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Germany Doomed To Sure Defeat; World Cannot Allow Her To Win

Strikingly Strong Editorial Utterance by Influential New York Times—Sees Italy, Holland, Switzerland, Greece and Balkans Joining Allies If Necessary

New York, Dec. 15—In a leading editorial today, the New York Times says: "Germany is doomed to sure defeat. Bankrupt in statesmanship, overmatched in arms, under the moral condemnation of the civilized world, befriended only by the Austrian and the Turk—two backward looking and dying nations—desperately battling against the hosts of three great powers to which help and reinforcement from states now neutral will certainly come should the decision be long deferred, she pours out the blood of her heroic subjects and wastes her diminishing substance in a hopeless struggle that, postponed cannot but alter the fatal decrees."

ANOTHER ST. HELENA? "Yet the doom of the German Empire may become the deliverance of the German people if they will betimes, but seize and hold their own. Leipzig began and Waterloo achieved the emancipation of the French people from the bloody, selfish and sterile domination of the Corsican ogre. St. Helena made it secure. Sedan sent the little Napoleon sprawling, and the statesmen of France instantly established and proclaimed the republic. Will the Germans blindly insist on having their Waterloo, their Sedan, their St. Helena, too?"

"A million Germans have been sacrificed, a million German homes are desolate. Must other millions die, and yet other millions mourn before the people of Germany take in the court of reason and human liberty their appeal from the imperial and military caste that rushes them to their ruin?"

"They have their full justification in the incompetence and failure of their rulers. German diplomacy and German militarism have broken down. WORLD WILL NOT LET GERMANS WIN "The world cannot, will not, let Germany win in this war. With her dominating all Europe, peace and security would vanish from the earth. A few months ago the world only dimly comprehended Germany, now it knows her thoroughly. So if England, France and Russia cannot prevail against her, Italy, with her two millions, the sturdy Hollanders, the Swiss, hard men in a fight; the Danes, the Greeks and the men of the Balkans will come to their aid and make sure that the work is finished, once for all."

ALLIES WREST MORE TRENCHES FROM ENEMY AND ADVANCE

Retain Other Ground in Steady Driving Back of Germans—Latter Get New Foothold in Only One Place

London, Dec. 15—The official information bureau today gave out the following statement: "A combined attack by the allies was made yesterday on the line from Holsbeke to Wytschate, in Belgium. Several German trenches and a number of prisoners were captured, and substantial progress was made."

Paris, Dec. 15—The French War Office gave out an official announcement in Paris this afternoon as follows: "Between the sea and the Lys, the English have occupied a little forest to the west of Wytschate. The ground gained yesterday by our troops along the Ypres canal and to the west of Holsbeke, has been retained in spite of a vigorous counter attack on the part of the enemy."

"From the Belgian frontier to the Somme, there is nothing to report. From the Somme to the Argonne there has been intermittent cannonading. Excepting in the region of Crouy, this artillery fighting has not been spirited. In the Argonne we have made some progress and retained the advances made by us on preceding days."

"In the Vosges the railroad station of St. Leonard, to the south of St. Die, has been violently bombarded by the Germans from a considerable distance."

In Alsace there has been much activity on the part of the enemy's artillery with the exception of before Steinbach, where an attack by German infantry, coming from Ulhols, was successful in gaining a foothold. We have everywhere retained the positions won previously by us."

AUSTRIANS GIVEN HARD TASKS

London, Dec. 15—The Times' Petrosburg correspondent says: "The German general staff continues to impose most of the difficult tasks on the Austrians, whom they have ordered not to permit the Russians to pass Cracow into Silesia, and are obliged to attempt an operation for the development of the Car's forces south of Przmyl, involving the task of crossing the now-covered Carpathians."

"The movement of the Austrian columns westward toward the smaller passes of the Carpathians is evidently intended to compel the Russians to creep out from the Carpathians simultaneously at several points, situated a considerable distance from each other, the Austrian front extends approximately 120 miles."

ELGRADE REPORT CONFIRMED

Nish, Dec. 15—The recapture of Belgrade was officially announced today in despatch received from King Peter. The minister of war summoned the cabinet to his office and arrangements were made for a great celebration. The King said: "With the help of God, and the devoted service of our able army, we expect soon to drive the invader from our soil."

ORDERS TO LOWER THE LONDON NIGHT LIGHTS STILL MORE

New York, Dec. 15—A cable to the Herald from London says: "Under a new lighting order issued by the Home Secretary, the streets of London will be in gloomier than before. The use of lights for outside advertising and the illumination of shop fronts is entirely prohibited after sunset. Formerly only powerful lights outside the shops were prohibited."

CHRISTIANS DENY ACE REPORT

Vienna, Dec. 15—It is officially denied that Austria-Hungary has attempted to include a separate peace with Serbia.

There have been several reports regarding possible peace negotiations between Austria and Russia, but this official denial is the first intimation here that there have been similar reports regarding Serbia. It is probable that, following the recently reported success of the Serbians, such a rumor became current in Europe.

Igian War Tax

Paris, Dec. 15—A Matin despatch from Havre says that the Belgian government has ordered the provincial municipalities to meet on December 17 to take action for the payment of a war tax of \$7,000,000.

Plan of Germans

Stockholm via London, Dec. 15—The Swedish steamship company there has ordered all its steamers to stop at Helsingborg, instead of entering the Baltic when coming from the North Sea. This is the first step stopped when coming from the North Sea, and seemingly indicates a new German method of action.

What Germans Say

Berlin, Dec. 15—An official report says French attacks between the Meuse and the Vosges have been weak and easily repulsed; that the German operations in North Poland are developing, but elsewhere there is nothing of importance. Russian and French reports of gains are denied. The report adds that the Turkish cruiser Midilli (formerly the Breslau), has bombarded Sebastopol and that Vienna newspapers report a mutiny in the army besieging Przmyl, stating that several battalions are said to have been sent away in fetters.

A Turkish Report

Berlin, Dec. 15—A Turkish official bulletin says that the large cruiser Sultan Selim (the Goben), bombarded Batum on December 10, setting fire to the city. The Russian land batteries returned the fire, without success. Constantinople learns authoritatively that a Mohammedan uprising has occurred in the Caucasus and that 50,000 armed Rus-

SULTAN AND KAISER

Gentle Rulers Declare Themselves on Phases of War

HIS CUE FROM WILHELM

Head of Turks Seeks to Blame Allies For Entrance of Turkey Into Conflict of Nations—Kaiser's Eyes Upturned Again

London, Dec. 15—A Reuter despatch from Constantinople gives the gist of the speech from the throne by Sultan Mehmed V, at the opening of the Turkish parliament on Monday. The Sultan announced that he was forced to declare war against Russia, when the Russian fleet attacked the Turkish fleet in the Black Sea, and England and France began actual hostilities by sending troops to the Turkish frontiers.

"In consonance with the fetwa (sacred Moslem law), he said 'I called all Moslems to a Holy War against these powers and those who help them. I am convinced that our forces on land and sea, will add fresh victories to those gained by the glorious armies of Germany and Austria-Hungary, against the common enemies.'

"I can state with much satisfaction that our relations with the powers which have participated in the general war are sincerely friendly, and especially with our neighbor, Bulgaria."

The Sultan made a brief reference to the victory of Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick C. D. Sturdee, in the South Atlantic last week, was the measure of enthusiasm throughout the United Kingdom, yesterday, which greeted the official announcement of the daring exploit of the British submarine B-11.

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1st—Ticket 1089, prize \$40 or a puncheon of molasses; won by Kentville, N. S. Baptist Mission Band. 2nd—Ticket 658, prize \$20 or barrel granulated sugar; won by Bryan Hennessey, Newcastle, N. B. 3rd—Ticket 1092, prize \$10 or 100 Havana cigars; won by W. A. Palmer, Dorchester, N. B. 4th—Ticket 1603, \$7.50 or one case of canned fruits; won by A. C. Clark, 127 Wright street, St. John. 5th—Ticket 2655, \$7.50 or barrel flour; won by Walter L. Smith, 176 Douglas avenue. 6th—Ticket 2791—\$4.40 or box 500 cigarettes; won by G. M. Bosworth, C. P. R., Montreal. 7th—Ticket 1105, \$4.15 or case Quaker Oats; won by Smith Brokerage Co., St. John. 8th—Ticket 1812, prize \$4.15 or box Surprise soap; won by E. J. Kirkpatrick, Grand Falls, N. B. 9th—Ticket 1692, prize \$2.20 or box twenty-five pounds of prunes; won by G. A. Sullivan, St. Stephen, N. B. Those present at the drawing were: His Worship Mayor Frink, W. E. Foster, J. H. Dooly, E. H. Turnbull, A. P. Paterson, Dr. E. C. Goddard, A. C. Skelton, C. H. Peters, A. G. Bishop and R. E. Armstrong.

More Than \$1,200 For Red Cross Funds From This Drawing

C. P. R. Official, High on The Company's Roll, Among Winners, Getting 500 Cigarettes

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SEAMEN'S MISSION CONCERT. The minstrel troupe from the C. P. R. liner Mississauga, gave a delightful entertainment in the Seamen's Institute last evening. The proceeds were for the benefit of the institution, and a good sum was realized. The sailors gave vocal and instrumental solos, which were greatly appreciated by the large audience. The ship's orchestra also played pleasing selections. Some of the survivors of the Empress of Ireland minstrel troupe were among those.

DEATH OF MRS. EMMA BRADY. Mrs. Emma Brady, wife of John W. Brady, died this morning in the General Public Hospital. She is survived by her husband and one child. The funeral will be held on Thursday afternoon from her late residence, 2 Short street.

Phelix and Pherdinand WEATHER BULLETIN Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Cold! Cold! Maritime—Strong winds and gales, west to northwest, light local snowfalls or furies, but for the most part fair and decidedly cold today and on Wednesday.

New England—Fair tonight and Wednesday; continued cold, strong west wind.

TO TAKE HAY AND OATS. When the steamer Ellerslie arrives in St. John from St. Lucia she will load hay and oats.

The Royal Family of Greece



Greece, it is rumored, may soon take a hand in the war assisting her former ally Serbia against the Austrians. In the picture are shown King Constantine and Crown Prince George, both veterans of the Balkan campaign; the queen and her eldest daughter and second son (seated); the third son between the queen and princess, while the king holds the baby of the family, also a girl.

OUTSTANDING EVEN IN HISTORY OF BRITISH NAVY

Great Enthusiasm in England Over Submarine Exploit

WHERE ARE ANY DOUBTERS NOW?

Efficiency of British Submarine as Great as That of Germans and Commanders Ready to Brave as Great Dangers as Ever Dreamed Of

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THE RIVER STEAMERS

May be One Brought Here From Boston For Next Season

The usual gossip about the river steamer is current, and from the statements of some officials it is apparent that several changes will mark the opening of navigation. It is said that the Elaine will not be back on the Grand Lake route but will be purchased by the Victoria Steamship Company and will be run in conjunction with the steamer Victoria on the main river route.

Captain Harvey Weston said that a prominent steamship inspector had been to Boston looking at a steamer which was considered ideal for the Grand Lake route. He said that it was large and was able to make fifteen knots. He would not state definitely whether or not he would purchase the steamer, but intimated that if the price was suitable to the company which he is forming, it would be seen on the river next spring.

When asked if it was true that the Elaine would be placed on the Fredericton route, he said that he was unable to confirm the report.

K OF C. CARDS TOURNAMENT

The close of a card tournament which has been creating interest in the rooms of St. John Council, 987, Knights of Columbus, was marked by an enjoyable gathering last evening. For the last few weeks each Monday evening there was a party in forty-fives, and the contest closed last night with W. J. Mahoney as winner of first prize, a safety razor, and A. P. O'Neill, in second place, winning a handsome pipe. Sandwiches, cake and coffee were served in the dining room under the direction of the lecturer's committee, and a pleasant time was enjoyed. Another tournament is to be started.

MILL STREET LIQUOR STORE IS BROKEN INTO

The liquor store of J. P. McGuire, Mill street, was broken into last night between twelve and one o'clock. Several bottles of liquor were taken, besides \$180 in cash. A plate glass window was broken, apparently to permit an entry.

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General Hughes Will Be Met By Officers Here

APPOINTMENT OF ENVOY TO HOLY SEE LOOKED ON AS MOST IMPORTANT

No General Parade of Troops

LOCAL WAR NOTES

Dr. T. F. Johnson and J. H. Pullen Going Across as Remount Veterinarians—St. John Men Officers in 23rd Field Battery

A rigid programme of drilling was carried out today in anticipation of the visit of Major-General Hughes tomorrow morning. On his arrival he will be met by the commanding officers and other officers of the units, and accompanied to the barracks, where he will inspect the 29th infantry battalion and the 28th Dragoons. He will then go to the Garrison Barracks to inspect the garrison artillery, or to West St. John to inspect the Army Service Corps, but which ever he does first he will inspect both units.

Owing to the war there will be no general muster of the troops with parade on his arrival, but the regular routine of drill will be executed. In the evening a reception will be tendered the minister by the Women's Canadian Club at the Imperial Theatre at nine o'clock.

Going Across

Sailing on the steamer Verphalia will be Dr. T. F. Johnson, veterinary officer, and James H. Pullen as assistant veterinary officer. They will go to England with the steamer which carries several hundred remounts for the British army.

St. John Men Officers

The list of the provisionally appointed non-commissioned officers for the 23rd Field Battery was announced today in Fredericton. H. H. Patchell, formerly of the 3rd Regiment St. John, has been appointed battery sergeant-major. B. Cameron of Antigonish is the quartermaster sergeant and L. A. Palferton is orderly room clerk. The section commanders are Sergeants B. Shea, C. A. Wallace, M. F. McDonald and S. Marshall. In the list of bombardiers appear the names of G. F. Kuhring, B. McInerney and H. A. Deveber. Sergt. Bury of the Royal Canadian Artillery is instructing the men in gun drill.

It is expected that recruiting for the 24th Battery will begin this week. Carpenters are at work today fitting up bunks in the soldiers' barracks.

Presentations

In the wholesale warehouse of T. McAvity & Sons yesterday presentations of wrist watches were made to two members who have joined the Divisional Ammunition Column under Major Harrison. The recipients were John Triff and Fred Marshall, and the watches were presented by Stewart Henderson.

TURKEY MUST NEVER AGAIN HAVE SLIGHTEST INFLUENCE IN EGYPT

London, Dec. 15—Lord Cromer in a letter to the Times says that "if, as appears to be the case, the Khedive has unwisely thrown in his lot with the Germans, his defection is probably of no great political importance. The personal influence of His Highness in Egypt is at present slight."

"Whatever may be the future political status of that country, Abbas Hilmi can no longer be its ruler. The artificial connection between Turkey and Egypt has for a long time been seriously detrimental to the interests of the latter country. Egypt, as a result of the war, must be wholly and irrevocably relieved from the pernicious involvement of Turkish suzerainty."

BITTEN BY DOG

Robert Anderson of Acadia street has been reported by the police for having a ferocious dog at large. A boy named Joseph Bryson was badly bitten.

EIGHT HUNDRED JAPANESE TRAPPED IN COAL MINE

Tokio, Dec. 15—An explosion occurred today in a coal mine at Fukuoka as a result of which 800 laborers are imprisoned in the workings of the mine, Fukuoka is on the southeast sixty-five miles south of Nagasaki.