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TURKISH TROOPS IN DEATH TRAP

Turks Trying Desperately to Find an Outlet From Trap Set by Russian Army in The Caucasus.

London, January 5.—A despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from Petrograd says:

"Accounts received here of the Turkish defeat at Sari Kamysh say the Turks displayed great bravery when their position was seriously threatened and made frequent and desperate bayonet sorties. When they were compelled to vacate, they made valiant but futile efforts to cover their retreat by a rear guard action, even the wounded continued firing from the ground when they were struck down.

"According to a telegram from Tiflis the persistence with which the Turks pressed their attacks in the Sari Kamysh was to enable their troops in the Ardhan district to retire without heavy losses. Their operations were conducted under tremendous difficulties. They lacked equipment and had no transport trains. Everything had to be carried on the backs of the soldiers. Most of the material of war captured by the Russians were of German make.

"Northwards of Kars, the Turkish forces at Ardhan also is threatened with disaster. The enemy in his disorderly flight has been almost surrounded by the Russians who hold the main roads. The Turks are striving frantically to find an outlet and have to face passes in deep snow. The Russians have attacked Ardhan on two sides, their artillery playing a prominent part.

"Our victorious troops are pursuing the rest of the tenth corps, which is trying to escape.

"There is no modification on the other fronts."

DARDANELLES PORTS ACTIVE

London, Jan. 6, 12.25 a. m.—A wireless despatch received from Berlin gives a report received in the German capital from Athens that the Dardanelles fortresses have commenced a bombardment of the blockading Anglo-French fleets and that one torpedo boat has been slightly damaged.

HAD CLOSE CALL

Boston, Mass., Jan. 5.—Two British merchantmen, with cargoes valued at \$2,500 arrived here today from the Far East after narrow escapes from becoming prizes of the German cruiser Emden.

The crew of the Orpheus heard guns which it was afterwards learned sank five steamers, and the Frawlingham court's skipper saw the smoke of the cruiser on the horizon.

ANOTHER GARIBALDI DEAD

Paris, Jan. 5.—Another son of General Ricciotti Garibaldi, and grandson of the great Italian patriot has been killed in action, according to a semi-official report issued tonight. The French war minister, M. Millerand, has sent condolences to his family.

Lieutenant Bruno Garibaldi, according to announcement made in Paris December 30, was killed while leading a charge of Italian volunteers against the Germans in the Arbonne district, France.

ALBERTA VOLUNTEERS STRONG

Calgary, Jan. 5.—When the recruits for the third contingent are all raised, Alberta will have furnished considerably over 10,000 troops for the Canadian expeditionary forces. This is equivalent to one-fortieth of the total population of the province. This estimate does not include the reservists for the Belgian, French and British forces, about two thousand of whom have gone to rejoin their regiments since war broke out.

AUSTRIA IS AGREABLE

London, Jan. 6.—A Vienna despatch to Reuters Telegram Company by way of Amsterdam says Emperor Francis Joseph has replied to Pope Benedict's appeal that his government cordially agrees with the Pope's proposal for the liberation of prisoners of war unfit for military service and immediately will open negotiations with the other governments concerned.

MAYOR PLANTA TO OPEN CAMPAIGN

The municipal campaign will open in earnest this week. Mayor Planta has obtained an office in the Windsor Block for committee purposes, and a meeting of his committee will be held in a few days to arrange for public meetings and map out the plan of campaign.

So far Mr. Planta is the only mayoral candidate in the field. There is some talk, however, of other candidates coming out, and there is to be a fight for every ward for the office of alderman.

WINNIPEG RESIDENT KILLED IN BATTLE

Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—Mrs. Nota Nolan of 19 Noble Avenue, Winnipeg was officially notified today by the infantry records of Dublin that her husband, Private W. Nolan, of the Royal Irish Rifles was killed in action at Neuve-Chapelle, France, October 27.

Private Nolan, a reservist of the Royal Irish Rifles, was one of the first to go to the front from western Canada.

In addition to the official notice, Mrs. Nolan received a personal letter sent by Lord Kitchener, as follows:

"The King commands me to assure you of the true sympathy of His Majesty and the Queen in your sorrow—Kitchener."

GERMANS FIRM ON LOWER VISTULA

Petrograd, Jan. 5.—The military critic of the Novoe Vremya, commenting on the activity of the German forces along the lower Vistula, says that the Germans are now able to maintain their positions with a bout half the number of troops required at the time they were undertaking an active advance toward Warsaw. The reason for this, he says is that the Germans now occupy deep trenches with armed underground rooms, and have behind them several lines of well equipped artillery. During the advance the Germans clung closely to the peculiar tactics developed by them earlier in the war, particularly in the Llow-Lowicz campaign, in which they concentrated twelve army corps on a twenty-mile front.

QUIET ALONG THE BELGIAN FRONT

Paris, Jan. 5.—The following official communication was issued by the war office tonight:

"Last night our troops took possession of a quarry situated at the crossing of the road from Rouvrois to St. Mihiel and that from Maisey to St. Mihiel and also some neighboring trenches.

"There is no other operations to report. The weather conditions continue very bad with incessant rains. "Grand Duke Nicholas has addressed to General Joffre the following telegram:

"I hasten to inform you of the joyful news that the army of the Caucasus, notwithstanding that its forces have been reduced to a minimum, with a view not to weaken the army in the principal theatre of the war, has won two decisive victories—on December 21, and 22 (January 3-4 modern calendar) against Turkish forces superior in number at Ardhan against the first corps and at Sari Kamysh against the ninth and tenth Turkish corps. The entire ninth corps has capitulated, the tenth corps is making every effort to withdraw and is being pursued by our troops."

"General Joffre has sent the following reply:

"I pray your Imperial Highness to accept my warmest felicitations for the great victory won by the army of the Caucasus. By their constant and untiring efforts in all theatres of operations the armies of the allies are preparing the definite victories of the future."

The dramatic branch of the Nanaimo Orchestral Society will reproduce "Under Two Flags" on January 26 and 27, next.

ROBERT SUTTIE PAID PENALTY

The Murderer of Richard Hargreaves at Oyster River in May Last Was Hanged at Victoria Yesterday.

Robert Suttie was hanged at the provincial jail, Victoria, at 2.30 yesterday morning. He maintained to the last that his shooting of Richard Hargreaves, road foreman at Oyster River on May 14 last, was accidental. The hanging was the first at the new jail at Wilkinson Road. Only the officials, representatives of the press and a few others were admitted. Suttie, who maintained his cheerfulness until the last, he slept well Monday night. He walked to the scaffold unassisted and showed no indication whatever of nervousness. He made no final statement. Life was extinct in twelve minutes. Rev. J. G. Inkester spent the night with the condemned man and accompanied him a recess between two wings of the building. Ellis was hanged.

The crime for which the extreme penalty was exacted was the shooting of Richard Hargreaves; a coal foreman at Oyster River on May 14 last. There were several witnesses to the tragedy. Suttie, who worked on the roads, and Hargreaves had an altercation. Evidence was brought at the trial at the Nanaimo assizes last October to show that Suttie, after the trouble, walked some distance for his gun and approached the spot where Hargreaves was at work. Two shots were fired, the last one entering Hargreaves' back. Hargreaves died a short time later.

Suttie's defence was that he had no intention of killing Hargreaves; and that the gun was discharged accidentally. Against this the prosecution advanced the fact that the gun had been fired twice.

The trial was held before Mr. Justice Murphy, W. H. Bullock-Webster, of Victoria, being crown prosecutor. An appeal was made to Ottawa, but it failed, the message reaching Sheriff Richards yesterday that the sentence of the trial judge was to be carried out.

During his stay at the Provincial jail (he being one of those moved from Nanaimo after the opening of the new institution) Suttie was known as a most exemplary prisoner. He was always cheerful. His spiritual adviser throughout was Rev. J. G. Inkester. Suttie always maintained that the shooting was accidental. He did not complain that the law was too hard on him, but he felt that the death sentence should not have been imposed for the crime. He was thoroughly penitent for any wrong he had committed and stated that if it was God's will that he should die, he had nothing to say against it. As an indication of his contrition, when Sheriff Richards asked him on the scaffold if he had anything to say, he repeated the Lord's prayer throughout.

Suttie was a native of Scotland. He was 46 years of age and unmarried. He had one brother in Canada who visited him once in the Nanaimo jail, but who has since not been heard of.

LAWRENCE COMPANY AT OPERA HOUSE

That ever welcome organization, the Lawrence Stock Company, will pay us another visit next week, opening at the Nanaimo Opera House for a three day run on Monday evening next, January 11.

They will bring their entire company as before, with a carload of scenery, each play being put on with the same strict attention to detail and correctness of costumes and accessories as distinguishes their performances in Vancouver.

The opening night's attraction will be the sparkling English comedy "All of a Sudden Peggy." This brilliant play, while it gives every member of the cast a splendid part, provides Miss Maude Leone, the talented leading lady one of the finest roles she has ever essayed. As the impulsive, winsome, bewitching Peggy O'Mara, she will win the hearts of all our theatre goers.

For the second night of the engagement the company will offer Eugene Walter's masterpiece, that powerful indictment of present day life and its tendencies, "Fine Feathers." It

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LOCAL DELEGATION WAITED ON PREMIER

Fighting For Possession of Steinbach and Cernay in Alsace Was Bitter—French Troops Victorious.

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LOCAL MOOSE HELD FORTH

Nanaimo Lodge Held Annual Smoking Concert Last Night—Splendid Program Furnished an Evening of Enjoyment.

Nanaimo Lodge No. 1052 Loyal Order of Moose held its annual smoking concert last night. The committee in charge attempted to make this year's event the most successful yet held and its attempt succeeded beyond the most sanguine expectations.

The social hall of the Oddfellows' Block was filled to capacity by members of the Order and their friends and from early evening until midnight, enjoyment reigned supreme, a varied program of vocal and instrumental selections being rendered.

Mr. A. A. Davis was chairman, and while the program was being rendered, refreshments both liquid and solid were served, as well as cigars, tobacco and cigarettes.

The following is the program. Selections from Arnold's Orchestra. Song—Mr. J. English. Tipperary by Orchestra and all present.

Song—"Every Laddie Has a Lassie." Encore—"The Message Boy" Mr. McAlpine.

Recitation—"A Member of The School Board." Encore—"A Puzzled Dutchman." Mr. Fulton.

Selection—"Kilbarney" Arnold's Orchestra.

Song—"I Went to Sleep Again." Encore—"The Jitter" Mr. Beech.

Duet—"England and Ireland are Brothers." Encore—"One Touch of Nature Makes the Whole World Akin." Carrol Brothers.

Monologue. Encore—Clog Dance. Mr. Johnson.

Song—"The British Navy" Encore—"Tipperary." Mr. Tinnion.

Song—"It's Nice When You Have a Wee Lassie." Mr. McAlpine.

Song—"I Don't Care What Becomes of Me." Mr. Faulkner.

Song—"Sing Me The Rosary" Encore—"A Little Child Shall Lead Them." Mr. G. Stevenson.

Song—"Annie Laurie" Mr. Slims.

Song—"Just a Wee Doch an Doris" Encore—"A Wee Hoose 'mang The Heather." Mr. McAlpine.

"God Save The King" by Arnold's Orchestra.

GERMANY WILL NOT INTERFERE

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—American Ambassador Gerard, at Berlin, has been informed by the German government that there will be no interference with ships, even under British flags, plying between ports of the United States and Holland with Belgian relief supplies, provided they carry no other cargo.

Great Britain, already has suggested that relief ships to obtain prompt and safe conduct through the sea war zone, should have aboard no general cargo, and the Belgian relief committee in this country is preparing to have its supplies concentrated at New York or other ports so as to handle them as full shipments.

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INQUIRY INTO PATRICIA COLLISION

An investigation has been ordered into the recent collision between the Union Steamship Company's steamer Venture and the Canadian Pacific line steamer Princess Patricia.

Capt. John D. Macpherson, wreck commissioner for British Columbia, received a wire from Ottawa yesterday instructing him to investigate the causes of the mishap.

The collision took place on December 18, when the Venture was heading into the wharf, and the Princess Patricia was backing out, both coming together, and resulting in some damage to the latter vessel. At the time of the mishap each master claimed that the other was at fault.

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HOUSE OF LORDS WILL MEET TODAY

London, Jan. 6.—The House of Lords will meet today while the Commons is still keeping holiday. Such a proceeding is believed to be without precedent in English parliamentary history, but even the greatest sticklers for the prerogatives of the Lower House welcome the innovation because the assembly of the Lords affords an occasion for Lord Kitchener to deliver one of his rare speeches.

The Field Marshal is expected again to lay stress on the necessity for British co-operation on the continent on the greatest possible scale. He will not do more than to indicate the tremendous military task before the allies sufficiently to justify the call which the government is making and will continue to make the appeal for the voluntary service of the country's citizens in the King's army. The response already made by the country will receive handsome acknowledgement for, although for obvious reasons it may not be judged expedient to state exactly what numbers are now in active service or in training, the figures are much higher than is generally believed and are a remarkable testimony to Great

Britain's appreciation of the needs of the situation.

Incidentally it may be stated authoritatively that the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger's statement that the King's new army barely exceeds half a million men and that England can send at most only 200,000 inadequately drilled men to France this Spring is very wide of the truth. If Lord Kitchener should deem it wise to lay the figures before the House of Lords they would create a sensation.

One of the lessons the war has taught Russia is that the port of Archangel, the only large seaport on the north coast of the Russian empire and the most northerly point in the railway system of Europe, can be kept open, if not all winter, at least for the greater part of it with the aid of ice breakers. Archangel is generally frozen over for months, but it has been kept open thus far and war supplies are being regularly shipped into Russia, while in return Russia sends out provisions.

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ALLIES FORGING AHEAD STEADILY

Russia Victorious Over Turks—Germans and Austrians—French Troops Gain Ground in Upper Alsace.

London, Jan. 5.—Two of three Turkish columns which last week invaded the Russian Caucasus have met with disaster and the troops not killed or captured are in disorderly retreat pursued by the Russians. The column which took Ardhan two days ago has been driven out of that town, according to the Petrograd official despatch and is almost surrounded by the Russians, who hold the main roads.

Another column which crossed the frontier near Sari Kamysh, on the road to Kars, has suffered an even worse defeat, one of the two army corps which composed it being captured in its entirety.

The Russians also report another victory over the Austrians in the Utsok pass of the Carpathians. Emperor Francis Joseph's army in this region is declared to be in full retreat in a mountain pass deep in snow, while a violent snow storm rages and the Russian cavalry is attacking on the flank and rear.

By forcing this pass, the Russians gain control of some of the most valuable oil fields in the Austrian empire, and thus shut off another of the sources of fuel supply which the Austro-German armies are said to be much in need of. This, however, has only been part of the Russian attack. While forcing back the Turks and Austrians, the Russian troops are holding the line of the Mazurian lakes in East Prussia, are fighting strenuously to withstand the German offensive in north Poland and advancing towards Cracow and have crossed Bukovina, which is now virtually in their possession.

In north Poland, where Russia is confronted with the most serious task, the weather is proving a useful ally. The Germans, according to all accounts, are making only slow progress with their offensive operations, while the Russians, an unofficial despatch received from Berlin by way of Copenhagen says are advancing toward Cracow and South Silesia.

Military men look for bigger events between the lower Vistula and the East Prussian frontier. The Russians are in possession of the greater part of the intervening territory and unless engaged when the river freezes, would fall on the German flank to the south of the river. It is believed here, that the Germans are planning a movement from Thorn and east Prussia, in an effort to prevent this action and as the fighting would take place in the open it would afford a contrast to the trench warfare which has been along the rest of the front.

Except at the two extreme wings on the Belgian coast and in Upper Alsace, where the allies have gained some ground, the fighting on the western front has been done by sappers, miners and artillery. From the coast to the Swiss border the troops either have been engaged in shelling the opposite trenches or trying to sap and mine them. Only at isolated points has the infantry been given its opportunity. A few hundred yards have been gained by the allies along the Dunes of Flanders, despite the unfavorable weather.

Great interest attaches to the operations of the French in Upper Alsace. The capture of Steinbach was accomplished after almost superhuman efforts as the Germans had strongly entrenched themselves. Now the French are attempting to force their way through Cernay (Sennheim) the possession of which would open the door to Muelhausen, which the French occupied for a short time at the beginning of the war.

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