. There were also reports to-day that the Allies had re-occupied Lombertzyde, St. Georges, and had occupied without opposition Bixchoote, Lmagetack, Passenhede and Meoralege. Such successes on the part of the Allies, if true, would mean important gains and would probably imply the entire failure of the German's coast advance and presage a retirement from Flanders.

It is believed now that the Allies have re-captured Dixmude, although no mention of this has been made in the communique.

The drive towards Roulers continues strongly. In Flanders generally the Allies have advanced to the north of the inundated region near Nieuport and the Germans there are therefore able to attack the Germans from the west as well as from the south.

Fighting their way from Plock, northward along the lower Vistula, the Russians have pushed a considerable force over the southern boundary of West Prussia between Miawa and Thorn. This is the newest development in the eastern theatre of war, aside from the checking of the German advance now halting before Warsaw in an effort to cross the Bzura at Sochaczow.

No news of any decisive gain came from either side but information from Berlin and Petrograd clears to some extent the position in Poland.

The military critics estimate that at least six battles are in progress between the Baltic and the Carpathians. The most obvious feature is that General von Hindenburg has been compelled to stop short in his stride for the Polish capital. The Russians are holding him at the Bzura River, repulsing every attempt to get lodgment on the right bank of that stream.

It is stated emphatically in the Russian communication that the Austrian offensive in Galicia has been checked and that the bayonet has routed the Austrians in the region of Dukla Pass in the Carpathians.

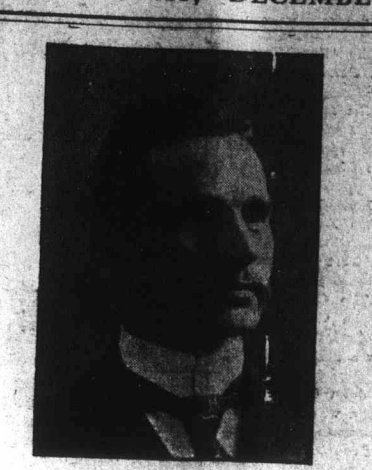
A hot engagement is reported from Przemysl. In a sortie the garrison tried to cut its way to a junction with the Carpathian armies. It was terribly punished and forced back within the fortifications.

It is believed that by the counter-attacks south of Rawa, the Russians are forcing a shift of the German forces, and thereby diminishing the weight of the German pressure along the Vistula and Bzura Rivers. In an official statement from Petrograd the head of the Russian Staff denies the German victory which caused such jubilation in Berlin. No, he says, the narrower Russian front was adopted after mature consideration, in view of the German concentration. "Moreover," he adds, "this plan offers other advantages concerning which, unhappily, we cannot give details for the present, for military reasons."

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E. A. ROBERT, President of Montreal Tramways Company. Negotiations between the City and the Tramways Company are to be re-opened.

**HAS ALL THE WAR ORDERS HE CAN CONVENIENTLY HANDLE**

New York, December 22.—Strength of Bethlehem Steel shares precedes the return of Chas. M. Schwab from Europe Wednesday. Reports have been current that he has secured another batch of orders from Great Britain. But before he sailed Mr. Schwab remarked that he had about all the war orders he could conveniently handle.

Bethlehem Steel is expected to make a remarkable showing in earnings this year, and may show a surplus available for dividends as large as reported in 1913, when 7 per cent. on the preferred and around 28 per cent. on the common were reported.

**FRANCE HAS ONE POLICY.**

Paris, December 22.—The French Government has only one policy. That is the prosecution of war against Germany until absolute victory has been won, Europe liberated and peace guaranteed.

Premier Rene Viviani set this forth in emphatic fashion to-day, when the French Senate and Chamber of Deputies met in extraordinary session to take steps for the successful waging of the conflict.

The speech of the Premier was interrupted many times by cheers.

Full responsibility for the war was placed on Germany by the Premier, and he declared that was clear to the world.

**STEAMER STRUCH MINE BEACHED NEAR SCARBOROUGH.**

Filey, England, December 22.—The Norwegian steamer Struch, bound from Oran to London with a cargo of timber, struck a mine off Scarborough to-day, and was beached near Filey.

**TURKS ARE RIOTING.**

Alexandria, Egypt, December 22.—Rioting has broken out at Jaffa, and the United States cruiser Tennessee is rushing there at full speed.

The outbreak of the Turks has thus far been confined to attacks on the Jews, but it is feared they will vent their rage on all foreigners.

**GLOSS-SHEFFIELD SCRIP DIVIDEND.**

Speaking of the scrip dividend on the preferred stock which the Gloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron Company has declared, President J. C. Mahon says: "This dividend declared in the form of scrip has been earned, but because of the present depression in the pig iron market the directors desired to conserve the company's cash."

**Men in the Day's News**

Sir Francois Langelier, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, who is reported as being seriously ill, will be seventy-six years of age on Thursday of this week, having been born at Ste. Rosalie on the 24th of December, 1838. He is a lawyer by profession, but has had an extensive political career. He was knighted by the late King Edward in 1907 and appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec in 1911.

W. G. Jaffray, who was yesterday elected president of the Globe Printing Company, is the eldest son of Senator Jaffray, whom he succeeds in that position. He is a stockbroker, being head of the firm of Jaffray, Cassels and Biggar.

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**CITY WILL REOPEN TRAMWAYS QUESTION**

In Conformity with the Board of Trade Resolution Controllers will Again Discuss Franchise

**QUERIES ANSWERED**

Replies to Controller McDonald's Series of Questions Being Completed and Much Information Will be Placed Before Board.

In conformity with the opinions expressed by the Board of Trade and other public bodies such as the Builders' Exchange, the Board of Control will immediately reopen the question of the Tramways franchise. Some definite progress is expected to be made before the New Year and it is likely the discussion will commence to-day.

The matter was held up some time ago by Controller Duncan McDonald's demand for replies to a large number of questions which he formulated. The engineer's department was instructed to answer this lengthy series and this it was expected would take a very considerable time.

The information was, however, obtained with promptitude and the document has been almost entirely completed. Such good progress was made in fact that consideration of the franchise may be resumed this afternoon or to-morrow.

The replies to the questions formulated by Controller McDonald are to be ready to-day and a considerable amount of information regarding trackage, mileage and the operation and works of the company in general will be placed before the Board of Control. The first meeting will be private and the Tramways representatives are not likely to be present.

It is recognized, however, that it is desirable to settle the matter as promptly as possible, and an early conference with Mr. Robert and the directors of the company is likely to be arranged by the Controllers. The city wants certain improvements and extensions to the tramways service; the company wants a new franchise. In order to make the needed improvements it must borrow money and in order to borrow money it must have a reasonably long franchise.

This situation has apparently been recognized by the Board of Trade which twice endorsed a resolution calling for prompt action. The city representatives, or a majority of them, favor this view also, and it is accordingly expected in city hall circles that definite action will soon be taken. If the ordinary duties of the controllers will permit the discussion is to be opened this afternoon or to-morrow.

**GREECE AND ROMANIA WILL ENTER WAR ON SIDE OF ALLIES.**

London, December 22.—Bulgaria will maintain a "hands-off" policy if her Balkan neighbors attack Turkey.

Solemn assurances to this effect were given simultaneously on Saturday at Paris, Petrograd and London.

Official notification of this act was sent to the Greek and Rumanian governments and a dispatch received from Athens to-day stating that concerted action against Turkey was being planned in messages exchanged between Athens and Bucharest was taken here to indicate that the two countries would soon enter the war on the side of the Allies.

**PRUDENTIAL WILL CHANGE TO A MUTUAL COMPANY.**

Trenton, N.J., December 22.—Chancellor Walker approved plans for the mutualization of the Prudential Insurance Company of America by which it will change its charter from a stock to a mutual company.

**LUSITANIA DOCKS TO-MORROW.**

New York, December 22.—The Lusitania is not expected to dock until to-morrow morning.

**CITY OF MONTREAL ISSUE SUBSCRIPTION TIME EXTENDED**

Boston, December 22.—Bids for the new issue of \$4,000,000 three year 5 per cent. bonds of the City of Montreal will be received by the Bank of Montreal until noon, December 29th, and not December 20th, as originally announced.

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**PRESIDENT WILSON IS NOT TROUBLED OVER PATRONAGE**

Washington, December 22.—President Wilson ridiculed all reports that he was in a fight with the Senate over patronage matters. In his talks with callers he summed up the situation by saying that the Senate had a perfect right to reject any nominations that it pleased.

There was no irritation on his part over the Senate's action, he indicated, and he said the United States Government was engaged in much larger matters than patronage squabbles.

That the Inter-State Trade Commission has ample power under the law to investigate the proposal to permit pooling agreements among manufacturers doing an export business was indicated by the President. He intimated he does not expect to take any action in the matter, nor to recommend to Congress any amendment to anti-Trust Act, permitting these agreements.

**GERMANS FAILED TO GIVE NOTICE OF SCARBOROUGH BOMBARDMENT.**

Washington, December 22.—The British Embassy, in a statement to-day, denied the claim of the German Embassy that Scarborough and Whitby were defended towns and therefore that the killing of women and children in the German bombardment was justified.

The British charge that the Germans violated the rules of war by failing to give notice of the bombardment.