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

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 Pressure.

FACTS ABOUT THE FIRE

Time—5.30. Place—King street car barns. Where fire started—Trailer sheds. Cause of fire—Unknown. Estimated damage—\$750,000. Cars burned—300. First alarm—8.30. General alarm—8.45. Hose lines laid—20. Damage to Cottrell property—\$2000. Horses saved—25. Number of men thrown out of work—None.

ENEMY PUSHES RUSSIAN LINE BACK TO RIVER

Teuton Attacks Against Russians Produce Only Slight Withdrawal.

MAKES BIG CLAIMS

Foe Asserts Complete Victory Won in Rinnik-Sarat Region.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. London, Dec. 28.—Russian detachments fighting in the Rinnik sector have been pushed back by the heavy onsets of the Teutons to the River Rinnik, according to the official communication issued by wireless from Petrograd today.

In the afternoon official communication issued at Berlin, the Germans claim that the 9th German army under General von Falkenhayn, won a "complete victory" in the battle near Rinnik-Sarat. The success was won by the failure of attempts of the Russians to regain the positions lost the previous day.

It is claimed that 300 prisoners and 22 machine guns were taken yesterday, and that the 9th German army has taken 10,220 Russian prisoners in.

WAR SUMMARY THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

ALTHOUGH 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 in this region along the road to Braila for five days, and the result has been the forcing back of Russian detachments upon the Rinnik River, a withdrawal of a few thousand yards.

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 to remove all the foodstuffs.

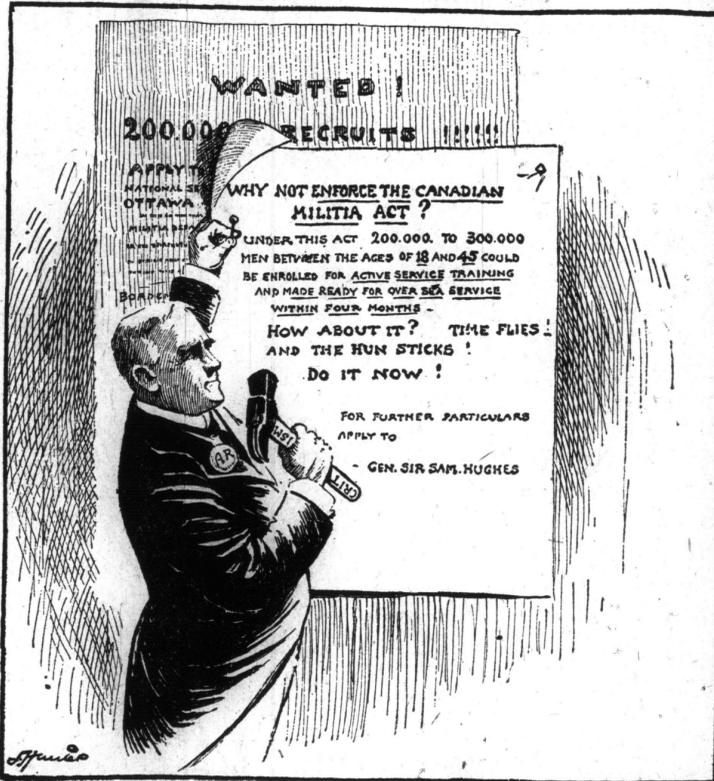
More Canadian Officers Are Taken to Hospitals

Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, Dec. 28.—The recently wounded Canadian officers include Lieut. S. T. Fryer, at Denmark Hill, suffering from a gunshot wound in the face and jaw; H. A. Green, at Letouquet, with a wounded back, severe; G. Fisher, at Rouen, with a wound in the abdomen.

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CANADIANS ARE SUCCESSFUL IN DAYLIGHT RAID

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 war records office:

"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 attack.

Preliminary bombardments had skillfully 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 of picked men, carefully trained for this special operation, filed into the trenches and took up a position along the tip of an advanced crater. The enemy remarked the unusual movement, but

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BRITISH SEAPLANES DO DAMAGE IN TURKEY

Machines Drop Bombs at Galata and on Chicaldar Bridge.

London, Dec. 28.—A British official communication issued this evening says:

"On Tuesday a squadron of naval aeroplanes bombed enemy camps at Galata on the Gallipoli Peninsula, with successful results. "Wednesday a squadron of seaplanes attacked and destroyed the Chicaldar bridge, eighteen miles east of Adana (Asia Minor)."

WINTER PREVENTS 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 of the British offensive along the Somme front is impossible so long as the present weather continues. Major-General Frederick B. Maurice, chief director of military operations in the war office, informed The Associated Press today.

"I told you some time ago," he said, "that our offensive would not cease during the winter, but it must be apparent from the daily reports that no real battle has been offered in that sector since October. In the first place we underestimated the effect of the shelling on the terrain. The country over which the advance will have to be made is thickly sprinkled with shell holes filled with water. Also, never

Major Daly is Appointed Secretary of Pensions Board

By a Staff Reporter. Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Major Harold M. Daly, formerly secretary to Gen. Sir Sam Hughes, and later to Hon. A. E. Kemp, has been appointed secretary of the pensions board. He is a son of the late Hon. T. M. Daly of Winnipeg, and before coming to Ottawa he practised law in Vancouver. He saw service in South Africa with Strathcona Horse, and was a passenger on the Lusitania when she was sunk by a German torpedo. He has been in the militia department for nearly two years.

HUNS GUILTY OF BLACKEST PIRACY

Savagery Reaches Climax in Attack on the Steamer Westminster.

NO CHANCE FOR LIVES

Submarine Fires on Officers and Crew Who Take to Boats.

London, Dec. 28.—The admiralty has given the Associated Press the following statement concerning the sinking of the British steamer Westminster, which was reported lost on Dec. 18:

"The degree of savagery the Germans have attained in their submarine policy appears to have reached a climax in the sinking of the Westminster, which was proceeding from Torre Annunziata to Port Said in ballast. On Dec. 14, when 180 miles from the nearest land, the Westminster was attacked by a German submarine without 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 rules of international law was followed by a deliberate attempt to murder the survivors. The officers and crew, while affecting their escape in boats, were shelled by the submarine at a range of 3000 yards. The master and chief engineer were killed outright. Their boat was sunk. The second and third engineers were not picked up; it is presumed they were drowned. "The captain of the submarine must have satisfied himself of the effectiveness of his torpedoes, yet he proceeded to carry out in cold blood an act of 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 and morals."

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 two days.

Ten Thousand Americans Serve in Arms With Allies

Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, Dec. 28.—It is estimated that 10,000 Americans are now serving with the allies, the majority being with the Canadian forces.

NUMBER OF CANADIANS ARE IN SWITZERLAND

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: 5984 G. Temple, 44842 S. P. Sanson, both from Hamilton; 10669 G. O. Arnold, from Stuttgart; 112 Burton Williams, from Heilsburg; 8165 L. A. Whesley, from Friedricsheld; 15648 W. H. Edwards, from Sektan; 10846 R. W. Wright, from Dulmen.

TRENCH WARFARE PROCEEDS APACE

British Beat Off Three Raiding Parties of Germans.

ACTIVITY AT VERDUN

French Carry Out Successful Surprise Attack in Lorraine.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

London, Dec. 28.—On the British front in France, the British repulsed three parties of Germans in attempts at raiding trenches northwest of Gommecourt, north of the Ancre. Two of the parties were driven back before reaching the British front, while the other did get as far as the trenches, but it was at once ejected.

In Lorraine the French carried out the greatest artillery liveliness prevailed on the left bank of the Meuse, region of Verdun. The Germans violently bombarded the positions of the French on Le Mort Homme and Hill 304, and the French batteries energetically counter-shelled the 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 the British lines about Arras and Lens.

In Lorraine the French carried out a surprise attack north of Badonvillers, and they took two machine guns. Heavy to intermittent cannonading prevailed on the rest of the front between the North Sea and the Swiss frontier.

IS ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL.

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

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 German answer to the American note, which the Russian Government considers "not only irrelevant, but impertinent to the U. S.," according to information received by the Associated Press.

Russian official circles call attention to the fact that Germany's response is not really an answer at all, since it evades the question of Germany's aim in the war and proceeds prematurely to the consideration of peace, which in the Russian view, Germany knows will be unacceptable to the allies under the present conditions. The foreign office denies that other neutral governments will follow the lead of the U. S. and Switzerland, and has dissipated the view taken yesterday by part of the press regarding the neutral governments, which in the form of a neutral league, intended, according to reports, to bring combined pressure upon the warring countries in an effort to bring the war to a speedy conclusion.

BRITISH CUT TURKS OFF FROM CONSTANTINOPLE

Destruction of Chicaldar Bridge Has Important Bearing on War.

London, Dec. 28.—The claim by the British war office that a squadron of seaplanes on Wednesday destroyed the Chicaldar bridge across the Danubian River is commented on this morning as being an important one. The bridge constituted a vital link in the Turkish railroad communications, and its destruction would cut off not only the Bagdad main line but the Syrian railroads from connection with western Asia Minor and the supply centres for the Turkish armies in the Caucasus, Mesopotamia, Palestine and Arabia.