

# RUSSIAN FORCES REORGANIZE TO RETRIEVE DEFEAT AT LODZ

## ALLIES' WARSHIPS AGAIN BOMBARDING GERMAN POSITIONS

Heavy Firing Along Belgian Coast Indicates French and British Ships Again Aiding Land Forces—Bourse Gazette, Petrograde, Estimates German Losses at 100,000 For November—The Gobon Hors de Combat for Couple of Months at Least—Must Bring Experts and Materials From Germany to Repair Her.

London, Dec. 7.—Heavy firing was heard along the Belgian coast today, according to a Reuter despatch from Amsterdam, indicating that the warships of the Allies again are bombarding the German positions.

The St. Louis correspondent of the Handelsblad says that Germans delivered violent attacks today on trenches recently captured by the Allies, but were repulsed, and adds that the Allies have made marked progress in the neighborhood of Langemark, and Bixchoote. The Germans have been obliged to substitute lighter guns for their heavy artillery, as the inundations have made the use of the latter impracticable.

King George Decorates Several French Generals. London, Dec. 7.—During his visit to France King George conferred the Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath on Generals Joffre and Foch and the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George on seven other French generals.

London, Dec. 7 (9:55 p.m.)—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Petrograd says: "The Bourse Gazette estimates the German losses in the month's operations in the Lodz region at 100,000 men, or, roughly, one-fifth of their strength. The Germans have renamed Czestochowa, Kaiserberg."

Claims to Have Proof But Won't Produce It. German Chancellor Says Documents Found in Brussels Show Belgium Surrendered Neutrality to England, but Makes no Move to Publish Papers.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The Belgian Legation today made public the following statement: "The Belgian minister, whose country in the hour of her great affliction has received such precious help from the American people, begs that the following statement may be made known to them:

"In a recent address, made by the German Chancellor to the representatives of the German people, he lays the blame for the invasion of Belgium, with all its terrible consequences, on Belgium herself, and, as a proof of this astonishing accusation, he claims that documents have been found in Brussels establishing that Belgium had surrendered her neutrality to England.

"The Belgian government has requested that these alleged documents should be published in full, thus proving the falsity of such a charge. Three months have elapsed since this alleged discovery, but nothing has appeared.

"In case these documents are published, it will be seen that they do not constitute an agreement between Belgium and England against Germany, as the German Chancellor claims them to be. They are possibly a military plan drawn between the British military attaché and the Belgian staff, to be effective in case Germany should violate Belgian neutrality, which she effectively did in August last.

"It would indeed be humorous, should the matter not be too serious for such a term, that the German government should call a breach of neutrality this alleged plan which, if it existed had for its object to fortify Belgium's neutrality against a possible aggressor. Events have shown too clearly, alas, that such a precaution against Germany's projects would have been timely."

**DIED.** DOWLING.—In this city on the 8th inst. James Dowling, in the 69th year of his age, leaving four sisters and one brother to mourn. (Boston and St. Paul papers please copy). Funeral from the residence of his niece, Mrs. A. Boyle, 190 Union street, Wednesday at 2 o'clock, interment at Golden Grove.

**OBITUARY.** BACON.—At Centre Greenwich, Dec. 7th, Ernest S. Bacon, aged 19, leaving a father, mother, one brother and two sisters to mourn. Funeral from Brown's Place on Wednesday at 1:30 o'clock p. m.

**CARD OF THANKS.** Mr. and Mrs. John McFarson and family wish to thank their many friends for the kindness shown during their recent bereavement.

## FRENCH CAVALRY HIDDEN IN SAND DUNES DURING COAST BATTLE.



Mr. Donald Thompson, an American photographer, who was allowed to accompany the German army in the operations near Nieuport, thus describes the nature of the dune country in West Flanders, and also the naval actions off the Belgian coast. He wrote, in an article in the London Daily Chronicle:—"I accompanied an officer on horseback to the trenches back of Nieuport. The trenches at this point were among the sand dunes, and for the first time I saw incredible slaughter at close range. I dug myself a little hole at one end of an infantry trench and sat there listening to the roar of shrapnel and watching men being killed by the score a few feet from me. The Germans finally had to retreat, and I followed them very close, although I nearly got lost in the underground passages of the trenches, which are like the maze at Hampton Court. Under continuous fire from the British war ships we fell back across the dunes until we reached a village which was the base."

## SUCCESSFUL OPENING OF WINTER FAIR

Fourteenth Annual Exhibition Opened at Amherst Yesterday With Large Attendance and Fine List of Entries.

Special to The Standard. Amherst, N. S., Dec. 7.—The fourteenth Maritime Winter Fair opened at Amherst yesterday morning at ten o'clock. A large attendance was recorded for the first day, but it is expected that large crowds will come to Amherst tomorrow to see the sights in connection with the fair.

It is better and bigger than ever before. More entries in all classes have come to hand. The judging of beef cattle occupied attention this afternoon. R. A. Snowball of Chatham won the M. J. O'Brien cup for the second time, while Harold A. Etter won the R. A. Snowball trophy. These were the two principal trophies won by the exhibitors during the day.

A large number of cash prizes were taken in the different classes by Forest Bros. of Amherst Point, Harold Etter, Westmorland Point, Edward Anderson and Messrs. Etter of Amherst.

The Snowball trophy for the best beef cattle is a new trophy presented this year by R. A. Snowball of Chatham.

The formal opening of the fair was made by Premier George Murray of Nova Scotia. Addresses of welcome were delivered by Mayor Avard of Amherst and the Warden of Cumberland county, Ira Drysdale.

Mr. Snowball, who was dressed in soldier uniform, sang the song and the chorus, and the boys added a realistic touch and the Union Jack that was let down as a back drop brought the audience to its feet. About 10:30 curtain calls were necessary to appease the ardor of those present.

Then that girl with the mirror nearly created a riot and several poor male members of the audience who were accompanied by their better halves or best girls, no doubt had some explaining to do after the show. It was a shame to let a girl like that loose with a mirror and she didn't once shine it in the direction of the Standard representative. A poor married man in the balcony seemed the chief mark.

The show was bright, cheerful and timely and was heartily enjoyed. The house was well filled and good business should be in store for the show during the rest of the week.

**HOUSE BURNED AT FLORENCEVILLE.** and part of James Tapley with all their contents were completely destroyed by fire here Saturday night. Only the organ was saved. It is not known how the fire started but when discovered the whole house was a mass of flames. Five horses and eight head of cattle were burned and a great quantity of produce and farm implements were destroyed. The loss was only partly covered by insurance.

## ANOTHER HIT BY COMEDY CO.

Opera House Performance Last Night, Pleased All.

Who would not be a battle-scarred hero if he were initiated into the ranks under such favorable conditions as attended the two members of the Thompson Musical Comedy Co. last evening in the Opera House.

The pieces, which came in two parts, was a laugh producer alright and every one in the audience heartily enjoyed themselves. Musical numbers, witty dialogue and pretty stage settings went together to make a pleasing entertainment.

Jack Westerman led in the fun making and he also sang several selections to the satisfaction of everyone. In the second act he appeared with a specialty that made an instantaneous hit and he was encored to a finish. He intimated that he had completely exhausted his repertoire and judging from the sincere ring to his voice the crowd reluctantly believed him. Any way he was on the edge of a physical breakdown when the applause stopped. He sang and recited and there is no doubt that he would be going yet if he hadn't begged off.

The whole show. Ralph Austin was also there and with him were Thomas Bullock, Charles Hillman, Allan Carter, Miss Parks, Miss Wallace and Miss West and also Miss Blanchard, and last we forgot there was the chorus, which appeared in fancy costumes and harmonious voices of its members helped to thrill the audience.

One outstanding feature was the singing by Ralph Austin of that patriotic number entitled "Never Let the Old Flag Fall." He was assisted by the whole company and two detachments of kilted cadets. This number was given at the end of the first act and came near being kept going till now.

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## JURY DISAGREE IN LIBEL SUIT AGAINST LONDON WEEKLY

London, Dec. 7.—The jury disagreed today, after listening for several days to the hearing of a libel action brought against Walter Lefroy, editor of Canada, a London weekly, by the Brandon Syndicate, Ltd. of London.

The plaintiffs alleged that the newspaper attacked in an article in Canada last February, commenting upon the Athol Estate, near Brandon, which was being handled by the company. The plaintiffs alleged that the newspaper attack was in revenge for the refusal of the company to advertise their business in the defendant's paper.

Major Kirkcaldy, of the Canning contingent, who is municipal assessor of Brandon, testified that at a recent valuation, the assessment of the land had not exceeded \$100 per acre. Personally, he would not touch the land at \$50 per lot, as it could not be made to pay at that price per acre. Incidentally, the evidence adduced in the case showed that much harm arises in such cases through the free quotation of statements made by boards of trade, these being often based on anticipations which fail of realization.

## MORE TROUBLE OVER GERMAN PROFESSORS OF UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 7.—A difficulty is likely to arise in connection with the proposal of President Falconer, of the University of Toronto, to transfer three German professors to United States universities.

The Toronto police authorities claim that this would be a breach of the military act, which forbids assistance to alien enemies to leave the country without a special permit, which so far have been refused to German citizens with one exception. They stated that the University president would render himself liable to arrest should any such action be taken.

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## WFLD. CONTINGENT GOING TO SCOTLAND FOR GARRISON DUTY

London, Dec. 7.—The Newfoundland contingent are leaving Salsbury Plains and proceeding to Inverness, Scotland, where they have been assigned to garrison duty.

Robert D. E. McMahon of the Dominion Customs staff at Vancouver, has been transferred as First Lieutenant to the Tenth Battalion. With the East Lancashires he saw active service in South Africa.

Private Pedan of Vancouver, a member of the Seventy Second Seaforth Highlanders who sustained serious injuries while riding on a transport wagon, is doing well in the hospital.

Yesterday afternoon about 1:30 o'clock an alarm was sent in from a new fire box No. 153 on the corner of Paradise Row and Harris street. The fire was in a wood box in the kitchen of Harry Lowry's house on

## TWO SINGLE ACTS PLEASE LYRIC PATRONS

A pleasing variety in vaudeville is being offered at the Lyric Theatre by Messrs. Joe Delma and Geo. Howard. The former is a clever banjoist offering a number of popular airs from the more popular operas.

Mr. Howard presents a study in blackface and has no difficulty in creating laughter by his amusing monologue and up to the minute war parodies.

A Man's Way, a society story produced by the American Co., takes the lead in the picture department; the Princess love comedy, "He's a Winner," offsetting the serious situations of the drama. Floyd and Washington, colored comedians, will be the attraction Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Harris street. The use of the chemical engine was enough to quench the blaze, but not before one of the kitchen walls had been destroyed.

"THAT AWFULLY NERVOUS FELLOW AND THE TALKATIVE GIRL"  
Rippling Fun and Catchy Music

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How King George's Subjects Are Joining the Colors in England.

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A Biograph Drama That Discloses a Wonderful Child Actress.

Featuring Handsome Ben Wilson  
"ALL FOR HIS SAKE"  
Sumptuously Staged Edison Feature.

CHILD IMPERSONATOR  
Little Louisa Daley in Amazing Comedy Characterizations.

"EASY MONEY—SURE!"  
A Kalem Komedy of a Rube, a Town Guy and a Farm.

TEN MEN  
"ORCHESTRAL CONCERTS!"  
A Tremendously Powerful 5-Reel Lubin Production.

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**UNIQUE MONDAY TUESDAY**

REMEMBER!  
Only 3 More Chapters  
The Million Dollar Mystery  
Episode No. 20 Today.

"THE SECRET WARNING"  
An abundance of thrills. A light thrown on the mystery. "Flo" and Jim in a "Tangle"—Triumph of Braine.

EXTRA! American Co. offer the scenic hit  
"At the End of a Perfect Day"  
A powerful narrative depicting a woman's struggle and a man's sincerity of purpose.

"A RUN FOR HIS MONEY"  
A comic idea of the old farce. "The Book Agent"

WED.—"OUR MUTUAL GIRL"  
"The Keeper of the Light"—Princess.

**LYRIC MONDAY TUES. WED.**

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Uproarious Upheaval of Laughter  
A Double-Header in "JOES"  
(1) JOE HOWARD  
In face blanched and a smile that never comes off. He imparts the liquid of laughter in song and story.

(2) JOE DELMA  
The Monarch of the Banjo, fiddling the strings of the favorite instrument in a manner to make you forget all the troubles of life.

THE MUTUAL WEEKLY  
Interesting bits of war news.

"A MAN'S WAY"—American.  
THUR. The colored funny folks FLOYD AND WASHINGTON

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MATINEES WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY  
Thompson's Musical Comedy Co.  
Presenting  
**"THE BATTLE SCARRED HERO"**  
CORONA CHOCOLATES FOR THE LADIES WEDNESDAY MATINEE

## French Artillery Offensive Operations from Coastal Servians Report—Drive Austrians

Paris, Dec. 7, 3 p. m.—communication this afternoon in the region of the mountains still held by the Austrians in the region of Arras territory, in the Aisne report, except to refer in detail.

"In Champagne our has shown marked superiority. There is nothing new in positions of preceding days. London, Dec. 7.—Pro in the Balkan States which to the Athens correspondent has been reached from Serbia. The British, Russian, Serbians, Venizelos, the Greek says that the Greek news posses that Greece should

Paris, Dec. 7.—A despatch reports that the Serbian offensive. The Serbian the enemy's right wing at the Austrians about Paris, Dec. 7.—The man and pouring more in the latest official state have been brought up movement the allies are battle line.

Heavy fighting is reported German trenches are being mining operations. All the Year have been held the greatest determination to evacuate Vermelles.

## OVER 25,000 AT DETENTION CAMP

London, Nov. 24.—(Cor of the Associated Press)—An of the detention camps at Frimley, the Olympia in Douglas, Isle of Man, and the British government, in these camps there are ten thousand prisoners.

The number throughout isles is about twenty-five. There is discomfort and but the prisoners are not genuine hardships. With of cold weather the sufferings are being lived in. They are being abandoned in a fortnight more, will be under permanent guard in the Atlantic service.

Several thousands will aboard nine ships which prepared for the purpose these ships are expected to be in the Atlantic service that aboard the prisoners will be comfortable.

Are Well Fed. Medical reports show the prisoners to be good and accommodations are virtually the same as the British soldiers.

In these four camps there only ten deaths. Five of the prisoners the guards during the at the camp at Douglas were due to malaria and their with the rigor of constant death was an common soldier being thrown truck.

Olympia, a vast, dark place, a sort of clean the alien enemies. When in London they are confined a brief period and their daily established camp the beginning the discomfort. No preparation made for the reception of prisoners.

The food is issued by simple, was not well conditions have steadily. The greatest sufferings are those who were sent to the camps. Recently prisoners at Frimley and a morning to find ice in their cups.

The tents have each prisoner has a and four blankets.

The Prisoners' All the prisoners they are given good places—six tops of underclothes, soap, boots, as well as necessities. A similar outfit was purchased in New military commissariat is given daily eight

meat, eight of vegetables, a pound and salt and pepper. It turned over to the whom are cooks, as the

Prisoners are allowed liberty. Football may be played except camp, where prisoners on account of the riot camp discipline are inment on bread. Military prisoners are kept in from the civilians. They could not get at Frimley there was the pitched battle over twelve civilians and bravery, the civilian soldiers of having the soldiers accusing fear to go to the