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Many Sunk by German Raider in Southern Waters

Several British And Two French Vessels Offensive Now With The Russians and Roumanians Have Been Destroyed

Two Captured—Survivors Put Ashore at Pernambuco—One Report, Unconfirmed, Says 400 Lives Lost in Destruction of One Steamship—Mount Temple Among the Number

New York, Jan. 17.—A German commerce raider has been operating successfully in the South Atlantic. Survivors of vessels destroyed have been landed on the South American coast.

The Victims. The Voltair and George, long overdue, had been virtually given up for lost. The Voltair left Liverpool on November 28 for New York and was not heard from again. She was believed to have been sunk by a mine or a submarine.

The Dramatic, 5,421 tons gross and 410 feet long, was built in Glasgow in 1915. She sailed from Seattle on November 9 and San Francisco on November 14, arriving at Colon on December 18 and St. Louis December 19, the last report of her movements.

The recent movements of the Radnorshire have not been recorded. She was a Royal Mail steamship, 4,820 tons gross. She was 385 feet long, and was built in Sunderland in 1915.

The Netherby Hall, 4,641 tons gross, was 381 feet long and was built in 1903 at Newcastle. She belonged to the Hall Line of London. When last reported she was on her way from India to Cuba.

The King George sailed from Philadelphia on November 24 and Wilmington on November 29 for Manchester, looking for a return trip to Philadelphia. Her gross tonnage was 5,820. She was 380 feet long, and was built in 1906 and owned in Glasgow.

The Mink's recent movements are not recorded. She was owned in London, was built in 1876 and was 331 feet long of 4,890 tons gross.

Known Here. The Mount Temple sailed from Montreal previous to December 8 for London. She was owned by the C. B. R. Company and was built in Newcastle. Her gross tonnage was 5,730. She was 485 feet long.

The Anieres was a French four masted bark of 6,106 tons gross, built in 1902 at Havre.

The three-masted French bark Nantes, 2,779 tons gross, was built in 1909 at Rouen and owned in Nantes.

The St. Theodor, which has been captured, is a British ship of 4,020 tons gross, 405 feet long, built in 1913. The other captured steamship, the Yarrowdale, 4,625 tons gross and 380 feet long, was built in 1912 and owned in Glasgow.

Two Norwegian Torpedoes. London, Jan. 17.—Lloyd's Shipping Agency announces that the Norwegian steamers Solvang and Otta have been sunk.

The Solvang, of 2,970 tons gross, was last reported as arriving at Leghorn on December 17 from the Tyne.

The Otta sailed on December 15 from Schiedam for Barry, according to the latest marine report of her movements.

VICTORY FOR VILLA. A despatch to J. M. Robinson & Sons says: "Villa scores big victory in Northern Mexico and is again nearing Chihuahua City."

LOST AND FOUND. A telephone message conveyed the information to police headquarters this morning that a little boy had been lost from his home in St. David street, but before the police could get to work on the case the parents telephoned again and said that the boy had been located.

NOW A CORPORAL. Arthur Porter, who enlisted in St. John and was transferred from England to the Royal Canadian Regiment in France, has received his first promotion and is now a corporal. A neatly embossed greetings card bearing the crest of the regiment has been received from him by friends here.

W. M. McLEAN ILL. W. M. McLean, senior inspector, is seriously ill at his home in Queen street. He is threatened with pneumonia. An account of his illness he was unable to attend his wife's funeral, which took place this afternoon.

ANOTHER POLICEMAN. Another policeman was added to the local force, this morning. He is Clarence Tower, about five feet six inches and weighing about 185. These men being taken on now are filling vacancies.

GETTING STONE. Messrs. Kane and King, contractors, have started blasting operation on the Cushing project in Milford. They are getting out stone for No. 16 wharf at Sand Point.



THE FOOD CRISIS. Well I can't eat the black and the basket is no substitute. (John H. Hamilton)

ROSS OFFERED ANY RIFLE OTTAWA ASKED

Says He Was Not Holding Government to Contract—Challenge to Meighen

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—In a letter to the press Sir Charles Ross deals with an assertion made by Mr. Arthur Meighen in a speech in Montreal that the government were powerless when defects developed in the Ross rifle, because they were bound by a contract made with the Ross Rifle Company by the Laurier government, because it was "bound" as Meighen means by the word "bound" and continues:

"Does he mean to repeat the historical platitudes that governments of Canada keep faith and are a result bound by agreements made by themselves or their predecessors? Or does he allege that the government, because it was 'bound' as a result of a contract made with the Ross Rifle Company, were powerless to take the best course in the general interest of Canada, which was, and is, fighting for its very existence?"

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EGGS AT 16 TO 20 CENTS EACH

Hard to Get in Germany Even at That

A. P. MAN OUT OF BERLIN

Says Food Situation Has Grown Much Worse During Last Six Months—Police Order Before One May Buy Clothing

Stockholm, via London, Jan. 17.—The food situation in Germany has grown much worse during the last six months, according to the experience of an Associated Press correspondent who has returned from a trip to Berlin. Potatoes are so scarce that this week's per capita ration in Berlin was less than four and a half pounds. This is attributed in part to the farmers withholding shipments until February 15, when higher prices will be permitted but it is not denied that the crop is insufficient to meet normal demands. No cheese has been on the market since August and eggs are unobtainable, except surreptitiously at sixteen to twenty cents each. Berlin's daily milk receipts are about 350,000 litres against a normal 1,000,000 and it is impossible to buy clothing, shoes or stockings or blankets except by permission of the police. This latter, however, may be merely a precautionary measure as the shops appear well stocked with clothing.

Chief Burgomaster Wernuth, as well as the heads of other cities, complain that the larger towns are compelled to suffer unnecessary hardships because the system of distribution of foodstuffs has failed in many respects. In some cities the situation seems to be better than in others and a Berlin business man told the correspondent that he had spent Christmas week in a Rhine city where he got plenty of meat and bread without being required to show a bread card or meat card.

Passport of Caillaux HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN

Ex premier of France Was Accused of Trying to Bring About Separate Peace

Rome, Jan. 17.—(New York Sun cable)—M. Joseph Caillaux, French ex-premier, has had his diplomatic passport withdrawn by the French government, a retrograde step under his administration the greatest military programme, surpassing even that of Germany, has been passed. America is preparing to become the second naval power in the world. American imperialism, after Cuba, the Philippines and the Sandwich Islands and Panama, is now looking at Canada to the north and Mexico to the south."

Police Court. In St. Andrew's street house raided by the police early this morning, two married women, whose husbands are now at the war, two soldiers from a local regiment and a twelve-year-old child were found. This morning in the police court the women were given six months in jail without the option of a fine and the little girl will be looked after by the Children Aid Society.

The evidence was submitted behind closed doors. When the police entered the house last evening a little girl was found sleeping on a mattress with a dog. The two soldiers will likely be returned to their units under suspension sentence.

MRS. MARY NASH DEAD. Many friends in this city will regret to hear that Mrs. Mary Nash died suddenly at the home of her son, William E. Nash in Sydney, C.B., on last Saturday. She was the widow of Thomas Nash, who was formerly a well known manufacturer of beverages in this city. About sixteen years ago the family left for Sydney where Mr. Nash continued in business. He passed away about seven years ago. Mrs. Nash was in excellent health until a few days prior to her death. She is survived by one son, William, and five grand children. Her funeral took place on Tuesday morning.

PARCELS RECEIVED. The West Side S. C. A. have received more than fifty acknowledgments from their Christmas parcels. The following from a West St. John boy speaks for itself: Dear Mrs. Fraser: Many thanks for the splendid parcels sent to the boys of the 131st Battery. With thanks and good wishes, I kindly thank the ladies for them. I think I express the opinion of members of this battery when I say the ladies of the West Side S. C. A. are certainly doing their share in carrying on the war.

With the assistance of the home folks we are sure to "stick" it out and see it through to a victorious end. There are many good wishes, I remain, ROY A. RING.

There were 287 parcels packed and sent at Christmas and through the contributions of the West Side people on their tag day, 168 more were sent.

ROXBOROUGH OFFICERS. At the last regular meeting of Roxborough Lodge No. 32, L. O. B. A., west St. John, the following officers for the coming year, were installed—W. M., Mrs. Taylor; D.M., Mrs. Bosse; recording secretary, Mrs. Hatfield; financial secretary, Mrs. Maling; treasurer, Mrs. Melaine; D. of C., Mrs. Carlson; chaplain, Mrs. Carrier; lecturer, Mrs. Thompson; inner guard, Mrs. Covey; outer guard, Mrs. Spinnery; first member of committee, Mrs. Maxwell; second, Mrs. Ferguson; third, Mrs. H. Hatfield; fourth, Mrs. Bell; fifth, Mrs. Rose; auditors, Mrs. Donner, Mrs. Rose, Mr. Smith; guardian, Mr. Smith.

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Fredericton, Jan. 15.—A large dam lately constructed by the Nashwaak Pulp and Paper Co. at the head of Nashwaak, was seriously damaged by the recent storm. George Kilburn left here last night to ascertain what repairs are necessary.

John Dore, farmer, of Middle Southamton, died at his home last night from cancer of the stomach. He was seventy-three years of age, and leaves eleven children. One son, Medley, is an active seaman in France.

Harry A. Cronkite, of Southampton, and Miss Mildred Burden, daughter of the late Hampden Purden, of Poldok, were married here this afternoon by Rev. S. Sutherland.

An honor roll of twenty-one members of the British Legion, in the effort to the front was unveiled at a meeting of Kingston Lodge here last evening. Two members of the lodge have been killed in action.

For First Time Since November Teutons Are Failing to Make Advances in Roumania—Greece Now Has Definitely Given in to Allies

London, Jan. 17.—It is remarked here that the Teutonic allies now, for the first time since mid-November, are failing to make advances in Roumania and that the offensive for the moment, at least, seems to have passed to the Russians and Roumanians. Information is lacking as regards the cause for the slow-up of the movement. Some reports say the Russo-Roumanians have received large reinforcements and guns and munitions but elsewhere the question is asked whether the situation is not due to the winter in Northern Roumania which is as severe as that in mid-Russia.

The Post's Petrograd correspondent says the opinion prevails that the Russian stroke in the direction of Mitau had a disconcerting effect on the German arrangements which has been heightened by the increased activity of the Russians on various other sections of the northern front. The correspondent says the German lines are thinly laid everywhere except in Roumania and that the Germans consequently are showing nervousness over the recent Russian moves.

Petrograd, Jan. 17.—The war office announces the recapture of the village of Vadeti, in Roumania, six miles southwest of the Danube town of Galatz.

Greece Accepts. London, Jan. 17.—An Athens despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that the Greek government has accepted the Entente's ultimatum without reservation. The decision was reached by the Crown Council on Tuesday afternoon, according to the despatch, and was immediately communicated to the Entente ministers. The release of the Venizelists who were arrested following the outbreak in Athens on December 1, is expected shortly.

Western Front. Paris, Jan. 17.—After a bombardment last evening German troops attacked the French lines east of Clercy and south of Clercy and south of Blaches, in the Somme region. They were repulsed. A minor attack by the Germans at Les Eparges, southwest of Verdun, also was repulsed after hand-to-hand fighting. French patrols penetrated the German lines at several points on the heights of the Meuse, in the Verdun region and in the Argonne forest.

London, Jan. 17.—The definite announcement that the Greek government has accepted their ultimatum, the demands of the Allies was received here today in a cablegram from Sir F. E. H. Elliot, British minister at Athens.

TWO THOUSAND IN TRAIN WRECK, MANY PEOPLE ARE KILLED

Bodies of Children, Women and Soldiers Scattered Along Track in Roumania

London, Jan. 17.—A despatch from Cluj, Roumania, dated January 5, to the Associated Press, says that an overcrowded train with 2,000 passengers aboard, crashed into a trestle from here, eight miles from Jassy, the temporary capital, and was derailed.

Many persons were killed and the bodies of children, women and soldiers were scattered along the track. The French attaché, Marquis De Delloy, was among the injured.

FUNERALS. The funeral of Wilfred Fenwick took place at 11:30 o'clock this morning from his late residence, 41 Garden street, where service was conducted by Rev. F. H. Wentworth. The choir of Wesleyan street Baptist church was in attendance. The body was taken to Millstream, Queens county, where the internment took place later in the day.

The funeral of Mrs. James Lunney took place this morning from her late residence, 274 Millidge avenue, at St. Peter's church, where high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Fred Coghlan. Interment was made in Holy Cross cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. William M. McLean took place this afternoon from her late residence, 68 Queen street. Services were conducted at the house and grave by Rev. F. S. Dowling. Interment was made in Fernhill. The pall-bearers were William Murdoch, W. D. Edwards, Alexander Law, James Easting, Alexander Campbell and William Hawker.

The body of William Douglas was taken from his late residence, Hazen street, to Jerusalem, where interment will be made.

The funeral of Miss Effie Feahy took place from her late residence, 70 Main street. Services were conducted at the house last evening by Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, and the body was taken this morning to Midland, Queens county, where interment will be made.

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