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FRENCH VICTORIES STIRRING EFFECT

AUSTRIANS ARE NOW ROBBED OF THEIR VIEW OF ALLIES' REAR ON SLOPES AND PLAIN

Enemy Not Only Pushed From Crest of Mount Tomba but Trenches Beyond are Captured—Action Marked by Scientific Precision—125,000 Chinese Now at Work Behind Allied Lines.

London Times correspondent at Italian headquarters, Jan. 5, writes: The French success at Mount Tomba has had a most stirring effect on everyone. The value is that with the crest of Tomba in French hands—French troops actually progressed beyond the crest to trenches far to the other side—the Austrians cannot longer see all that passes on the slopes and valleys behind our Allies' lines. The enemies have lost a view of the plain.

OVER IN TWENTY MINUTES

The most satisfactory part of the attack was the scientific precision with which it was carried out. The enemy, owing to increasing fire on his trenches, must have known he was to be attacked. Indeed his defence was brave but the French organization was so excellent all was over after twenty minutes from the moment the signal was given to advance. The German Alpine Corps had been holding the captured sector but had just been relieved by the Austrians. It is expected they will attempt to retake the old positions but the French by penetrating the reserve trenches upset the enemy's arrangement for immediate counter-attack and had a welcome twenty-four hours to organize and dig in.

The Austrian troops, especially the officers, have made a more favorable impression on the French than their German opponents on the Western front. "Once captured," they say "they conduct themselves like gentlemen"

FRENCH OFFICIAL

PARIS, Jan. 5—The official communication from the war office tonight says: "There was intermittent artillery activity at several points along the front; it was more spirited on the right bank of the Meuse, in the region of the Bois Des Fosses, Diaumont and Louvemont.

"This morning, northeast of Fort De La Pompelle, we carried out a raid which enabled us to bring back prisoners.

"Eastern theatre, Jan. 2—There was reciprocal artillery activity on the British front. Quiet prevailed on the remainder of the front."

BRITISH RAID ON ITALIAN FRONT

LONDON, Jan. 5—An official statement on the campaign on the Italian front, issued by the British war office, tonight, says: "In Italy, one of our battalions made a successful and difficult raid across the plain last night, capturing prisoners and inflicting considerable damage. Our losses were slight.

CHINESE BEHIND LINES

NEW YORK, Jan. 5—China already has 125,000 men behind the firing lines in Mesopotamia and France. Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese ambassador to this country, said in an address here today before the chamber of commerce of the state of New York. When the Chinese commission now in the United States return to their country, their advice to their government, Dr. Koo said, undoubtedly will result in increased military activity. "China intends doing her utmost in this struggle against autocracy," the ambassador declared.

BOMBS DROPPED

ROME, Jan. 5—"On the whole front," says the official statement issued today by the Italian war office, "there has been nothing of importance to report.

"On Tuesday night, enemy airmen dropped bombs on Castellfranco Veneto, obtaining two direct hits on two hospitals. Eighteen patients were killed.

BERLIN REPORT

BERLIN, Jan. 5, via London—Following is today's report from army headquarters: "Western front—Artillery duels occurred. Near the coast, prisoners were captured in a successful raid. French attacks in the Champagne north of Prosnos and north of Le Mesnil broke down under our fire.

"Eastern, Macedonian and Italian fronts—The situation is unchanged."

MORTGAGE BURNED An Important Event Celebrated at Lawrencetown.

In spite of the keen, winter weather, a large congregation assembled in the Lawrencetown Methodist church on Sunday evening, Dec. 30th. The occasion was the burning of the mortgage on the new Methodist parsonage. The pastor, Rev. S. J. Boyce, gave a brief statement of the manner in which the money was raised. He paid a tribute of appreciation to the Paradise people for a generous gift of \$300.00, which was made several years ago. He told how that a warm-hearted friend of the church had made an offer of \$100.00 last summer on the understanding that the balance of \$400.00, plus interest, was to be raised by the last day of the year. The people all over the circuit had responded so loyally and generously that he was able to report that they had raised since August, including the \$100.00, over \$552.00. Therefore, after paying off the mortgage, interest and for the recording of the release, a balance on hand of more than \$30.00 remained.

Having expressed appreciation for what the people had done, the mortgage was produced. The names of those who had signed it, were read, and a solemn hush came over the congregation as attention was called to the fact that Roll honored members, Messrs. R. Longley, H. O. Whitman and Charles B. Whitman had departed this life. The other names were Jas. O. Durling, J. O. Neily, Henry Fritz, Miner Daniels and F. G. Palfrey. Then, on behalf of the circuit the pastor applied a match to the document, and as the flames consumed it, the congregation heartily joined in the singing of the Doxology.

A special offering was then taken up for running expenses, and this, with the Sunday School collection, already totals \$82.00. More will come in. During the evening, the band kindly favored the audience with selections and the choir sang pleasingly. Altogether it was a red letter occasion in the history of the Lawrencetown Methodist circuit. Great gratitude is felt for such splendid success and encouragement is given to go forward and achieve spiritual success for Christ and His Kingdom.

DIED IN HALIFAX Seth Gesner, of Belleisle, Passes Away in the Military Hospital.

A despatch received here announces the death of Mr. Seth Gesner, which occurred in the Military Hospital in Halifax yesterday morning. Mr. Gesner was well and favorably known by a large circle of acquaintances, especially in marine circles, having for a number of years been steward on board the S. S. Valinda and later held a similar position on the St. John tug Noreid, plying on Halifax harbor. He was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal church, Belleisle, and was highly respected by all who knew him. He is survived by a widow and two sons, Leslie P., who resides in the United States; Cyril, a member of the Composite Battalion in Halifax, and two daughters, Mrs. Fred Munro, in the U. S. and Marjorie at home. He also leaves two brothers, Horatio, N. and Capt. Wm. of Belleisle, and four sisters, Mrs. Albert Munroe, Young's Mountain; Mrs. Alfred Pent, Mrs. Sylvester Bent, Belleisle, and Mrs. (Capt.) Roope, of Annapolis. Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

Good Times at Port Wade.

Mr. W. L. Rogers, of Port Wade, has purchased a valuable property in that village extending from the Post Road to the Bay of Fundy. With the new ship building boom, times are looking good for Port Wade, the terminus by the Halifax & Southwestern railway, and it is reported that real estate is becoming quite valuable in that locality. We wish the residents, among whom the MONITOR has many readers, every success.

Calendars.

The following have our thanks for useful and attractive office calendars: Wild & Stevens, manufacturers of printers' rollers, Boston; Canada Printing Ink Co., Toronto; Geo. H. Peters, Digby, agent, The Great West Life Assurance Co.; St. John Business College; J. E. Lloyd, Boots & Shoes, Bridgetown.

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THE BRIDGETOWN BOARD OF TRADE

ANNUAL MEETING HELD LAST FRIDAY EVENING WAS WELL ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS

The retiring President made an interesting report—Officers Elected For the Ensuing Year—Important Subjects Considered and Committees Appointed—A Collector Will Solicit New Membership.

The annual meeting of the Bridgetown Board of Trade, held in the Council Chamber last Friday evening, was well attended by a representative gathering of our business men, and those who stayed away missed one of the most interesting meetings in the history of the Board.

An annual report by the retiring President, Dr. M. E. Armstrong, briefly demonstrated what benefit the Board had been to the town and vicinity during the past year.

The matter of a ship building plant, or plants, brought forth considerable discussion.

The members of the Board appeared unanimous in the encouragement of any new industry that might be started in our town.

The officers and members appeared to be very anxious concerning an all night telephone service. On motion, the President and Secretary were appointed a committee to interview Mr. G. F. Freeman, District Superintendent, and report to a meeting of the Council.

Some time was spent in the discussion of a metre system, vs. flat rate for the electric light, after which the meeting adjourned.

MARINE NEWS

J. E. Snow shipped 323 boxes (haddock), 6 boxes fillets, from Digby last week.

Schr. Dorothy P. Sarty, Capt. Arthur Longmire, has sailed from Digby for the fishing grounds.

Maritime Fish Corporation arrivals at Digby: Per schr. Cora Gertie, 49,568 lbs. haddock, 4,754 lbs. mixed fish; other sources, 28,000 lbs. haddock.

Among the North Land's outward cargo from Yarmouth on Tuesday night were 135 crates of live lobsters. They sold in Boston at \$50 per crate.

During the recent gales at Port La Tour the well-known schr. Defender, dragged ashore and is lying high and dry. Efforts will be made at once to boat her.

The damaged steamer, which was salvaged last week from Mars Head, and is now at the Furness Pier, Halifax, is high out of the water and a large portion of the damage to her bow can be seen from the head of the pier.

Owing to a delay in the arrival of her dynamo, the new Bay steamer Keith Cann, will not be able to take the route for a few days. She is now at Yarmouth awaiting this piece of machinery. In the meantime the John L. Cann will continue on the route.

Yarmouth Telegram: A slight blaze was discovered on the steamer North Land about 12.30 on Tuesday morning and her whistle sounded in consequence. The fire was in the engine locker and was located by one of the engineers. It was extinguished in time to prevent any serious damage.

Yarmouth Telegram: The Halifax Herald on Tuesday made a misprint regarding the steamer North Land, when it stated that this steamer "proceeds direct from St. John to Boston." The North Land calls at Yarmouth both ways. We flatter this reference in order that no misunderstanding may result from the error.

An Ottawa despatch says: An ambitious programme of national shipbuilding is to be carried out as a matter of the union government. The consideration of plans designed to utilize to the fullest capacity the Canadian yards and establish rolling mills as essential to the industry.