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WEATHER:
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ALLIES CONTINUE ADVANCE

Have Captured Enemy's Trenches All Along the Line.

Paris, December 19.—The 2 p.m. official communique follows:—

"In Belgium during the day of December 18th we fortified the ground gained the day before to the south of Dinant, and pushed forward our front to the south of Kortrijk Inn. Our advance to the south of Ypres is being continued in marshy ground very difficult for our troops.

"From the Lys to the Oise we have advanced in the region of Notre Dame de Consolation, south of La Bassée, more than a kilometre. In the last two days we have made equal progress in the direction of Carlingue toward St. Laurent and Blangy.

"Despite the violent counter-attacks the positions captured on December 17th have been held.

"In the region of Albert during the night of December 17th and 18th and during the day of December 18th we advanced under a violent fire, and reached the wire entanglements of the second line of the enemy's trenches.

"To the north of Maricourt, we have abandoned a trench taken the day before and set on fire by the enemy by means of hand grenades. Several German trenches have been captured by us in the region of Maizet and in that of Limons.

"Three violent counter-attacks by the Germans have been repulsed.

"In the region of the Aisne artillery duels continue. In the Champagne district the enemy's artillery showed more activity than on the preceding day.

"In the Argonne, in the forest of Grurie, we blew up a German mine.

"Near St. Hubert the enemy succeeded in advancing slightly by means of very fierce attacks. It is affirmed that on the heights of the Meuse our artillery, directed by aviators, has destroyed two enemy batteries and damaged a third.

"From the Meuse to the Vosges there is nothing to report.

"In the Vosges there has been sharp fusillades from the Germans but no attack."

PRaises THE AVIATORS.

London, December 19.—Field-Marshal Sir John French, commander of the British troops in France and Belgium, has asked Earl Kitchener, Secretary of State for War, to increase the Royal Flying Corps. In almost every official despatch Sir John praises the work of the aviators or dwells on the importance of their duties.

TROOPS REVIEWED AT HALIFAX.

Premier Borden and Major-General Hughes reviewed 2,000 troops on the Common at Halifax. The Premier addressed the troops, saying that the response to the call for troops had been all that was desired.

RUSSIAN TRAIN BLOWN UP.

Vladivostok, December 19.—A Russian armored train proceeding from Lemburg to the Carpathian front, was blown up on Thursday, and 200 soldiers killed.

It is believed all members of the Austrian raiding party which attacked, the train were subsequently captured, but not before they had destroyed a large section of railway on which the Russians depend for the transportation of troops and supplies.

MONTREAL'S NEW LOAN

Tenders for City of Montreal \$6,000,000 three-year 4 per cent. gold bonds must be addressed to Manager of Bank of Montreal, Montreal, Canada, and delivered not later than 12 o'clock December 29th. Tenders must be for whole amount offered.

Bonds are dated December 1st, 1914, and interest payable half yearly on June 1st and December 1st. Principal and interest are payable in gold at City Treasurer's Office, Montreal, or at agency of the Bank of Montreal, New York City, at option of holder.

City of Montreal retains the right to redeem at par and accrued interest the whole but not part of the issue at any time upon giving 90 days' notice by advertisement.

ALLIES ADVANCED TO NEW POSITIONS

They are now Past Arras --- Belgians Reported as Fighting in Suburb of Ostend

OUTLOOK VERY FAVOURABLE

Severe Weather Checks Fighting in Alsace and Lorraine—German Victory in Poland Not Disclosed in Russian Statement—Critical Stage of Battle on Vistula Now at Hand—Kaiser's Christmas Gift—Warsaw.

(Special to Journal of Commerce.)

Paris, December 19.—For the first time in two months the positions east of Arras is in possession of the Allies. After fierce fighting lasting through the better part of two days, the Allies have succeeded in pushing their advance lines more than two and a half miles out past Arras, and have held their new positions despite the fierce attacks of the Germans who are trying to dislodge them.

Advances along different parts of the French and British fronts continued to-day. Progress has been made at Arrmentieres and Lille, and along the sea coast.

King Albert's Belgian troops are even reported fighting in Westende, a suburb of Ostend. There is no doubt that the Allies have pushed their forces along the sea coast almost to that important port.

There has been desperate fighting around Verdun, but apparently the situation remains practically unchanged. The French night statement reported that extensive artillery duels have taken place in the past few hours, and that the French guns succeeded in demolishing two of the heavy German batteries.

The forward movement of the British and French troops from Arras is regarded as the most important advance since the occupation of Arras, following the battle of the Aisne. The positions now held by the Allies to the east of Arras are most important and confirm the Allies' claim of the satisfactory development of the offensive along the left wing.

The Daily Chronicle correspondent to-day reports the Allies fighting with the Germans in the streets of Lille.

The correspondent also confirmed the reports of the capture of Boulers and the throwing forward of patrols from the Allied troops as far as Middelkerke, three kilometres from Ostend.

There is no doubt now but that the Allied troops are nearer to Ostend than they have been since 1913. The forward movement close along the sea coast followed the heavy bombardment of Westende by the British fleet. It was announced in despatches last night that King Albert and his Belgian troops were attacking Westende and winning their way towards the German positions around Ostend.

There is apparently little development in the campaign in Alsace and Lorraine. There has been some severe weather recently and this probably has had its effect on the fighting.

Tremendous plunges have carried the German drive to Kazupolaki, sixteen miles northeast of Warsaw. Whether General von Hindenburg can whip the Russians back beyond the Polish capital, depends upon his ability to overcome the Russian masses that are being rolled up in his path.

While extensive re-alignment of Russian forces seems to be in progress the retreat along the Vistula, now admitted by Petrograd, does not disclose the overwhelming German victory announced in Berlin. In view of the confusion over operations in Poland, observers conclude that the critical stage of the battle is at hand and that tangible results will be manifest in a few days.

Following German attacks in Central Poland that lasted several days, the Russian War Office reports a lull in that quarter which probably portends the development of further action.

General von Hindenburg has his heart set upon Warsaw as a Christmas gift for the Kaiser, according to unofficial stories from Berlin. The official statement is content with pursuit of the retreating enemy.

The summary of the Russian Staff of the operations of its armies contains an intimation that forces approaching Cracow in Galicia has been compelled to turn back to Fend, off the Austrian Avalanche from the Carpathians.

According to the Army Messenger, the official organ of the Russian General Staff, the Czar's forces are holding firm at the most dangerous point of Von Hindenburg's attack. It says that apparently the Germans have concentrated 750,000 men in the northeast of Warsaw and moved so rapidly that they forced the withdrawal of the opposing Russian force of 300,000. Therefore, the Russians, it seems, are playing for time.

If the Germans are going to reach Warsaw, according to experts, their time limit is about two days.

SIR JOHN FRENCH

Who has issued another statement, in which he praises the Aviation Corps.

SUING STOCKHOLDERS FOR JUDGMENT AGAINST COMPANY

New York, December 19.—There are sixty-one defendants in a suit brought in the United States Circuit Court at Baltimore, Maryland, by Kline Brothers & Company, a Florida corporation, against the Baltimore Underwriters Agency and its stockholders to make them liable for a judgment for \$1,840,24 obtained by the complainants against the German Union Fire Insurance Company on February 26th, 1911.

The fire insurance company was organized under the laws of the Delaware. It had originally a capital stock of \$200,000, but by several amendments to its charter this was reduced to \$30,000. When so reduced, it is alleged in the bill of complaint, liquidation dividends were paid the stockholders. The Underwriters Agency succeeded the insurance company. According to the law of Delaware, it is alleged, the reduction in the capital stock of the insurance company could not be made without providing for the payment of the company's debts.

At the time of the reduction the judgment had been obtained by the Florida Corporation, which issued execution against the insurance company but could recover nothing.

Among the defendants in the suit are: Henry Brehm, Frank Schlemes, Jr., Frederick A. Doldfield, Edward A. Donnelly, Frank Stell, Albert W. Adt, J. Henry Fisher, Frederick H. Gottlieb, Joseph J. Lacy, James L. Sellman, Joseph Schamberger, Henry Smith & Sons, Aiton, Tector and Louis Mueller.

The court is asked to require the defendants to disclose how much of the liquidation dividends of the insurance company each received and for an accounting to ascertain the proportions in which the defendants shall contribute to the payment of the judgment of the Kline Brothers Company.

PRINCESS PATRICIA'S HAVE DISCARDED THE ROSS RIFLE.

Toronto, December 19.—A special cable from the correspondent of the Toronto World at Salisbury Plain, says:—

Princess Patricia's Light Infantry have been brigaded with regulars who have returned from India and China. They began preparations to leave for the front to-day and discarded their Ross rifles.

Corporal de Wilton, who left the Princess Patricia's Light Infantry to join the Life Guards, has been killed in action. De Wilton lived in Toronto for three years.

GERMANS NOW OUTRAGE SENTIMENT IN HOLLAND.

Amsterdam, December 19.—Official announcement was made that a Dutch monitor last night captured a 6,000 ton German steamer that was trying to violate the neutrality of Holland's waters by sailing from Antwerp.

Cairo, Egypt, December 19.—The British flag was hoisted at all garrison points to-day and Egypt was officially proclaimed a protectorate of England.

Men in the Day's News

W. Sanford Evans, who celebrated his forty-fifth birthday yesterday, was born at Spencerville, Ont., educated at the Hamilton Collegiate Institute, Victoria, and Columbia Universities. For some years he was in journalism on the staffs of the New York Post, the Mail and Empire and the Winnipeg Telegram, later going into the brokerage business in Winnipeg. He is prominent in civic and financial affairs in Winnipeg, having been Mayor of the city from 1908 to 1911.

The Hon. Aram J. Pothier, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, who visited Montreal this week, is a French-Canadian by birth, who crossed the border early in life and made good in the land of his adoption. He has been Governor of the State of Rhode Island for some years.

Sir George Reid, who has been reappointed High Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Australia in London, England, has been fortunate in that he has represented that great country in the Motherland during a period of ever-expanding prosperity. He has travelled largely through the United Kingdom and the Continent of Europe, and has also visited the United States and Canada. He has proved himself a splendid ambassador of commerce, and the resources and capabilities of Australia are far better and far wider known to-day than ever before. During the whole of his five years of office, Australia has loomed largely in the public mind.

Senator Choquette, who is mentioned as the probable successor of Judge Angers, of Quebec, is a well-known lawyer-journalist-legislator of Quebec. He is a retired Judge, so that his appointment as stipendiary magistrate of the City of Quebec will bring him back into a somewhat familiar field of operations. He was born in 1854 at Beloeil, P.Q. He sat in the House of Commons for several years before his appointment to the Senate.

UNITED PROFIT SHARING.

New York, December 19.—United Profit Sharing, old stock sold on Curb at 18, up 1/2.



SIR JOHN FRENCH, Who has issued another statement, in which he praises the Aviation Corps.

NOVA SCOTIA GIFT COLOSSAL AND GRAND

Province Attains Pre-Eminent Place in History's Greatest Humanitarian Effort

HUNS ARE IMPLACABLE

Belgian Victims of Germany's Diabolical Hatred and Greed Seek Sanctuary Where Life is Safe and Work Provided.

(Special Cable to Halifax Chronicle and Journal of Commerce.)

Halifax, N.S., December 19.—The Morning Chronicle has received the following cable from H. C. Crowell, its staff correspondent, who has been assisting in the distribution of Nova Scotia relief for the Belgians:—

London, December 18.—Nova Scotia's gift are real Canadian—colossal and grand—writes a leading member of the Dutch Committee of Relief for the Belgian refugees. Could Nova Scotians see the result of their liberality and sympathy they would realize that the Province has attained a pre-eminent place in the greatest humanitarian effort known in history.

I have returned from a second trip to Holland and can say that our efforts on behalf of the Belgians is a splendid advertisement for the Province and will be of tremendous value. Although the food and clothing sent by Nova Scotia led the relief movement from America has made a lasting impression.

Since the arrival of the first Nova Scotian relief ship the condition of the refugees in Holland has improved by one hundred per cent. This, the American commission, endorsed by the Dutch committee, emphatically says is directly due to Nova Scotia's interest. Representative Dutchmen, who accompanied me on a tour of inspection, made a strong protest against the conditions to the Holland government, with the result that efforts were made toward improvement.

The Belgian Ambassador in London said that "Nova Scotia's first step was worth any two that have followed," so timely was the Armovrah's arrival. This work must be continued and Nova Scotia and Canada have the greatest opportunity in their history to permanently impress Europe with our resources and wealth and the humanity of our people.

Public men of England are stirred to their depths by the plight of Belgium and unhesitatingly say that Germany must be punished by the most utter debasement for creating the blackest blot on the whole history of the human race.

The relief work is now assuming order out of chaos but it is in such a stage that relief efforts must not relax for a day else conditions would become even worse than before.

The distribution of clothing in Rotterdam has ceased. Women's and children's underclothing are especially needed. Seventeen thousand interned Belgian soldiers are also desperately in need of underclothing and socks and shoes. Twelve hundred requests received in one day from an internment camp increased to twenty-five hundred in a week. There are still six thousand destitute refugees in Rotterdam, despite the fact that the Dutch are making herculean efforts to succor them.

Nine thousand people applied for Nova Scotian clothing but there was not enough. In Belgium the German fleet still crushes the people. They forbid the Belgians to leave the country and the people live under terror of the flaming sword that may fall upon them anywhere or at any time, for the least offence.

The refugees in Holland are almost demoralized by suffering and fright. These victims of a diabolical hatred and greed wander to and from Holland and England, searching for a sanctuary where life will be safe and work can be found.

If a week's delay should occur in forwarding food, famine threatens. Daily the flocks of disease and death hover like vultures over the land. As evidence of what confronts the relief workers the German military commander at Brussels was asked to allow milk for starving infants and he replied: "It is absurd. I will not allow it. Every man, woman and child in Belgium is the enemy of Germany."

To provide half a soldier's rations daily to each Belgian, the American commission used three hundred thousand tons of food until March 19th, and only one hundred thousand is in sight. It all depends on Canada and the United States. I am proud to tell them that my country will not fail them.

GREECE WILL WAR ON TURKEY.

Rome, December 19.—It is reported in diplomatic circles that Greece will declare war on Turkey within 24 hours.

TURKISH BARRACKS DESTROYED.

Athens, December 19.—British bombardment along the Gulf of Saros destroyed the Turkish barracks and caused great damage to fortifications there.

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REFUSES TO ALLOW DIRECTORS TO BE EXAMINED BEFORE TRIAL

New York, December 19.—The appeal division has affirmed an order of Supreme Court Justice Blackmar, refusing to allow examination before trial of the directors of the Brooklyn Union Gas Company in the \$7,000,000 accounting suit, brought by minority stockholders.

The directors include Wm. Rockefeller and a number of financiers identified with the Standard Oil interests.

Plaintiffs in the suit include Thos. H. Bood, Bourke Cochrane and N. N. Lavy.

In the application for the examination of the directors before trial, Cochrane appeared for the plaintiffs.

NEW MONTREAL COMPANIES.

Among the Montreal concerns incorporated at Ottawa this week are the Star Boiler and Radiator Company, Ltd., \$200,000; Sealer Weaver Company, Ltd., \$100,000, contractors, and the Talc Electro-lytic Waterproofing Processes, Limited, \$80,000.

FRANCE STRONG FINANCIALLY.

Paris, December 19.—M. Ribot, Minister of Finance, speaking before the Appropriations Committee of the Chamber of Deputies on the subject of the 1915 budget, said France was in a strong financial position and would be able financially to continue the war and would not be embarrassed if hostilities were seriously prolonged.

BRITISH LOSSES SMALL.

Buenos Ayres, December 19.—British lost only 4 killed and 56 wounded in the naval battle off the Falkland Islands that resulted in the destruction of 4 German cruisers with more than 2,000 men of their crews.

This information, secured from the British cruiser Carnarvon, was brought to port to-day by the Argentine cruiser San Martin.

Not a single British ship was seriously damaged.

MANY COKE OVENS STARTED.

Fernie, B.C., December 19.—The demand for coke from the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company in this district is increasing and during last week 100 coke ovens were started up at the Michel colliery of the company. It is expected that additional ovens will be started upon the near future at Michel.

The mines here have also been working much more regularly and while they are only producing slightly over a third of their capacity the prospect is more favorable than it was a fortnight ago.

FINDS BUSINESS GOOD.

Galt, Ont., December 19.—The Perfect Machinery Co. to-day shipped a carload of machinery via C. P. R. to Toronto. While the baby industry of the town, the Perfect Machinery Co. has found business good and has a number of orders on hand.

WESTMOUNT RIFLES.

The infantry corps raised in Westmount has been officially designated as the "Fifty-Eighth Westmount Rifles," according to a despatch from Ottawa.

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TELEPHONE EARNINGS P.C. OF THOSE LAST YEAR

December 18.—The betterment in phone earnings which started November continued and each succeeding week led advance. The first week in November receipts of the big Bell system were 90 per cent. of what they were for the 13. Back in September and October comparative decreases and at one 95 per cent. of normal.

Two weeks traffic has been 102 per was for the corresponding week of a big advance. It is an encouraging corporation whose weekly gross income over \$1,000,000, it is most in-matter of dollars and cents.

ing, this 102 per cent. of last year's "normal." A proper gain in gross cent. to 8 per cent. A normal ex- therefore, be considerably larger than sized.

me it is well to bear in mind that the months of 1914, before the European not a period of satisfactory telephone expansion in this period was only a cent. against 8 per cent. in 1913. For the ons were clearly slowing down the system's receipts. The war, on pre-ns slightly more than cut in two the-ber months.

book is that the American Telephone operating companies will conclude on December 31 with an addition to \$5,000,000 and \$5,000,000 of new busi-ness gross up to about \$223,000,000. Back in 1912 when skies were people tucked away \$20,000,000 of single twelvemonth.

ONAL TUBE COMPANY.

ber 18.—The National Tube Com-pany calling upon all bricklayers of-ling Mills to report for duty Mon-ber the first time in four years that-ve been on full time.

es are to be overhauled and some will-ting greater activity about January-ments are busier than usual.

ants, has received his unconditional-nd that if Syracuse gets an Internat-anchise Wiltse will be made manag-

whose status is still in doubt, has-nce with the Ottawas. He says that- the coast.

of \$200,000 to purchase the basebal-Indianapolis Federal League team-ied by stockholders.

has started a movement in con-250th anniversary of its founding, in- the 1916 Olympic Games, schedul-

time in succession Eugene Tron-ty Theatre forfeited \$50, when an- an Paradis in fifteen minutes.

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