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Canadians Capture Huns Christmas Day

No Fraternizing or Christmas Truce Allowed--Business Here to Kill Germans, Says Brigadier

PARIS, Dec. 30.—(Canadian Head-Quarters, France, by special courier to London), Dec. 29.—Xmas Day was not as quiet on the Canadian front this year as last. In the early hours of the day a successful raid was carried out by the Canadians and one result was that several Germans spent Xmas Day in our lines. Attempts at fraternizing were severely frowned upon by Canadian brigadiers, and when the Germans realized this they retaliated by strafing the Canadians with some Xmas boxes in the form of "whiz bangs." "We are at war," said one Canadian brigadier, "and not here to celebrate with the Hun. We are out to kill him." So there was no Xmas truce along the Canadian front, or anything else for that matter. The weather was mild but the only observance of the day apart from the religious services was in special dinners in officers' messes and among men. The latter had plum pudding served out with their rations. Applications for permission to attend midnight masses were so numerous in one brigade that an all round refusal was made, but the men in most cases were allowed to attend on Sunday and Xmas morn. The Grenadier Guards of Montreal spent a quiet Xmas, being in reserve.

THE ROUMANIAN CAMPAIGN

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Military operation on which interest is chiefly focused at present are the great efforts which the Central Powers are making against the Russians and Roumanians, and the campaign is proceeding on a front about 120 miles, reaching from Cituz Pas to the Danube, and the one main object of the Allies is supposedly the capture of Braila. The Central Powers are divided into three armies, namely, that in the Moldavian mountain region, commanded by Gen. Von Gerok, the ninth army under Gen. Von Falkenhayn, which is operating on both sides of the Rinnik and the Danube, and the Danube army composed of German Turks and Bulgarians under General von Koesch. The general outcome of operations during the last week has been an advance of several miles by Gerok and Falkenhayn with the capture of many prisoners. The Danube army has been almost stationary, invaders being very little nearer Braila than they were ten days ago. The pressure, however, on the Russian right flank in Moldavia and in the centre is slow, bringing the invaders nearer the fortified lines on the Sereth which roughly divides Moldavia and Wallachia.

SCANDINAVIAN NOTE MAKES AUSTRIA GLAD

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Austro-Hungarian foreign minister is quoted in a despatch to Reuter's telegraph company from Vienna by way of Amsterdam with saying with regard to notes of Norway, Sweden, Denmark concerning peace: The Austro-Hungarian Government is glad to state its views on this matter agree with yours it has sympathetically accepted President Wilson's suggestions. Therefore with satisfaction it sees Sweden, Denmark and Norway in support of President Wilson's initiative.

BRITISH PATROLS ENTER HUN TRENCHES

LONDON, Jan. 2.—British official this evening says:—Our patrols entered the enemy's trenches east of Armentieres at several places last night and early this morning. Hostile patrols reached our lines south of Pilkem and north of Ypres, but were immediately driven out. During the night the enemy artillery was somewhat more active than usual north of Ancre. Today artillery activity by both sides at various places along the front being most marked on Loos salient and neighborhood.

THE LESSON OF THE SOMME

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Morning Post, commenting on General Haig's despatch says:—What is the lesson of the Somme? There are many, but the moral with which we are chiefly concerned today is that the battle was scarcely ended; indeed it is not ended yet, ere Germany asked for peace. Haig tells us the enemy's power is not yet broken, nor is it yet possible to form an estimate of time it may last before the objects for which the Allies have been fighting have been attained, but he adds that the Somme battle has placed beyond any doubt the ability of the Allies to gain these objectives. In these simple words which must resound in German ears like thunder, lies the whole explanation of German proposals. Therefore, all that the Allies heed to consider is whether or not Germany will concede objects for which the Allies are fighting, or will prefer to continue to resist until her resistance is broken. It follows also that any suggestion made on the part of neutrals that a compromise might be affected is in fact to spare Germany and such is a violation of neutrality.

ALLIES ANSWER TO GERMAN NOTE

PARIS, Dec. 3.—The Allies answer to the German note will be handed to United States Ambassador Sharp tonight, says Polit Parisian, and published tomorrow. It is long and sets forth against the responsibility of the Central Empires for the European conflict.

It insists on legitimate reparation and restitution demanded by Entente also says that Germany because of failing to formulate proposal for peace, remove in advance any basis pour parlers. The note seeks to suggest that the Berlin Cabinet having proclaimed in 1914 its contempt for treaties cannot expect to obtain the same conditions as the powers respectful of signatures and must offer guarantees.

COMPOSER DEAD

BERLIN, Dec. 3.—A Vienna despatch announces death of Eduard Strauss, composer of dance music.

STRONG UNION FIRE

(To the Editor.)
Dec. 28th, 1916.

Dear Sir,—Please find space in your esteemed paper to say a few words as to the Union, re its growth and works. Pleased to say, Mr. Editor, that the Council is on an upward march, and there are no signs of weakness. Each member is deeply interested in the bulk of news brought from the Convention, and are determined to stand by our noble leader and his noble work. Glad to say that during the past few months of various Council meetings, it has been all a flame with Unionism, and we have voiced the sentiments of that big man who said "Coaker was a mystery."

The time has arrived again to elect a new staff of officers for the ensuing year. Council met the 16th of December and, as it was the annual night, new officers were elected. They are as follows:—Chairman Geo. Batston, elected; deputy chairman Herbert Barnes, re-elected; Secretary, Gilbert Ivany, re-elected; treasurer, Geo. Ivany, elected. Door guard, Wm. Ivany, elected.

A jolly crowd is again in charge of this Council, and we are determined as a body of Union men to loyally support and keep the standard of the Fishermen's Protective Union flying, utterly drive the power of grabballism into oblivion. Wishing the readers of The Mail and Advocate a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am in anticipation.

ONE OF THE MEMBERS.

EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS

TELEGRAMS
30 December, 1916.

No. 318.
Sir Douglas Haig,
France.

Grateful for your message at Xmas. Newfoundland is proud that the best of her sons are serving the King under you and Beatty.

We hope you two will win out in 1917 and let our lads home by next New Year.

DAVIDSON,
Governor.

No. 753.

(Rec. 30 December, 1916)

To Governor,
St. John's.

The Government and people of the Commonwealth of Australia send you cordial New Year Greetings.

The fully appreciate the splendid work which your Government has done, and have been filled with admiration of the feats performed by your forces.

It is trusted that the year 1917 will see the combined efforts of the Dominions and Allied Nations crowned with complete victory and lasting peace.

Governor-General.

No. 319.

Sent 30 December, 1916.)

Governor General,
Commonwealth of Australia.

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Victory for our cause in 1917.

DAVIDSON,
Governor.

U. S. LYNCHING RECORD FOR 1915-16

TUSKOGEE, Ala., Jan. 2.—Fifty-four persons were lynched in the United States during 1916. Fifty of the victims were negroes and 4 white persons. Included in the record were many negro women. Sixty-seven persons were lynched in 1917. Thirteen were white men.

DIPLOMATIC AGENT IS APPOINTED

LONDON, Jan. 2.—It is officially announced that Earl Granville, counselor at the British Embassy, Paris, has been appointed representative of the British Government of Eleutharios, Venezelos at Salonika, with title of diplomatic agent.

A STORY FROM BERLIN

BERLIN, a.Jn. 2.—The military commander of Moscow have chased the city to refugees, says the Overseas News Agency, which adds the city is crowded with people from Roumanian Odessa and all parts of southern Russia. Roumanian refugees, the agency says, will in future be sent to Siberia.

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