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RUSSIAN TROOPS CONTINUE HOT PURSUITS OF REMNANTS OF THE TURKISH ARMY

Russian Advance Guard Within Thirty Miles of Trebizond--Turks Prepare to Evacuate That City--Chaotic Conditions in Bulgaria--Large German Banks in Financial Straits--Germany Admits That Britain Now Dominates Roumania.

RUSSIAN ADVANCE WITHIN 30 MILES OF TURKS WILL EVACUATE SEAPORT OF TREBIZOND.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 23.—An official despatch says the Russian forces continue their pursuit of remnants of the Turkish army. The Russian advance guard is now within sight of Rizeh, thirty miles from Trebizond. The Turks are reported to have emptied Trebizond of all valuables.

GERMANS AND BULGARIANS FIGHT AMONG THEMSELVES.

SALONIKI, Feb. 23.—Chaotic conditions exist in Bulgaria arising from the ill-feeling of the Bulgarian people toward the Germans. A fight has occurred at Philippopolis between Germans and Bulgarians resulting in several deaths.

LARGE GERMAN BANKS IN TROUBLE.

GENEVA, Feb. 23.—Reports received from Germany indicate that the principal banks in the chief towns on the Rhine and also in Munich and Dresden are in serious financial difficulties.

BRITAIN SAID TO DOMINATE ROUMANIA.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 23.—Berlin despatches admit that Britain now controls Roumania and that Germany is anxious as to the outcome.

EMBASSY ISSUES DENIAL OF MUTINY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The British embassy has issued a denial of the wireless reports from Berlin of a mutiny of Indian troops in Egypt.

GERMANS TAKE WOOD IN DRIVE ABOVE VERDUN.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—In addition to capturing 100 yards of front line trenches from the French in Artois in the course of the night, the Germans today occupied the Hautmont wood and the salient which formed the French line to the north of Beaumont, the region north of Verdun. This advantage was gained through an attack on the front on both banks of the Meuse, between Brabant and L'Herbebois. Both flanks were firmly held by the defenders in a series of extremely vicious infantry actions. Before they launched their attack, the Germans violently bombarded the French front in a stretch of several miles. Another attack of the Germans which was on the verge of being launched at a point in the French lines northwest of Fromezoy, was checked by French barrier fires. A heavy snowfall checked activities in Artois today.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Special despatches from Petrograd say that the Turks are evacuating Trebizond, the Russian advance along the Black Sea now being a day's march from the port of Rizeh. A considerable force of Turks from Erzerum is hastening toward Rizeh in the hope of finding the coast road open to Trebizond. The Russians are moving rapidly to cut off this force. The only route now left open to the Turks retreating westward is Kharput, the despatches say, from where they might strike southeastward and join the Turkish Bagdad forces by way of Diarbekr.

A German train carrying guns and munitions to the Novo Alexandrovsk positions was wrecked and blown up a few days ago.

NEW COMMANDER FOR GERMAN FLEET.

BERLIN, Feb. 23.—It is announced that Vice-Admiral Reinhardt Sheer has been appointed commander of the German battle fleet in succession to Admiral Von Post who is retiring on account of ill health.

LORD CECIL AS MINISTER OF BLOCKADE.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Lord Robert Cecil, parliamentary under-secretary for foreign affairs today attended his first cabinet meeting as minister of blockade.

DUTCH TANK STEAMER GOES TO BOTTOM.

ROTTERDAM, Feb. 23.—The Dutch tank steamer Tanager belonging to the American Petroleum Co., sank on her voyage from New York to this port. The second engineer and a seaman have reached here.

DIFFICULT TO SEE END OF WAR STRUGGLE SAYS RUSSIAN MINISTER.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 23.—Addressing the Duma today foreign minister Sazanoff optimistically revised the war situation; but declared it was more difficult now than ever before to foresee the end of the world struggle.

CLAIMS ROGERS TRIED TO STOP MANITOBA INVESTIGATION.

REGINA, Feb. 23.—Hon. A. J. Calder, provincial minister of railways speaking in the legislature last night declared that Hon. Robert Rogers approached him a few months ago for the purpose of inducing him to use his influence to call off the investigations which were being continued in Manitoba into the administration of the Roblin government. Mr. Calder's statement created a sensation.

Belleville Platoon 80th Overseas Battalion, C.E.F.

The 80th Battalion has received word that their departure for overseas service will be delayed until such time as they are recruited up to full strength, 50 more men are required to complete the establishment and the Commanding Officer has decided to organize a Belleville Platoon, which will be known as the "Pals' Platoon."

Now is the time for every loyal young man in Belleville who wishes to do his bit and get overseas, immediately to come forward and fill up this Platoon.

This is an exceptional opportunity for any man to step out and add his name to the long list of Belleville's roll of honor.

RECRUITING IS IN FULL SWING

Recruiting officers are everywhere about town today. The 155th and the 80th are both hustling for soldiers. Col. Ketcheson of the 80th today in-

stituted a whirlwind campaign for recruiting 50 men as it is necessary for the unit to be full strength before it is possible to go overseas. It is hoped the young men of Belleville who are eligible but have not enlisted will avail themselves of this opportunity and enable the 80th to gratify their wish of being included in the 14 bat-

talions chosen to go overseas.

Major R. D. Poston is in the city today inspecting the orderly room of the 155th.

Eighteen recruits were enlisted in Belleville yesterday for the 155th. These are: all city men.

Col. Adams and Col. Ketcheson will attend the funeral tomorrow morning at Lindsay of Col. Hopkins who was killed in an auto accident in England.

Bridge Street recruiting office of the 155th has been productive of much good. Since Saturday 27 men have been enlisted by Capt. Willis, who is assisted by Capt. Homan. They report that the recruiting men are receiving great encouragement.

Among the 27 recruits are the well known Belleville young men—

Harry Burke
Thos. J. Smith
Owen O'Brien
John Braden
They are out today looking for recruits.

Returns of the K.C.I.—Belleville Junior match at Kingston will be announced at the 155th recruiting office on Bridge Street tonight. The band will be in attendance.

The 80th Battalion marched out on Monday with the band on a recruiting march.

PATRIOTIC LADY SERENADED BY THE EIGHTIETH

Yesterday afternoon the 80th Battalion accompanied by its excellent band marched to 135 Ann St., to the home of Mrs. Rebecca Thompson, as a recognition of her services in knitting 116 pairs of socks for the soldiers. Col. Ketcheson advanced to the door and in a brief speech informed Mrs. Thompson that the 80th Battalion was proud of the loyal work she had been accomplishing for the men in the trenches and they thought it was only fitting that they should in some formal way show their appreciation of her splendid efforts to do what she could to promote the British cause.

Mrs. Thompson was completely surprised and in her modesty said she did not feel worthy of so much honor. She hoped all the boys of the 80th would be spared to return home.

As she and Col. Ketcheson stood in the doorway the band played several patriotic selections.

After several rousing cheers for Mrs. Thompson the battalion resumed its march.

Mrs. Thompson is 78 years of age. She not only has done all this knitting but does all the household work as she is her son's housekeeper.

This gallant tribute to her has indeed been worthily earned.

Renfrew Hotel Made Profit Above All Expenses

RENFREW, Feb. 23.—At its annual meeting yesterday the Renfrew Hotel Company, which has for a few years been conducting a temperance hotel of a high standard, reported that although there are now in Canada 3,000 fewer commercial travellers on the road than before the war, and although the hotel has had to do with the loss of the home bar, have of late been involved in financial difficulties, this company has more than held its own. There has been a small profit over and above all running expenses and interest charges. Total receipts exceeded cost of operation by about \$5,000. During the past two months, owing to new industrial developments in Renfrew, the accommodation of the hotel has been taxed to the utmost. W. E. Smallfield was re-elected President, J. M. Austin Vice-President and D. W. Budd, Sec.-Treas.

Hair Turns White From Awful Strain

Pte. William Milne, Formerly of Kingston, Has Hair Cropped.

An evidence that the life in the trenches has a telling effect on a man's nerves is shown in the fact that in many cases the men's hair has changed color.

One of the most recent cases to come to the notice of the British Whig is that of Pte. William Milne, Kingston, whose hair turned white as a result of the great strain which he has gone through on the western front.

Pte. Milne enlisted in a Montreal battalion and went to the front many months ago. He was only there a short time until his hair started to change color. Writing home to his parents here he spoke lightly of the matter but it has since been discovered that his hair is white. Before enlisting his hair was red. It is understood that Pte. Milne had his hair clipped off and the doctors expect that it will regain its original color in time. Before leaving Kingston, Pte. Milne was employed as a tinsmith with Elliott Bros.

Khaki Wedding at Christ Church

The marriage of William B. Blair of the 80th Battalion and Miss Amy K. Phillips of this city took place on Monday night at 8 o'clock in Christ Church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Blagrove, rector of the church, in the presence of a number of friends of the bride and groom. The groom was supported by Mr. John A. Phillips of the 155th Batt. while Miss A. Phillips assisted the bride who was given away by her mother, Mrs. W. Dilnutt of Turnbull St. Their many friends who took a short drive to the church were present.

GALT CURLERS WINNERS FROM BELLEVILLE

Belleville curlers who won the District Cup were put out of the running in the first round of the final competition in Toronto yesterday. Galt was the victorious rink.

Galt
W. L. Anderson 30
G. T. Hamilton 13

Total 43
Belleville
C. J. Symons 18
J. W. Davison 12

Total 29
Majority for Galt 14 shots

In the afternoon Owen Sound defeated Galt 31 to 25

80TH BAND TO GO ON TOUR

After their concert at Belleville, the 80th band will go out for a few days on a concert tour. The dates so far arranged are—

Brookville, March 1
Smith's Falls, March 2
Ottawa, March 3
Kingston, March 6
Napanee, March 7
Picton, March 8

All these concerts are under the patronage of Gen. Hughes. But the concert at Ottawa will be under the patronage of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught who will attend in person.

NINETY YEARS OLD TODAY

Mrs. James Reid, Charles St., is today receiving the congratulations of her numerous friends upon having reached the ninetieth milestone in life's journey. Notwithstanding her advanced age she enjoys the best of good health and the fullest mental vigor. She is by her own request spending the day quietly with her daughter, at the home of Miss Smith on Charles street, where they have for some time resided.

Mrs. Reid is a sister of Sir Mackenzie Bowell, who is nearly three years her senior.

She has four sons and two daughters living. Mr. C. M. Reid of the Biltmore Company is her youngest son. Her husband, who passed away some 25 years ago, was the deputy postmaster of this city.

Mrs. Reid was a native of England and was born in the village of Walsingham-Willows, Suffolk County, on Feb. 23, 1826. She came to Canada with her father when quite young and has lived ever since in and near Belleville.

Died at Ripe Old Age

One of the oldest born residents of Prince Edward died yesterday in the person of Mrs. Jane Augusta Redner, who passed away at the age of ninety years and eight months at her home in the second concession of Ameliasburg. Death was due to general debility. She leaves to mourn her loss two sons and one daughter—M. B. Redner, Ameliasburg, G. A. Redner, Wainipeg, and Mrs. Sarah E. Minaker of Rossar, Manx. Deceased lived all her life in Prince Edward. She was a Methodist in religion. The remains will be buried at Albury.

Juniors Look to Win From K.C.I.

"We are going to win tonight," said Manager R. Amott this morning of the match of the Belleville Juniors with the Kingston Collegiate in the Locomotive City tonight. The strength shown by the local boys in the third period on Monday night has put strength and courage into the local group and confidence in the outcome of tonight's battle. In place of Belleville's old strong defence man, Houghton, who is very ill, Manager Amott will have Lt. Ed. Elliott to play his position. This will throw Gunner Amott into his usual position on the forward line where he does his scoring. Whitehead is tonight's referee.

Belleville Rifle Club

The about last evening resulted in excellent scoring

W. J. Andrews 99	519
J. Dochow 99	519
J. C. Willis 99	519
G. V. Brown 99	519
Dr. Clarke 99	519
A. Hazen 99	519
E. Boyd 99	519
J. B. Cook 99	519
C. J. Willis 99	519
R. Tannahill 99	519

ALL SINGLE MEN ARE ON THE KING'S SERVICE

Magnificent Record of Belleville Rifle Association—Almost Every Member Now With the C.E.F. Has Been Promoted.

Belleville Rifle Association has an enviable record in its service to the Empire. Organized in March 1915, through the efforts of Sergeant J. E. Houghton, 155th Battalion, its career although short has been a remarkable one. It was but little over a year old when war broke out, but its members were ready to answer the call. Today with twenty-five men on active service, not an unmarried man remains in the organization, every one having gone to the front. Those left are all married men and majority of them are not eligible. Several of the fathers of families are drilling in the 15th Reserve Batt.

A roll of honor of the members who have enlisted has been prepared. The names of the soldiers are as follows: A. J. Stewart, 8th C.M.R.; F. Scriver, 8th C.M.R.; J. F. Croxson, 8th C.M.R.; Capt. A. D. Harper, 80th Battalion; L. R. McMullen, 80th Battalion; Dr. R. J. P. McCulloch, R.A.M.C.; Capt. V. M. Wilson, A.D.C.; Capt. F. L. McL. Fern, (abt) 26th Battalion; Chas. A. W. Thompson, 33rd Bateria; Sgt. T. Mahoney, (killed) 2nd Bati; E. D. O'Flynn, 2nd Battalion; J. O'Flynn, 2nd Battalion; L. F. Evans, 2nd Battalion; A. Houghton, 2nd Battalion.

The present officers of this club are: Pres.—H. Sneyd; Capt.—J. Dochow; Vice Capt.—W. J. Andrews; Secretary—D. J. Corrigan; Asst. Secretary—A. Harman; Committee—G. B. Smith, R. Tannahill, G. D. Gratton, A. R. Symons. All the recent shooting has resulted in high percentages of from 94 to 98—surely a phenomenal record.

The competition starts next Tuesday for the handsome cups presented by the Winchester Sporting Arms Co.

No military organization has yet accepted the challenge of the Rifle Association to a shoot.

An informal gathering of members of the Rifle Association met at the home of Mrs. Reid, Charles St., on Tuesday afternoon in the Masonic Hall for the purpose of conferring with Mr. Robert Cook, the member for North Hastings, on the question of Prohibition.

Although the meeting was not advertised or any public announcement made of it, between 50 and 60 were present.

After brief remarks by the chairman of the Central Committee for North Hastings, Mr. W. Macintosh, in which he stated the purpose of the meeting and gave information regarding the results of the canvass for signatures to the petition for prohibition, short but pointed addresses were given by Mr. W. Macintosh, Mr. A. Kincaid and Mr. H. Rollins in which each expressed what he believed to be the wishes of the people of North Hastings on the question at issue.

Mr. Cook gave an address in which after mentioning some of the improvements made in the License Act by the Government, dwelling with emphasis upon the appointment of the Provincial License Commission and the reforms made by that body, he said that he had signed the petition, and then in a clear manner stated that he was in accord with the opinions of those present and, without hesitation, pledged himself to use in the caucus and on the floor of the House all the influence he had to induce the government to introduce, at the next session of the Legislature, a Bill giving Prohibition to the Province, and, if that cannot be done, to refer the question to the electorate and by way of a referendum for decision.

Mr. Cook's pronouncement was received with pleasure, and a vote of thanks to him, moved by Rev. Dr. MacTavish and seconded by Mr. H. Rollins was adopted unanimously.

After the adoption of a similar vote to the committee for convening the meeting and for their labors in connection with the movement in favor of Prohibition, the conference was closed by singing the National Anthem.

The following statement gives the result of the canvass. It is not quite complete however, one or two reports not having yet been received.

Municipality	Votes Fought 1914	Votes on 1914	Votes on 1915
Madoc Township	408	519	560
Madoc Village	178	230	334
Elzevir & Grange	220	141	243
Limerick	67	38	49
Carleton Place	106	152	152
Thurston & Ouellet	106	152	152
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G. H. Stallworthy, Royal Engineers; E. W. Green, 155th Battalion; L. R. Brown, 155th Battalion; E. Houghton, 155th Battalion; W. B. Vandervoort, 155th Battalion; G. Bellamy, 155th Battalion; H. L. Wallace, 155th Battalion; H. McDowell, 155th Battalion.

One remarkable feature is that seven of the above hold commissions and nearly every other man is a non-commissioned officer. Arthur Stewart of the 8th C.M.R. has been promoted to musketry instructor in England. Every one has received a promotion.

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Body of Late J. M. Chislett Home

The remains of the late James M. Chislett arrived here last evening from Northampton, Ontario. The body was taken to his home at Belleville, where the funeral will be held tomorrow. Death was due to nephritis.