

# Summary of Events from Seat of War

Items of Interest in the Great European War as Recorded Day by Day

## British Battleship Formidable

### Torpedoed by Submarine

Paris, Jan. 2.—The British battleship Formidable, which sank in the English Channel Friday morning with the greater part of her crew, was torpedoed off Portsmouth by a German submarine, according to a report current in Paris.

The Herald's naval correspondent says of the disaster: "The loss of the Formidable is a part of the price Great Britain must pay for the success achieved by the operation of the fleet in the campaign of driving the Germans from the shores of Belgium. There has been nothing definite said about the invaluable service which the British pre-Dreadnought or second line battleships already have rendered, and their almost miraculous escape from all dangers has been remarkable."

"The Formidable's loss does not affect the real fighting force of the British fleet."

"That is precisely why she and other vessels of a similar type have been used for the more hazardous naval warfare. Of course the loss of life aboard the Formidable probably is great, though the details so far are lacking."

"So far as can be learned, no submarine was seen either before or after the explosion, although it is generally assumed that the loss can be credited to submarine activity. The heavy sea and the dim light of the early morning would have permitted an under the water craft to approach within easy striking distance without serious danger of discovery, naval authorities declare. The Admiralty's statement indicates that other vessels of the squadron were near when she sank, and it is the firm belief here that only the orders for each vessel to look out for its own safety prevented further loss."



CAPT. W. H. BELYEA  
Who is to command a Co. in the 26th Battalion of the Second Canadian Contingent.

## The Russian Crack Troops Are Advancing in Force

Vienna, Jan. 2.—There is now no doubt but the main Russian attack is being directed against Hungary, instead of Germany or Western Galicia.

Official despatches from the front say that the Russians in enormous force have driven a way through the passes of the Carpathians, advancing in four columns, but from Niskow, Skvi, Turka and Gorlice.

The vanguard of the invaders is the crack eighth Russian corps, and behind it is declared to be first line Russian troops apparently withdrawn from the Polish frontier.

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## German Military Station Bombarded by British Ships

London, Jan. 4.—The latest news from the battlefronts indicates but little activity, the hull evidently being enforced by the bad weather. Steinbach, a village in Upper Alsace, is now in the hands of the French, after house-to-house fighting. This loss Berlin admits. The day was marked by artillery duels, with occasional infantry dashes for slight gains, but the line from the other Oise to the sea was almost completely calm.

German headquarters declare that the situation on the eastern front remains unchanged, and nothing has reached London to contradict this statement.

Politically the American note still occupies a prominent position, dividing attention with speculation as to what Rumania and Italy intend to do. The answer of the British government, it is expected, will be sent to Washington in this week. It is understood here that Great Britain has reached such a good understanding with Italy with regard to the trans-shipment of contraband that no cargoes destined for that country have been stopped since December 4.

British officials declare that the relief of American shipping from the present regulations depends largely on the assurances of neutral states bordering on belligerent countries that they will not assist in supplying Germany, Austria or Turkey with food products and munitions of war.

Nairobi, British East Africa,

via London, Jan. 4.—The British battleship Goliath and light cruiser Fox have carried out successful operations against Dar-Es-Salaam capital of German East Africa. The warships bombarded the town, inflicting considerable damage. All the German vessels in the harbor were disabled. Fourteen Europeans and twenty natives were taken prisoner.

The British loss was one killed and twelve wounded.

Dar-Es-Salaam, the best built town on the coast of German East Africa, is a military station with an excellent harbor, situated forty miles south of Zanzibar. It is the terminus of an important caravan route, the residence of a governor, and has large commercial interests. The white population in 1909 was estimated at 1,000; the total population at more than twenty thousand.

Brussels, via The Hague, to London, Jan. 4.—The Germans have placed the entire Belgian railway system in operation, and are employing about 8,000 railroad men, of which 1,100 are Bavarians. Many of these men have just been brought into Belgium.

War contracts let in Canada for the Russian government for saddles alone now aggregate \$1,500,000. All the saddlery and leather firms in the Dominion have now war orders for equipment for the Allies sufficient to keep them busy for months.



A REST FOR REFRESHMENTS  
French infantry enjoying "he noon-day meal" near the firing line. Note the big dinner pail at the left.

## Germans Fail in Attempt To Cross Bzura River

Petrograd, Jan. 4.—An official communication issued last night by the General Staff of the Russian Army regarding the fighting in Poland and Galicia says:

"A strong artillery combat has been fought all along the front on the left bank of the Vistula. The attempt of the Germans to gain ground in certain places in the region of the Bzura river was without success."

"On the night of January 2 we discovered the passage of Ger-

mans across the Bzura in the vicinity of Kozloff and Bizoupi. Having watched the concentration of the enemy's forces one of our glorious regiments surrounded the Germans. They attacked them with the bayonet, without firing a shot, and in the hand struggle which followed killed several hundred men. The survivors saved their lives by surrendering."

"About 3 p. m. on January 2, a brigade of German infantry at-

tacked our position near Borjnow, northeast of Bolimow, but the German assault was repulsed with enormous losses by the fire from several batteries and a counter attack made with the bayonet."

"Desperate fighting occurred during the night of January 2nd, continuing until daybreak, northeast of Rawa, where we succeeded in dislodging the enemy from some of the trenches which they had previously taken."

"South of the Pilica river, fighting took place at Metairie and Gasehek, west of Inowlodz, and also southeast of Malogoszow, near Volmie, where we repulsed all attacks of the enemy."

"In Galicia the fighting continues around Corlice and Zaliczyn."

"In the region of Uszok Pass and Rosoki (south of Liskod we have made progress. We drove back the enemy, who fled in great disorder. We captured 2,000 prisoners and some mitrailleuses. Several companies of the Austrians surrendered in a body. In their retreat to Uzok the Austrians abandoned arms and ammunition."

"Our offensive in Bukowina continues."

The Royal Canadian Regiment are to accompany the Second Canadian Contingent to England. The Canadian Regiment will be relieved.

Among the officers lost when the battleship Formidable was sunk in the English Channel was

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