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BRITISH WAR SECRETARY SEES CAUSE FOR OPTIMISM IN PROGRESS OF WAR

Extraordinary Achievements of the Gallant Serbian Army One of the Brightest Spots in Military Operations During December

RUSSIAN VICTORY OVER TURK ARMY

Much-talked-of Turkish Invasion of Egypt has, so far, Failed to Materialise—Both's Good Work in South Africa

LOTS OF RECRUITS

Over Two Hundred Thousand Men Register as Willing to Serve, if Needed—Plenty of Officers Now Available

London, Jan. 6.—War Secretary Kitchener seized the occasion this afternoon at the meeting of the House of Lords to inform the Nation of the progress of the war and of the military situation, so far as military exigencies permitted. The House of Lords had reassembled for a brief session.

Noteworthy Progress.

In spite of unfavorable weather, the French army made noteworthy progress to the east of Rheims and in Southern Alsace.

Notwithstanding the transfer of German troops to the Eastern theatre of war, they left sufficient strength to hold their trenches in the West.

German aspirations in Poland had suffered a severe check, and it is evident they realised the infinite difficulty of winter operations in Russia.

One of the brightest spots in military operations during December has been the extraordinary achievements of the gallant Serbian Army.

Russian Victory.

Last night we received news, Lord Kitchener declared, of a Russian victory in the Caucasus, which should have far-reaching influence on all Turkish operations.

The much-talked-of advance of Turkish forces against Egypt, up to the present, has not materialized.

The situation in South Africa has undergone a most welcome change, General Botha having handled the military situation there in a masterly manner, and stamped out rebellion. The result has given us great confidence in the future success of any operations he may undertake.

Praised Their Courage.

Lord Kitchener praised the courage of the people of Scarborough, Whitby and Hartlepool, during the recent

German raid on the East Coast, and remarked that no military advantage can be gained by these wanton attacks.

The householders' canvass, thus far, has resulted in the registration of 218,000 men, who are willing to serve if called upon, said the War Secretary.

He also referred to the advance of the Indian army in Mesopotamia, and the successful campaigns in East Africa and Kamerun, the German colony in West Africa.

Tribute to Montenegro.

He paid tribute to Montenegro, the smallest ally, which, he said, had advanced into Bosnia and captured important positions in the face of considerable Austrian opposition.

The War Secretary told of the surprise at the reverse suffered by the Indian troops at Giverny on Dec. 29, when they lost a trench which they afterwards regained, and he added that the British line, thus resumed, has since been entirely maintained.

General French's army, said the Secretary, has since been increased by a number of territorial units, and another division, to which is attached a fine Canadian Regiment.

Satisfied With Recruiting.

He expressed satisfaction with the progress of recruiting, which, after an anticipated decrease at Christmas, has now been almost restored to its former satisfactory level.

Speaking of the anxiety felt at the beginning of the war at the death of so many officers, Lord Kitchener declared that all vacancies had been filled. There was now a considerable surplus, although the training of the men had been carried on under the worst weather conditions. A great deal of extremely good work had been done during the past month.

The great advantages which Germany enjoyed by reason of her superiority of numbers and extensive war preparations, have certainly diminished, continued Lord Kitchener, while the Allies daily are increasing their resources in such a way as to enable them to prosecute the war to a triumphant end.

Distinguished Gathering.

At the opening of the Chamber there was a very distinguished gathering of Peers and Peereses, members of the House of Commons and Public men. The Peers were dressed in their robes of office, but beyond this the scene was lacking its usual color, for of the long row of Peereses in the gallery, virtually everyone was in mourning for some relative killed at the front.

Lord Kitchener read his speech from a typewritten document, and while it contained nothing of a startling nature that was not already known, it was listened to with deep attention.

Curling Last Night

There was a large attendance at the curling rink last evening. The ice was in splendid form and several keenly contested games were played.

Austria Tempts Servia

London, January 7.—The Morning Post publishes the following from its Rome correspondent:

"I hear that Austria has offered peace to Servia on the basis of the status quo plus Northern Albania including Durazzo and the coast to the Montenegrin frontier.

"In other words a complete reversal is made of what Count Berchtold on October 30th, 1912, described as essential to Austrian policy.

Frenchman Won Iron Cross On Battlefield

Risked His Own Life to Rescue German Soldier Left Wounded Between the Trenches.

New Year, Jan. 4.—The German press bureau in this city makes public the following despatch from Paris:

"Reports have been received here of the winning of the German Iron Cross by a French officer under most tragic conditions during a night fight around Ypres. The story is given in detail by a French soldier.

"The night had passed, the morning was dawning and we were able to see the territory where the fight had been going on," he says in his statement.

Returned for Comrade.

"Undoubtedly the Germans, after the battle, had returned to get their wounded comrades. However, the field appeared to be clear and we saw no dead or wounded except one wounded German soldier. He rested half way between the trenches of the fighting forces. Our people continued to shoot, but did not fire at the unfortunate man.

"Suddenly we beheld a German officer arise from the German trenches and attempt to reach his wounded countryman. A shot from us struck him down. Then our commanding officer ordered 'Stop firing!' We obeyed and noticed, much to our surprise, our commander advancing toward the German trenches. A bullet fired by the Germans struck him, but, undaunted, he arose and with firm step came to the side of the wounded German soldier.

Both Sides Applauded.

"Shouts of applause were heard from both sides and for nearly an hour no shots were fired. The French officer raised the German soldier, supported him and led him to the German trench. Then he made ready to return to the French side. But he was rewarded. A German officer rushed forward, tore from his own uniform the iron cross and fastened it on the breast of the chivalrous French hero. Loud cries of 'Bravo! bravo!' were heard from the trenches of the two fighting armies.

RUSSIAN VICTORY ANNOUNCED

Grand Duke Nicholas Wires the News to General Joffre—French and British Aviators Drop Bombs on Metz

(Official French Bulletin)

Paris, Jan. 6.—Last night our troops captured a quarry situated at the bifurcation of Rouvrois, St. Mihiel Road and Maizy. St. Mihiel Lane with adjoining trenches. No other operation is reported, the weather being very bad with continual rainstorms.

Six aviators including two Englishmen bombarded Metz, causing considerable damage. They returned safely.

The Grand Duke Nicholas has addressed the following telegram to General Joffre: "I wish to convey to you good news. The Caucasian army, although under considerably reduced numbers, gained two decisive victories on the 21st and 23rd December over the Turkish troops who were superior in numbers at Arbagas against 1st Corps and the 10th Turkish Corps. The entire 8th Corps surrendered and the 10th Corps endeavoring to escape is hotly pursued by our troops."

General Joffre replied as follows: "I pray Your Imperial Highness to accept my hearty congratulations for the great victory gained by the Caucasian army. The allied armies by their efforts are preparing the definitive victories of the future."

Progress Made Tho' Weather Continues Bad

British Official Bureau Makes Announcement of Russian Victory Over Turks.

London, Jan. 6.—The French Government reports some progress at certain points, and the weather very bad.

The Russian Government reports two decisive victories over the Turks in the Caucasus region, at Ardagan and Sary Kanysh. In the latter battle the entire ninth Army Corps with its General and three divisional commanders, was captured. There is no special news from Poland.

—HARCOURT.

Germans Had Petrol Depot In Gt. Britain

Motor Spirit Supply Co., Supposedly English Was Giving Supplies to the Enemy.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Frederic William White cables The Tribune from London:

"The British naval and military authorities have just accomplished a first class stroke, in the direction of blocking German air raids on England.

"It has been discovered that the Motor Spirit Supply Company, which was supposed to be English, and which has, in the last year, maintained an elaborate series of depots on the coast and across country, was in reality a German concern. The scheme was to supply German airships with petrol when they succeeded in landing and inaugurating their campaign of terrorizing the British Isles.

"It was discovered recently that German submarines and other motor craft already had received spirit supplies from these depots, and it was thereupon decided to seize them. They now are in the possession of the British authorities, together with considerable quantities of petrol found there.

"This news, which has not yet been published in London, is bound to create an immense sensation when it is known, because of the light it throws on Germany's comprehensive and stealthy programme for an invasion of England."

Mrs. and Miss Pinsent leave by the Stephano Saturday and will spend the winter with Mrs. (Rev.) E. L. Birchby, Mrs. Pinsent's eldest daughter.

Bad Luck Follows "Goeben"

Copenhagen, Jan. 7.—A despatch from Constantinople says the former German cruiser "Goeben," which now flies the Turkish flag struck two Russian mines in the neighborhood of the Bosphorus and was seriously damaged.

The cruiser has two big holes at her waterline which will take two or three months to repair.

French Tars Heroic Work Saved The Day

Brought Up a Naval Gun With Which The Allies Drove the Germans From St. George's.

Paris, Jan. 3.—How the heroic self-sacrifice of French "bluejackets" made possible the capture of St. George's, a town less than two miles from Nieuport, is described by the Matin's war correspondent in Flanders.

He says: "The attackers had driven the Germans from the advance trenches, but taking refuge in the houses in the village, the Germans soon placed their assailants in a difficult position. The situation of a force of Belgians, isolated on a strip of land surrounded by a flood, became critical and the artillery was unable to do anything against the enemy. The British batteries at Ramscappelle tried but their shells burst over the French.

Heroic Work.

"Six blue jackets then hoisted a three inch gun on a large punt and poled along the canal behind the village, running the gauntlet of the German rifles. As one was hit another took the pole and continued until he in turn fell stricken. The sixth man was mortally wounded as with a last push he sent the punt to the bank where the French advance guard was waiting.

"The gun was quickly landed and a few shots at 300 yards brought the houses on top of the Germans who retreated into the arms of the balance of the Belgians. The latter completed the enemy's rout.

"Meanwhile the French column triumphantly took possession of the heap of ruins which was formerly St. George's, and before night the engineers had established a bridge head, enabling the Allies' artillery to debouch on the right bank of the Yser."

STEPHANO SAILS ON SATURDAY

S.S. Stephano, which sails Saturday, takes the following passengers: Mrs. Pinsent, Miss Pinsent, R. J. Murphy, Miss F. H. Hammond, Miss M. C. Christian, Miss O'Driscoll, Miss Windleir and 3 steerage.

"Perugia" Got Quick Despatch

250 Tons Bunker Coal Put on Board In Less Than Eight Hours.

The Perugia sailed again this afternoon for New York, having received a quick despatch.

She took 250 tons coal at Messrs. A. Harvey & Co., which was put on board in less than 8 hours.

Coaling was started at 3 p.m. yesterday and continued until 6. At 7 this morning work resumed and before noon the last barrowful was on board.

"This beats all previous records, and speaks volumes for our laborers and the port.

Capt. Mitchell of the steamer was pleased with the job and complimented the stevedore and men.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Winds increasing to gales from the south to southeast; rain to night and part of Friday.

ALLIES SHOW SUPERIORITY IN ARTILLERY EXCHANGES

Schr. St Elmo Is Abandoned

Prospero Takes Off the Captain—The Crew Previously Landed.

Bowring's Coastal Department had the following message from Capt. A. Kean, of the Prospero:

"Schr. St. Elmo abandoned seven miles west of Bonavista Cape; 670 barrels herring; 55 quintals of fish. Rescued Capt. J. Dominy. Remainder of crew supposed to have landed at Tickle Cove last evening. Bay full of ice. All well."

DANIELS HARBOR CLEAR OF ICE

Deputy Minister of Customs LeMesurier had a message yesterday stating that the ice was slacking up near Daniel's Hr and several American vessels loaded with herring were getting ready to sail.

"BABY SOLDIER" MEETS HIS DEATH ON BATTLEFIELD

A War Office notification has reached Mrs. Clarke, Bolton-road, Leicester, that her son, Private Frank Preston, of D Company, 2nd Manchester Regiment, was killed in action in France on October 26.

It will be remembered that Private Preston, who was only 18, and was known as the "baby of the company," was recommended for distinction for gallantry in leading a bayonet charge after all the officers of his company had been shot down. This was on Oct. 20, and less than a week later he met his death.

Sagona Jammed Again Fogota Gets Clear

Messrs. Crosbie & Co. had a wire this morning that the Sagona is jammed in Stag Hr. Run. The ice is very heavy there, and it is not known when she will get free.

The Fogota which was caught in the ice at Fogota is clear and making her way south.

L. T. and Mrs. Chafe who were visiting St. John's to attend the wedding of their nephew, Harold Williams, and Miss Forsy, returned to Hr. Grace by this morning's train.

Silenced Batteries of the Enemy in the Rheims and Aisne Sections—Sharp Artillery Contests in the Argonne

MAINTAIN POSITION GAINED AT STENBACH

Adjutant Garibaldi Killed in a Successful Assault On German Trenches in the Argonne—Bad Weather

Paris, Jan. 6. (Official)—In Belgium the enemy attacked twice, unsuccessfully, in the region of the Dunes and south-east of St. George's. On the remainder of the Lys-Oise front there were only artillery duels.

In the Aisne Valley and the Rheims section, our batteries secured an advantage and silenced the enemy's. An advance of a hundred meters for our troops is reported north-west of Rheims.

In Argonne a sharp engagement took place, which enabled us to recapture 300 meters of trenches in the Gurle woods, where a slight weakening on our side was previously signalled.

Two Fierce Attacks.

From Bagatelle and Fontaine Madame, Germans—about two regiments strong—made two fierce attacks, which were repulsed. Near Courchausse we blew up 300 meters of German trenches, and occupied half of the same.

From Argonne to the Vosges bad weather, fog and mud, prevails, but at different points rather sharp artillery contests took place. At Le Pre-tre woods, near Pont a Mousson, we have continued to gain ground.

In Thann district in spite of violent cannonading, we maintained yesterday's gains, at Steinbach, as well as in the trenches south-west and north-west of the village.

Hold the Summit.

On the eastern side of Height 425, the enemy managed to rec occupy one of their trenches, but we still hold the summit.

In Argonne where we blew up the German trenches, the Italian regiment commanded by Lieut. Colonel Garibaldi, vigorously sprung to the attack at an orifice made by an explosion, taking one hundred and twenty German prisoners, a maxim and caisson.

Chief Adjutant Constantin Garibaldi, brother of the Lieutenant-Colonel, was killed during the engagement.

A Splendid Offer

To all new yearly subscribers for the Daily issue of The Mail and Advocate sending in a year's subscription between January 2nd and March 1st we will mail free a 20 x 22 Crayon Bust Picture of President Coaker, fully as good as a three dollar crayon.

This special offer is good only for two months and subscribers must fill out the subjoined form if they avail of this special offer.

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Date _____, 1915.

Sad Bereavement Of City Family Mother and Daughter Are Taken Within Few Hours of Each Other

The new year has opened sadly indeed for Mr. John Dooley, of Pleasantville, as his wife and daughter are both lying cold in death.

The father, who is a steward on the Glencoe, was telegraphed for when his wife died, and the funeral, which should have taken place to-day, is postponed until to-morrow, so that he may be able to reach the city.

Mrs. Dooley passed away at noon Tuesday. She had been ill some time, and her demise did not come as a surprise to friends.

At 5 this morning, Mary, the only daughter, died suddenly as the result of a hemorrhage.

Up to midnight Mary was in good health and conversed freely with

friends and neighbors at her mother's wake.

She retired soon after midnight and before the day broke the angels called her.

Mary, though apparently a delicate child, was bright and active. She was a pupil of the Mercy Convent, Military Road, and was only 14 years of age.

She will be buried with her mother to-morrow.

There is now only one son at home, Stanley, William being in the States. It is not often that mother and daughter are seen lying cold in death together.

To the husband and father and other relatives we extend sympathy.

6,000 Arabs Frozen To Death

Body of 10,000 Insufficiently Clad Sent Out to Fight the Russians.

London, Jan. 5.—The correspondent of the Daily Chronicle telegraphs from Petrograd:

"Forty Arabs brought into a hospital after having been found freezing by the Russians say they left Bagdad numbering 10,000, not knowing whether they were going, and unwilling to fight having heard only of war having broken out between the Germans and the Russians. They had not received clothes to equip them for the journey, and 6,000 had been frozen on the way."

Enjoyable Dance

The dance at the O'Donel wing last night was attended by a large number of young folk who spent a very pleasant evening.