

GERMANS ATTACK ALLIES AT YPRES

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CZAR REACHES TIFLIS

His Enthusiastic Reception Has Relieved Anxiety at the Capital.

Summary of News.

Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Dec. 11.—Both the French and German official statements of today indicate that the new attempts of the allies to throw back the Germans in Belgium have been checked, and that in the region of Ypres the Germans have returned the attack.

The Paris announcement states that several German attacks were made, and that three of these were repulsed. It is admitted, however, that at one point the Germans succeeded in reaching one of the first line trenches of the allies. Elsewhere in Flanders, however, continued progress is reported. The German statement says that gains have been made in Flanders.

Conflicting statements are made about the fighting in the Argonne region. The French War Office asserts that two German attacks there were repulsed, and that the allies have pushed forward several trenches. Berlin reports success in attacks on French artillery positions east and west of the Argonne forest.

General Mackensen's army is within 15 miles of Warsaw, according to Petrograd advices which also say that the Austro-German armies are showing less impetus in their attacks, and that these have failed to relieve the Russian siege of Craoov and Przemyel. Berlin accepts it.

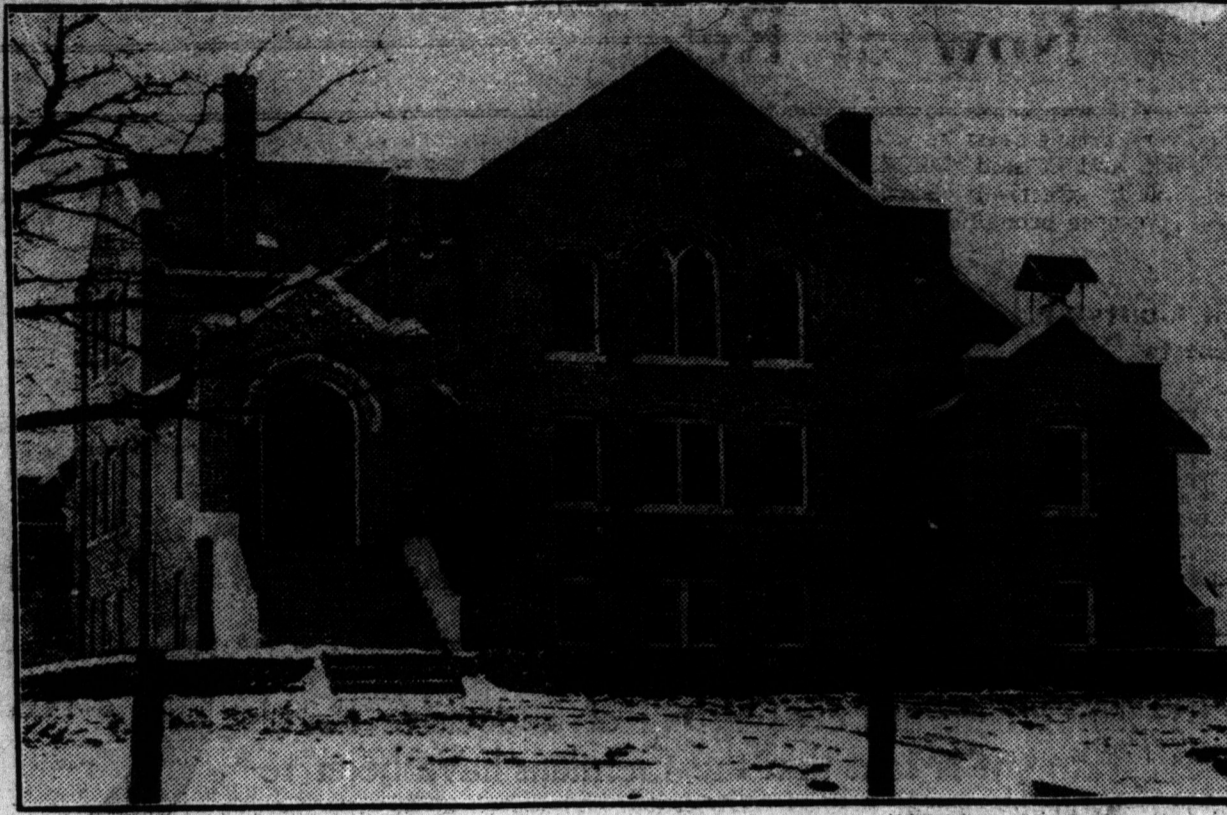
Berlin accepts the destruction of Admiral Von Speer's squadron by the British fleet under Sturdee as accomplished, also word of the sinking of the Nürnberg has not yet reached Berlin. The cruiser Dresden, the last survivor of the five German warships, is reported to have been sunk, but the news is not confirmed.

Empress William, announcement of whose illness has been followed by various unauthenticated reports, that his condition was serious, is said to have improved considerably. Czar at Tiflis. The czar has arrived at Tiflis. His enthusiastic reception in the Caucasus has relieved considerable anxiety at the Russian capital.

Constantinople officially reports the defeat by Turkey of a Russian attempt to disembark a force south of Batum. M. Ribot, French minister of finance, in a statement showing the financial strength of France, says that there is no need at present to have recourse to a loan. Advices from Nish, Serbia, assert that the Austrians are retreating in disorder all along the line, and that more than 100,000 prisoners have been taken by the Serbians.

TRENCH LOST AT YPRES WAS QUICKLY REGAINED. German Offensive Failed in its Object After Spirited Action. Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Dec. 11.—In the west, both the French and the Germans claim that they have made progress in the Argonne region and Flanders. It is evident that the Germans, with a view to stopping the advance which the allies are making in Flanders, have attempted an offensive in the vicinity of Ypres and succeeded in taking one trench from the French. The latest French official communication says that this trench has been recaptured. Elsewhere along the front there have been artillery duels, with occasional infantry attacks on first one side and then the other.

OPEN NEW FAIRBANK CHURCH



This is a photograph of the new Fairbank Presbyterian Church, which is to be opened tomorrow. The congregation is an old one, dating back almost thirty years. Rev. T. A. Watson is the pastor. Special services will be held tomorrow. The building has a seating capacity for 500 people.

NEW PRESBYTERIAN FAIRBANK CHURCH

Congregation Will Now Occupy Splendid New Building on Eglinton Ave.

AN OLD NEIGHBORHOOD

Rev. T. A. Watson Now in Charge—Services to be Held on Sunday.

New Fairbank Presbyterian Church, corner of Eglinton avenue and Huron street, is to be opened on Sunday, Dec. 13. Rev. A. L. Giegge, moderator of the Presbytery, will perform the opening ceremony in the morning, and Principal James D.D., of Knox College, will officiate in the evening. Rev. T. A. Watson, B.A., B.D., is pastor of the church. On the morning of February 18, J. C. Macfarlane and Robert Brown visited the Fairbank district and found several churches in the neighborhood, who had no place of worship nearer than the Presbytery. They applied to the Presbytery of Toronto to leave to establish a mission church in the neighborhood.

OFFICIAL STATEMENTS

FRENCH. The French official communication issued last night says: The Argonne region has been repulsed. In the same region those of our trenches which were reported in the official communication of 3 o'clock this afternoon as having been taken by the Germans have been recaptured by the allies.

On the rest of the front there is nothing important to report. The enemy yesterday showed a certain activity in the region of Ypres. He directed several attacks against our lines, three of which were completely repulsed. The German artillery has been very active, but we suffered no losses.

A similar condition has existed on the heights of the Meuse. In the forest of the Argonne, the fighting has been continued and has developed. The south of them we have occupied several stations at Arras.

Along the remainder of the front in the Vosges there have been artillery engagements.

AUSTRIAN. The following Austrian official statement has been received from Vienna: The operations in the Argonne are progressing according to our plan. The enemy yesterday fought mainly near the heights of the Meuse. The fighting was very active, but we suffered no losses.

GERMAN. The following German official statement was given out this afternoon by the army headquarters: We have made progress in Flanders to the east and to the west of the Argonne. The fighting in the Argonne was very active, but we suffered no losses.

T. A. Watson, chairman; R. Giegge, secretary; Wm. Deacock, treasurer; W. Johnston, D. Campbell, Chas. Maclean, Alex. Gray, Miss M. Gardiner, Mrs. Wm. Deacock and Mrs. Watson. The church has a seating capacity of 500, including galleries.

TORONTO BOY GUNNER BOMBARDED NEUPORT. Charles J. Silk Was for a Time on Ill-Starred H.M.S. Good Hope.



Gunner Charles J. Silk of H.M.S. "Attentive" one of the vessels that were shelled by the German coast batteries in the Belgian coast in the attack on the British fleet in the North Sea on Oct. 26.

CHRISTMAS TRUCE IS OPPOSED BY RUSSIA? Berlin Says Czar Turns Deaf Ear to Proposal of Pope.

Canadian Press Despatch. BERLIN, Dec. 11.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—The proposal of Pope Benedict for a truce during the Christmas holidays during the Christmas holidays today has been declined by Russia.

REJECTED LOVER SHOTS HIMSELF

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loved that he had fallen in love with Mrs. McFarlane, whose husband is at present in Buffalo. After the evening meal last night, Argie went into the kitchen and asked Mrs. Hall and her daughter to come to his room as he wanted to speak to them. His wife, Argie locked the door, leaving Mrs. McFarlane's four-year-old boy outside as soon as he had removed the key from the lock. Argie commanded Mrs. McFarlane to promise to stay in the room that evening. She refused, and said she was going to a church to take her boy to a Sunday school practice. Whether an argument ensued is not known, for Mrs. Hall was in such a condition after the shooting that she was unable to talk, but a few minutes later they had entered the room, the door, of whom there were three, were started by hearing two shots.

Boards Heard Shots. When one of them, William Hocken, found the door of the room open, he went in and found the four-year-old child on the floor and crying that he had been shot. Mrs. Hall and her daughter rushed to the door and found Mrs. Hall weeping. Her husband was lying on the floor between the bed and the door, unconscious. Both were bleeding profusely.

When Acting Detective Wickett arrived from the Ossington avenue police station he found Mrs. McFarlane lying on the floor between the end of the bed and a dresser. The revolver that was used in the shooting was found near the foot of the bed. It was automatic. The bullet that is thought to have passed thru Argie's head, found lying in a drawer of the dresser at the end of the room. It had passed thru the centre of the panel of a door in the dressing room.

Speaking to the police last night Mrs. Hall managed to tell that Argie had been forcing his attentions on her daughter for some time. The daughter, she said, paid no heed to him. This is thought to have angered Argie. He had been living with them as a boarder for about six months, coming to them first when they were residing on Huron street. He was supposed to have been a Canadian. Nothing of Argie's past life is known to any person living at the house, except his supposed connection with the real estate business. As far as could be learned from Mrs. Hall last night, there never had been any trouble between her daughter and Argie before.

Inquest to be Held. Hocken stated that the trio had not been in the room very long before he heard the shots. It is evident that Argie had not been in the room for long, as it is thought that he had taken a seat. Mrs. McFarlane's body was removed to the morgue, but it was not decided when an inquest will be held. Chief Coroner Johnson viewed the body at the morgue last night.

THINKS N.Y. POLICE WANT HIM. When arrested on a charge of carrying a loaded revolver, Frank Warkyniak, alias "F. J. Brown," who made the arrest that he was wanted in New York City for doing a job.

FIVE TORONTONIANS INVALIDED HOME

Five Others Are Back From Salisbury for Misbehavior.

Canadian Press Despatch. HALIFAX, Dec. 11.—First-hand reports of the Canadian troops at Salisbury Plain were received today when thirty-eight invalided and returned soldiers from the first contingent arrived by the Allan Line steamer Scandinavia. Twenty-three of the men are on the sick list, and retain their uniforms. The others fifteen are "invalids" who have been dismissed because of drunkenness, disorderly conduct and other misdemeanors.

Some of the Canadian troops were not loath to air their opinions of things in Salisbury Plain. The majority of the troops, however, regret their errors, and many say that they would be only too glad to get another chance with the troops.

The names of the men invalided home include: Thomas Chifford, Sam Hillier, William G. Harris, Samuel Jackson and Henry O'Brien, all of Toronto; William Cropper and Thomas Whitehouse of Hamilton.

The men dismissed, whose names were not made public, consisted of three from St. John, N. B.; five from Toronto, three from Winnipeg, one from Vancouver, one from Brandon, one from Ayles and one from Montreal.

LOAN COMPANY TO BE PROBED

Canadian Home Investment Co. of Vancouver in Difficulties—Serious Allegations Made.

Canadian Press Despatch. VANCOUVER, Dec. 11.—A petition to wind up the Canadian Home Investment Company, on the ground that it is an alleged insolvent institution, and asking for an inspection of the personal accounts of the president, directors and shareholders, was presented to Chief Justice Hunter in the supreme court chambers this morning, and arguments on the application were adjourned for one month. The petition is on behalf of contract holders.

The Canadian Home Investment Company had a meteoric career selling home loan contracts whereby purchasers of contracts made monthly payments of \$6, and in turn, their money became in the pool of their series. It is alleged that the company has misapplied and commingled monies of trust to the extent of \$95,877.78.

GEORGE SANDERS' MOTHER IS DYING; BOY IS LOST. Nothing But Return of Missing Hamilton Lad Can Save Woman's Life.

George Sanders of Hamilton is wanted at his home immediately. His mother is lying in bed and is so ill that she cannot hold out doctors state that they are unable to do anything for her recovery unless the missing son returns. He is about 15 years of age, and was last heard of taking a boat for Toronto from Hamilton on Sept. 1. When he left home he was wearing a brown coat, brown sweater and blue pants and a peak cap with brown hair and eyes. The Toronto police department have been communitied with his return to his home in Toronto. Writing to the boy's mother, Mr. H. A. Boyle states that he has driven around the country for miles searching for the boy.

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Two Connors. The police say from their investigation it appears that two persons were concerned in the shooting. On the side of the desk at which Stone was sitting, the imprint of the palm and thumb of a left hand in such a position as would lead the observer to believe that the owner had placed his hand there to steady himself after having been pushed away from an antagonist. The left hand was evidently fired from a distance of four or five feet as there are no powder marks or burns on the victim's clothing. Therefore, it could not have been fired by any one in a close struggle at short range.

Suffice Apparent. The supposition is that the two men approached the window, which opens on to the platform, and entered in conversation with Stone, who, under orders to allow no looting about the station, ordered them away and closed the window. The men then went into the waiting room and opened the door to the ticket office, the apartment of which was very imperfectly lighted and, as it was very dark, they were not readily seen. A scuffle took place. This might easily have happened without leaving any signs as the ticket office is a small room and the furniture in the room was a chair, which had been pushed back from the table in the scuffle. It is supposed that the man who was engaged fired the bullet which entered the operator's left breast and lodged behind the left lung, resulting in his death.

It is believed that in this manner the left hand of the young man's other assailant became smeared with the blood which welled from the wound in his breast, and as Stone pushed him away he rested it against the table for an instant to steady himself. Realizing what he had done it is supposed that the two assailants fled up the tracks to the freight yard, about half a mile distant, and there boarded the westbound freight which pulled out of Whitby at 1.05 a.m.

Car Orders Left in Box. Enquiries as to whether the conductor of the freight which pulled out of Ottawa at 12.40 and arrived at Whitby at 12.50, thirteen minutes after the shooting, could have collected his car orders, without noticing anything amiss in the office, would go to show that this would be quite possible, as the orders are collected from a box outside of the window and the operator had turned out the lights in his office as usual, leaving only one lamp which was shaded, so as to throw its rays across the track and leave the office in darkness. The conductor would simply pick up his orders and continue through the station, drop his cars in the freight yard and pull straight through again without stopping on the way.

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These letters are not exceptional; they are typical of those being received nearly every day.

Herbert C. Cox President & General Manager