

Weather Forecast:
Light Snow

53rd YEAR. No. 22679

ARSENAL AT DRESDEN DESTROYED
WITH LOSS OF 1,000 LIVES

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1,000 WOMEN AND GIRLS DIE

Workers Perish in Terrific Explosion, Says a Letter Taken From German Prisoner—Authorities Tried To Keep News Secret by Barring Traffic to Stricken City.

Paris, Jan. 27.—The Dresden Arsenal has been blown up, and 1,000 women and young girls killed, according to a letter taken from a German soldier, dated December 30.

The letter was written from Dresden, and the writer said that all the windows within a radius of twelve miles were broken by the explosion. He added that the authorities were keeping the news secret, and that no railroad tickets were being issued for Dresden except for urgent reasons.

\$4,000,000 FIRE IN
PITTSBURGH RETAIL
DISTRICT TODAY

Blaze Sweeps Through Big stores, Hidden by Smoke.

MANY FIREMEN HURT

Weather Forces Department To Thaw Out Hydrants To Get Water.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 27.—Fire, which swept through a section of the retail business district here today, destroyed the Frank & Seder department store, the Grand Opera House, the Hilton Hotel, and many smaller buildings, with a loss estimated at from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000. Four firemen were seriously hurt and a dozen or more so badly injured that they were removed to hospitals. It appeared for a time as though the fire would sweep the entire square, but heavy fire walls, built in anticipation of such an eventuality, finally stayed the progress of the flames, which ate through the hundreds of tons of merchandise piled in the stricken buildings.

The fire is said to have started in the J. G. McGraw 5c and 10c store shortly after midnight, but gave the firemen no chance to fight it until shortly after 4 o'clock when it had eaten its way into the Frank & Seder store. A general alarm was then sounded and the flames, hidden from view by dense clouds of smoke, had made such progress into the adjacent buildings that they were seen to be doomed. Firemen were seriously handicapped by the smoke, and it was necessary to carry hot water from neighboring restaurants to the street hydrants before streams under pressure were available.

Drives Hotel Guests Out. The fire ate its way down Fifth avenue from Smithfield street toward Wood Street, and in the process drove scores of guests from their rooms in the Newell Hotel.

The Park Building, the oldest skyscraper in the city, and the new Hotel Hamilton, the newest, were among the buildings that were threatened. The fire was modern in every way. The principal losses, it is estimated, were in the Grand Opera House, the Hilton Hotel, and the Davis Enterprises, which owned and operated the Opera House.

CITY MAY REQUEST
SERVICE RESTORED
ON C. H. AND B. LINE

Many Complaints Made and Agreement Said To Be Broken.

The city council at the next session will probably pass a resolution, asking the Canadian Railway Commission to restore the service on the C. H. and B. line, which has been suspended since the strike of the Canadian Railway employees. The Commercial Travelers' Association is opposed to the present arrangement, as it is a detriment to a large number of business houses, and their representatives.

The board of trade here is against the cutting off of these trains, and will protest also. Individual concerns will also add complaints so that the commission will have to take cognizance of the situation. The latter body has the power to deal with the complaints. The railway asked for certain trains to be cut off. The commission agreed to this, or a understanding that if hereafter the railway suspended the service, the matter could be opened up again.

In the meantime, search is being made for the agreement between the city and the C. H. & B. It would seem that when the city of London, subsidized the road to the extent of \$1,000 a mile, an arrangement was made for two trains a day each way. This agreement, if it exists, has been violated, and the city will demand the company to the promised service.

The matter will be dealt with very shortly, as the complaints are becoming numerous.

DEAD CHINAMAN
WORTH \$100,000

Toronto Celestial Called Richest Member of Colony There.

Toronto, Jan. 27.—After an illness of about three weeks, Lee Jim, aged 62, one of Toronto's richest Chinese, died at the Toronto General Hospital this morning. His estate is reported by Lloyd's Chinese colony estimate his wealth at upwards of \$100,000. Deceased came to this city about twenty years ago.

D. banding Leagues
of Greek Reservists

Tino, by Royal Decree, Ending One Source of Anarchy to Entente.

Athens, Tuesday, Jan. 23.—Via London, Jan. 27.—(Clayton).—King Constantine today issued a royal decree, dissolving the leagues of reservists.

Kept Body For Months To Prove Murder Alibi

Northern Trapper Afloat to Bury Dead Partner, Who Died From Pneumonia.

Prince Albert, Sask., Jan. 27.—(Clayton).—A body, which had been kept for months in a secret place, was today taken to the funeral of a man who died from pneumonia.

Back From Three-Year Arctic Murder Hunt

Mounted Police Inspector Returns From Fruitless Journey to Avenge Explorer's Death.

Regina, Sask., Jan. 27.—Inspector Beys, who left Regina about three years ago on a trip to the north in search of the Eskimo murderers of Radford and Street, the two American explorers, returned to the city yesterday.

During their long journey they located several isolated bands of Eskimos, but nowhere were the murderers of Radford and Street to be found. Inspector Beys and his men returned to the Hudson Bay coast and worked their way southward to Port Nelson, from where the inspector made the overland trip by dog-sleigh to Prince Albert.

American Troops In Mexico Treking North

Big Movement Toward Border Reported in Messages Received at Juarez.

Juarez, Mex., Jan. 27.—American troops were marching out of Colonia Dajalon toward the border at 7 o'clock this morning, according to a message received at Juarez.

The message did not give the extent of the troop movement, but it was predicted that the entire force would be on the northward before nightfall.

GERMAN CLERGYMAN ARRESTED
IN PLOT TO DESTROY DEPOTS
FOR RUSSIAN AMMUNITION

With Swedish Count and German Engineer, He Tried To Smuggle Explosives as "Preserved Fruit" Over Finnish Border.

Stockholm, Sweden, Jan. 27.—Via London.—The Aftonbladet says the authorities at Vittandi, on the Finnish frontier, have arrested a party of four for attempting to smuggle nitro-glycerin and other explosives, as well as dynamite, across the border for the purpose of blowing up the Russian ammunition depots at Skibotten and Rovaniemi. The police seized more than 400 pounds of explosives packed in tins labelled "Preserved Fruit." The men arrested, the newspaper says, include a Swedish count, a German clergyman, and a German engineer.

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Retail Price Level in Britain Shows Advance of War.

London, Jan. 27.—The level of retail food prices has advanced 84 per cent since the war began on twenty leading articles of daily use, according to the board of trade returns just issued. As compared with prices in December, 1915, they showed an average advance of 29 per cent. The price of meat increased during the year by about 25 per cent. Potatoes were considerably more than double the price of a year earlier. Granulated sugar, eggs and cheese were dearer by 40 per cent, 55 per cent, and 20 per cent, respectively. For flour, bread, milk, butter, bacon, and fish, increases ranged from 19 to 27 per cent were recorded. The price of margarine advanced during the year by 14 per cent. Tea alone, among the articles included in the returns, remained practically unchanged in price.

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VERDUN BATTLE FOR HILL 304
RESUMED BY FRENCH

BEAT BACK FOE
ON RIGA FRONT
WITH BIG LOSS

Russians Frustrate Attempt To Bend Back Kalnizem Line.

BERLIN HAS AN ALIBI

Explains That Allied Forces Have Reinforced Lines at River Aa.

Petrograd, Jan. 27, via London.—An attempt by the Germans to press back the Russian line in the vicinity of Kalnizem, in the Riga region, was frustrated by the Russians yesterday, the war office announced today. The statement reads:

"Western front: After a heavy bombardment of our trenches east of the Kalnizem road, towards Chok (west of Riga), the Germans attacked our detachment, which was beaten back, suffering great losses.

"In the region of the Mitau highroad we liberated gas, causing a great panic in the German lines.

"Russian front: There is no change in the situation.

"Caucasus front: There is nothing to report of importance."

REINFORCED, SAY GERMANS.

Berlin, Jan. 27.—Via Saville.—The German front in the Riga region has been reinforced by the German army, says today's war office, which reads:

"Front of Archduke Joseph: Between the Kalnizem and the Putna valleys, German and Austro-Hungarian raiding detachments took 100 prisoners from the enemy.

"A group of Field Marshal von Scholtz's troops have been no important events.

"Russian front: There is nothing important to report."

KAISER TO REWARD
AIDE WHO PLOTTED
AGAINST CANADA

Will Promote 'Frisco Consul Sent to Pen.

HAILED BY COUNTRYMEN

Convicted Dynamiter Given Enthusiastic Reception by Fellow-Germans.

San Francisco, Jan. 27.—Franz Bopp, a German consul-general here, recently convicted of neutrality violations and sentenced to three years' imprisonment, will be given "promotion" on his return to Germany, according to a declaration made here by Enrich Zepf, acting German consul-general, to a large crowd of Germans gathered to-night to celebrate Emperor William's birthday.

Bopp received an enthusiastic reception from his countrymen when he took the platform to introduce Zepf, his successor. The latter thanked them for the reception they had given Bopp and assured them that promotion awaited his predecessor.

When Zepf later took the platform, he said that Bopp had nothing to say.

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THOUGHT MISSING,
BUT NOW REPORTED
KILLED IN ACTION



CORP. JOHN R. HENDERSON.

GOOD YANKEE, BUT
HE WANTS ANOTHER
CRACK AT GERMANS

Wounded C. E. F. Soldier Is Eager For More Service.

APPEAL TO CANADIANS

"Send On Plenty of Reinforcements," Says American Who Lost Arm.

Montreal, Jan. 27.—A number of wounded Americans, who have served with Canadian Highland battalions at the front, and have been wounded, are in Montreal today on their way home.

Two of the men had had interesting experiences. Pte. R. A. Wilson, of Philadelphia, enlisted with the 12nd Highlanders of Montreal in 1915.

Wilson got hit by shrapnel in the right hand and left leg at Ypres last March, but after a couple of months in hospital he went back again.

Ypres. There he was caught by a high explosive shell and partly buried, being left in the field for a day and a half before he could be taken back.

"I'm a good Yankee," said Wilson, "but I wish I could go back to take another crack at the Germans."

Pte. W. L. Cutler, Pittsburgh, joined the 52nd Battalion. His regiment was badly mauled at Ypres, and then had still harder fighting at the Somme, having lost two commanding officers in the process. The regiment was badly cut up, and was reinforced several times, once by companies of Canadian Japs.

Cutler at the Somme was hit three times in the arm and once in the chest, when a machine gun got his right arm. He was captured, but was paroled to have it amputated.

"All we Americans who have joined in this fight have one thing in common, we want to see the Germans back to their own homes," said Cutler.

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LOOKS LIKE PEACE?

Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 27.—Lying in rocks close to the international line, five miles south of Ruby, Arizona, 40 members of the 1st Cavalry, commanded by Lieut. Arns, were keeping up an incessant fire at Mexican soldiers who were returning to the line.

The Mexicans were returning to the line, and the Americans were from the Carranza garrison at Sasabe.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 27.—American troops started north from the field where the Carranza garrison was destroyed today, according to reports from Columbus, N. M., brought there early today by passengers arriving overland. The troops which left were believed to be the advance guard of the punitive expedition.

Villa followers were moving in the wake of the American expeditionary forces, and were ready to meet them at San Joaquin and Chacra, according to a report received here from previously established sources.

The Carranza garrison there, consisting of 100 soldiers, engaged the enemy, and after a short fight, the Carranza garrison was destroyed.

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RUSSIAN FRUSTRATE GERMAN MOVE
TO BEND LINE AT KALNZEM

11-HOUR BATTLE
GIVES ROMANIAN
TROOPS VICTORY

Desperate Fighting in Kasino Valley Ends in Invaders' Defeat.

PROGRESS IN MOLDAVIA

Statement Issued From Temporary Capital Heralds News of Successes.

Jassy, Rumania, Jan. 27.—Via London, Jan. 27.—

Rumanian troops the last two weeks have made substantial progress in Moldavia, the war office announces. The following statement, covering the period of January 12-26, was issued here today:

"On the western frontier of Moldavia, up to and including the Oituz Valley, there have been only infantry patrol actions.

"In the Kasino Valley our troops attacked the enemy and, in spite of severe cold and heavy snow, succeeded, after eleven hours of desperate fighting, in driving him south of the Kasino and Suchitza Valleys."

VILLA FOLLOWERS
MOVE IN WAKE OF
RETIRING TROOPS

Bandit's Forces Chase Americans Moving To North.

NO OPPOSITION OFFERED

Carranza Garrisons Move Out as Soon as U. S. Soldiers Go To Border.

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HILL 304 OBJECTIVE
OF VIGOROUS ATTACK
BY FRENCH FORCES

Defence Works of Germans Subjected To Intense Artillery Fire.

GUYNEMER'S 30TH WIN

Famous Aviator Adds Two More German Scalps Since Yesterday.

SAY ATTACK BROKE DOWN

German Version Says Fresh Assault On Captured Position Failed.

Paris, Jan. 27.—Vigorous artillery fighting occurred last night on the Verdun front, in the region of Eparges and Hill 304. In the German defence works were subjected to intense fire, the war office communication of today reports.

Five German aeroplanes were brought down.

"On the left bank of the River Meuse our artillery has directed a destructive fire upon the German forces in the sector of Hill 304. At Eparges the artillery firing was fairly spirited. A surprise attack was made by the enemy in this region failed under our fire. Another attempt upon minor positions at Massiges, near Champagne district, was easily repulsed.

"The night passed quietly on the remainder of the front.

Guynemer's 30th Machine. During the day of January 26, French scouting planes discovered a number of aerial attacks, during the course of which five aeroplanes of the enemy were brought down. Two of these machines fell in the region of Verdun, one north of Guynemer and the other near Montfalcon; two others were brought down at Trosley-Breuil, near Corcy, in the Oise, and a fifth machine, attacked by Lieut. Guynemer, was brought down near Doullens, and the aviators were made prisoners.

"It has been confirmed that during the day of January 25 the enemy airplane attacked by Lieut. Guynemer was destroyed by this pilot, near Guynemert. These two recent victories bring to 30 the number of aeroplanes of the enemy which Guynemer has vanquished up to the present time.

"On January 25 aeroplanes on January 25 bombed the railroad station and German military camps near Verdun, and heavy explosions resulted from this attack."

NEW FRENCH ATTACK.

Berlin, Jan. 27.—Via Saville.—A new attack was made by the French on the Verdun front, near Hill 304, early this morning, the war office reports. The text of the statement follows:

"Western front: Army of Grand Duke Albert of Wurttemberg—Southwest of Verdun a Belgian outpost of ten men was completely without loss to the captors. Army group of Grand Duke Albert, in the Oise, and a fifth machine, attacked by Lieut. Guynemer, was brought down near Doullens, and the aviators were made prisoners."

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700,000 SLAVES
ARE FORCED TO
WORK FOR HUNS

Invaded Regions of Northern France Are Depleted by Forced Labor.

NO DISTINCTIONS MADE

Age and Sex Ignored by the Enemy in Forcibly Enrolling Laborers.

Paris, Jan. 27.—Seven hundred thousand inhabitants in the invaded regions of the north of France are engaged in forced labor for the Germans, according to M. Dibudeville, the mayor of the town of Corchy, who has just arrived from the occupied region at Evian.

The mayor's estimate, he says, is based upon careful, serious calculation, taking as a basis the numbers of inhabitants personally known by him as having been taken from the communes in his region. Three hundred out of the 900 inhabitants of the village of Esmerly-Hallonne, declares, have been obliged to serve the German occupying force, the recalcitrants being either imprisoned or exiled to Germany. No distinctions are made as to age or sex in the choice of the forcibly enrolled laborers, M. Dibudeville says.

ALLIES' BLOCKADE
REDUCES GREECE TO
SCANTY RATIONS

Wheat Supply Exhausted, Rye Bread Alone Being Procurable.

London, Jan. 27.—New York Times Cable—According to the Daily Chronicle from Athens dated January 23, says:

"The blockade has now lasted fifty days and the Greek people are completely exhausted. Bread made entirely of rye. To-day the bread ration was reduced, and in the hotels and restaurants the bread ration was reduced to one-half of the normal ration. The people are suffering from lack of food."

As regards the English regulation of Greek merchant vessels, the proposition made has been accepted by the owners. The Greek Government is proceeding with the British Government with a view to exempt from regulation a sufficient number of vessels for the commercial needs of Greece herself. Transatlantic vessels are not included under the recent agreement. These will be the subjects, according to report, of another agreement.

18 KILLED AS FRENCH
TRAINS COME TOGETHER

Paris, Jan. 27.—Eighteen persons have been killed and fifty injured through a collision between two passenger Paris express and a freight train at Chateaufort.

RUMORS UNTRUE.

Berlin, Jan. 27.—Via Saville.—According to the latest reports from Berlin, says the Overseas News Agency, "rumors from French sources of the assassination of Prof. Dr. Schuler, leader of the Constitutional Democrats, are unfounded. Prof. Schuler left Petrograd in great haste, according to the latest news from the British embassy, where he had taken refuge."

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 13; lowest, zero.

The official temperature for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 10; lowest, 8 below.

TOMORROW—LIGHT SNOW.

Toronto, Jan. 27—3 a.m. Forecasts.

Today—Easterly winds with light snowfalls.

Sunday—A little higher temperature, with light snowfalls.