

LORD KITCHENER PRAISES CANADIAN TROOPS; BATTLING FOR ROADS TO CERNEY AND MULHAUSEN

SORTIE FROM PRZEMYSL A DISASTER FOR AUSTRILIANS

Whole Force Completely Annihilated by Russians — Czar's Men Made No Effort to Check Enemy Until at Close Range Then Opened Up Terrific Fire From Rifles and Machine Guns.

MENACE OF TURKISH INVASION ENDED WITH DEFEAT AT ARDAHAN AND SARI-KAMYSH
Enveloping Movement by Turks a Failure—Tried to Cut off Russians Near Border and Place Their Own Army Between Czar's Men and Caucasian Capital.

Petrograd, Jan. 6.—The Novos Vremya says that a recent sortie by the Austrian garrison which is defending Przemyśl, the date of which is not given, resulted in the complete annihilation of the Austrian force.

The sortie was preceded by extensive cavalry scouting. Then Austrian infantry advanced in force in the direction of that woods near the city. The Russians opened fire, but the Austrians rushed forward and gained the cover of the woods. They continued to push forward and the Russians permitted them to advance close to their positions before making a serious effort to halt them. With the fighting thus at close range the Russians opened up a terrific fire from rifles and machine guns. It is said that no one of the force which made the sortie regained the fortress, those who were not killed or wounded being captured. The town of Przemyśl is close to zero.

Petrograd, Jan. 6, via London, 3.10 p. m.—The reported Russian victory at Sari Kamysh, in the Russian Caucasus, and the re-capture of Ardahan, an important junction point of the border to Kars and Tiflis, apparently removes whatever menace to these cities was presented by the Turkish invasion. According to the opinion of military men here, the attack on Sari Kamysh was secondary in importance to the wide enveloping movement of the Turks, which was designed to cut off the Russians near the border and place Turkish forces between them and the Caucasian capital.

By December 27 the Turks had established themselves in the village of Upper Sarikamysh, but on the 30th they were routed there with the loss of twenty officers and 1,150 men. Meanwhile the Turks had occupied Ardahan, to the northward, one hundred miles from the frontier, and entrenched themselves.

They were attacked by the Russians on January 3 and driven out after hard fighting, which resulted in great losses on both sides.

Notwithstanding the snow and the severe cold, the battle is said to have been extremely stubborn. The Turks, although insufficiently fed, showed great bravery, and are said to have displayed fighting qualities equal to those of the Russian Cossack troops.

At the same time that the battle of Ardahan was in progress, the Turks returned to Sari Kamysh and made another attack, but were beaten by the Russians in an encounter which ended on the night of January 4. By that time the two Turkish army corps operating in this region were unable to offer further resistance.

One of the corps, with all of the staff officers was captured, and the other was transformed into scattered remnants.

NO LIVERY STABLE HORSES FOR THE CANADIAN ARMY
Farmers to Get Benefit Instead of Speculators and Wholesale Dealers.

Special to The Standard
Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 6.—The Militia Department announces that horses will not be purchased from livery barns or wholesale dealers, but only from the farmers or owners. The intention is to let the farmers get the benefit instead of the speculators and also enable the government to get horses at a lower price. This rule is being followed by Mr. F. Burns, general remount commissioner, Mr. A. M. Newton, who is superintending the buying in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and Mr. Geo. Hoadley in Alberta.

ADRIFT FOR 36 HOURS WITHOUT FOOD OR WATER

Two Digby Fishermen Rescued After Experience in Bay of Fundy.

Digby, N. S., Jan. 6.—After a rough experience in the Bay of Fundy, and without food or water for thirty-six hours, Alfred Cossaboom and Ralph Nesbitt, two fishermen from Gulliver's Cove were rescued this afternoon eight miles off Digby Gut by the steamer Granville, commanded by Captain B. S. Collins, bound from St. John for Annapolis.

WILSON OPPOSED TO NATION-WIDE WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Delegation fails to make him change attitude on the question.

Washington, Jan. 6.—President Wilson declined today, for the sixth time since he entered the White House, to support a federal constitutional amendment for woman suffrage.

When a delegation of Democratic women, who declared they had helped to elect him, presented the sixth formal petition, the president repeated his previous declaration that he considered suffrage a state issue.

"I am most unreservedly complimented by this visit that you have paid me," the president told the women.

"I certainly am one of those who admire the tenacity and the skill and the address with which you try to promote the matter that you are interested in."

"But I, ladies, am tied to a conviction which I have had all my life, that changes of this sort ought to be brought about state by state. If it were not a matter of female suffrage, if it were a matter of any other thing connected with suffrage, I would hold the same opinion. It is a long standing conviction on my part, and, therefore, I would be without excuse to my own constitutional principles if I lent my support to this very important movement for an amendment to the constitution of the United States."

"Frankly, I do not think this is the wise or the permanent way to build. I know that you perhaps unanimously disagree with me, but you will not think the less of me for being perfectly frank in the avowal of my own convictions on that subject, and certainly that avowal represents no attitude of antagonism, but merely an attitude of principle."

ADVANCE OF 50 CENTS A BARREL IN FLOUR.
Montreal, Jan. 6.—The Lake of the Woods Milling Company and the Ogilvie Company today advanced the price of flour fifty cents a barrel. A general advance was expected, in view of the sharp advance in the wheat markets at Chicago and Winnipeg yesterday.

Most Violent Fighting of War Progressing in Upper Alsace — Tide of Battle Ebbs and Flows Along Rest of Western Front — Germans Attacking Russian Line Which Blocks Road to Warsaw — Russians Start Offensive Movement in Region of Mlawa, an East Prussian Frontier — Roumania's Next Move Awaited With Interest

London, Jan. 6.—Apart from the Russian victory over the Turks in Trans-Caucasus, which is described in a despatch to the Russian Embassy from Petrograd, as "complete," interest in the warfare now lies chiefly in the stubborn fight which the French and Germans are carrying on for the roads to Cernay and Muelhausen in Upper Alsace.

The battle in that region, which has been raging for a week, is described in a Berlin despatch as the most violent of the war. The Germans succeeded in regaining one of the trenches which they had lost, but on the whole the French reports appear to show that the Frenchmen maintain their advantage for every bit of which they had to fight, in many cases with the bayonet.

Along the rest of the western front the tide of battle continues to ebb and flow. On either side of Rheims and particularly to the east of that harassed city, the French, according to reports, daily push their lines a few yards forward, while in the Argonne, where more hard fighting is going on, first the Germans and then the French report the capture of the other's entrenchments.

NIBBLING AT GERMAN LINES IN WOEVRE REGION
Another region where the French seemingly keep nibbling away at the German lines is in the Woivre, where the gains reported by them last night and again today must, when consolidated, have gone a long way toward rendering the German long occupation of St. Mihiel, on the Meuse, less comfortable.

The Russians, with all their other fronts to cover, have found another army with which to take the offensive against the German position at Mlawa, on the East Prussian frontier, and tonight report the capture of a village on the road to that town.

The Germans are still hammering at the Russian line drawn directly across the roads to Warsaw from the west, but it is reported, with less force behind them, in Western Galicia, however, where they have reinforced the Austrians they have held up the Russian advance near Gorlice.

In Southern Poland wet weather has intervened and put a stop to the fighting. Neither side is able to move there, owing to the high water and the mud.

The Russians continue to drive the Austrians through the snow covered passes of the Carpathians, and out of Bukovina, and simultaneously are dealing in detail with the remnants of the Turkish armies in Trans-Caucasus, which are reported either to have been routed or surrounded.

The Turkish dash into the far off province of Russia is described by military men here as having been an unwise manoeuvre. Military operations in the winter in that part of the world would be difficult at any time, they say, but this year, with a particularly severe winter raging, there was little chance of the poorly equipped Turkish troops succeeding in their efforts.

Altogether, the Russians engaged the Turks in ten pitched battles, in many cases while knee deep in snow, and at an altitude of from six thousand to ten thousand feet.

In the realm of international politics the next move by Roumania is awaited with interest, while the arrest of Cardinal Mercier, Primate of Belgium, is attracting world-wide attention.

C.P.R. TELEGRAPH CO. OFFERS SERVICES TO MILITIA DEPARTMENT

No Charge for Notice of Casualties Among Canadians — Notify Next of Kin Free.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Jan. 6.—The C. P. R. Telegraph Company has notified the militia department that it will transmit free of cost all cablegrams from the war office or Canadian High Commissioner in connection with casualties among the Canadian expeditionary forces.

Notices of such casualties to next of kin in Canada will also be handled free and relatives will be allowed to ask for information regarding wounded soldiers through the militia department to the extent of three messages.

A week-end service has also been established between relatives and soldiers, sailors and nurses of the expeditionary forces in Great Britain by five cents per word.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF CHICAGO ROCK ISLAND RAILWAY STOCK
New York, Jan. 6.—The Federal District Court confirmed today the auction committee \$100 a share.

WILL ASK FOR RELEASE OF HON. DR. BELAND

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Jan. 6.—The suggestion that Hon. Dr. H. S. Beland, the Canadian member of parliament, who was with the army medical service of the Belgian army and is now detained by the Germans in Antwerp should be set free if there is to be an exchange of prisoners of war between Germany and Britain was cabled to Lord Kitchener by General Sam Hughes today.

Dr. Beland was acting as surgeon major with the Belgian forces in Antwerp when that city was taken by the Germans and he has been detained there ever since. He had gone to Belgium to marry a Belgian lady when war broke out.

recent Sheriff's sale of the pledged stock of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company, in the foreclosure suit brought by the Central Trust Company, as trustee. The stock, which had a face value of \$71,535,000, was sold to a reorganization committee \$100 a share.

THE CRUISER GOEBEN STRIKES MINE AND IS BADLY DAMAGED

Copenhagen, via London, Jan. 6.—A special despatch to the National Tidende from Constantinople says the former German cruiser Goeben, which now flies the Turkish flag, struck two Russian mines in the neighborhood of the Bosphorus and was seriously damaged. She has two big holes on her water-line and it will take two or three months to repair her.

This fact, the despatch adds, has been kept secret from the people of Constantinople.

F. W. SUMNER SUCCEEDS MR. BOWDER

Appointed Agent General For New Brunswick—Resignation of Chief Clark Accepted by Government.

Fredericton, Jan. 6.—The provincial government in session here today appointed F. W. Sumner of Moncton, agent general for New Brunswick to fill the vacancy caused by the death of A. Bowder.

The resignation of W. W. Clark, Chief of the St. John police force, was accepted by the government with the understanding that legislation will be introduced at the next session of the legislature for his superannuation on \$800 a year for life. Mr. Clark was appointed a justice of the peace for St. John city and county and also a provincial constable.

Letters patent were issued for the following: Cliff Club, Ltd.; Marr Millinery Co., Ltd., St. John Equitable Realty Co., Ltd., Baird and Howie, Ltd., Frederick Gilt Edge Fur Farms Ltd., Salsbury Black Fox and Fur Co., Ltd., McCluskey and Powers, Ltd., National Karakule Ltd.

The Attorney General, Charles F. Sanford and R. G. Murray were appointed a committee to examine applicants for positions as court stenographers. Examinations will be held on Tuesday of next week at 3 p. m. in the Chancery Court rooms, St. John, when applicants may present themselves.

WOODSTOCK A RECRUITING STATION
Through Hon. Mr. Fleming's efforts part of 3rd Canadian Contingent will be recruited there.

Special to The Standard.
Woodstock, Jan. 6.—Hon. J. K. Fleming received today an acknowledgment of a letter sent to the Minister of Militia on the request of Mr. Fleming the officer commanding the 6th Division of the overseas force has selected Woodstock as one of the recruiting stations for the Third Canadian Contingent, which means that some 250 men will be recruited here from the upper part of the province and remain here taking instructions for several months. There is ample accommodation for all at the Armory.

John F. Williams and Dr. Beairto

DECEMBER A MONTH OF PROGRESS FOR ALLIES

Lord Kitchener Gives House of Lords Cheering Report of Operations in the West—Germany's Advantage of Superiority in Numbers at Outset Being Overcome.

ACHIEVEMENT OF SERVIANS ONE OF BRIGHTEST FEATURES OF THE MONTH.

Tribute to Manner in Which Canadians Bear Discomforts in Training Camp—Desire to Fit Themselves to Get on Firing Line Spirit Which Imbues Whole Contingent.

INDIGNATION OVER ARREST OF CARDINAL

Arrest of Cardinal Mercier by Germans Finds Strong Expression in London Press.

London, Jan. 6.—The widespread indignation caused by the arrest of Cardinal Mercier, Archbishop of Malines, for having in a pastoral letter, told his Belgian flock that they owed no allegiance or obedience to the German invaders, finds strong expression in the London press, while among Roman Catholics this latest act of the German authorities is regarded as an outrage on the whole church. Even the Dutch journal, the Nieuws Van Den Dag, doubts if the Germans will dare maintain the arrest.

The Pall Mall Gazette says: "The soul of Belgium will be fired to new efforts by this outrage on a beloved Prelate, and on the great Church of which Cardinal Mercier is a Prince. The arrest may average itself."

"This action," says the Evening Standard, "is probably only another German blunder."

The Globe comments thus: "Because Cardinal Mercier's letter was a splendid confession of the superiority of right over might, it is hateful to the disciples of Nietzsche, and has stung them into a blundering fury, which will earn for them the hostility of all Catholics and the contempt of the civilized world."

"L'Independence Belge, which is now published in London, thinks that the effect of this abominable action upon neutral opinion will be such as to cause a modification of the Kaiser's attitude toward the Prelate."

T. P. O'Connor declares that nowhere will the arrest arouse more burning indignation than among Irishmen, 25,000 of whom joined in the demonstration of affection and sympathy for Belgium when Cardinal Mercier paid a brief visit to London in September, on his way home from the election of the new Pontiff to his devastated country, after being refused a safe conduct by the German authorities.

GOLD DEPOSIT OF TWO MILLIONS TO CREDIT OF BANK OF FRANCE

New York, Jan. 6.—For account of the Bank of France, Hazard Freres today deposited with the First National Bank of this city \$2,000,000 gold bars, recently taken from the Assay office.

This unique transaction which is said to be the first of its kind, so far as the Bank of France is concerned, is a direct outcome of the foreign financial situation. The banking house which represents the Bank of France, declined to state whether additional deposits would constitute the establishing of a credit in this country by the French government.

of Lakeville, were here today at the probating of the will of the late Alfred Walker, who left an estate of \$2,200, all personal property, to his children

London, Jan. 6, 9 p. m.—The House of Lords met today, a month earlier than the House of Commons, chiefly to hear from Lord Kitchener a review of the military operations for the six weeks since Parliament was prorogued. While the speech of the Secretary for War contained nothing of a sensational character, and little not already known, it was listened to with rapt attention by a distinguished gathering of peers and peersesses, members of the House of Commons and public men.

Brilliant Coloring Lacking in Yesterday's Meeting.

The peers, as usual, were in their robes of office, but beyond this, the scene was lacking in the usual color, for of the long rows of peersesses in the gallery, virtually every one was in mourning for some relative killed at the front.

Lord Kitchener read his speech from a typewritten document and referred briefly to the operations in every sphere, laying particular emphasis on the Turkish defeat in the Caucasus and the Austrian defeat in Galicia and what he considered even more important—the severe check of German aspirations in Poland.

The War Secretary also spoke of "the noteworthy progress" made by the French east of Rheims and in Southern Alsace; the "extraordinary achievement" of the Servians, which he characterized as "one of the brightest spots in the military operations during December"; Gen. Botha's "masterly handling of the situation in South Africa; the advance of the Indian army in Mesopotamia and the successful campaigns in East Africa and Kamerun, the German colony of West Africa."

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THE EMBARGO ON HORSES FROM U.S. HAS BEEN MODIFIED

Animals will be admitted to Canada for breeding or racing, or under exceptional circumstances.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Jan. 6.—The embargo on live stock coming to Canada from the United States on account of the foot and mouth disease, has been amended so as to allow the admission of horses for special use in breeding, racing or under exceptional circumstances. Permits must be obtained from the veterinary director general who will see that all precautions are observed.

HOSPITAL SHIP FOR FISHING GROUNDS

U. S. Revenue Cutter Sails for Nova Scotia Deep Sea Fishing Grounds.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 6.—The revenue cutter Andros, recently fitted as hospital ship for deep-sea fishermen, sailed today on her first trip to the fishing grounds. While in port the cutter took on supplies sufficient to last two months. She will stop at Gloucester, where her commander, Captain E. W. Hall will confer with owners and masters of fishing vessels, and then proceed to the fishing grounds off Nova Scotia.

Later the cutter will visit the Grand Banks.