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BIG DAYLIGHT RAID BY CANADIANS A BRILLIANT SUCCESS British Take Over Another Section of Front From French RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

KING ST. CAR BARNS TOTALLY DESTROYED LOSS NEAR MILLION

Most Spectacular Fire in Toronto in Years Eats Up Entire Building, 100 Double and 200 Single Truck Cars.

REFLECTION SEEN ALL OVER CITY

Loss Will Be at Least \$750,000, Perhaps More, Mostly Covered by Insurance—Firemen Did Good Work in Preventing Flames from Spreading, Despite Poor Water

the East King street car barns of the and it was only by dint of hard work Teuton Attacks Against Rus-Toronto Railway Company at 8 o'clock that this was saved. compressor plant worth \$10,000, and that the tide of the flame could not an air car valued at a like amount be prevented from reaching the news were among the property destroyed. The fire broke out in the trailer 8.45 a general alarm was turned in. By the time the firemen arrived on the scene the blaze had spread to the up the paints and oils stored there. In less than twenty minutes after the outbreak the old section of the struc-

The Wall Collapsed. was intense the men got close in with their streams. At 9 o'clock the north wall of the old building collapsed with a roar, and six firemen handling hose branches had a narrow escape from

being buried under the debris. When

the whole of the fire sections arrived

One of the most spectacular fires in . To the south of the barns is situated the history of Toronto broke out in the Laidlaw Company's lumber yard,

last night, gutting the building and Within a few yards of the east walls doing damage to the extent of fully of the barns are the houses and barns \$750,000. The cause of the fire is un- of the Don Kindling Company, owned wn. Three hundred cars, the air by Chas, Cottrill. When it was seen section of the barns, haste was made by Mr. Cottrill and his men to save shed at the northwest corner of the as much of his property as possible. building, and under the paint shop. At From a small barn adjacent to the northeast corner of the car barns, 25 horses were saved, but the building paint shop above, and greedily licked and three-quarters of a ton of hay were destroyed. Mr. Cottrill places his damage at \$2000.

ture at the corner of King and St. street barns were those used on the onsets of the Teutons to the River Lawrence streets was a seething mass Broadview, King, Carlton and Queen Rimnik, according to the official comof flame from end to end. From there routes. These comprised 100 double munication issued by wireless from the flames rapidly ate their way into truck cars, worth approximately \$4000 Petrograd today. The Russian forces (Asia Minor)." the new wing, rebuilt after the fire of each, and known as palace cars, and in this sector have, therefore, re March 25, 1910. and attacked two 200 swing cars. All the cars destroy- treated from the railway to the river, grease tanks. These burst, sending a ed were those used at the present a short distance back. Before the shower of oil over the burning mass, time during the rush hours, and they withdrawed the Russians offered ethic shower of oil over the burning mass. time during the rush hours, and they withdrawal the Russians offered stubthus fanning the fire to greater fury. had not been housed in the barns born resistance. long when the fire broke out. On the Ten lines of hose were laid to the company's property to the rear of the night communication that their 9th northwest end of the building, and an barns were 20 other cars. By means army has gained ground in the pureffort was made by the firemen to con- of the company's fire system the roofs suit of the Russians. fine the flames there. Tho the heat of the cars were kept wet, so as to In the afternoon official communica-

Pressure Was Poor.

sure district, which since the Adams

fully twenty lines of hose were strung on every side of the burning building.

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

* WAR SUMMARY *

LTHO the Germans have just asserted that they have won another complete victory in Rumania over the Russians, the facts given in support of their claim are not sufficient to be convincing to any close observer. Fierce fighting has been proceeding More Canadian Officers in this region along the road to Braila for five days, and the result has been the forcing back of Russian detachments upon the Rimnik River, a withdrawal of a few thousand yards. The enemy asserts canadian Associated Press Cable. that in two sectors where he has had successes, he took 3000 London, Dec. 28.—The recently wounded Canadian officers include prisoners vesterday and more than 10,000 in the past five days, Lieuts. S. T. Fryer, at Denmark Hill, and these numbers suggest that only strong rear guard actions have suffering from a gunshot wound in the lover which the advance will have to been fought. The allies are at present endeavoring to delay the face and jaw; H. A. Green, at Letouprogress of the enemy as long as possible to complete the stripping G. Fisher, at Rouen, with a wound in of the country of food and the evacuation of Braila, or else to give the abdomen. time for adequate reinforcements to come up for an offensive against K. L. Duggan, slight wound in the the Teutons.

Owing to the scarcity of railways in this part of Rumania and to the fact that the one or two lines available are not organized for war, it is certain that the enemy is now being forced to depend on the country for the feeding of his armies, for the railway facilities are barely sufficient to bring up ammunition. For this reason the Russians are retarding the advance of the enemy to give them time dien or Russian Muskrat and with col
to remove all the foodstuffs.

After the advance of the remove all the foodstuffs. to remove all the foodstuffs. After the advance of the foe has reached a certain limit it will probably stop from sheer inability to feed a large army and munition it at the same time over the meagre road and railway facilities afforded by Moldavia. Owing to lack of communications it is also extremely improbable that the enemy will seed to remove all the foodstuffs. After the advance of the foe has lars of Sea or Canadian Otter or of persian Lamb. Men's all Fur Coats made from Canadian Cocn, Australian peg, and before ceming to Ottawa he practised lay in Vancouver. He saw service in South Africa with Strathfoods for chauffeurs from \$35 up. All prices greatly reduced for the annual sale, brought forward five weeks this season. Discently all Vance St.

(Concluded on Page 2, Cols. 1 and 2).

FACTS ABOUT THE FIRE

sians Produce Only Slight Withdrawal.

MAKES BIG CLAIMS

Foe Asserts Complete Victory Won in Rimnik-Sarat

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

London, Dec. 28.—Russian detach-Among the cars stored at the King have been pushed back by the heavy

prevent their being ignited by falling tion issued at Berlin, the Germans sparks and firebrands. On the second claim that the 9th German army unstorey of the barns car cushions were der General von Falkenhayn, won a Being situated out of the high pres-, by the failure of attempts of the Rus-

F. Bynum, wounded in forearm; W. O. Boger, wounded in shoul-

DINEEN'S ANNUAL FUR SALE.

Superb fur-lined overcoats with coats for chauffeurs from \$35 up.
All prices greatly reduced for the annual sale, brought forward five weeks this season. Dineen's, 140 Yonge St., and Hamilton, 20-22 King street west.

Coats for chauffeurs from \$35 up. Cona Herse, and was a passenger on London, Dec. 28.—Col. W. R. Ward of the pay record office in London, hastaken the title of accountant the department for nearly two and Hamilton, 20-22 King street west.

Coanadian Associated Press Cable.

London, Dec. 28.—Col. W. R. Ward of Ottawa, head of the pay record office in London, hastaken the title of accountant general. Col. H. F. McLeod, commanding at Shorncliffe, is ill of pneumonia.

Arabia.

Time—8.30.
Place—King street car barns.
Where fire started—Trailer sheds.
Cause of fire—Unknown.
Estimated damage—\$750,000.

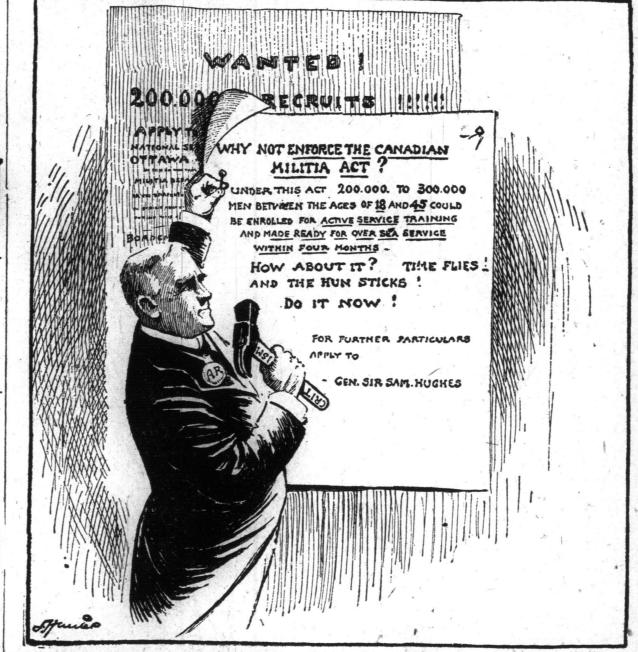
Region.

ments fighting in the Rimnik sector

The Germans claim in an official

"complete victory" in the battle near Rimnik Sarat. The success was won sians to regain the positions lost the previous day. Prussian and Bavarian mfantry pressed the Russians and their forces flowed back. The Germans stampeded the Russians from new positions constructed during the night and they pushed beyond Rimnik-Sarat. Further to the southeast, German and Austrian troops burst thru strongly violent counter-attacks against their

22 machine guns were taken yester- Gen Frederick B. Maurice chief direc-day, and that the 9th German army tor of military operations in the war affecting their escape in boats were has taken 10,220 Russian prisoners in office, informed The Associated Press (Concluded on Page 6, Column 4).



BRITISH SEAPLANES DO

Machines Drop Bombs at Galata and on Chicaldar Bridge.

communication issued this evening

"On Tuesday a squadron of naval peroplanes bombarded enemy camps at Galata on the Gallipoli Peninsula, with

"Wednesday a squadron of seaplanes attacked and destroyed the Chicalgar bridge, eighteen miles east of Adana Submarine Fires on Officers

SOMME OFFENSIVE

Allies Will Be Unable to Resume Heavy Actions Until March.

TAKE OVER MORE LINE

British Extend Front-French Turn Attention to Verdun Region.

London, Dec. 28.-The continuation entrenched Russian lines and repulsed of the British offensive along the Somme front is impossible so long as It is claimed that 300 prisoners and the present weather continues, Mai.

> "I told you some time ago," he aid. "that our offensive would not cease during the winter, but it must be ap-Are Taken to Hospitals parent from the daily reports that no be made is thickly sprinkled with shell holes filled with water. Also, never (Concluded on Page 7, Column 3).

Major Daly is Appointed Secretary of Pensions Board

By a Staff Reporter. Ottawa, Dec. 28.-Major Harold M Daly, formerly secretary to Gen. Sir

SEAPLANES DO HUNS GUILTY OF **BLACKEST PIRACY**

London, Dec. 28.-A British official Savagery Reaches Climax in Attack on the Steamer

Westminster.

NO CHANCE FOR LIVES

and Crew Who Take

to Boats.

London, Dec. 28 .- The admirality has given the Associated Press the following statement concerning the sinking of the British steamer West minster, which was reported lost on

"The degree of savgery the Germans have attained in their submarine British Beat Off Three Raidpolicy appears to have reached a climax in the sinking of the Westminster, which was proceeding from Torre Annuziata to Port Said in bal last. On Dec. 14, when 180 miles from the nearest land, the Westminster was attacked by a German submarine with out warning, and was struck by two torpedoes in quick succession, which killed four men. The Westminster

sank in four minutes. "This ruthless disregard for the rule of international law was followed by deliberate attempt to murder the surshelled by the submarine at a range of 3000 vards. The master and chief engineers were not picked up; it is

real battle has been offered in that have satisfied himself of the effectivesector since October. In the first place ness of his torpedoes, yet he proceeded we underestimated the effect of the to carry out in cold blood an act of shelling on the terrain. The country murder, which could not possibly be justified by any urgency of war, and can only be regarded in the eyes of the world as a further proof of the degradation of German honor

Postmaster-General Casgrain Seriously Ill of Pneumonia

Ottawa, Dec. 28.-Hon. T Chase Casgrain, postmaster-general, is seriously ill of pneumonia at his residence here, and his condition has been practically unchanged for the past

Ten Thousand Americans Serve in Arms With Allies

NUMBER OF CANADIANS

Major Kirkpatrick of Toronto is Suffering From Nervous Prostration.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, Dec. 28.—Several Canadian officers have arrived at Switzerland from German prisons: Major Kirkpatrick (Toronto), suffering from nervous prostration; Lieut. T. S. Hubbs, with fractured left leg, and Lieut. J. H. Douglas with a stiff left arm, are now all at Murren. Lieut. H. W. MacDonnell, wounded in lungs, is at Chateau Dux.

The following rankers have reached Switzerland: 59984 Q. Temple, 446842 S. F. Sansom, both from Hamein; 108090 C. O. Arnold, from Stuttgart, 113 Burton Will'ams, from Heilsburg; 3156 L. A. Wheatley, from Friedrichsfeld; 15668 W. H. Edwards, from Seltau; 108646 R. W. Wright, from Dulmen.

TRENCH WARFARE PROCEEDS APACE

ing Parties of Germans.

ACTIVITY AT VERDUN

Surprise Attack in Lorraine.

special Cable to The Toronto World. three parties of Germans in attempts knows will be unacceptable to the at raiding trenches northwest of Gom-allies under the present conditions. mecourt, north of the Ancre. Two of engineer were killed outright. Their the parties were driven back before boat was sunk. The second and third reaching the British front, while the other did get as far as the trenches, has dissipated the view taken yesterbut it was at once ejected. On the French section of the battle-neutral governments, which in the

front the greatest artillery liveliness form of a neutral league, intended, ac-prevailed on the left bank of the cording to reports, to bring combined Meuse, region of Verdun. The Ger-mans violently bombarded the posi-in an effort to bring the war to a tions of the French on Le Mort Homme speedy conclusion and Hill 304, and the French batteries counter-shelled enemy's guns. The mines sprung by the French

near Beuvraignes on the Somme front were particularly large and particularly effective. One blew a crater 120 yards long and 40 yards wide. A great number of gas shells was fired by the Germans at places behind he British lines about Arras and Lens. In Lorraine the French carried out

IS ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL.

Operation One of Most Brilliant of Kind Seen on Western Front.

THREW CURTAIN OF FIRE

German Dugouts Are Destroyed and Trenches Occupied for Two Hours.

London, Dec. 28 .- The following communique is issued from the Canadian

"One of the most successful raids ever carried out on the western front was executed this week by the Canadians. The raid was made in the early afternoon, while the low winter sun was still shining. From several points of observation it was possible to witness the whole progress of the operation, and successful cinematograph films for historical purposes were even obtained within a short distance of the

Preliminary bombardments had skilfully destroyed the heavy enemy entanglements and generally weakened

the German defences. Heavy Curtain of Fire. Shortly before the hour of the assault the attackers consisting at picked men, carefully trained for this special occasion, filed into the trenches and took up a position along the tip of an advanced crater. The enemy

(Concluded on Page 11, Column 5).

ARE IN SWITZERLAND RUSSIA'S POSITION **CLEARLY DEFINED**

Last Word Said Except for Formulation of Reply to United States.

WILL NOT NEGOTIATE

Attitude Strengthened by German Answer to the American Note.

Petrograd, Dec. 28, via London.—After the recent declarations of the Russian foreign minister and the pronouncement of the emperor, which vigorously expressed the reluctance of the nation to consider any peace proposals at the present time, it is believed, that, except for the formulation of Russia's official reply to President Wilson's note, the last word has been said here regarding the possibility of peace negotiations

Russia's negative attitude has been strengthened, if possible, by the Ger-man answer to the American note, which the Russian Government .con-French Carry Out Successful pertinent to the U. S.," according to information received by the Associated

Russian official circles call attention to the fact that Germany's response is hot really an answer at all, since it evades the question of Germany's aim in the war and proceeds prema-London, Dec. 28.—On the British turely to the consideration of peace, ront in France, the British repulsed which in the Russian view, Germany

The foreign office denies that other lead of the U.S. and Switzerland, and day by part of the press regarding the

BRITISH CUT TURKS OFF FROM CONSTANTINOPLE

Destruction og Chicaldar Bridge Has Important Bearing on

London, Dec. 29 .- The claim by the surprise attack north of Badon- British war office that a squadron of illers, and they took two machine seaplanes on Wednesday destroyed the Chicaldar bridge across the Dami-Heavy to intermittent cannonading han River is commented on this prevailed on the rest of the front between the North Sea and the Swiss The bridge constituted a vital link in frontier. and its des ruct'on would cut off not only the Bagdad main line but the Syrian railroads from connection with