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Germans and Turks Try To Hide News of Defeat

But London Learns That Russians Hit a Heavy Blow - Allies Vary Flank Attacks by Pressure from Rheims on Lorraine Frontier

London, Jan. 7.—Neither Turkey nor Germany has conceded the defeat of Turkish armies in the Caucasus as announced officially in Petrograd, but as...
In spite of this, however, the latest official communication from Turkey...
GERMAN CHECK IN POLAND

In Poland the Germans apparently are no nearer Warsaw, and there is little alteration in the battle front extending from the Baltic to the Carpathians. The Russians seem to be still concentrating their main effort in the Carpathian passes. At the same time they are continuing a vigorous offensive in Bukovina. The occupation of this Austrian territory populated as it is largely by Rumanians, may soon exert, in the opinion of British observers, a powerful influence throughout Europe as bringing the Balkan situation to a head.

THE MERCIER INCIDENT

The reported detention of Cardinal Mercier, by the Germans, presumably for the reason that he advised his countrymen not to give allegiance to the German administration, continues to be a topic of lively discussion and speculation in London and Amsterdam. It is reported that the cardinal had been removed to Brussels, but this has not been confirmed. An English translation of his pastoral letter has been published in London in pamphlet form.

FRENCH SUMMARY

Paris, Jan. 7.—(2.40 p. m.)—The French War Office this afternoon reported: "During the day of February 6, there occurred from the sea to the Lyz, nothing other than artillery fighting, in which we had almost always the advantage. Our batteries put to flight German aviators, who were coming in the direction of Dunkirk and they compelled a cessation of the fire of German mine throwers in the region of Zillebeke. "The enemy bombarded violently the head of the Belgian bridge to the south of Dixmude. "In the region of Lille, we repulsed, with success, a violent German attack on one of our trenches. This trench, in the beginning lost by us, was recaptured with great brilliancy and by the exploding of mines we demolished a portion of the German field works. "Between the Somme and the Aisne there has been nothing to report except artillery engagements. "To the east of Rheims, on the Alger farm, we exploded some mines last evening. This resulted in the stopping of the enemy's field work. "In the Argonne, to the west and to the north of Verdun, there were yesterday artillery engagements in which the enemy did not show much activity. "In the Woerthe district the advance made by us to the northwest of Flirey is more important than was at first taken to be the case. We made ourselves masters of a portion of the enemy's first line. "At Steinbach, a persistent rain, adjoining with the state of the ground, made any operations difficult. We have retained all the positions conquered by us on preceding days. "There were two attacks on the part of the enemy, one to the west of Watviller, and the other near Kolschlag. Both were immediately repulsed. "The Turks put it London, Jan. 7.—An official Turkish note by way of Amsterdam, reads as follows: "Our troops advanced from Samoi and Ajloun, and occupied Urza, an important Russian point of support. After an decisive battle on Tuesday between Russian and Turkish fleets, the Russians sank an Italian merchant ship, although it was flying the Italian flag. "Four thousand Russians have been completely vanquished near Mianobash, 200 men killed, while the Turks, 200 were aided by Persians, lost 800. "In fighting near Urumiah, Azerbaïdjan province, Persia, two detachments of Russian troops were taken prisoners and 100 men were killed. As a result the reverse of Urumiah, the Russian garrison has been broken. "The French Army. London, Jan. 7.—Lieut. Charton of the 80th Niochet (Province of Quebec) Regiment of Canadian militia, has been attached into the Fifth Regiment of Engineers in the French Army.

FOR THIRD CONTINGENT

Montreal, Jan. 7.—Orders were received from Ottawa today to proceed with organization of an infantry battalion and a squadron of mounted rifles for the continent. Recruiting will probably start at once. "The disturbance which was centered in Northern Ontario, with ally increased energy, and will probably move quickly eastward. The other is mild from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic and moderately cold in western provinces. Rain has fallen throughout Ontario and Quebec. Storm rains are displayed along the Atlantic coast. "Mid; Then Colder. "Maritime—Southeast and south gales in rain; Friday, strong westerly winds in at first colder by night.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service. Synopsis—The disturbance which was centered in Northern Ontario, with ally increased energy, and will probably move quickly eastward. The other is mild from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic and moderately cold in western provinces. Rain has fallen throughout Ontario and Quebec. Storm rains are displayed along the Atlantic coast. "Mid; Then Colder. "Maritime—Southeast and south gales in rain; Friday, strong westerly winds in at first colder by night.

SEVIGNY LIKELY SPEAKER

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 7.—Albert Sevigny, M.P. for Duchester, has been offered the deputy speakership of the commons, made vacant by the promotion of Hon. P. E. Blondin to the cabinet. Mr. Sevigny came to Ottawa last night to discuss the situation with the government. It is understood that he will accept.

CORONER'S JURY

Coroner Roberts has empanelled the following jury to enquire into the death of Charles F. Gouffrey: James Collins, foreman; James Buchanan, J. V. Carleton, Robert McAfee, B. L. Arndur, Patrick McGuire, and Edward Hogan. The inquest will be held tomorrow night in the Court House.

Ontario, Too, To Honor Champlain



This monument will be erected at Orillia and to mark the 300th anniversary of the coming of the white race to Ontario, the great French explorer Samuel de Champlain. The monument is by Mr. Vernon March, a sculptor of Farnborough, England.

TODAY WITH THE SOLDIERS

Call For Mounted Infantry Is Awaited

HONOR FOR LOCAL A. S. G.

Royal North West Mounted Police Sergeant Here on Way to Join the Colors - Use of King Edward School Building For Drill Refused

THE FUNDS

Major Frink had the following acknowledgments to the Belgian Relief Fund to make this morning:—Harland Dramatic Club, \$16.94; Windsor Ladies' Aid, \$11.10; L. B. S. S., Waterside, \$5.20; Friends, Maugeville, per M. Harrison, \$2.50; North River Baptist church, Salisbury, \$3.34; Officers and crew C. G. S. Lansdowne, \$26.25; sale of barrels, \$1.54; Fairville Methodist church, \$3.24.

Distinctive Mention

The honor of being practically the only corps in all Canada to be taken as a unit for foreign service seems to belong to No. 7 Co. A. S. G. now in training as No. 5 Co. at West St. John. The only other instance so far as is known is the case of the Princess Patricia's who were formed voluntarily at the outbreak of the war and who had not been a military fixture prior to that time. This is a distinctive mark of recognition of the local unit and shows that the department realized its efficiency in this accepting it as an entirety in the formation of the second contingent. It reflects much credit upon the officers and non-coms, and men of the company which, under Major McKean will be the headquarters company in the Canadian Divisional Train with Lieut. Col. Massie commanding.

GERMAN EXPORTS TO STATES

Berlin, Jan. 7.—Exports from the American consular district of Berlin for 1914, according to a report of J. G. Lay, American consul general, which covers exports to the United States and insular possessions, amounted to \$1,160,455,598, as against \$200,430,000 in 1913. The second quarter of 1914 already had shown a decrease against the same period of 1913, but the last quarter of 1914 showed an improvement on the third quarter of that year.

INSPECTION TRIP

H. C. Grant, general superintendent of the Atlantic division of the C. P. R., returned to the city today after a trip of inspection over the line to Brownville.

COUNTERFEIT BANK OF TORONTO \$10 BILLS AFLOAT

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 7.—Counterfeit notes of the Bank of Toronto \$10 bills are being circulated. Three have been detected by bank tellers within the last few days. The face of the note is a very clever water color reproduction, and likely to deceive but the finely engraved red back of the genuine note is reproduced as a red red dash with the heads outlined in darker colors. The words "industry, intelligence, integrity," under the coat of arms, are crude and unrecognizable. The counterfeit notes, so far seen, are all signed "D. Coulson, President," and by J. Paquette, H. D. Mallette and O. Notre Dame for general manager. None of the genuine notes has any such signature as general manager.

RED CROSS WORK

Progressive Activity Shown by Provincial Branch

Meeting in Mayor's Office Hears Reports on Much Accomplished by the 50 Branches in Province

DEAF ARREST OF BELGIAN PRELATE

Statement Issued by German Military Government

MATTER CREATES STIR

No Official Word at Vatican Last Night But Reports Were Inquiries Being Made—Speculation as to Pope Benedict's Course

London, Jan. 7.—The German military government of Belgium has issued an official denial of the report that Cardinal Mercier, the Belgian member of the Sacred College, has been arrested by the German authorities.

Rome, Jan. 7.—The Vatican, up to late hour last night had received no official confirmation of the reported arrest of Cardinal Mercier in Brussels, because of a pastoral letter issued by him in which he is said to have advised Belgians not to give allegiance to the German administration.

Pope Benedict, through Cardinal Gasparri, the Papal Secretary of State, has instituted anxious inquiries regarding the report, but because of censorship of other causes no official communication regarding the reported arrest has come through.

The unofficial rumors of the arrest of a member of the Sacred College have however, caused a profound impression and the hope is expressed that the report is untrue.

In Vatican circles it is said, that it is likely that the Pope will protest even though by so doing he should run the risk of somewhat endangering his position of being absolutely outside and above the conflict in order that his offer of mediation at an opportune moment might be likely to succeed.

MAY REQUEST IMMEDIATE RELEASE

London, Jan. 7.—The Rome correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphed that he learns that the Vatican has requested information from Germany regarding the reported arrest of Cardinal Mercier in Belgium. The correspondent adds that he believes the Pope will make a demand on Emperor William for the immediate release of the cardinal.

MAY LOSE SIGHT OF EYE

A serious accident occurred at West St. John last night, when Theodore Pire had his eyes seriously injured while employed at the new wharf construction. He was taken to the home of Mrs. Turner, 92 Princess street. Grave doubts are entertained as to whether or not he will regain the sight of the left eye.

BRITAIN MAY AGREE TO SALE OF GERMAN VESSELS

Provision, However, That They Must Be Used in Manner That Will Bring No Benefit to the Enemy

London, Jan. 7.—The British reply to the American note regarding interference with its shipping, it is said in well-informed quarters, is wholly conciliatory, and shows a disposition on the part of England to do everything within reason to avert delay to American shipping at a time when freight rates are high and consequently loss of time is so costly to ship owners.

PROBABLY 700 HURT IN NEW YORK PANIC

Eight Investigations Into Accident and Fire in the Subway

New York, Jan. 7.—Eight investigations into the subway accident in which one woman lost her life, almost 300 men, women and children were so badly injured that they were treated at hospitals and probably 600 others were bruised or partly asphyxiated, are now in progress or will be started today.

NOT IN FAVOR OF GIVING POST OF POLICE CHIEF TO THE PRESENT DEPUTY

Commissioner McLellan's Position is So Reported Today—A Correspondent's Word For The Deputy

St. John, N. B., Jan. 6, 1915. To the Editor of The Times. Sir—Some time ago the citizens of St. John were led to believe that the commissioners of the city were working earnestly to have a re-organization of the police department, and no doubt a good many of the same citizens were justified in thinking that qualifications for the office of chief of police would be considered, when the time came for the appointment of an official to fill that vacancy.

Now, sir, on the face of things, does it not seem that the present deputy chief, Mr. Jenkins, should be considered as worthy of advancement, if years of service and capability are any qualification?

What inducement is there for a man to give faithful service, if when there is an appointment to be made, such as a chief of police, outsiders' merits are considered before those already in the service. Thanking you for your valuable space,

I am sincerely yours, JUSTICE.

Friends of Deputy Chief Jenkins learned today that they would meet the square opposition of Commissioner McLellan in their efforts to secure his promotion to the position of chief. This meant, so it is said, that the deputy would not accept the position as he is said to believe that the new man must work in harmony with the commissioner of public safety. It is by no means certain that there will be a council meeting this afternoon as previous efforts to secure a meeting this week have failed, and should the commissioners get together, the police matter is not likely to be taken up as no notice of government action on the resignation of Chief Clarke has been received.

Commissioner McLellan said this morning that he had not official knowledge of the resignation of Sergeant Kilpatrick. "I am not running the department," he said when asked about the matter.

Major J. T. McGowan is no longer considered for the position of chief, as he called in reply to the writer of Commissioner McLellan's following: "Bottoms (near Salisbury Plain) "Commissioner McLellan— "No. Would not accept during war. "Sincerely thanks, (Sgd.) "McGOWAN."

Chief Clarke this morning said that he has not as yet accepted Sergeant Kilpatrick's resignation, and therefore nothing had been done towards appointing his successor.

THE STEAMERS

The Furness liner Graclana, Captain Fairclough, arrived this morning after a rough passage across the Atlantic. During the greater part of the voyage she encountered strong westerly and north westerly gales. She brought from London a large general cargo. She is consigned to William Thomson & Co. The Manchester Exchange, Captain Adamson, from Manchester direct, arrived in port this morning and docked at the J. C. H. pier. She had on board a large general cargo. She also is consigned to William Thomson & Co. The Alina liner Hesperian left Halifax last evening for this port. She is due some time this afternoon. She is bringing besides a large general cargo, 132 passengers.

The steamer Inishowen Head arrived safely at Belfast yesterday from St. John. The coal steamer Hochalaga arrived in port this morning and is anchored in the stream.

AT THE HOSPITAL

Mrs. George White, who shot herself through the left lung two days ago, is still in the hospital in a critical condition. Her condition today showed no change either for better or worse.

The hospital doctors this morning succeeded in removing the bullet from the thigh of Hong Hip, a Chinese who was shot in a riot at Sand Point on Tuesday afternoon. So far there are no signs of blood poisoning setting in.

CHINESE WANT TO GO AS COOKS WITH 3RD CONTINGENT

London, Ont., Jan. 7.—Recruiting for the third contingent is proceeding briskly in the district. One hundred local Chinese want to go as cooks, but it is not expected that their offer will be accepted.

WANT TO SEE BERLIN

Mrs. Joseph Price, of 114 St. Patrick street, has received a letter from her husband, who is a member of the First Field Ambulance, 1st Canadian Contingent, at Salisbury Plain. He writes of having made a trip to London in which he had a good time, and says that the boys in camp are anxious to get nearer the scene of activities on the continent. The people of England were giving the Canadians a hearty reception.

Cash for Belgians

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 7.—Again the Toronto Board of Trade has added to the Belgian relief fund. Only a short while ago, four to the value of \$20,000 was contributed, and yesterday \$20,000 in cash was sent to the Belgian consul in Ottawa.