

Weather Forecast:
Rain or Snow

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"PAT'S" PETS" WIN EARNING FAME FOR CANADA

"Prominent" Conservatives Will Oppose Mr. Gray at Polls

GIVE CALAIS AS BIRTHDAY GIFT

German Soldiers Would Like To Pay This Tribute to the Kaiser.

EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE

Past Few Days Have Supplied More Than Experts Anticipated.

TURKS' CHANCE IS POOR

At They Attempt Egypt Invasion Will Meet Turkey and Warship Fire.

[Canadian Press].

London, Jan. 16.—1:05 p.m.—Out of the state of virtual deadlock which has existed in the east and west there have sprung, during the past few days, military events of more importance than followed of the war expected at this time. They are, briefly: The Russian offensive towards new points on the frontiers of East Prussia and Posen; the fighting at Solons, the expected Turkish advance on Egypt, and the plans for a renewed attack on Serbia by combined Austro-German forces. To the west of Warsaw large German forces are still concentrated, but they are gaining little ground. It is thought likely that the fighting which will develop as a result of the new Russian movement may for the time being overshadow the previous battle for the Polish capital.

Another Suggestion.
It is even suggested that Field Marshal von Hindenburg, held in check along the Bzura and Rawka rivers, is about to initiate a fresh movement of German troops either from Thorn or from East Prussia, and that the Russian advance toward the German frontier is intended to forestall this attempt. The British press concedes that the Germans were victorious in the recent fighting near Solons, remarking that it is a relief from the customary contradictions to find the official communications in agreement on so many important points.

Why Kaiser Was There.
Military writers, speculating as to the reasons for Emperor William's presence at the front during the fighting near Solons, suggest that General von Kluck "either requested the Emperor to come and inspire enthusiasm among the weary troops, or else felt so sure of his ability to force back the French over the river that he desired to have the Emperor witness the victory."

A third theory advanced is that Emperor William is visiting various points along the western front, feeling out the situation with a view to selecting the most likely spot for an attempt to break through in the spring.
Calais as Birthday Present.
Dispatches reaching London today assert that the Germans have not abandoned hope of reaching Calais, and are planning a new offensive in Belgium and Northern France. According to these advices, train after train loaded with troops is moving into Flanders. With the touch so often added heretofore on the occasion of any approaching holiday or anniversary, these dispatches say that the German soldiers hope to present Calais to Emperor William for a birthday present.

Attack on Egypt.
They pay more attention, however, to the cumulative indications that the Turks have determined to attempt an invasion of Egypt. The general feeling is that any such raid could be checked, as the Turks would have to reckon with not only the British troops but with warships, which will be able to share in the work of opposing the invaders, operating in the Suez Canal off Akabah, Arabah and at other points. Aware of the fact that it is less difficult to cross the desert in winter than in summer, the Turks are said to be massing troops with all possible speed south of Syria.

Latest advices relative to the prospect of an Austro-German attack on Serbia say that Bavarians and Prussians are on the way to Budapest to effect a junction with the remnants of the four or five Austrian army corps, which suffered so severely at the hands of the Serbians.

BRITISH MAIL

The next British mail closes Tuesday, January 19, at 10 a.m.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night. Highest, 34; lowest, 22.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 28; lowest, 18.

TOMORROW—RAIN OR SNOW.

Toronto, Jan. 16.—3 a.m. Forecast.

Fresh to strong winds; rain or snow tonight and part of Sunday.

Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	42	34	Cloudy
Calgary	40	32	Clear
Winnipeg	39	31	Clear
Port Arthur	42	34	Cloudy
Fort Smith	40	32	Cloudy
Toronto	36	28	Cloudy
Ottawa	39	31	Cloudy
Montreal	38	30	Cloudy
Quebec	38	30	Clear
Father Point	28	18	Cloudy

Weather Notes.
A marked disturbance now centered in Kansas is likely to move directly to the Great Lakes.

The weather is fairly cold in the Western Provinces, and comparatively mild from Ontario eastward.

CROSS SENT AS GENUINE "IRON BOY"



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HELPED TO TRANSPORT GERMAN CAPTIVES



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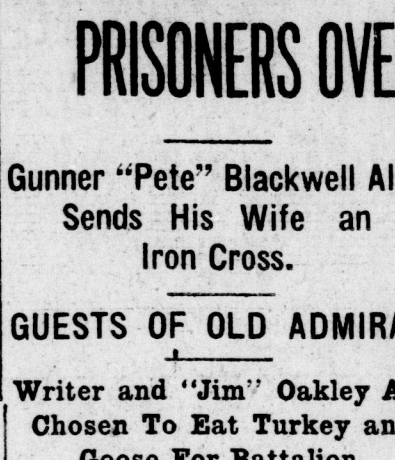
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BRINGS GERMAN PRISONERS OVER



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A SECTION OF THE DASHING PRINCESS PATRICIAS



This is a picture recently taken of a part of the First Canadian Regiment to engage the Germans.

PRINCESS PAT'S "PETS" MAKE SHORT WORK OF GERMAN IN ENTRENCHMENTS

Barbed Wire Entanglements Fall To Stop Canadians, Who Clear Germans Out of Trenches at Bayonet's Point.

[Special Cable to The London Advertiser and Montreal Star, by Roland Hill, in France.]

Northern France, Friday night, Jan. 15.—Via London.—From two wounded British soldiers, one a sergeant in a Welsh regiment and the other a private in the Staffordshires, neither one of whom had come into contact with the other, I learn that the Patriciae have again been in a glorious action during the last two days.

They have assisted in repulsing a heavy German attack northeast of Bethune and have played an heroic part in a counter-attack against the main German trenches, which were captured after a splendid bayonet charge and which are now held by them and their brother regiments.

FIRST REALLY SERIOUS ACTIONS.

The narratives of the two soldiers, when pieced together, make a circumstantial story of the first really serious action in which the Canadians participated. For several days the Canadians have occupied a village near Bethune which was formerly held by the Indian troops. The latter had been sent south for a rest after strenuous fighting in which, although constant attacks by the Germans had been repulsed, no ground had been gained by the Allies for several weeks.

DEAD LEFT UNBURIED.

The main trenches, so the sergeant told me, were slightly over one thousand yards apart and so deadly was the space between the Germans had never recovered their dead, which lay like frozen hillocks within two hundred yards of the British trenches.

On Wednesday afternoon there was a terrific artillery attack on our line which seemed to forecast that an assault would be made that night, but the weather, although bitterly cold, was exceptionally clear and the Germans apparently abandoned this plan.

DECIDE TO BE AGGRESSORS.

The British had prepared for an attack by concentrating several regiments, of which the Patriciae was one, and on reports coming in that a drain seemed to have been made on the enemy's line to assist another attack further south, it was decided at least to make a reconnaissance in force.

Under heavy artillery fire at daybreak, in which one particularly obnoxious German battery was put out of action, the Pats and their support reached a partly-destroyed trench which the Indians had once captured and found themselves unable to hold.

MINE FIELD DESTROYED.

The engineers fortunately found a part of a German mine field which they exploded without loss. The attackers were then only about three hundred yards from the advanced German trenches, but between them and their quarry were strong barbed wire entanglements and much marshy ground. Our artillery found excellent range and with terrific fire made a way through.

"FIX BAYONETS AND CHARGE."

It was seen that most of the German defenders had fallen back to main position and order was given to fix bayonets and charge. Although the attack was in command of the senior officer of an English regiment, the place of honor on the right flank was royally given to the Patriciae, who managed to get a machine gun into an enfilading position and backed their advantage up with bayonets.

Their charge carried them actually into the German trench. The other regiments meanwhile had also gained shelter and remaining Germans were either killed or captured.

The total casualties were slight considering the tremendous advantage gained.

The Patriciae, according to one of my informants, lost three killed and a score wounded. The latter, according to a high British medical officer whom I questioned, would be a compliment to Canada be sent down to the Canadian hospital at Letoquet. It is impossible to get the names of the killed as arrangements have been made to cable all Canadian casualties direct to Ottawa, where they will be given out officially by the militia department.

ROLAND HILL.

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Huge Death Roll Shows Little Change—Sora Escaped More Lightly Than Was Reported—Rescue Work Is Delayed by Lack of Transportation.

[Canadian Press.]

Rome, Jan. 15.—Famine and intense cold are adding to the sufferings of the earthquake victims, and slowly increasing the already huge death toll. Food is in plenty, but its transportation to many of the towns affected is all but impossible because of obstructed roads.

Rescue work, prosecuted at the best of all possible speed, is now going ahead feverishly, for each hour of delay means death by starvation or exhaustion for buried victims.

From town after town in the stricken section come reports of excavation of ruins that was too late to save lives.

Only 360 Killed in Sora.
Attention gradually is turning from Avezzano, the centre of the disturbance, and the greatest sufferer, to other and smaller towns where an almost equally large percentage of the population was destroyed. In only one case so far, that of Sora, do late reports show that the effects of the quake were less disastrous than had been expected. Only 360 of Sora's 17,000 persons appear to have been killed.

While trainloads of wounded and injured continue to arrive in Rome, additional details of the horror come in, all tending to confirm earlier estimates of the tremendous loss of life. Reports indicate that, next to Avezzano, the towns to suffer the most are Pescara, with 4,500 victims; Paterno, with 1,000 dead; and Samolingo with 600 of its people of 1,500 wiped out. All are environs of Avezzano.

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