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THE NEW CHRISTMAS

TO THE "WAITS" OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOARD OF TRADE

FRENCH RETAIN VOSGES PEAK AFTER BATTLE

German Attack on Hartmanns-Weilerkopf Repulsed, Paris Reports

ALL NEW GROUND HELD

Claims of Berlin to Retaking of Summit Not Substantiated

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The German reports that they have recaptured the summit of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf in the Vosges, also claimed yesterday, are not substantiated by the French official report of tonight, which says that after a violent bombardment of the French positions on this mountain, the Germans launched an attack on the whole front of the positions recently captured from them, and lying between the summit of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf and the approaches to Wattwiller, and that the enemy was repulsed everywhere.

A German work situated west of Lassigny was demolished, and the island tower in the same vicinity was seriously damaged by fire from the French batteries. Two small mines which were exploded by the French on slope 108 southeast of Berry-au-Bac, shattered the works of the Germans in the neighborhood. Especially violent fighting is reported from Belgium, German infantry was dispersed from the trenches and connecting tunnels near Lemaertzyde. Comparative calmness prevailed on the lines held by the Belgians, all day.

CONSCRIPTION ISSUE IS DIVIDING HOUSE?

Two Sides Are Reported to Be in Process of Lining Up

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The repeated postponements of Premier Asquith's announcement of the figures of the Earl of Derby's recruiting campaign are now said to be due to a controversy brought to bear on the ministers by anti-conscriptionists. It is also alleged that the premier's delay is due to his ministry being divided by the introduction of some form of conscription, although he himself is not in favor of that course. According to published papers, the number of single men attested under the recruiting scheme was only a quarter of the total of single men on the national registry, and it is asserted that when men unfit for service or engaged in industrial work are eliminated only a very few will be available for the army. Of course, it is impossible to confirm these statements before the final figures are forthcoming, but there is little doubt that there is a strong force within the cabinet working for conscription on the grounds that the single men responded inadequately to the appeal of the Earl of Derby.

Every Little Movement Has a Meaning of Its Own

Brigadier Woods of the board of trade should enlist with Lord Osotherham and save Toronto from Adam Beck, the wild west man. Kenneth Davidson had a bad dream of Adam Beck putting in hydro-electric light-phones for farmers at \$5 a year, as in Denmark. And "Little Arthur" Hewitt is afraid of public-owned gas-works.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To some of our friends this Christmas season with a time for patient courage and hope for better times to come.

GOVERNMENT TAKES STEPS TO AID GRAIN MOVEMENT

Thru Rate on Shipments on N. T. R. Eastward From Winnipeg Adjusted—Arrangements for All-Rail Movement During Winter.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 24.—The thru rate on grain carried eastward from Winnipeg over the National Transcontinental Railway will be based on a rate of 6 cents per bushel from Armstrong to Montreal and Quebec, Armstrong is on the N.T.R., north of Fort William, and for rate-making purposes occupies the same position as Port Arthur or Port Arthur, on the C.P.R. and C.N.R.

TWO MILITARY CAMPS ARE VISITED BY SPY

Paul Koenig Sees Both Quebec and Valcartier in a Motor Car

TOLD BY CHAUFFEUR

Laurent Leclerc Drove Foreigners Over Grounds in September of Last Year

QUEBEC, Dec. 24.—Paul Koenig, who is held by the American federal police in connection with plans alleged to have been made to destroy the Welland Canal in Canada, spent some time in Quebec City and district, according to Laurent Leclerc, a local automobile chauffeur and garage man, who says that in the course of September, 1914, he drove around for many days a foreigner who gave his name as Paul Koenig and who met a number of local prominent Germans, going over the harbor along the waterfront, along the river banks below Quebec harbor, mostly at night, according to Leclerc.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS BACK THEIR COUNCIL

Declare Unfamiliarity With the Hydro Radial Bylaw and Think Action Hasty

ASK FOR MORE TIME

Think Matter Should Not Be Submitted to People Until Further Explained

"If the board of trade backs the Beck hydro-radial in Toronto it will carry and if it opposes it the bylaw will be defeated," was the challenge of J. W. Woods, president of that organization, before Sir Adam Beck when the power genius spoke before that body last week. And now the board of trade is out to make good its boast and to defeat the bylaw. On Wednesday last the executive of the board passed a resolution opposing the bylaw, and yesterday came out in active opposition to the people's railway by inserting huge advertisements in the daily papers counselling delay.

Beaks Up Council

Kenneth J. Dunstan, of the Bell Telephone Co., which is asked to give its opinion of the actions of the council of the board of trade, intimated that he had no private opinion to express in the matter. "I said," he said, "that any action of the council of the board of trade should stand as the opinion of the board of trade, and not of any individual member, and should be accepted or rejected by the public on those grounds. Further than this I have nothing to say."

Who Are on Council

The membership of the council of the board of trade, which has started the campaign against the bylaw, is as follows: President—J. W. Woods, Gordon Mackay & Co., Limited. First vice-president—Arthur Hewitt, Chapman & Co. Second vice-president—John G. Kent, manufacturer. Treasurer—G. Marriot, G. Goulding & Sons.

TURKS SHELLED BY HEAVY FRENCH GUNS

Official Report Says Artillery Pounded Trenches With Good Effect

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Turkish official statements on the situation in the Taurus mountains and morning were quiet. During the afternoon of the 23rd instant our heavy artillery shell-ed effectively the Turkish trenches and also retaliated against the enemy's artillery on the European shore.

CHRISTMAS TO BE CELEBRATED BY CANADIANS



God bless you, Merrie Gentlemen, Let nothing You dismay; The Rad-ials of Adam Beck Will run Next Christmas Day!

SIR EDWARD GREY RETURNS TO WORK

Earl Kitchener and Greek Minister Conferred With Him Yesterday.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—(2.30 p.m.)—Sir Edward Grey, secretary for foreign affairs, returned to the foreign office today, apparently much improved in health by his rest of more than a week in the country. He was visited by Earl Kitchener, secretary for war, and subsequently by the Greek minister to London, with whom he had a long conversation.

COAL SUPPLY OF PARIS NEED CAUSE NO FEARS

All Danger of Crisis Past—Domination of Socialists Denied.

PARIS, Dec. 24, 10.15 p.m.—Paris is in no danger of a coal famine, Marcel Sembat, minister of public works, announced in the chamber of deputies today while speaking on a bill regarding the sale and distribution of coal. M. Sembat said the stock of coal in the capital actually exceeds 200,000 tons, and that all danger of a crisis regarding the supply was ended. There has been an import of 1,200,000 tons, of which 200,000 tons belong to the government.

FIRE CAUSED LOSS OF \$100,000 TO MARTIN PAPER BOX PLANT

One Hundred and Fifty Employees of Pape Avenue Industry Thrown Out of Work as Result of Christmas Eve Blaze

Fire broke out at 9.15 last night in the factory of the Martin Corrugated Paper Box Company, Limited, 253 Pape avenue, and gutted the entire plant, causing a loss of \$100,000, before the brigade got it under control about midnight. It was first noticed by an engineer of the York Lumber Company, who sent in a still alarm. A general alarm was sounded shortly afterwards and the firemen experienced great difficulty owing to the inflammable nature of the stock, in protecting the premises of the York Lumber Company, adjacent.

KING'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE BREATHES HOPE OF VICTORY

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—The following message from His Majesty the King to British subjects through the empire was received by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught tonight: "Another Christmas finds all the resources of the empire still engaged in the war, and I desire to convey my own, and on behalf of the Queen, heartfelt Christmas greetings and our good wishes for the New Year to all who, at sea and land, are upholding the honor of the British name. In the hour of our darkest hour, I believe in the security of the empire depends, I repeat in common with all my subjects a trust that is absolute. On the officers and men of my armies, whether now in France, in the east, or

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Divine Service Will Be Held at Headquarters by Chaplains

GIFTS FOR BRIGADES

Portable Cinematographs Are Sent to Front by Contingent Association

Canadian Associated Press Cable. LONDON, Dec. 24.—Col. Steacy, director of the Canadian chaplain service, gives particulars of the arrangements for the celebration of Christmas among the troops of the Dominion, in the war zone.

There are two large halls at the Canadian corps headquarters, in which from 7 in the morning, thru the forenoon an hourly service will be held on Christmas Day. Sixty large motor-torries have been requisitioned for bringing the men to the services from every part of the line. Each denomination of course will have its own facilities.

Col. Steacy has just returned from the front, where some days back he had the privilege of presenting 59 candidates for confirmation to Bishop Gwyn of Khartoum. The candidates ranged in rank from the private to the lieutenant-colonel, and they belonged to every province in Canada. He was also present at the presentation to the officers and men of the 57th Battalion of the decorations recently conferred. The presentations were made by General Plummer in the presence of Generals Currie and Turner, and their respective staffs. Gen. Alderson was also present.

Have Ninety Chaplains. The Canadian divisions now have the benefit of the services of 90 chaplains. The original contingent brought over 38 chaplains, which caused wonder among the English authorities, seeing that the English regulations provide for only five chaplains for each division.

At Shorncliffe and Bramshott camps, services will be held tomorrow, and tomorrow night concerts will be given in conjunction with the Y.M.C.A. The contingent association has sent to each brigade at the front a Christmas gift of portable cinematographs, arrangements have been made for a regular supply of new films.

FOUR WITHDRAW FROM ALDERMANIC CONTEST

Thirty-Six Make Declaration Qualifying for Race for Aldermen.

MAYOR HAS OPPOSITION

Harry Winberg Has Qualified and Will Be in Running for Chief Magistrate.

Harry Winberg will oppose Mayor Churchill's reelection on Saturday next. He made the statutory declaration qualifying as a candidate for mayor yesterday before W. A. Littlejohn, city clerk.

AUSTRIAN ATTACK FAILS ON HEIGHTS OF GORIZIA

Timely Arrival of Italian Reinforcements Checks Formidable Assault.

ROME, via London, Dec. 24, 10.25 p.m.—The war office communication issued today says: "On the heights west of Gorizia early Thursday morning the enemy attempted an attack on our position opposite Grafenberg. By the intervention of our artillery and the prompt arrival of reinforcements it was repulsed."