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Progress Of Allies In West Continues Advances at Several Points Are Announced In Paris

French Artillery Masters Batteries of Germans and Compels Evacuation of Trenches—Russians Tell of Checking Kaiser's Forces

Paris, Dec. 10.—The official French announcement follows:— "The day of December 9 passed quietly in Belgium as well as in the region of Arras, where the enemy made no attempt at a resumption of offensive operations. "Further to the south, in the region of Lequesney and around Anderby we made advances varying from 200 to 600 yards. Our positions were maintained and consolidated. "In the region of the Aisne and in Champagne, there has been no change. The German artillery over which we gained the advantage during the last few days, yesterday evidenced increased activity, but was again mastered by our heavy artillery. In the environs of Rheims, the heavy French pieces compelled the Germans to evacuate several trenches. This evacuation was carried out under the fire of our infantry. In the region of Perthes, the enemy by means of two counter-attacks, endeavored to recapture the intrenchments which he lost to us on December 8. He was repulsed. The ground taken by us was effectively protected, occupied new trenches, repulsed with complete success six counter-attacks, and completed and consolidated the ground won from the enemy. "On the heights of Meuse there have been artillery engagements in which we maintained a distinct advantage, and this in spite of the very great activity of the batteries of the enemy. "In the forest of Lepretre we have taken some new trenches. "There is nothing to report on the remainder of the front, as far as the Swiss frontier."

RUSSIANS HOLD GERMANS IN CHECK

Petrograd, Dec. 10.—An official communication issued by the general staff, gives the progress of the fighting in the various fields. It says:— "In the region of Mlawa, on December 8, the conflict assumed a less tenacious character. "On the left bank of the Vistula on the evening of Dec. 7, the Germans, under cover of darkness, suddenly began an offensive movement simultaneously along the entire front from low, (west of Warsaw), to Glogow, (southwest of Warsaw). The movement was remarkable for its stubborn nature. The attack was repeated again and again, the Germans advancing in compact columns. "Aided by searchlights, however, our fire was turned on the enemy, who was everywhere repulsed. With the rising of the moon the attacks of the enemy ceased. The next day the desperate fighting of the low-lying front was resumed, but without success for the enemy. "In the Piotrkow region the situation is unchanged. "The fighting south of Goscow has continued tenaciously, presenting alternately offensive and defensive movements. The Germans twice attempted to break through our front, but were repulsed with serious losses. "On the Black Sea, on December 8, the whereabouts of the enemy's vessels were not revealed."

AR NOT WISHED OR BY PEOPLE

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 10.—Dr. Karl Liebknecht, Socialist member of the Reichstag, who was the only one to vote against the war credit at the recent session, explains his action in an article just published in Berlin. He says: "This war was not desired by any of the peoples affected, nor was it kindred to the welfare of the Germans any other people. It was created by common action of the German and other war parties, in the obscurity of absolute and secret diplomacy, in order to anticipate their advances. "At the same time, the war is an apologetic attempt to unnerve and slow the growing labor movement."

AUSTRALIA TO BUY NEW SOUTH WHEAT CROP

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 10.—The legislative council has ratified the bill empowering the government to purchase a whole of the ensuing wheat crop of the South Wales of five shillings a bushel. "The bill empowers the government to purchase a whole of the ensuing wheat crop of the South Wales of five shillings a bushel. "The bill empowers the government to purchase a whole of the ensuing wheat crop of the South Wales of five shillings a bushel."

GERMANS CONFISCATE COPPER

London, Dec. 10.—According to a telegram from Maastricht, Holland, says the ally Mail's Rotterdam correspondent, the Germans are confiscating telephone wire and all copper articles of domestic use in Belgium.

CHICAGO MARKET

Chicago, Ills., Dec. 10.—Wheat suffered material decline in price today, largely a result of the British victory in the south Atlantic, recognizing most if not all of German interference with expected big Argentine shipments to Liverpool. After opening 1/4 to 1/2 lower, 1/2 higher, the market rallied a little, it then slid down grade. Corn developed strength. The opening was varied from a sharp off to a moderate advance followed by a moderate advance. Lower prices for hogs weakened provisions. Buyers were scarce.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Phelix and Pherdinand WEATHER BULLETIN Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service. Synopsis—The pressure continues abnormally high over the greater portion of the dominion, and comparatively low over the Atlantic states. Light local snow has fallen in Southern Ontario, otherwise the weather is everywhere fair. Fair and cold.

GOING TO THE WAR

The many St. John friends of Ohio C. Withers will be interested to learn that he has enlisted with the Halifax battalion overseas contingent.

LONDON PAPERS ON THE GREAT VICTORY IN SOUTH ATLANTIC

London, Dec. 10.—The Daily Chronicle's naval expert, commenting on the British victory in the South Atlantic, says:— "The crushing victory justifies our hope that the methods now employed by the admiralty, on the basis of their full experience and under the mastery of Lord Fisher, will before long lay the remaining raiders by the heels. Their temporary immunity has depended upon certain resources especially the abuse of the wireless telegraph and violation of neutrality of the coast."

BRITISH SEA POWER AS SURE AS EVER

The Daily News says:— "The moral effect of this victory in the South Atlantic will carry even in the least understanding or most skeptical mind, the conviction that the British sea power is as sure as ever, and maintained by men as skilful and valorous as those who created it. "Whatever mistakes have been made earlier in the distribution of naval forces have been corrected. Superior strategy prepared the victory and that strategy bears everywhere the imprint of Lord Fisher's admiralty. The presence of the fleet in the South Atlantic, coupled with speed, has once again vindicated itself. It has done so in every engagement of this war. It represents Lord Fisher's contribution, persistently endorsed by many within and without the navy."

DRAMATIC ACT OF RETRIBUTION

The Times' naval correspondent says:— "The British naval victory avenges the loss of Admiral Coddock and his gallant comrades, and the same time removes from the high seas the most important of the German warships. "It is impossible to believe that there was anything fortuitous in the arrival of this British squadron on the scene, which the Germans were found, but it has every sign of being the result of bold and thorough disposition on the part of the admiralty. The presence of chief of staff and the completeness of the destruction of the enemy, are most significant circumstances."

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Doctor Changes Plea To Guilty of Manslaughter

MANIFESTERS HERE FOR DOCK OPENING

Messrs Hazen and Rogers Arrive Luncheon at Club—Speech Making at West St. John

The formal opening of the new government docks at West St. John, marking a new era in the development of the harbor facilities of this port, took place this afternoon with due ceremony. Miss Frances Hazen, daughter of the minister of marine and fisheries, severed a white ribbon which formed a barrier at the entrance to the dock. Following this, speeches were made by the president of the St. John Board of Trade, the managing director of the contracting company, the federal ministers of public works and marine and fisheries, and G. M. Bosworth, vice-president of the C. P. R. "The holiday declared by the Maritime Construction Company in honor of the visit of Hon. Messrs. Hazen and Rogers was marked by a demonstration on their arrival at noon from Ottawa. They were greeted by the Carleton Cornet Band and the employees of the company numbering about 600 and with banners bearing inscriptions relating to the work performed by the men they accompanied and the ministers to Mr. Hazen's home, where they paraded about the grounds and were reviewed by himself, Hon. Mr. Rogers, and Mr. Hazen's two daughters, Mrs. Mackay and Miss Frances Hazen. "The employees of the company formed in line at the depot and followed three barouches, one containing Hon. Messrs. Hazen and Rogers, another, Manning W. Doherty and Frank Black of the Maritime Construction Company, and third in which were Senator Daniel and C. B. Lockhart, M. P. P. "At one o'clock the distinguished visitors were the guests of the Board of Trade at luncheon in the Union Club. About sixty were present at this function, which was of an informal nature. J. M. Robinson, the retiring president of the board, presided and delivered the only speech which marked the occasion. "Those present at the luncheon were: Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of marine and fisheries, Ottawa; Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of public works, Ottawa; G. M. Bosworth, vice-president of the C. P. R., Montreal; G. A. Hayes, L. G. R. Moncton; Hon. Geo. J. Clarke, Fredericton; Hon. Wm. Pugsley, M. P., Hon. John E. Wilson, Senator Daniel, A. H. Harris, acting director of transportation for dominion government, Montreal; John Allison, Royal Mail Steam Packet Co., St. John; W. Campbell, Elder Dempster Co., Montreal; J. B. M. Baxter, M. P., C. B. Lockhart, M. P., P. Phillip Grannan, M. P., L. P. D. Tyler, M. P., Thomas Casanov, M. P., West Quaco; His Worship Mayor Frink, Commissioner Wigmore, Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Potts, F. B. Ellis, St. John; E. W. McCready, St. John Telegraph, H. V. MacKinnon, St. John Standard, J. M. Robinson, J. A. Lively, W. E. Foster, M. P., D. C. Clark, E. G. M. Cape, Montreal; John Keefe, Fred W. Roach, J. Lewis Sildenslecker, M. N. Gillies, J. Chesley, A. H. Wetmore, J. Hunter, W. J. P. Burdett, A. E. Massie, H. C. Schofield, C. S. Philips, D. B. Pidgeon, E. L. Rising, A. C. Skinner, Collector of Customs, St. John; J. E. Massie, Geo. W. Fowler, M. P., Sussex; T. Escoffier, Ryder, Geo. McAvilly, Mr. Warren of Norton-Griffiths Co, Stanley E. Elkin, Joseph B. Stone, Jos. P. Robertson, Chas. H. Peters, Jos. A. Tilton, Frank E. Williams, J. Fraser Gregory, R. T. Hayes of J. M. Humphrey & Co., H. A. Powell, H. C. Groulx, C. P. R., W. Howard, C. P. R., Alex. McMillan, J. G. Harrison, Miles E. Agar, F. R. Taylor, W. G. Scovell, T. H. Estabrook, Fredk. A. Peters, A. W. Adams, Geo. L. Warwick, George B. Jones, M. P., W. W. Sharpe, Captain Walsh, C. P. R., W. I. Fenton, Mr. Fawcett. "At the conclusion of the luncheon the party adjourned to the harbor front, where they embarked on the government steamer Curlew and the tug of the construction company's fleet for the trip across the harbor. In the meantime a special train provided by the construction company left the Union station at 2:30 with other citizens who wished to be present at the opening. "Miss Frances Hazen, from a position in the bow of the steamer Curlew, severed the broad band of white ribbon which barred the entrance to the dock, and those on board were then handed and given an opportunity to inspect the new works at close range. "A stage for the speakers and principal guests had been built in the new warehouse, and at four o'clock the formal exercises commenced. J. M. Robinson presided and made a brief speech. He said: "Ladies and Gentlemen—It is with much pleasure and great appreciation of the importance of this occasion that, representing the St. John Board of Trade, I am called upon to welcome our distinguished guests, the minister of marine and fisheries, the minister of public works, and Mr. Bosworth, vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who have traveled far and at considerable expense of time, to honor us with their presence at the opening of our new wharf facilities. "Probably the most outstanding feature of these new accommodations has been accomplished, a comparatively short time, but not less remarkable the completion of this work, which includes not only wharf construction, but very extensive dredging and reclaiming by the contractors under the able leadership of Mr. Bosworth. (Continued on page 2, third column)

PROBABLY 20 YEARS IN PRISON

This Stipulated by Prosecution in Consenting to Change, Which Followed Kate Michaud's Evidence—The Other Prisoners

(Special to Times). Houlton, Me., Dec. 10.—Dr. Lionel E. Dudley of Presque Isle, who has been on trial here charged with the murder of Mildred Sullivan, a Houlton girl, retracted his plea of not guilty to murder this morning and substituted a plea of guilty of manslaughter. Attorney-General Scott Wilson accepted the plea with the understanding that the maximum sentence of twenty years in state prison should be imposed. "The action on the part of Dr. Dudley brought the trial to an abrupt close. "The confession of Kate Michaud, who testified that she was with Dr. Dudley at the time he performed the operation, and the other strong links in the chain of evidence which the state has been drawing around the physician resulted in his attorneys giving up hope of acquittal. "Under an agreement between the lawyers for Alice Pelletier, who is also indicted on the same charges by the young woman is to retract her plea of not guilty to murder and plead guilty to accessory after the fact. "This agreement does not affect Kate Michaud or Ambrose Bridge but it is said that neither will be placed on trial and all four cases will be disposed of sometime today."

SPEAKS TO CANADIAN CLUB ON FINANCES OF BRITAIN IN WAR

Despite the counter attraction at the Union Club the attendance at the Canadian Club luncheon at Bond's today was large, and the members heard one of the most interesting and timely addresses delivered at a club function for a long time past. J. W. Flavell, an eminent Toronto financier, and one of the financial experts of Canada, spoke on the measures taken by the treasury department of Great Britain to meet the financial crisis incident to the war, with application to the position in Canada. "Mr. Flavell handled his subject with great ability, pointing with great clearness the series of transactions by which Chancellor Lloyd George met an unparalleled condition and saved a very difficult situation. The speaker's reference to Canadian affairs and the duty of Canadians in the time of financial trial were no less impressive. Mr. Flavell can explain financial situations like a mathematical professor, and present a case for the observance of moral obligation like a professor of moral philosophy, even a dignitary of the church. "Dr. Bridges presided and at the close a hearty vote of thanks was moved by Mr. J. A. Macmillan and seconded by W. E. Earle, who comes from the same Ontario town as Mr. Flavell. The latter, as a closing word, commended all Canadians in this crisis to spend less and produce more."

MUCH INTEREST IN Y. M. C. A. BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT

It is a pleasure to note the bubbling over of enthusiasm in the Y. M. C. A. senior billiard tournament. E. C. Peacock and his assistant, R. H. Parker, are deserving of much credit for the way in which they are handling the tournament. Up to the present out of a total of nineteen entries, 248 games scheduled, thirty-three have been played. R. H. Dean holds the record of five victories. Next are Mr. Legge and Mr. Pendleton with three wins and no defeats. "In yesterday's match games Dean was again successful in defeating Dawson 100 to 89. The second game was played between Dawson and Hutchinson, Dawson taking the game 100 to 59. In the third contest Mr. Howard with much skill in handling the stick, defeated his opponent Mr. Parker 100 to 64. In the fourth match Mr. Howard again showed much form in putting one over on Flewelling, 100 to 59. "Basket Ball League. "Yesterday afternoon Seely and Jordan, of the Junior "B" League had a very exciting time in two fifteen minute halves. Both teams were ties for first place so it made the game much more exciting. For the first ten minutes no scoring was done, but in the last five minutes of the first half Jordan was able to get his team working in great style and six field goals were made, while their opponents made one field goal; score of first half 12-2. "In the second half more close playing was done, but notwithstanding the Jordan loomed forth again as the star, getting three more field goals. Upham and Regan played a great game at guard. For Seely's team Flemming made the only two field goals for his team, while Seely and Cross were effective at foul shooting. The game ended 19 to 9 in favor of Jordan. "Next Monday Jordan and Trentowsky will meet for an exciting game. "SECOND ANNIVERSARY "Today was the second anniversary of the consecration of His Lordship Bishop of LeBlanc. Nothing official marked the event, but His Lordship was the recipient of hearty congratulations."

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LILY LAKE SKATING

The public will be glad to learn that the management of the Saint John Horticultural Association has made arrangements for the erection of a building for the temporary care of boots, wraps, etc., of skaters on Lily Lake. The structure is being put up on the south shore of the lake, near the site of the former shoot-the-shoots, by Charles T. Merritt, who will be in charge for the season. He will have the building open while the skating is good. There will be a small fee. The building will soon be finished. The ice on the lake is now in excellent condition.

THREE TRAINMEN ARE KILLED IN A WRECK

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 10.—In a rear-end collision between two freight trains on the Wabash, at Moulton, last night, three men were killed. Another man was seriously hurt.