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ALLIES BREAK THROUGH THE ENEMY'S POSITION ON YSER

Reports of Christmas Day Fighting in West and East—British Warships on Belgian Coast Continue to Aid Land Fighters

London, Dec. 29.—The Morning Post's Amsterdam correspondent telegraphs: "There was no cessation during Christmas tide in the operations of the allies in the southwestern part of Belgium. On the contrary, the French and English troops co-operated in a forward movement from Lombartzette to the south of Dixmude and detachments of Belgian troops crossed the river Yser and reinforced a position won by the Belgians some time ago."

GERMANS FORCED CHRISTMAS FIGHT

London, Dec. 29.—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent writes from Warsaw: "Christmas, instead of bringing a pause in the fighting finds both armies more hotly engaged than ever. The second Russian army, which is south of the Kalisch road, is holding the line east of the Buzza River. The Germans managed to maintain themselves on this side."

CHECK PLOT TO GET CEREALS TO GERMANY

London, Dec. 29.—A Rome despatch to the Times says: "After stopping on the frontier various consignments of contraband goods and flour to Austria, Germany and France, the Italian government has succeeded in checking a vast plot for forwarding huge consignments of cereals to Germany."

WOULD BE THE DUTY OF THE UNITED STATES

London, Dec. 29.—Referring to the reports of a migration of German-Americans to the Pacific coast, and the rumored possibility of an attack on British Columbia, Globe says: "If any plan for a German invasion of Canada were to take shape, it would be the first duty of the government of the United States to employ all its forces for the frustration of such a design. It would not be Canada, but the United States, which would have reason to resent the injury and the affront to its sovereignty."

French Official Statement Tells of Continued Progress

Paris, Dec. 29.—There was given out today in Paris an official communication on the progress of the war, as follows: "In Belgium, the village of St. Georges has been occupied by our troops who have established themselves in this location. From the Lys to the Somme, the enemy has bombarded our positions rather violently. In the vicinity of Rehele at Staubin, at LeQuegnay and at Pouchoir to the northwest of Roye."

COULD NOT FIND BARK REPORTED IN TROUBLE

Honolulu, Dec. 29.—A wireless message from the liner Sonoma yesterday reported the barkentine Irngard in distress south of the Island of Oahu. A tug sent out returned here last night unable to locate the vessel.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service. A depression is developing quickly in the Upper Mississippi Valley, while a cold wave covers the western provinces. The outlook is stormy from the great lakes to the marine provinces, and continued very cold in the west. Snow and Rain. Maritime—Wind, increasing to gales east to south with snow and rain to night. New England—Rain and warmer to night. Wednesday, clearing, increasing southeast wind.

WANT THE NAVY TO GO CUXHAVEN RAID ONE BETTER

Writers in the London Papers Point Way to Kiel Canal

ANOTHER AMERICAN TRIBUTE

New York Tribune Says British Expedition Most Brilliant and Daring Achievement, Putting German Bombardment of English Coast Towns in Shade

New York, Dec. 29.—A cable to the Herald from London this morning says: "The British raid on Cuxhaven on Christmas Day, when a squadron of seven light cruisers, destroyers and submarines, slipped past the German mine fields and attacked the big navy base, has given rise to further demands on the fleet. Writers in the newspapers yesterday were asking why, if Cuxhaven can be successfully attacked, cannot a similar raid be made on Heligoland Island, on Wilhelmshaven, or even on the Kiel Canal."

THE DEADLY MINE

Twenty-two Scandinavian and Dutch Vessels Sunk—The War Loss to British Shipping

TELEPHONE OFFICE

Peiking, Dec. 29.—There was promulgated in Peiking today, a new election law for the republic, the most important of which fixes the term of office of the President of China at ten years. This term, however, may continue indefinitely if the senate, by a two-thirds vote, considers that the actual political situation makes desirable such extension.

CALIFORNIA SENDS RELIEF TO BELGIANS

New York, Dec. 29.—California's relief ship Calino, carrying a cargo of food for the Belgians was passing through the Panama Canal yesterday. The Calino is the first of the relief fleet from the Pacific coast to use the canal. She left San Pedro on December 8, and arrived at Balboa on Christmas day.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS

The Royal Mail steamer Carraquet from Bermuda and the West Indies arrived in port this afternoon with a general cargo and a number of passengers. The Donalson liner Torr Head shifted from McLeod's wharf this morning to No. 3 berth, Sand Point, where she will take on a general cargo.

ALARM ONLY A TEST

Many people hurried to the Portland Rolling Mills, Chesley street, this morning when they heard the alarm ring in from box 134, but they were doomed to disappointment, however, as the inspector was only testing the box.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBERED

The home of Charles R. Wasson, Bentley street, was the scene of a pleasant gathering last evening when friends called, in the form of a surprise party, and, after congratulating him on the anniversary of his birthday, presented to him a slight remembrance. The evening was greatly enjoyed by all as a pleasing musical programme was carried out, after which refreshments were served.

MANY PAY LAST TRIBUTE TO VERY REV. MONSIGNOR CHAPMAN

Impressive Obsequies This Morning—Body Removed From Rectory to Cathedral—Interment in St. Stephen Tomorrow

The respect in which the late Very Rev. Monsignor W. F. Chapman was held by the members of his congregation and by the citizens in general was attested to this morning when his body was removed from the rectory of St. John the Baptist church to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, a lengthy and impressive service. All walks of life were represented in the cortege, which was headed by a large body of Knights of Columbus, a guard of honor which had been selected by the venerable priest had been selected in the office of chaplain. The funeral was conducted under the direction of the council.

A FINE TRIBUTE

A glowing eulogy of the worth of the deceased Monsignor was given this morning at the funeral mass in the Cathedral by Rev. J. J. Walsh pastor of Holy Trinity, who delivered a powerful sermon. He referred to Monsignor Chapman's long and active career in the priesthood, the capability with which he attended to his duties, his deep touchingly and fluently upon the qualities of the Catholic church and said that the community had sustained a great loss in his death. The sermon was followed with close attention by a large congregation and many an eye was dimmed with tears as the priest spoke so touchingly and fluently upon the qualities of the Catholic church and said that the community had sustained a great loss in his death.

ITS TONE IS FRIENDLY

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Deny Right to Divert Vessels and Detain Cargoes Without Absolute Proof of Contraband—Millions in Claims Accumulating

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NECESSANT BOOMING OF ARTILLERY MAKING SOLDIERS PARTLY DEAF

London, Dec. 29.—The announcement that the British government is to appoint an emergency committee to consider measures for the prevention of gun-deafness among soldiers and sailors calls attention to an added terror of war, which has been much discussed recently in military and medical circles. "The enemy may not deprive you of life or limb," says a medical correspondent, "but it is fairly certain that your own artillery will slowly but surely make you deaf."

Strong Declarations in Their Parliament in Favor of Alliance with Britain, France and Russia

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NOTED BRITISH STAGE PEOPLE ENTERTAIN WOUNDED SOLDIERS

New York, Dec. 29.—A Herald cable from London says: "The French wounded soldiers at Boulogne and Wimereux were delighted with an entertainment provided for them by Seymour Hicks, and other noted British players, according to the Daily Express correspondent. Miss Ellaline Terris roused her hearers in the Casino Hotel in Boulogne to a really dangerous pitch of excitement with 'Your Country Thanks You,' and, as if this song were not effective enough, added a verse of 'Tipperary.'"

OPENING DEVOID OF POMP AND SPLENDOR

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—(Special)—The drawing-room and the ball, the two great annual social events at the capital at the opening of every session of parliament have been cancelled, and the opening of the coming session will be devoid of pomp and splendor; only the state dinner will be held. On New Year day a his Royal Highness will hold the usual levee, when the public may meet him informally at noon-day.

PROTEST AGAINST MOESTATION OF U. S. CARGOES

President Wilson's Note To Great Britain Delivered Today

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MONCTON WANTS I.C.R. LAND FOR BOULEVARD

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 29.—(Special)—Interviewed by a civic deputation regarding the desiring to Moncton of a tract of land across Hall's Creek, General Manager Gutelius of the I. C. R., is reported as saying he would forward the request to the minister of railways, recommending that the land be handed over to the city for boulevard purposes. The land is part of the right of way from Sunny Brae to the new shops, purchased by the railway for the diversion of freight, but the plan was abandoned.

UNIONIST M. P. DEAD

London, Dec. 29.—Henry D. H. Broadbent, Unionist M. P. for the Howdenshire division of the East Riding of Yorkshire since 1906, died suddenly this morning, aged sixty-one.