

THE FUTURE OF TRANS-CASPIAN RAILWAYS AND THE RUSSIAN ARMY

Turks Dislodged From Positions at Ardahan After Fierce Fighting and Sustain Heavy Casualties—Arrival of Reinforcements After Defeat at Lodz Turned Tide of Battle.

Petrograd, Jan. 4.—The following statement from the general headquarters of the Russian army in the Caucasus was issued tonight:

"The battle of Sari Kamysch (Trans-Caucasia) is still proceeding on our advantage. At sunrise January 3, our troops attacked Ardahan, and toward evening, after fierce fighting, the Turks were dislodged from their trenches, having sustained heavy casualties."

Berlin, Jan. 4. (via London, Jan. 5).—Heavy Russian reinforcements from Kiev were responsible for the recent change in the situation in Galicia, according to Leonard Adelm, the correspondent of the Tagblatt with the Austrians after their defeat at Lodz and their unsuccessful battle at Limanowa, the correspondent says, seemed on the point of being ejected from Galicia and retired behind the Vistula, but reinforcements, although

CHARLOTTE COURT HONORS PREMIER CLARKE

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Referring to provincial politics he said that although a political truce had been reached, the truce had been broken by the Liberals. They had refused to listen to the world of war and only listened to the words of partisan advantage. The Liberals had packed not of matters of this kind but had travelled up and down the country and as a result there had been a call for an election in the county of Carleton. The gentleman leading the opposition had seen the government so popular that since 1908 to 1912 no breath of suspicion had rested on the old government. The popularity of Mr. Hagan's government had been continued. Mr. Carvell had attempted to gain a place in the sun by the exercise of the power of the rood man Friday. E. S. Carter had attempted to smirch the government party.

Mr. Clarke then referred to the Fleming case at some length and in conclusion said that as far as the matter was concerned in the future was concerned he would be with any such movement.

The Central Railway Question a Whitewashing Expedition.

Mr. Fleming and the other members of the government had been freed from the timber charge and convicted on the railway charge. Hon. Mr. Fleming had accepted the report of the commission and they followed him through the hearing of the royal commission and its findings. He had never had a proper moment that when the government had decided to hear by Royal Commission the charges in

METHODS OF CANADIAN HOME INVESTMENT COMPANY CONDEMNED

Chief Justice Hunter Orders Winding Up of Company.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 4.—Strong condemnation of the scheme of business and management of the Canadian Home Investment Company was made by Chief Justice Hunter this morning, in ordering a winding up of the company under the provisional liquidatorship of James G. Forrester, manager of the Standard Trust Company.

"It is apparent this company is in a hopelessly insolvent condition, and further that it is dishonestly insolvent. A more rotten case was never brought into court. This concern was obviously designed to swindle these people who put their savings into it. There should be a law reaching this class of company. It is a swindle from beginning to end," said the Chief Justice.

The reports of the auditors of the Canadian Home Investment Company showed that a total of \$105,000 out of \$140,000 had disappeared because it had been put to wrong uses by the company. Mr. Joseph Martin, K. C., said: "The directors had to make a payment of \$25,000 to enable them to do business in the province of Nova Scotia. They had only \$21,500 capital to start with and this had been lost, so they decided to steal the \$25,000 from the contract holders' fund. That deposit should have been paid out of capital not with the contract holders' trust money."

BRIG.-GEN. HODGINS NAMED SUCCESSOR TO COL. WILLIAMS

As Acting Adjutant General of the Dominion.

London, Ont., Jan. 4.—Brig.-General W. E. Hodgins, commanding officer of the First Military Division, with headquarters here, received word today to report for duty at Ottawa at once, as acting adjutant general of the Dominion, in succession to Col. Victor Williams, now on the staff of General French at the battlefield. The appointment, it is understood, will be made permanent. General Hodgins, who is a South African war veteran, and a highly capable military man, is to be succeeded here by Lt. Col. Charles Francis E. Winter, at present secretary to Major General Hughes.

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Christian Herald Worker Describes Scenes in War-Scarred Kingdom.

GERMANS GIVE NO HELP TO HUNGRY

Women and children starving and freezing in streets while soldiers make merry in taverns.

New York, Jan. 1.—Theodore Waters, secretary of the Christian Herald, who is in charge of the first shipment of food sent to Belgium, returned on the Cunarder Transylvania recently. The plight of the Belgian people, Mr. Waters said, was beyond description and he added that, so far as he had observed, the Germans were not giving the starving people one ounce of food. All Belgium, he described as a long bread line. In the brilliantly lighted cafes of Brussels and Antwerp, he said, the German officers drink wine and make merry while out in the cold, women and children and old men hungrily watch the feasting.

"Far Worse Than the Bowery."

"You have perhaps seen in the part of the Bowery, at midnight when the 'bread line' forms," said Mr. Waters, "and if you have been, you have only times to realize in a way the suffering that has come to Belgium. I have been in Belgium, and I have witnessed scenes which I hope never to see again. I have heard the wailing of the guns, in the far distance to be sure, and in the cities, towns and villages I have seen the havoc which those guns produced; piles of bodies, destroyed homes, demolished graves holding men, women and children recently happy in these homes. Worse, I have witnessed the hopeless misery of the poor souls left behind to mourn."

"In Antwerp I saw more than 1000 women, one in bedroom slippers, shivering in the snow and sleet, waiting for food to be doled out to them under the shadow of a big hotel where well-fed, warmly clad soldiers drank and made merry. In Malines, under the shadow of a cathedral, I saw men, women and children gazing at the ruins of houses that once were theirs, begging something to eat as they passed. On the road to Brussels we overtook thousands tramping dejectedly to villages where there is not food for those already there."

"In Brussels we saw women holding babies on cold street corners, begging for food. We visited the distributing stations and saw the food sent by Americans handed out in all too meagre quantities. There were men from all directions, and the clatter of their sabots was a sad accompaniment to their sadder thoughts. 'Merci, Monsieur!'"

"In Holland I found thousands of men, women and children from Belgium huddled in camps and on barges, some refined, some coarse and brutalized, all sleeping together without partitions to give the least privacy."

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING AT HARTLAND LAST NIGHT

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The same crowd as of old and must repeat in sackcloth and ashes before they can reasonably ask the people to elect a neutral candidate. He is not going out of public life, but would have "a go" at these newly-fledged purists and would take the votes of the people of this county as his reward. He showed that Pugsley had an open account with the treasury of the province, and when the old government were shown, which was returned a few days after the election. He quoted the figures to show that during the five years his government was in power he had collected \$800,000 more in stumpage on practically the same cut of lumber than the old government had done in a similar period of time. The money collected was used for the benefit of the province. He had gone to Ottawa and told the people there that he was going to stay there till he got the matter straightened out, and as the matter was returned to the exchequer of the province.

J. A. Barry.

Mr. J. A. Barry was the next speaker. He complimented the people on having such a hall. He did not know whether the name of Carvell was a bull dog bluffer, or blatant, but he had certainly acted the part of all these. In St. John the opposition could not secure a corporate name for the railway, but he supported the Hon. Mr. Fleming and his government. It was right to practise purity, but when the Carvell was taken from a man like Carvell would care to be a party to. If Carvell had wanted Berry he could have had him by the process known as litigation. He did not want Berry, because that was not the first time Berry had collected money, and he could have had his evidence, but he did not want it. His object was to hoodwink the people into believing that he was a great man, and that he was doing a great work for the people of the province. His goal was to be paid \$10,000 as a reward for the Hon. J. K. Fleming. Carvell knew all about the matter, but he did not for the exaltation of Carvell. In St. John there had been no contest because a candidate could not be found for the sacrifice and Carvell was Friday-Carter, formed the excuse that on account of the war they would not cause a contest. It would appear that there was no war in Carleton county, so the opposition would put up a candidate and have a little war of their own. Carvell did not dare test Carleton county himself so he sends young Elms out on the political ice to test its strength. If he is elected there Carvell will feel certain when he goes up against Mr. Fleming in the next Dominion election. But poor Smith will be politically drowned and B. F. Smith will go to Fredericton to represent this county.

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MARINE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED NO WORD OF SEIZURE

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—The Marine Department states that it has no information relative to the reported seizure of a Norwegian steamer, which was said to have been taken into Halifax.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 4.—No Norwegian steamer has been seized and brought into Halifax for a number of days. The authorities have no advice so far, as referred to in a despatch sent out from Ottawa today. Had been the case, the admiral here would have been informed.

CANADIAN WITH ENGINEERING CORPS IN FRENCH ARMY

London, Jan. 4.—Mr. Eric Del. Greenwood, son of Col. Greenwood, formerly of Toronto, is now domiciled in England, being seriously wounded in the thigh. His condition is critical. According to a Paris telegram, Lt. Charlton of the Canadian militia, has been attached to the 1st Regiment of Engineers in the French army.

THE FORMIDABLE WAS SUNK BY SUBMARINE.

Berlin, Jan. 4. A wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—An official announcement made public through the official press bureau today says: "A German submarine boat reports by wireless to the Admiralty in Berlin that it has torpedoed and sunk in the English Channel, off Plymouth, the British battleship Formidable."

"The submarine was pursued by British destroyers, but escaped undamaged."

OBITUARY.

Joseph Landers

The death of Joseph Landers took place Thursday morning at Fredericton, N. B. Mr. Landers was well known as the proprietor of the American House. The funeral took place yesterday morning at the Catholic church, where Fathers Carleton and Ryan officiated at the service.

Hurt at Sand Point.

Last night while working on one of the C. R. steamers at Sand Point Charles F. Godfrey, a carpenter, was struck by some freight and was quite badly injured. Besides receiving a severe shaking up he had one of his arms broken and a cut on the forehead. He was removed to the General Public Hospital where his injuries are being attended to. The injured man resides at Lancaster Heights.

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DORMAN—In this city on the 3rd inst. at his residence, 25 St. Patrick street, Mary A., wife of F. W. Dorman, leaving her husband, four sons, two daughters, and two sisters to mourn their loss.

Funeral Tuesday at 2.30 from her late residence, 25 St. Patrick street.

BELL—At 215 King Street East, this city on the 2nd inst., William A. Bell, aged 38 years.

Funeral from his late residence, at 11 o'clock on Tuesday.

FWLW—In this city, on the 4th inst., at 123 Brussels street, Harriet D., beloved wife of James H. Fowler, leaving besides her husband, six daughters, two sons, six brothers and three sisters to mourn.

Business Stagnation Like a Blight

"The rich and the poor are on a common level. There are no distinctions, for money in any quantity is not spendable in Belgium. What the people need is food and clothes. There is no business. Stagnation lies like a blight upon the land—stagnation of energy, of hope, even of love—no, not love after all; the little orphan babies huddled to their mothers' breasts away from the cold, the instances where women with broods of their own and little to eat cared for children whose parents have died, show that in spite of all suffering love and charity still prevail. And to witness these things, to see the black despair on the faces of peasants capable of surprise, to see relief, then to gratitide when they learn that people scattered all over the United States are making sacrifices for their relief, is enough to give one for ever and ever to give to give is more blessed than to receive."

"I do not want this to be a history of the trip through Belgium, but only to recall some impressions of the people's needs. Women of refinement perched with women of the street, both

HAD FEET FROZEN IN TRENCHES.

St. Catharines, Ont., Jan. 4.—A cablegram from London, England, announced the fact that Captain Claude De Crespigny, son-in-law of J. A. McGilley, this city, had both feet frozen on while on service with his regiment in France.

"Zeppelin Parlor"

The rooms on the top floors of Belgian hotels are known as "Zeppelin parlors," Mr. Waters said. The people will not live in them, fearful of an attack from the dreaded airship. Mr. Waters however, occupied one of the "parlors" in Antwerp and said he got the room practically for nothing because of the altitude.

All Belgium is covered with placards "telling the people," Mr. Waters said, "how to live according to the German idea. They make us go to bed at nine o'clock, they destroy our homes, shoot our people, and now they have even changed the sun, an old man of Antwerp said to me."

The prayer of the Belgians, Mr. Waters added, is: "Give us this day our daily bread," and the answer to that prayer must come from America.

WOMEN OF REFUGEE CAMP

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For a quarter of a century the time the Blair government was in power, in 1883, down to the time of the Robinson government was the worst of the plundering of the public treasury and the financial system of the country. The election took place on the 3rd of 1898, and the report of the government was that the party of "purity" as Moses who is to lead Pugsley, Carter, Venot, back to the land flow and honey.

It will be remembered the elections of 1908, the government led by Hon. Robinson, who is now the party of "purity" as Moses who is to lead Pugsley, Carter, Venot, back to the land flow and honey.

All this was changed by Mr. Hagan and his government after coming into power, present time, the method of the government, led by George J. Clarke, are the most perfect of any of the public treasury and the financial system of the country. The election took place on the 3rd of 1908, and the report of the government was that the party of "purity" as Moses who is to lead Pugsley, Carter, Venot, back to the land flow and honey.

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