

City Council Decided to Demand Pure Gas Gas Company Promises Pure Gas To-morrow Air Raids on, and Bombardment of, Nancy

Another Cathedral is Destroyed by Germans

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Berlin, Jan. 25. (via London).—The Cathedral at Nieuport, says the German official statement issued this afternoon, has been destroyed by our artillery fire, as it was offering an excellent observation post.
Nieuport is a town of Belgium ten miles southwest of Ostend. The cathedral at Nieuport was built in the fifteenth century and restored in 1903. The church had a massive baroque tower. The roof of the church was made of modern timber. It contained a Gothic pulpit. Renaissance choir stalls and Rood loft, and a sculptured altar in the baroque style of 1630.

CITY OF NANCY IS BOMBARDED BY HUNS

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Paris, Jan. 25.—The city of Nancy was again bombarded this morning by long range German guns and this afternoon a number of bombs were dropped from German aeroplanes. The damages from the bombardment were inconsiderable and only two persons were wounded while the aeroplane attack is reported to have been without result.
It was announced from Paris in January that during the three preceding days six persons had been killed and ten wounded in Nancy as the re-

sult of a bombardment of the city by German 15-inch guns. Alarming rumors having circulated as to havoc caused by the bombardment and consequent panic among the inhabitants, the prefect of the department in which Nancy is situated, issued a circular discrediting the rumors. On the day mentioned, President Poincaré went to Nancy and passed the entire day there. As a precautionary measure the art works in the galleries of the city were removed to Troyes. Safe conducts were issued to 30,000 persons to leave the city on the occasion of the three days bombardment.

84th MEASURED TO STANDARD OF EFFICIENCY

Promptly at 9:15 this morning the portion of the 84th Battalion stationed at the armories, paraded on the gore at full strength. They were closely inspected by their company commanders, then the march to the Agricultural park was made.
In arrival at the park at about 9:30 the battalion formed up in line facing the main entrance, the officers in review order and the brass band twenty paces in rear of the centre of the line.
General Logie, G.O.C., and Division, and Captain Howland, D.I.O. of the Division, arrived on the 9:35 train and were whirled over to the review grounds in a taxi by Lieut.-Col. W. T. Stewart, Major Harvey and Capt. McNaught.
The general salute was given and flourish sounded as the General's car stopped. "God Save the King" was played by the band, while the soldiers presented arms, and a very impressive sight was registered.
The efficient, snappy drill of the men. The interior economy and administration were also in an excellent condition. In fact, the inspection was apparently so satisfactory to the Brigadier-General, that the rumors that the 84th would soon leave for overseas will be true.
During the inspection the soldiers were put through company, platoon, section and squad drill. The signals, machine gun section and scouts were also closely inspected.

General Logie Made Inspection of Battalion This Morning.

WELL PLEASED WITH RESULT

Soldiers Put Through Various Kinds of Drill in Good Order.

ANNUAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY AT Y. M. C. A.

In the month of January of last year, the idea of holding an annual Young Peoples' Society rally was inaugurated, and the first one very successfully held.
The second annual rally took place in the Y. M. C. A. last evening and was larger and better in every respect than the previous meeting. A very large crowd were in attendance, and it appeared that almost every large church in the city sent a goodly sized delegation. There were a couple of churches which could not be represented because of other activities in those churches. The crowd was very well handled and there was no congestion throughout the whole programme.
The guests were given a choice of three styles of amusement for the programme was a triple-headed one. Splendid motion pictures interested a fine audience in the lobby. Mr. Hutcheon, chairman of the Y. M. C. A. social committee, was the chairman, and he took control of the excellent entertainment.
In the gymnasium, the attraction was a junior basketball game between a visiting Hamilton team and the Colborne street team. Mr. J. W. Whittaker refereed the game, which ended in the score of 44-20 for Brantford.
The best entertainment was provided in the Y. M. C. A. swimming pool, where Messrs. George Mosley and Frank Woods gave their usual excellent exhibition of fancy swimming, diving and racing. A water polo game was also a feature. Altogether the evening was a huge success. That everyone enjoyed themselves is certain, from the manner in which the presidents of the various societies thanked the Y. M. C. A. authorities after the rally.

WARDEN HARRIS

Mr. Morgan Harris was this afternoon elected Warden of the County of Brant. For Evans—Pitts, Eddy, Evans.
For Harris—Rose, McCann, Greenwood, Scott, Aikins, Harris.
Reeve Burtis of Burford had left the room and did not vote.

SUFFERING SERBS WATCHING APPROACH OF MIGHTY TEUTONS



A POOR SERBIAN FAMILY, ANXIOUSLY WATCHING FOR THE APPROACH OF THE TEUTON INVADERS, WITH THE AID OF A PAIR OF FIELD GLASSES FOUND ON THE BATTLE FIELD, NEAR MONASTIR.

SOUTHERN SERBIAN TOWNS HELD BY THE ENEMY RAIDED FROM AIR BY FRENCH

Remnant of Montenegro's Troops are Now Falling Back, Fighting on Albania.

London—Monastir and Gievogli, southern Serbian towns held by the Teutonic allies have been attacked again by a squadron of French aeroplanes. Bombardment of Nancy, France, by the Germans has been renewed. Aside from these minor happenings the military situation is virtually unchanged. On the principal fronts, the great bulk of the armed millions remains inactive, with only aerial battles, big guns' bombardments and occasional thrusts, with small forces of infantry to break the monotony of the deadlock.
The French aerial raid was made by a squadron of 16 aeroplanes, some of which travelled 190 miles to attack the Teutonic defenses along the southern border of Serbia. It is estimated, unofficially, that 100 persons were killed or wounded at Gievogli. All the French machines returned safely.
LONG RANGE GUNS.
The bombardment of Nancy was carried on by German guns of long range, as was the case early this month, when for three days 15-inch projectiles were hurled into the city, killing six persons and wounding ten. On the present occasion the city apparently has fared less ill. Paris reports that only two persons were wounded. German aeroplanes also attacked the city, but inflicted little damage.
STILL FIGHTING.
The remnants of Montenegro's troops, driven from their own land, are falling back through Albania, fighting as they go. Apparently the main Montenegrin army as an organized unit has ceased to exist, for the cable reports speak of the present hostilities as guerrilla warfare. It is being waged in the mountains by detachments of poorly equipped troops, harassed by Austrian aeroplanes,

PURE GAS TOMORROW

The Brantford Gas Company has announced that, starting to-morrow, the only gas which will be supplied to the city will be the purified substance. The company wish it to be understood that this gas will in no wise meet the demand of the city, and so therefore citizens should make preparations to have other kind of fuel available, to provide for the expected shortage.

HARD FIGHTING IN CAUCASUS

Troops, 11,000 Feet High, Exposed to Fearful Blizzards.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
London, Jan. 25.—Difficulties experienced by the Russians in the Caucasus are described in an officer's narrative received at Petrograd.
"For weeks," the narrative says, "our column at the summit of Mount Erzerum, was exposed to blizzards which buried shelters fifteen feet under drifts and blew huts to pieces. Our position was most critical when at length we were ordered to march. A hurricane of furious proportions was raging when we began to descend the snow clad precipices. The men marched in single file and forced their way shoulder high through the snow. They visited the Vosges region on Sunday and Monday and spent some time in Alsatian villages. They returned by way of Belfort.
Henry Ford will cross the ocean again, and give his time and money to the cause of peace, if he is convinced he can be of any assistance to the Peace Board selected by his delegation.

Very Nearly a Bad Smash on the Paris to Galt Line

What might have been a very serious accident with big damages to the City occurred on the Paris to Galt end of the Municipal Railway on Saturday evening at about 5 o'clock.
A municipal car in charge of Motorman Cross and Conductor Harper was proceeding at a low rate of speed

about four miles this side of Galt when a spread rail caused the car to leave the track. By almost a miracle the wheels held to the ties for a distance of 300 feet and then came to a standstill. Had the outfit toppled over there would have been a terrible smash. As it was the few passengers on board received a bad scare, as did the motorman and conductor.

GERMANY MAKES ANOTHER OFFER ON LUSITANIA

New Proposals May Result in Satisfactory Ending of Trouble.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Washington, Jan. 25.—Secretary of State Lansing had before him to-day another written proposal from Germany designed to bring about a settlement of the controversy over the sinking of the liner Lusitania. It was submitted through Ambassador Von Bernstorff.
Although strict secrecy surrounds the negotiations it was indicated today that the proposal might result in a satisfactory ending to the long standing negotiations on the subject. It is understood that in the latest proposal Germany has agreed to eliminate from the text of the agreement any mention of the warning issued by the German embassy the day the Lusitania sailed, and has left out her proposed general reservation of admission of wrong-doing on the part of her submarine commander. These two points, it is understood, were contained in previous proposals and were strenuously objected to by President Wilson.

It was also said that in its latest proposal the Berlin Government makes some reference to a desire to see this country take action in regard to questions involving the freedom of the seas. Germany, it is said, reiterates that the torpedoing of the Lusitania, was an act of reprisal for the British blockade of the German coast. Regret is expressed for the loss of American lives and indemnity is offered. Attention is called to the fact that such forms of reprisal have been discontinued as the result of negotiations with the United States.

NEW SYSTEM IN FRENCH WAR OFFICE

Methods Decentralized and Brought Up to Date.

CUTTING DOWN LETTER WRITING

Heads of Departments to Meet For Discussion Twice a Week.

Paris, Jan. 25.—General Gallieni, the French minister of war, in pursuance of his policy of decentralizing and modernizing the methods of the war office administration, has issued a series of instructions which are regarded in Paris as revolutionary.
The general points out that the war department receives daily an average of 10,000 documents which have to be passed upon. The result has been a certain degree of confusion and difficulty in fixing responsibility. The minister and the principal officials whose energies should be devoted to giving impulsion to the whole machinery of the department are called upon to decide on questions of detail about which they can know nothing. As a first step, General Gallieni makes a clean sweep of that part of the red tape which consists in the obligation of the excessive letter writing and exaggerated formalities. He insists on the adoption throughout the army of methods similar to those in use in large business concerns. To break down the so-called "water tight compartments" which separate the different departments of the central administration, and thereby constitute a fruitful source of waste of time and energy, he orders that the heads thereof meet twice weekly to discuss and co-ordinate their work.
The minister further orders that greater initiative be left to subordinate officials. District authorities will henceforth be empowered to make contracts which do not involve more than 200,000 francs and to sign or renew leases, on their own authority within certain limits. For the purpose of reducing the number of soldiers employed as clerks, he has given instructions that the use of typewriters be made general in the department.
Many laws governing army administration date back fifty years and are not in an adequate relation to present conditions. General Gallieni has announced his intention, wherever he may deem desirable, to request parliament to repeal or amend these laws.

H. LAMBROOKE, 25 MURRAY ST., KILLED BY TRAIN

Body Found This Morning Near the First Toll Gate.

At nine o'clock this morning the police were notified of the finding of a dead body on the G. T. R. tracks about half way between the city limits and the first toll gate on the Paris road. It was Mrs. Carlyle, a resident of that neighborhood, who telephoned to the police.
The police patrol wagon was immediately dispatched and after Coroner Fisette had examined the body it was removed to H. B. Beckett's undertaking parlors. Upon examination it was found that he had met his death when struck by an outbound freight train sustaining a fractured skull and a previously broken arm, again broken.
His name was found to be Henry Lambrooke, of 25 Murray street. He was 33 years of age.
He had left his home for some unknown reason yesterday and had been missing all day.
An inquest will be held.

Want No Opposition.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Berlin, Jan. 25.—At a meeting of delegates representing the Socialist party for the Hamburg district to-day a resolution was adopted by a large majority expressing disapproval of the action of the Reichstag, which voted against the war credit.
The Frontier Steamship Company has sold to M. A. Hanna and Co., of Cleveland, five steel freight steamships for \$9,000,000.

U. S. PROTESTS TO G. T. BRITAIN

"Trading With the Enemy" Act Not Popular in America.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Vigorous opposition to Great Britain's trading with the enemy act, is lodged in representations the United States is sending to the British Foreign Office. The communication has been prepared for transmission, following the receipt of the text of the act from Ambassador Page. Although the representations do not take the form of a protest for the reason that the act is limited in its immediate operation to British subjects, strenuous objection is directed against any attempt to apply the legislation to American trade. The United States contends that the proposed interference with trade is illegal and that it would be impossible to successfully aim a blow at Germany without doing grave injustice to American commerce.

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