

Members of the  
Audit Bureau of  
Circulation

THIRTY-EIGHTH YEAR

# THE NEWS RECORD

KITCHENER (FORMERLY BERLIN) ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1917.

PROBS

THURSDAY: Fair and a little  
colder.

EIGHT PAGES PRICE TWO CENTS

## THE ALLIES BIG CAPTURES DURING THE YEAR 1916

### Activity Resumed on Verdun Front

FRENCH PATROLS WERE  
ACTIVE

PARIS, Jan. 2.—The artillery was rather active north and south of the Somme in the region of Louvroy and Verdun around Dead Man's Hill and Bezonvaux and also in Champagne, says today's communiqué. From the Verdun front, the French patrolled very close and brought in prisoners.

### Two More Steamers Have Been Sunk

BELONGING TO FOUR DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Lloyd's shipping agency announces the British steamer *Hollyhock*, thirty-five hundred tons, and the Norwegian steamer *Erica* have been sunk. The Swedish steamer *Goodwill* and the French sailing ship *Alcedo* also are reported sunk.

### Export of Coal to Norway Prohibited

WHICH DID NOT FULFIL ITS  
OBLIGATIONS

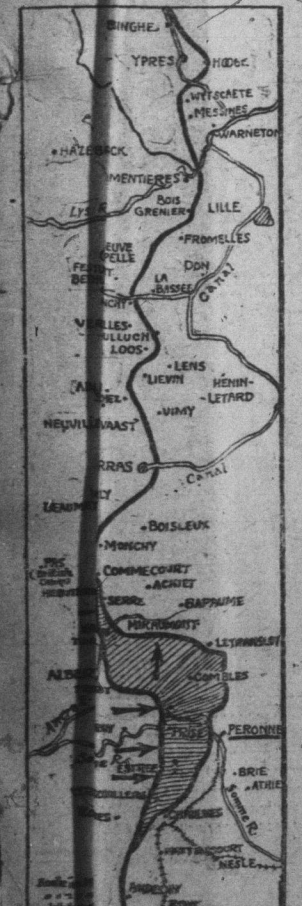
LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Norwegian newspapers quoted in the Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen say the British Government has prohibited the export of coal to Norway because the unsatisfactory manner in which certain obligations were fulfilled by Norway.

The bullet which appeared in the News Record window yesterday afternoon and which contemporary mentions as being "of the enemy" was even greater prominence than any other dispatch. In fact it was a three line double column capture while the other items were set in double column. The inference is obvious.

### 118th Bn. Concert To-morrow Evening

Fine Program Arranged.

In another column will be found the program to be rendered by the 118th Band of the Grand Theatre, to-morrow, Tuesday evening. A glance at the numbers should prove sufficient inducement to attract all lovers of music to the concert. When at Camp Borden the 118th Band had no superior, and the headmen have indulged such practice lately a rare treat in store for all who attend. Give the boys a good house.



FRONT EXTENDED.  
England state that the British front now has 100 miles and extends to the Somme.

### Leakage Has Been Repaired

Company Sells One Generator

The cause of the escaping vapors of steam on West King and Caggle Streets has been removed although vapors of steam are still to be seen. The reason of the steam was a break in the water main on King Street, which gushed out in such quantities that the log down pipe of the heating company could not take care of it. The contact of the water with the hot steam-pipes resulted in the evaporation of the water, and the steam rolled out in dense clouds.

In conversation with Mr. Soucy, manager of the heating plant, it was pointed out that the water from the city's main had done considerable damage to the log-pipes, which necessitated a drying out of the same. The effect of the leak, Mr. Soucy said, also drew on the boilers, which necessitated more coal on the city's main. The situation was at its worst. This effect was seen on the receding pressure apparatus, the wavy, red lines being indicative of the vibration in the pipes.

It seems that the leak had existed for about two months. The surface of water in the ground had become so great in the neighborhood that steam came forth which with the water was a nuisance to the property owners. The city voiced a complaint and communications between the two corporations followed, the company claiming there was a leakage of water and that they were not responsible for the steam.

Mr. Soucy states the company will require remuneration from the city for the damages caused to the part of the system.

Generator Sold  
The 320 h.p. engine and electric generator of the plant, one of two formerly used by the street railway is being removed and will be shipped to the purchasers in Philadelphia, Pa.

### Make A Clean Sweep

Burglars Take Everything Portable  
From Toronto Residence

Toronto Jan. 1.—On Sunday while J.M. Bullen and his wife of 91 Clendennan avenue were dining at the house, burglars entered their home and removed everything portable. Jewelry, silverware, etc., to the value of several hundred dollars were taken and the thieves did not overlook two pounds of butter in the refrigerator.

The electric light fixtures were stripped from the walls and ceilings and before leaving the burglars served themselves a hearty meal.

### Window Again Broken Early This Morning

At 12.40 o'clock this morning a soldier passing down King Street paused long enough in front of The News Record to hurl a brick through the plate glass in the front office window. The moment he had done so, he ran off up King Street.

A constable standing at the corner of King and Queen streets, heard the crash and, seeing the soldier running set off in pursuit. He followed him into a cafe, but as there were about 30 soldiers there it was impossible for him to locate the offender.

A civilian, who saw the act, accompanied the police to the depot at 2.30 a.m. and found the offender among the soldiers gathered there to return to London on the 2.07 train.

### Gen. Haig Thanks London Officer

GEN. MACDONNELL PLANNED  
AND EXECUTED COURCELETTE'S  
CAPTURE.

Major-Gen. A. H. Macdonnell, D. S. O. C. M. G., who has the rank of colonel of the local military headquarters staff at the outbreak of war, has been warmly commended by Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, the British commander on the western front, for his work in connection with the capture of Courcellette, according to a letter received from Gen. Macdonnell by Mayor Church, of Toronto, a personal friend of the officer.

Major-Gen. Macdonnell, who was last summer promoted from the rank of lieutenant-general, was in command of the brigade which captured Courcellette, and had the honor of marching into the fallen town at the head of his brigade. Gen. Macdonnell was warmly complimented by Gen. Haig on his plan of attack, which necessitated the capture of 3,000 yards of territory in No Man's Land, being about the first open fighting of any account since trench warfare was adopted, France, Canada.

In writing to Mayor Church, Gen. Macdonnell warmly commends the bravery of the Canadians and their cheerfulness under all circumstances. He says they are eager to get to get at the Germans, and says that confidence in victory permeates all ranks.

Major-Gen. Macdonnell went over



THE MEANING OF GERMANY'S "PEACE TERMS." These two maps reproduced from the London City Hall, speak for themselves. The two maps are each approximately 3 1/2 columns wide, the two making a good seven col. layout.

seas with the first contingent in the capacity of a headquarters officer. He had a brilliant career in the front and has won the C. M. G. He won the D. S. O. in the South African campaign and was frequently mentioned in despatches. He is regarded as one of the ablest officers ever connected with the staff. For a time prior to his elevation to the rank of general he was in command of the Royal Canadian Regiment in France. He is a brother of Mr. Claude Macdonnell, M.P. of Toronto, and a cousin of Sir J. Gen. A. C. Macdonnell, D. S. O., of the Strathcona Horse, who is also a distinguished career in the present war.

### Peace Negotiations Are Not Obtainable

GERMANY'S DUTY TO DISCLOSE  
HER TERMS.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—(Continued) on the entente's reply to the German peace proposal, the Amsterdam Telegram, according to a Reuter dispatch from that Holland says: Germany's maneuver to divide her enemies has completely failed. The entente's note bears witness to unanimity and solidarity only possible on a basis of the honest belief in the justice of their cause. The entire neutral world, with President Wilson at its head, must now agree that it is

impossible for the entente to enter into negotiations with Germany while she refuses to meet them on equal terms. The injustice of her invasion of Belgium.

The Amsterdam Telegram says: The German calculation that public opinion in the neutral states would turn in favor of the central powers, as a result of the German overtures, appears likely to prove false owing to the clever tactics of the allies. The contention of the German press, however, that the entente does not want peace, is incorrect. It is impossible to express an opinion of German peace conditions which nobody knows. The burden of responsibility has shifted: it is now Germany's duty to disclose her conditions.

### Allies Captured 585,000 Prisoners Last Year

Keeps About Thirty Austrian  
Divisions Engaged and Has  
Captured 1,200 Square Miles  
of Territory.

ON THE FRENCH FRONT IN FRANCE, Jan. 2.—During the course of last year, according to authoritative figures, 585,000 Germans were captured on the French front by the French and 40,800 by the British while in Serbia and Macedonia the entente

allied armies took 11,173 Bulgarians and Turks prisoners. During the same period the Italians made prisoner of 32,250 Austrians while the Russians captured more than 400,000 Germans and Austrians.

Rome Jan. 2.—From 30 to 43 Austrian divisions are kept engaged along the Italian front says an official communication issued to-day. The statement adds that since Italy entered the war she has conquered 1,200 square miles of territory shortening her war front from 500 to 375 miles with an aggregate of 1,875 miles of entrenched lines. War material is being manufactured by 2,179 factories employing 469,000 workers including nearly 73,000 women.

The Austrian prisoners now number 85,000 the statement asserts.

### HOPES U. S. WILL ALWAYS REMAIN BIG PROTECTORS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Gratitude for American assistance to the Belgians was conveyed to President Wilson in a New Year's message from King Albert of Belgium, received at the White House to-day. It gives them the hope that the United States will always remain a powerful protector of Belgium, concludes the message.

Another mysterious fire was covered yesterday at Pillsbury when S. Sifts on returning home at an early hour found a fire in the hay mow.

### The Registration Cards Are Being Signed

MEN ARE PROMPTLY SIGNING  
CARDS.

Busy Days At The Post Office.  
Two More Carriers.

The National Registration cards are being signed and promptly returned to the post office. All questions are being answered. Postmaster Bochner said this morning regarding the cards: A peep into the Post Office shows that the response to the call is prompt. The returns of the card to the office satisfactorily signed show that the work in this city will be completed in the allotted time. The local office is being kept busy taking care of the same.

While the holidays are over the mail is still coming in big proportions. Several boys are being employed to facilitate the work of the carriers. The two additional men have begun their duties and in the near future it is expected that there will be taken on.

Word was received at Barrie that Major Holford Arden of the 12th Battalion had met with an accident and fractured his skull at Bramshill.

### Curtail Passenger Service To End Freight Trouble

G.T.R. AND C.P.R. GIVEN PER-  
MISSION TO TAKE OFF  
TRAINS

TORONTO, Jan. 2.—The congestion of freight at various points on the Niagara frontier, is assuming such alarming proportions that Sir Harry La Drayton, chairman of the Dominion Railway Commission, has authorized the G.T.R. and C.P.R. to curtail their passenger service in order to provide extra motive power and train crews for freight service.

Passenger and traffic officials of both lines assembled to Montreal yesterday to discuss the situation generally and to make certain recommendations to the railway commission, in connection with the various divisions of the systems upon which the passenger service can be reduced without directly inconveniencing the traveling public.

### Must Move Munitions

Sir Harry Drayton has also instructed the railway officials that the movement of munitions must be carried on punctually with as little delay as possible. In asking the railways to curtail the passenger train service Sir Harry Drayton urged that in reaching a conclusion the officials should endeavor to jointly equalize the new schedules on corresponding divisions, upon which certain trains will be dispensed with temporarily. At present it looks as though both railways will possibly dispense with six or 10 trains on the Toronto division, with a reduction of the through passenger train service between Toronto and Montreal.

Trains will also be taken off the Hamilton and Leppan divisions and the service will probably be reduced on the Teeswater and Lindsay-Peterboro lines.

On the different branch lines, where there is a double and triple service it is quite likely that only one train a day will be operated under the proposed change of service.

### Assists Innocent Aliens

QUAKER COMMITTEE IN ENG-  
LAND AIDS DISTRESS  
ENEMIES THERE.

LONDON.—So far as known here, England is the only one of the countries at war which supports a charitable committee for the help of enemies' distress. Yet such is the "Emergency Committee for the Assistance of German, Austrian, and Hungarian Distress."

This society was formed by members of the Religious Society of Friends to aid "innocent alien enemies in Great Britain rendered destitute by the war," and its report for the last fiscal year shows that nearly \$100,000 was contributed and disbursed. Membership is not confined to the Quakers for the Archbishop of Canterbury, the head of the Church of England, and the Bishops of Leitchfield and Lincoln, as well as Viscount Bryce, Lord Haldane, formerly Minister for War, and several members of Parliament and ministers of Protestant churches are among its supporters.

The committee maintains a regular call and enter sympathetically into the heavy difficulties that continually arise.

### Hydro Power Development Legislation

WILL BE FORTHCOMING NEXT  
SESSION

TORONTO, Jan. 2.—Legislation authorizing the hydro municipalities to assume liability for the cost of the proposed new Chippewa-Croqueton power development and thus ultimately become owners of the plant upon which the same terms as those under which the transmission lines will become the property of the municipalities, is to be introduced in the legislature next session.

That is the substance of the assurance given by Premier Hearst and Hon. I. B. Lucas to-day in commenting upon the tremendous majority rolled up in favor of municipal ownership and control of the development through the Hydro-Electric Commission.

### Premier Pleased

"I was certainly pleased with the vote," said the prime minister, "showing as it does the desire of the municipalities interested in the development of the Chippewa-Croqueton scheme authorized by the Government. The vote shows that the municipalities are strongly in favor of that development. Just how the development may be financed is a matter of detail that can be worked out in harmony with the views of the municipalities."

"Undoubtedly legislation will be introduced authorizing the municipalities to enter into agreements with the Hydro-Electric Commission as regards their share of the liability for the development," said Hon. Mr. Lucas.

Sir Robert Gordon will be unable to attend the funeral of Montreal of the late Hon. T. J. Chase, Canadian, owing to a slight indisposition.

National Service meetings will be held this week in Halifax and St. John N.B., presided by Hon. Mr. Hagen and R.B. Bennett, M.P.



FRENCH MAYOR BINDS WOUNDS OF AN INJURED GERMAN IN A FARMHOUSE COURTYARD. The incident took place in a farmhouse courtyard. The fact that the German is wounded on the battlefield, his status in the eyes of the French spectators and they treat him not as an enemy but as one of their own. They see just a wounded man, and his life is saved as if he were one of their own boys.