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RUSSIANS ADVANCE ON GERMANY

Fiercest Attacks of Von Hindenburg's Forces, Fail To Stop Steady Progress Of Czar's Men Westward

CAPTURE A PASS TO TRANSYLVANIA

French Progress Continues in the Vosges—Canadians' Gallant Feat—German Estimate of Allies' Losses

London, Jan. 18.—While the main Russian Army has been busy repelling what the Grand Duke Nicholas in his official report, describes as a series of violent attacks by Field Marshal von Hindenburg to break his way through to Warsaw, the other Russian forces stormed and have taken Kirilbaba Pass on the borders of Transylvania, and have made further progress in their advance along the right bank of the Vistula toward the German frontier.

The Germans' force delivered seven successive attacks, which developed into desperate bayonet fighting, on the Russian lines on the left bank of the Vistula and having succeeded in taking one of the Russian advance trenches. Further south there have been similar attacks, in each case preceded by heavy artillery engagements.

Silenced Austrian Guns. The Russians have succeeded in silencing the heavy Austrian guns, which from the banks of the Dunajec have been bombarding the town of Tarnow.

The capture of Kirilbaba Pass, through which the roads lead into the heart of Transylvania, will likely have a political, as well as a military effect. It will possibly hasten the action of Romania and will compel the German allies to send troops for the defence of Eastern Hungary.

In the West there has been some brisk fighting on many points. The French claim to have made further progress along the coast of Flanders, but not to the extent which they have been credited with by official reports.

French progress, however, according to their statement, continues east of Rheims and the Vosges, despite the heavy snow storms.

The official German statement estimates the losses of the Allies since they commenced their offensive four weeks ago, at 150,000, including 20,000 killed and more than seventeen thousand prisoners.

An interesting account from German sources of the battle north of Soissons says the French defeat was the result of a surprise attack. While the French expected an attack on their left, the Germans attacked on the right and centre, and completely drove the French from their positions north of the Aisne which had taken them a month to capture.

Earl Grey, former Governor General reviewing a brigade of the Canadian contingent today told them they would soon be sent to the front.

Lost Many Men. We are informed from private sources about two hundred Princess Patricia's were in the heroic charge described in Friday's despatches, and that the enemy made violent onslaught upon them with the result that only eighty three returned from the charge while Major Hamilton Gault had a very narrow escape.

In his weekly review on the progress of the war in the Sunday Observer, J. L. Gavin says England and Canada alike could find deep gratification in the news that the Princess Patricia's had an opportunity of proving their mettle, though it seems almost incredible that Canadian losses in an affair of this kind were alleged as only two killed and fourteen wounded. The Patricia's are mostly seasoned veterans and such a feat would be signal proof that they can recognise an opportunity when they see it.

Their achievement will be a spur for emulation to Canadian contingent when the time comes to give a practical account of their patriotism and training.

PICKED UP CREW OF SCHR. ARNOLD

300 MS. S.E. C. RACE. St. John, N.B.—The str. Rio Tiete, arrived here, has on board the crew of seven men of the Newfoundland schr. Arnold, picked up 300 miles south-east of C. Race on January 8th, after fifty-one days of terrible hardship, having been practically without food for upwards of a fortnight.

Artillery Of The Allies Successful

Force Germans to Evacuate Trenches On the Dunes—Advanced Near Nieuport

(French Official Report.) Paris, Jan. 16.—In Belgium, artillery was busy in the Nieuport and Ypres district. From the Lys to the Somme at Notre Dame de Lorette the enemy has recaptured part of their trenches lost on the 14th.

At Blagny, near Arras, our progress continues. German attack on Poisselle was repulsed. Our artillery scored excellent results in Soissons' section.

German artillery is cannonading rather sharply Fontaine Madame. Complete failure of a spirited German attack on Filrey; the enemy was also compelled to evacuate a height, north of Clermy, to the east of Pontamousson.

In the Vosges district there is an artillery duel on the whole front.

ALLIED AVIATORS RAID OSTEND

London, Jan. 17.—Nine British, French and Belgian aviators dropped bombs on the railroad station and barracks at Ostend, causing considerable damage, according to a despatch to Lloyd's news from its correspondent on the Franco-Belgian border.

ENEMY PREPARES LEAVE OSTEND

Amsterdam, Jan. 17.—A despatch to the Tyd from Ostend, states that the Germans have evacuated all the coast cities west of Mariakerke, although the Allies have not yet occupied all the evacuated territory.

The Germans are apparently making preparations to leave Ostend.

The German withdrawal has been due to the continued shelling of their positions from the sea by British and French monitors and torpedo boats.

FRENCH TROOPS MAKE CAPTURE OF TRENCHES

(French Official Bulletin.) Paris, Jan. 17.—The French War Office says there is nothing of importance to communicate except that French troops have taken possession of a new trench in the vicinity of Perthes, and a wood from 200 to 300 meters front, on their lines north of Beausejour.

Haiti Republic Has New Rulers

Revolutionists Succeed in Forcing a Change of Government

Cap Haitien, Haiti, Jan. 17.—The Haitian revolutionists today entered and took possession of Cap Haitien. This followed an understanding between the rebels and the local garrison.

There was no disorder during the turning over of authority. General Guillaume, candidate for the Presidency, is in command of the local forces. The Foreign Consuls here have asked the American Consul to request the Washington Government to send a warship to protect the interests of foreigners at this port.

Schr. Dorothy Baird, Capt. Keeping, arrived at Macelo, Saturday, after a passage of 38 days.

GERMANS FORCED TO ECONOMISE

Were Too Prodigal With Shells at the Beginning of the War and Now Face a Shortage

ARTILLERY FIRE IS DIMINISHING

But the Allies Are Better Supplied Than Ever and Their Fire is Increasing in Intensity

North-Western France Jan. 13.—The weather is holding up operations with a clammy grip to the north of the battle line and yet there is one noteworthy feature which should be touched upon. It is the significant fact that whereas the German artillery fire has in the main diminished in violence, our fire has steadily increased in fierceness and effect.

This, I have excellent authority for stating, is the outcome of a state of affairs which will have an exceedingly important bearing on the future conduct of the campaign. At the beginning of the war the Germans, as every one knows, were extraordinarily prodigal with their ammunition. They used it apparently to break the nerve of their enemies as much as to smash up their positions. Of course they failed, but nevertheless they continued to hurl shells into our lines with a reckless profusion which at times was almost amusing. I have watched the fields being literally ploughed up with shells which did not do, and could not have done the slightest damage to our men or our positions.

And Now a Change. Now a change is taking place. The Germans on one occasion do not still bombard with the utmost violence, but they are now taking much more care of their ammunition. The prodigality of their first three months of the war is beginning to tell and the German authorities, one supposes, are realizing that if their supply of shot and shell for two battle lines, measuring together well over six hundred miles, is to last, there is certainly no room for wastefulness.

While the German ammunition factories can only cope with the demand by continuously straining every effort, the commission which organises the ammunition supply of the allies is steadily increasing its sources of output.

Confirmed from Warsaw. Warsaw, Jan. 13.—The Germans are beginning to economise in ammunition. Some of the shrapnel shells now being fired by the enemy contain broken glass.

MORE FRENCH VILLAGES FIRED BY THE GERMANS

Paris, Jan. 17.—Heavy cannonading was heard on the Swiss frontier near Basle, yesterday.

The red glare in the sky indicated that villages and farm houses were burning, says a despatch from Berne.

Cause of Britain Is Just, States Greek Minister

London, Jan. 16.—The Greek Minister M. J. Genadius addressing a meeting here last night said: "We are not only in sympathy with, but are also lately devoted to the cause of England in this great world crisis because we are convinced that her cause is just and good for the world."

Paris Will Take Measures Against Raids of Airships

Paris, Jan. 16.—The military Governor has submitted to the authorities a suggestion that there be a diminution in the number of lights in Paris and suburbs as a precautionary measure against aerial incursions by the Germans.

LIST OF VICTIMS IN ITALIAN QUAKE STILL MOUNTING.

London, Jan. 18.—Some detailed reports received regarding Italy's earthquake disaster increases rather than diminishes the list of dead and the enormous property loss.

GUN FIRE NO EFFECT ON WEATHER

Popular Superstition That Concussion of Artillery Causes Rain Disproved by Close Observation

RAINFALL AT FRONT BELOW THE AVERAGE

In Spite of Violent Artillery Exchanges—British Gun-testing Base Proves Driest Spot in England

London, Jan. 2. (Correspondence)—English scientists have again been compelled to assure the public that neither the smell of powder nor the concussion of gun fire has the slightest connection with rainfall.

From several sources it had been asserted that the heavy and persistent rains recently experienced in Southern England and Northern France were attributed to atmospheric disturbances produced by artillery fire at the seat of war.

"Like the supposed influence of the moon upon weather, the popular belief that powder brings rain is baseless," writes a scientist in The Times. "About four years ago the First Lord of the Admiralty was gravely asked in the House of Commons whether he would instruct the fleet to carry out its heavy gun practice at some other period of the year than in middle of harvest time, 'when the resultant heavy rains may cause serious loss to the farming community.' The idea is absolutely without foundation. Experiments made in America and on the Continent show that in dry weather no amount of concussion has the slightest effect in the production of rain."

At the present time there is one fact which should at once dispose of the cherished theory. There is no reason for thinking that gun-firing at the front is more violent than it was in the earlier stages of the war.

The rain should therefore, have commenced shortly after the outbreak of the war. As a matter of fact, nothing of the kind took place. In August and September the rain-fall was much below the average.

At Shoeburyness, where big guns are being tested almost daily, year in and year out, the average annual rain fall is smaller than in any other part of the United Kingdom.

Lumberman Loses His Life Near Curling

Trees Falls on Edward Lilly, Who is Fatally Injured, Dying Shortly Afterward

A message was received from Curling, Saturday, that a man named Edward Lilly had met with an accident which ended his life.

He was in the lumber woods and while cutting a tall tree it fell across his back.

The man was picked up unconscious, and died shortly after.

British Cruisers Watch Cuban Coast

Havana, Jan. 17.—A British cruiser which had been lying off this port since Jan. 11th departed today, bound northward. She is relieved by another cruiser of the same type, which is off shore 8 miles, with a collier.

RUSSIANS IMPROVE STEADILY

Czar's Reserves Now Equal To the Best on the Field of Battle or in the Trenches

NO NECESSITY FOR IMPATIENCE

Russia's Great Forces Are Steadily Wearing Down the Finest Troops the Germans Can Send

London, Jan. 18.—Granville Fort esque telegraphs as follows from Warsaw to The Daily Telegraph: Fighting along Guecha-Belmet line shows a definite character. The Germans seem determined to occupy certain sections of wooded country held by a Russian corps. Their attacks had been aimed at this point for three days and the opinion seemed certain by Russian General officers that should their assaults continue to fail and there be a return of severe weather the Germans must retire to the line they fortified in their rear.

Spies report a line elaborately prepared for defence on the Grodeisk-kek ierniewice route of the Russian advance.

The Russian army is improving steadily. The soldiers are equal to anything in England in physique and look able to stand the test of the trenches.

Do not be impatient about this forward movement on the part of the Czar's troops. Day and night Germany's good fighting men are being ground to death in the machine that feeds the merciless demands of the German Staff.

GERMAN PLANE FOUND BY DANES ON SMALL ISLAND

Copenhagen, via London, Jan. 17.—A German hydroplane, loaded with bombs, has been found on the coast of Maae, a small Danish Island in the North Sea.

It was in a badly damaged condition, and there were no signs of the crew, who are believed to have perished.

MEXICO LIFTS ITS EMBARGO ON OIL FUEL

Washington, Jan. 17.—Carranza has lifted the embargo on the exportation of oil from Tampico, which threatened the fuel supply of the British fleet.

RUSSO-JAP WAR VETERAN PASSES AWAY

London, Jan. 17.—The death of Lt. General Stoessel, the defender of Port Arthur, is announced.

FRENCH CARRY ENEMY POSITION

(British Official Report.) London, Jan. 16.—The French Government report the enemies' position carried near the road from Arras to Lille by a brilliant Zouave attack.

Saint Paul, north of Soissons was entered by the Germans, but then retaken.

The Russians are advancing in N. Poland. Successful operations continue in the Caucasus. —HARCOURT.

Steamer Reports 'Sighting' German Cruiser Karlsruhe

New York, Jan. 17.—A cruiser without a flag, said by a pilot from Curacao, to be probably the Karlsruhe, was sighted 35 miles off Curacao Harbor, at daybreak on Jan. 1st by an officer of the steamer Maracaibo.

CZAR'S FORCES "COVERED FLAGS" WITH GREAT GLORY.

Petrograd, Jan. 18.—The following report has been received from Tiflis: The army in the Caucasus has covered its flags with glory by a fresh heroic exploit, having completely annihilated the 11th Turkish Army Corps with the exception of several insignificant elements which are fleeing in disorder.

We have captured all the artillery of this corps.

Russians Exterminate A Turk Corps

Fifty-Second Turkish Regiment Annihilated in Bayonet Charge—Many Prizes Taken.

Petrograd, Jan. 18.—An official communication issued at 6 o'clock last evening says:

The 11th Turkish Army Corps has been exterminated near Kara Urgan. In the region of Kara Urgan, fighting is developing with the advantage resting with our troops. By a bayonet attack we annihilated the 52nd Turkish regiment. The survivors, which included the commander and several officers were made prisoners.

In one direction, where we were pursuing the defeated Turkish troops, we took more than 5,000 prisoners, 14 cannon and an enormous quantity of supplies, including nearly ten thousand head of cattle.

Italian Warships Damaged In Storm In the Adriatic

Rome, Jan. 17.—A report has been received here that the Italian torpedo gunboat Coatit, has been badly damaged, while cruising in the Adriatic.

No details are given regarding the accident. The Coatit was built in 1901, carried 158 men; speed 21 knots; tonnage 1,292.

S.S. Tabasco left Liverpool at 9 a.m. Sunday for this port.

French Make Slight Gain On The Coast

Scores Some Excellent Results in the Soissons Section—German Attacks Fail.

(French Official Report.) Paris, Jan. 17.—A French official statement reports a gain of 200 yards by French troops in the region of Nieuport and Lombaertzyde. It says that the French artillery have forced the Germans to evacuate those trenches known as the great Dune.

The statement speaks of vigorous fighting at Blagny, where the French recaptured a foundry from the Germans, the demolition of the enemies' trenches near Laboiselle, and the repulse of German attacks at Troyon and Beaulme.

Wounded Men Without Comforts

No Medicines or Hospital Facilities Available in Servian Towns

Rome, Jan. 14.—Fifty thousand wounded Servian soldiers and wounded Austrian captives are dying in Servia for want of medicines and hospital equipment.

An envoy has arrived to ask help for the hospital branch of the military service, and also for food and clothing for the starving population. In Uskub and Valjevo, as well as in Nish, the accommodations are not adequate to care for the wounded, many of whom are lying in the streets in the rain and snow.

NAVAL MEN MAKE REPLY TO CRITICS

Show That the Fleet Has Done a Splendid Work for the Empire Since the Declaration of War

MADE SEA SAFE FOR THE BRITISH

Playing the British Game, Not the Germans' and Watch and Wait For Enemy to Come Out

London, Jan. 9.—The query so often asked in the papers "What is the Navy doing?" is beginning to make the navy people angry. One officer has answered in the following manner:

"It is aggravating to hear the unthinking person imply that we are doing nothing. Herr Ballin, manager of the Hamburg-American line, says we are lurking in our harbors. Let me say that from August 1 to the middle of November my ship has sailed 17,000 miles, and we have never been very far from the grand fleet.

"We are playing our own game, not the Germans'. The unthinking ask why we do not go in and attack Kiel, Wilhelmshaven, Cuxhaven and Helgoland? No much. We have our own plans, and the Germans are certainly not going to lure our splendid fleet into their mine-infested areas and under their fortresses, with the added danger of submarines.

"We are not out to fight fortresses. We are after their ships. Guns are put into ships so that they can be moved about, and the Germans are not increasing their efficiency by remaining under the protection of their forts. We are adding to our efficiency every day, taking every opportunity for the practice of gunnery, the use of torpedoes, and also battle tactics, practising under every condition of weather.

"As things stand, the seas are clear for British trade. Let those who say we are doing nothing imagine what would happen if we were really doing nothing. What would become of our islands in that event?

"Our time will come to get into the limelight. Meanwhile, we are content to watch and wait."

Russian Fleet Sent to the Bottom 8 Turk Transports

London, Jan. 16.—A Petrograd despatch states it is reported from Sebastopol that the Russian fleet during recent days sank eight sailing vessels transporting reinforcements to the Turkish Army in Atelia, Asia Minor.

Relief Ship Camino Signals For Assistance

Broke Her Rudder on Way Across Atlantic U.S. and Canadian Ships Go to Rescue.

Halifax, N.S., Jan. 18.—The Agent of the Marine and Fisheries Department here received a wireless message on Saturday night from Cape Sable station that the Belgian Relief steamer Camino, from San Francisco for Rotterdam via London, had broken her rudder and lost an anchor 350 miles from Halifax and 100 miles South of Cape Sable Island on Saturday.

This morning a second message was received by the Department here asking that a steamer be sent to tow the disabled ship to Halifax. The D. G. S. Lady Laurier was immediately despatched to the scene and will be followed by U. S. R. C. Androsoggin which is now coaling here. These ships will tow the Camino to this port.

S.S. Adventure is due at Naples today.

S.S. Stephano left New York, Saturday, for Halifax and St. John's.

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GERMANS PIN THEIR FAITH TO THEIR HUGE AIRSHIPS

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POOR RECORD IN WAR SO FAR

Have Only Dropped Bombs on Unfortified Places and Have Been Beaten by Warships

An officer of the German navy has contributed to the New York Times some interesting information about the Zeppelins. He predicts that the next great sensation of the war will be an aerial attack upon Great Britain.

That the Zeppelins are likely to make such a raid sooner or later is very probable, for the German people look to their Zeppelins with some pride as the British people look to their navy. In these huge dirigible balloons Germany excels the world. Millions of dollars have gone to their construction. Honors have been heaped upon Count Zeppelin, their designer, and he is looked upon to prove the deliverer of his country by striking terror to the hearts of the British people, and perhaps by destroying the navy.

The performances of the Zeppelins to date have not been stimulating to German pride. They have dropped a few bombs upon unfortified positions; and when they sallied forth from Heligoland on the occasion of the British raid on Christmas Day they were driven off by the guns of the destroyers.

In Time of Peace.

But on paper the Zeppelins are indeed formidable engines of destruction, and in times of peace it is to be admitted that they accomplished everything their inventor had claimed for them. At the outbreak of war there were thirty Zeppelins carrying passengers in different parts of Germany, and making their trips as punctually as railroad trains.

The German people felt no more sense of risk in taking a trip in a Zeppelin than the ordinary man would feel in a train. Of course in great storms the ships would be laid up, but they were so well handled that in the event of a storm arising when one of them was on a journey it could either mount above the tempest zone or come to earth in safety.

It is a very different thing, of course, to carry a handful of passengers from one German city to another on a calm summer day and to attempt the Channel crossing in winter, exposed to not only the elements, but the guns of hostile battleships and the attacks of swifter aeroplanes. Nevertheless, the German officer insists that the attempt will be made.

Monsters of the Air.

The gas bags of the war Zeppelins are 500 feet long and 50 feet in diameter. These bags are not, as is sometimes supposed, a single chamber of silk and rubber, but a number of compartments, divided and ribbed with tough wood and aluminum. Otherwise a single bullet striking the gas bag would cause the craft to come tumbling to earth. As it is, it would require shrapnel fire to disable the balloon.

Beneath the bag are two cars, the forward one being the bridge of the ship, and the aft one the engine room. Between the two and connected with each by a covered passageway are the cabins, where the crew of twenty-five men live when not on active duty.

The war Zeppelins have another feature unknown to the craft of peace, and this is a third car, which is slung 2,000 feet below the ship. Upon this car are carried the explosives, the idea being that if it happens to be struck it will harmlessly explode without disabling the ship herself.

The Bomb Droppers.

The chief hostile equipment of the Zeppelin is a supply of bombs. They are not dropped overboard, but are discharged, or rather aimed, through a sort of tube that lies on the floor of the car. They are loaded three at a time, and are discharged by means of a pedal. Two can be let go at once, and this is the favorite practice, the third being sent earthward a couple of seconds later. A lookout with a powerful glass reports to the bomb dropper the effect of his fire.

It is said that experiments made in Germany show that considerable accuracy has been achieved by the bomb throwers. Only in unusually favorable circumstances can a Zeppelin come within two miles of the earth when discharging a bomb, and, moreover, she must for reasons of safety keep moving, perhaps at 60 miles an hour. At this range it would be pos-

sible to hit a city, perhaps, but hardly a city block.

Fears Armored Automobiles.

The Zeppelin mounts some rapid-fire guns, but these are intended to defend her against the attacks of aeroplanes. The writer in the Times thinks that the enemy that the Zeppelin has most reason to dread is the armored automobile, which can go just as fast as the Zeppelin, and carry guns that will throw shrapnel more than two miles in a vertical direction. Moreover, these cars have a very ingenious apparatus for finding the range, and this makes their fire unusually accurate.

Many of the British warships are equipped with similar guns, and probably the cruisers that drove back the Zeppelins on Christmas Day had these high angle guns aboard.

The officer says that there are now 45 of these craft within striking distance of the British Isles, and that a new one is being built every three weeks. Whether they will make their assault alone or wait and make a joint effort with the German navy is a matter that is causing speculation in British military circles.

HEROIC SISTER WAS DECORATED

French President Confers Legion of Honor on Brave Hospital Superior

M. POINCARÉ, accompanied by M. Viviani, the Premier, and M. M. Deschanel and Dubost, the President of the Chamber and Senate respectively, went to Fort Girville and there visited the works on the outer lines of the fortress of Toul. The party went into the trenches, and made their way by the small galleries to the shelters constructed behind.

The President warmly congratulated the Governor, the officers, and the troops on the construction of the various works, which had more than doubled the defensive strength of this vast entrenched camp.

The party went over the greater part of the Grand Couronne de Nancy, stopping to inspect several villages which had been destroyed by bombardment or fire. The village of Crevic showed the greatest signs of devastation. The party then pushed on, and inspected the advance posts in the Seille Valley along the old frontier. Thence they proceeded to Lunville, and finally to Gerbevillers.

At the request of the Prefect of the Department, M. Poincaré, after consultation with M. Viviani, announced his intention of conferring the Legion of Honor upon Sister Julie, the superior of the hospital there.

She has already been mentioned in an army order for having, by her presence of mind and courage, defended and saved the hospital, which had been transformed into an ambulance station, and for securing food for the wounded occupants during the bombardment.

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PRES. WILSON MADE PROTEST

Early in October he Reminded Germany of the International Regulations

It is now taken for granted that President Wilson personally protested "against attacks on cities occupied by non-combatants by means of bombs dropped from aircraft." The protest was made early in October last.

So far Dr. Wilson has not discussed the subject of publication, and has confined himself to conferences with diplomatic representatives of the belligerent Powers, who were reminded of the article in The Hague Convention which provides for a notice of twenty-four hours of the purpose to attack a zone inhabited by non-combatants, to enable such persons within that time to remove themselves from the danger zone.

"If this is true," comments the "New York Sun," "it is, perhaps, the most important news concerning America's relation to the war in Europe that has appeared since the beginning of August. Its surpassing importance is due to the fact that, if true, it would indicate the Administration's acquiescence in the urgent demand of thousands of well-meaning persons throughout the country that this Government, as one of the signatories of the Conventions of The Hague, shall do its duty with regard to infractions of the rules of warfare supposed to be contained in these conventions.

Simultaneously with the appearance of many editorials approving the President's protest, there is a striking technical article printed yesterday in the proceedings of the United States Naval Institute declaring that Zeppelins had proved a great failure.

"If more serious attacks should be attempted by the remaining Zeppelins that Germany possesses, they will be met as those already have been met, or as a last resort by concerted action of a handful of aeroplanes. Aeroplanes have proved themselves better aerial scouts than Zeppelins. There can be no doubt that a few desperate pilots who were willing to throw their lives away could successfully ram and destroy any airship that ever sailed."

FRENCH CHARGED GERMAN POSITION SLIDING ON SKIS

And, by This Novel Method of Advancing, They Succeeded in Routing the Enemy and in Forcing Him to Retreat

St. Die, Department of Vosges, France, via Paris, Jan. 8.—A brilliant exploit by French Alpine troops, who charged on skis down the snow-covered mountain slopes at Bonhomme, a post on the Alsatian frontier, forced the Germans to retire to Arbey, five miles down the valley of the River Weiss toward Colmar.

The Germans held the railroad from Ste. Marie to St. Croix, menacing St. Die, where the French heavy artillery opened fire on January 3. This led the Germans to expect an attack from the direction. At the same time the Alpine troops, leading the way for French infantry, advanced on the German Customs-house at Diedolshausen, near Bonhomme.

A strong German detachment with quick-firers held the route, but the winding nature of the road prevented the Germans from firing more than seven hundred yards along it. The French advanced to within this distance of the Germans, while the Alpine troops began to climb the heights to attack the Germans on their flank.

Progress was slow, and the darkness of the soldiers, outlined against the snow, made excellent marks for the German sharpshooters. Many of the men rolled down the steep slopes, leaving crimson stains behind. The survivors pushed forward until they gained the shelter of the pines at the summit.

Then began an exciting charge on the Germans at Diedolshausen. The Alpine soldiers on their skis slid down the mountainside at a dizzy pace, while the infantry in the road below opened fire on the Germans.

Caught between two fires, the Germans gave way, fighting obstinately along the five miles of their retreat.

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PEOPLE URGED TO ECONOMISE

But German Papers Paint an Encouraging Highly Imaginative Picture of Distress in Paris and London

THERE is an abundance of evidence in the German newspapers that the problem of food supplies is daily growing more and more menacing.

Already it has been made a penal offence to sell bread containing less than 75 per cent. of potato meal; but it is at famine prices, and, according to the "Tagliche Zeitung," the use of oils and fats in the manufacture of soap has now been forbidden under severe penalties.

The Criminal Schoolboy.

Dealing with the general aspect of this question, the "Kölnische Volkszeitung" says:—

"In England when people find themselves in needy circumstances, it is said, in popular parlance, that they are struggling to keep the wolf from the door. In Germany it is imperative that we should all be on our guard lest we be forced by circumstances to engage in a similar struggle both literally and figuratively.

"Attracted by the carnage of the war, wolves have made their appearance in East Prussia in numbers sufficiently alarming to call for the vigilance of a special guard to prevent the access of these predators to the cities.

"On the figurative side the immediate attention of all citizens must again be urgently directed to the waste of bread which is going on in the schools, through the children's habit of throwing what remains of their daily dinner bread into the dust-bin.

"A case in point is that of a certain town where the school is attended by a thousand pupils. Here the wastage of bread amounts to about \$100 a week. During the school term of forty weeks this totals to \$2000, which at the present price of bread is equivalent to about £7.

"In view of the reigning prices of all foodstuffs, the particular scarcity of flour, and the uncertainty as to the immediate future, it is nothing less than a crime that our school authorities should allow this wanton waste to continue when so many necessitous families are hesitating between starvation and the acceptance of charitable relief, and even the well-to-do cannot obtain the bread they desire even by paying for it.

Comforting the Idle Fleet.

Having been so far only able to bombard defenceless towns and murder some threecore women and children, the German fleet is apparently in need of heartening up. The tonic is administered by Vice-Admiral von Kirchhoff in the "Kreuzzeitung" in the following form:—

"Britain has been made the ruthlessly domineering State she now is by the colossal proportions of her naval power. Her path to power has, from the first, been strewn with the wreckage of other nations' hopes and aspirations. Magnanimity she has never known.

"Ours is the task of triumphing over this faithless and hypocritical people, nay, of crushing it absolutely.

"Every man in our fleet is conscious of the sublime part he is called on to play, and it is this consciousness which will help him to withstand the heavy trial of waiting for the supreme moment when the shattering blow can best be struck.

'We are Huns and Barbarians.'

In a mood of elephantine humour, the "Lokalanzeiger," after devoting into the truth for a few sentences, draws a delightful picture of Londoners flocking to the bankruptcy court, and of Parisians feeding on cats:—

"We are and remain Huns and barbarians. Once there was a time, it is true, when we had a Goethe and a Schiller, a Kant and a Fichte; but now their departed spirits shudderingly hurry away from the contemplation of their degenerate descendants.

"The whole situation, indeed, as laid bare in the London and Paris Press, may be summed up in one sentence:—Germany is bankrupt, bankrupt all along the line, in a military, ethical, and economical sense, financially and intellectually. There is no good left in us.

And yet... and yet... we captured Lodz, Lowiez and Dixmude, we are continuously gaining ground in the Argonne, and soon we shall have a million prisoners of war in Germany. Meanwhile Britain and France,

who are not bankrupt but flourishing greatly from every point of view, have exhausted their resources both military and economic. In London the lists of bankrupts are weekly filling pages in the official gazette; in Paris they have already been driven to subsist mainly on the flesh of the harmless and necessary cat, and the soldiers are dying like flies from typhoid and cholera.

Boys and Greybeards.

Elsewhere the same journal denounces the "British cant" about destroying German militarism, and sets out to explain what militarism really is:—

"When the breaches in our ranks were first being filled by freshly trained troops the British and the French also contemptuously wrote home to their friends, 'Now Germany is sending boys and greybeards into the field.'

That is true. That is German militarism, which fires lads and old men with equal devotion to serve the Fatherland—with a devotion so all-powerful that it aids the drill sergeant in a way truly marvellous in converting even the most unpromising material into splendid soldiers, irrespective of age, in an astonishing short time.

The German militarism will continue to provide hundreds of thousands nay, millions on millions of soldiers as easily as though they were produced by machinery, until the words of the immortal song, "Deutschland ueber Alles," shall, indeed, have become verified.

That special type of militarism, the German, our foes can neither produce among themselves nor destroy in us.

How To Spend Christmas.

Some of the newspapers have been organising a symposium on the subject of how the Germans should spend the coming Christmas. A few of the suggestions from representative men and women are appended:—

"There is a better way of celebrating Christmas than in the trenches and amid a formidable rain of bullets."—**Feld Marshal von der Goltz.**

"We can best celebrate the festival by vowing to fight and fight again until we have secured a lasting and honourable peace."—**Professor von Harnack**, the author and philosopher.

"The greatness and glory of these days should be solemnly impressed on the minds of our youth beneath the Christmas-tree, for it is they who are destined to reap the fruits of this war of giants."—**Dr. Johannes Kalmpf**, president of the Reichstag.

"Let your hearts beat with faith in God, your fists on the bodies of our enemies."—**Dr. von Jagow**, Chief of the Berlin Police.

"More than ever in the exercise of works of love and charity."—**Arthur von Gwinner**, director of the Deutsche Bank.

"Let the star of Bethlehem shine before us on the path we have been forced to tread, to prevent the foe from laying a desecrating hand on Germany's glory."—**Ida Boy-ed**, the well-known Anglophobe writer.

"Two supreme duties await us—care for the beloved grey figures yonder in the enemy's land; and charity for the other grey figures at home."—**Elizabeth Heyking**, author of "Letters That Were Never Received."

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DEADLY SCOURGE OF MENINGITIS

Induced by Exposure—Can be Controlled by Recently Discovered Serum

IN view of the prevalence of spinal meningitis at Salisbury Plain, it is interesting to know what medical men say of this disease. It is encouraging to note that they now know the cause and can conquer its ravages.

"Spinal meningitis is an affection of the anterior columns of the spinal cord," said a medical man. "It is generally caused by exposure. It is not a new affliction by any means, although the germ has been isolated of comparatively recent years. Its course varies, being sometimes short and sometimes long. Its general apparent cause is from exposure, but its actual cause has not been determined. The germ is taken into the system from the atmosphere entering the blood by way of the lungs. It produces a paralysis of the limbs. It sometimes affects the brain, when it is termed cerebro-spinal meningitis. Infantile paralysis is much the same thing."

Called The Black-Death.

Cerebro-spinal meningitis occurs sometimes in epidemic, sometimes sporadically. It is infectious. Its germ was discovered by Weichselbaum in 1887. It was not recognised as a distinct disease until the 19th century being first described at Geneva, in 1805, Westphalia, 1822. In 1837 it prevailed among troops in garrison in the south of France. In 1846 it first showed itself in Great Britain, where it was popularly known as "spotted fever" and "the black death." Small outbreaks occurred in Dublin in 1885 to 1900. There was an outbreak in New York in 1905, and in Scotland and Ireland in 1906-7-8.

One theory of infection is that the germ enters by way of the mucous membrane of the nose. It is a disease of temperate or cold climates, being associated with bad sanitary conditions and damp houses. It was reported quite frequently at the time of the gold excitement in the Yukon, when he rush to the Klondyke in 1898 exposed many people to unaccustomed hardships.

How Disease Is treated

The disease is now treated by a serum injected into the spinal cord. Formerly spinal meningitis was much of a popular mystery, but medical men say that now science has solved its terrors, though to obtain best results from the serum it is necessary to treat the disease soon after its first appearance. After a cure is effected it is apt to leave the nervous system affected for a more or less lengthy period.

Belgian Tells Of Hard, Confident Fight For Country

A Belgian non-commissioned officer has sent to his family in Kempen a letter from the Yser which is partly published in the "Telegraaf."

"Do not be worried," he writes, "I am not in stress. It is cold and wet, but I am getting used to it. Hundreds and hundreds of Germans have been killed here, and still more will fall, but Belgium will triumph. Since the fall of Antwerp we have fought daily, with only an occasional day's rest. We are still in Belgium. We are about 700 yards from the Germans, where I cannot tell you, but it smells awfully owing to the hundreds of dead which are still unburied.

"Along the Yser and in West Flanders we have been fighting now for one month (the letter is dated Nov. 14), and the Germans had at least 90,000 losses. The corpses are floating in great numbers on the water, which at some places is a dark brown colour from blood. I have already killed many Germans, and our 11th Regiment is famous. Our regiment and the 12th are the only regiments opposing the enemy in Belgium. We have sufficient bread, and receive every day meat, soup, and potatoes."

The Bear's Onward March

In the eastern theatre of war, the success of the Russian Bear seems assured. Winter is coming on—the Russians are prepared. They are a hardy race and cold does not affect them. We in Newfoundland consider ourselves hardy, but nevertheless we must also prepare ourselves to withstand the elements. To be comfortable during winter, dry feet are essential. You can have them by wearing only the Best Rubbers, i.e. Bear Brand. You can buy them from Monroe & Co. (have you seen the bear in their window?) W. R. Goobie, Nicholle, Inkpen & Chafe, Steer Bros., Jesse Whiteaway and J. M. Devine.—Dec 1

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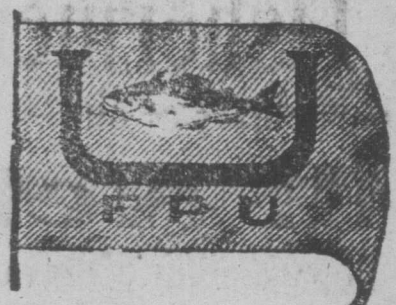
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ST. JOHN'S, N.F.L.D., JAN. 18, 1914.

OUR POINT OF VIEW

Free Advertisement

ON Duckworth Street, this city, is published an obscure paper called "The Trade Review." This is news to a great many people, but we do not mind giving the backward and lowly a little free advertising, especially when it is only given as a sugar coating to an unpleasant pill. If the circulation or importance of "The Trade Review" were in any way equal to the amount of venom which its editor emits, it would be a thing to be stamped out of existence. But it is little likely to do any great harm, so for the sake of the amusement its frolics give us, maybe it is as well to let it live its sort of twilight life.

Too cunning, cowardly and low lived to come in at defense of an honest principle, when such overt acts might offend the patrons from whom it draws its miserable sustenance, it feels resentment towards those who have life enough in them to brave the heat and toil of the day.

The Trade Review in its blind hatred of the red-blooded few who are fighting the battle of the people, clings tenaciously to the fragments of long exploded canard. It has neither wit nor ingenuity enough to see that it is making itself ridiculous by holding on to a morsel that more astute people have long ago abandoned.

It accuses us of being unpatriotic, but we want to ask of "The Trade Review," who are the patriots?

Patriotism means, as we have always understood, a love of country, and so far, we think even the dull wit, who edits "The Trade Review," will agree with us. Very well, then. Now let us see, in what way love of country may find expression.

Who is this fellow of "The Trade Review," who lips so glibly of patriotism and what are his ideas of that noble virtue? He is a soft shell flabby kind of lobster whose love of country is equal to that of the vulture for the lamb. He feeds upon it, he thrives upon it, and loves it as the gormant loves his savory vizards. It is good to live upon. We have gone too far and owe an apology to the vulture, this patriot of whom we speak is more of the hyena kind. He lives upon what the tigers leave to him. He is the mongrel who is quite content to take the scraps that are thrown to him. He has not the courage to grab for himself, but like a sneaking cur he is satisfied with what is given him. To get this he is well content to be the protégé of the grabbers.

He is a servile tool of the dominant classes, and like a faithful ass brays out the tune that best suits his masters.

Is he a patriot who stands unmoved while he sees his country plundered,

and is too cowardly to lift a voice of protest? A servile tool cannot be a patriot or anything that calls for manliness. Is he a patriot who opposes himself to all that makes for the welfare of his native country? The Trade Review is opposed to the uplifting principles for which this paper stands, because those principles are not favorable to the class which he toady to, to the exclusion of all dealings of fair play to the toilers?

Is it in this way "The Trade Review" expresses its patriotism? The country may be robbed, degraded, and have her best interests thwarted, but so long as this is done by the masters of "The Trade Review" it is unholy, unpatriotic to say a word against the despoilers.

Now compare the conduct of "The Trade Review" man with that of the patriot who controls this paper. This paper opposes itself to all that is inimical to the best interests of the country, and in so doing has to endure sacrifices that any but a true patriot would shrink from. This paper is fighting the battle of Terra Nova and her sons, and opposed to it are the entrenched evils which "The Trade Review" attempts to defend.

This paper has done wonders for the country. It has torn down old prejudices and destroyed hereditary injustice. It has by its manly efforts secured a measure of fair play for the down trodden. It has interposed itself, between the wily politician and his innocent victims. The whole country is feeling the beneficent influence of this journal.

It is our idea of patriotism to endeavour by all honest means to advance your native home, to love it, and to fight for its rights against all who retard or oppress it.

"The Trade Review" considers it patriotic to stand by and see his country robbed and for his silent acquiescence to get his part of the plunder, in the way of sops from the robbers.

We are unpatriotic in the eyes of "The Trade Review" because we speak of charity beginning at home, and because we express our contempt for the showy patriots who are bringing the Belgian distress before our minds to the ignoring of the very real distress which exists in our own midst.

TO THE EDITOR

PATRIOTIC CONTRIBUTIONS AT HANT'S HR

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—As your paper "The Mail and Advocate" is widely read by the friends of this neighborhood, will you please insert the names and amounts of subscription toward the Ladies' Patriotic Association of this place, as per list enclosed.

MRS. J. W. JANES, President.

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TO THE EDITOR

Did you hear the latest news? No what is it? Well the Methodist Bible Classes of the city are hoping to see you at the Grand Patriotic Concert in the Methodist College Hall on the 25th inst. Proceeds in aid of the Patriotic Fund. Reserved seat tickets 50c. and 30c. for sale at Dicks & Co. General admission 20c.—Jan. 18, m.w.f

TO THE EDITOR

Yes, I am engaged for the 25th inst. Where at? Why, at the Grand Patriotic Concert in the Methodist College Hall. You will hear the best talent of the city there. Reserved seat tickets for sale at Dicks & Co. 50c. and 30c. General admission 20c.—Jan. 18, 20.22

BURNT HEAD LOCAL OFFICERS

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—The officers of Burnt Head, C.B. Council for the coming year are as follows:
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Deputy Chair, Henry H. Morgan, re-elected.
Secretary—Thos. F. Bishop, re-Treasurer, Leonard Martin, elected.
Door Guard, Ehel Bishop, re-elected.

Our Council wishes the President and all members of the F.P.U. a very happy and prosperous New Year.

—SECRETARY.

HELD CONCERT IN AID OF S.S.

Little Beaver Cove, N.D.B., Jan. 12.—We are now embarked on the voyage of another year to take its "ups and downs." But we must look on the sunny side. In any case we must "never trouble trouble until trouble troubles us."

The part of the winter that is past has been very severe in regards to frost with frequent snowfalls. But at the present time Mr. Snow hangs behind the screen.

It is very fine weather and good going on ice. Before the northern slob came in the Bays were frozen over and naturally it made it good skating and driving which is the topic of the day.

As this is the main thoroughfare in winter we are visited by many travelers going to and from the lumbering woods and other different places.

A concert was held here on the last night of Xmas in aid of the Sunday School and to help give Father Xmas a good "send off." It was a grand success and we congratulate the party who effected the good management of the same.

With sincerest wishes to the Editor, Aunt Jane and all the readers of "The Mail and Advocate" for a prosperous year.

—CORRESPONDENT.

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BRITONS BEAR WOUNDS WELL

Bugler Boy Bore Hurt Without Whimper and German Who Wept With Pain

SOME interesting diary notes from the front were published in the "London Scottish Regimental Gazette," which partakes quite of the nature of a war edition. Prominence is given to the action in which the London Scottish played an important part at Messines on Hallowe'en, in which the first of the regiment officially reported "on the field of honour" was Captain Angus McNab, regimental officer, reported to have been killed by a German while engaged in Red Cross work.

"Since I started this letter (writes a subaltern in a diary) I have succeeded in getting hold of a motor-bus to go for supplies. It is a London General. There are dozens of them here, and it seems difficult to realise that we are so far away when we see the usual advertisements around us....

"It is a funny thing, but a fact, that our fellows bear pain much better than the Germans do. To-day I had a small bugler of a British battalion with a shocking shoulder wound who sat there simply hanging on to himself, and not uttering a sound, while a tremendous German near by with a bullet wound in his hand sat nursing himself, weeping at frequent intervals, and making no end of a row.

"There was a batch of prisoners here to-day, miserable-looking men. While they were at the station a Belgian tried to get at them with a bayonet, but our sentries stopped him. A French medical officer told me to-day that he had attended a wounded German on whom they found a diary glowing over certain atrocities. He was finished with much speed.

"Last night I played in the haggis on a mouth-organ. We had brandy instead of whisky, and the meal was a great success, as we also had a bully beef stew and stewed fruit, washed down with red wine, and finished off with coffee and rum; so it was "some" banquet. Every officer could mention dozens of cases of real bravery, but very few can possibly be mentioned.

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(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—We are somewhat late in sending our returns and assessments for the year. We have been delayed in many ways but I hope we will be able to pull up a bit from this on.

I have been elected again for Chairman for this year and will try to make things move a little faster than they have been.

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CHAS. BARTLETT,
Chairman Local Council.
Jackson's Cove, Dec. 30, 14.

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DEATH WELCOMED BY MANY SOLDIERS

Relieves Them of Their Terrible Suffering in the Trenches—Yet They Are Not Despondent

By Herbert Corey.

London, Jan. 9.—Death doesn't matter. Dead men do not matter. By and by the soldier in the trenches seems to become fairly indifferent to both. It is not so much that he is superhumanly brave, as that he is stupefied by fatigue. His senses are blunted by the most incredible discomfort. He has become used to the sight of the waste products of war—just as a horse might to a bit of fluttering paper by the roadside.

"Walked through fields of dead men, I have," said Corporal Frank Wilson, "and never looked up. Thought of nothing but how my feet hurt, I did."

In other wars, so old soldiers have reported, each man believed in his personal luck. Other men might be killed, he thought, but not he. Now one hears of a different attitude among the men. They have resigned themselves to death. From the moment they become accustomed to the terrific turmoil of this bodiless fighting—to blowing up men they cannot see, and to being blown up by men who are hidden from the eye—they give themselves up for dead. It makes for a strange cheerfulness.

"By Rights We're Dead."

"We're cheating," said a pair of British officers in Calais on one of the three-day furloughs recently. "By rights we are dead."

The colonel of one of the great British regiments—a man whose family name has been conspicuous in British history and whose town

house is one of the sights of London—wrote to a friend: "We no longer wonder if we will be killed," said he. "We all know that we cannot expect to live through this war. And we suffer so in these infernal trenches that we hope death will come soon."

This seems to hold good for the men of all armies. It is not that they are despondent or frightened. For the most part, they manage to enjoy themselves excellently when they get the chance. It is merely that they are numb. Many close their eyes to the grim possibilities of war—but for most one suspects that the bitterness of death passes when they make up their minds they will never see the folks at home again. Thereafter they fight and suffer in a strange sort of peace.

Dead Valuable for Uniforms.
To the higher officers of all armies, the dead are merely "losses." They are not an encumbrance, as the wounded are. They have a certain small but definite value—that of the unspoiled clothes which may sometimes be stripped from them before their naked bodies are consigned to the common trench. They are a potential nuisance which, if not abated, may interfere with the process of killing other men. If it is quite convenient their identity is ascertained for the information of the War Office and the folks at home.

But this depends entirely upon convenience. The operations of war are rarely interrupted in order to give decent burial to the men who have fallen. There are fields upon fields littered with the remnants of men and swept by the fire of both armies. The other day, in northern France, an armistice was agreed in order that the Germans and British might bury the bodies that lay between their lines. This was so uncommon an occurrence that "Eyewitness," the official observer of the British army, commented upon it in his report to the press.

Almost Unprecedented.
An armistice for this purpose," said he, "is uncommon—almost unprecedented—in this war."

Mourning relatives searching for their slain are not wanted at the front. They are in the way—and they may impair the morale of those who still live. Because this battle line is in France the French leaders have been forced to endure these deprecatory visits to some extent. But when the bodies are found—if they

are found—transportation upon railroad trains is forbidden. Those trains are needed for the wounded men, some of whom may be patched up for killing later. With characteristic forethought the Germans arranged this in advance.

"Bodies may not be carried upon trains," is the gist of the order that was issued. "Upon proper application relatives may secure a pass permitting them to take bodies from the field in automobiles."

No Reverence for the Dead.
The men do not fear the dead. Surrounded by ghastly realities, they do not tremble at ghostly visitants. They watch the darkness for the moving shadows—for the shadow that may have knife or rifle in its hands—and not the harmless dead among which it crawls. Almost the only trace of the age-old reverence for the dead is in the prompt punishment given to those ghouls who rob the bodies. They are rarely flattered by a court-martial. Capture is quickly followed by a firing squad.

Back of the line—in the base towns and the permanent encampments—there is a different and more human attitude. There the final honors are paid those whose lives have been taken by war. Sometimes a firing squad plays a crackling requiem over the graves. As the open hearses pass through the streets of Calais and Boulogne the tender-hearted French people bare their heads reverently and say a brief prayer. Often the nursing sisters are able to place a few flowers on the cheap casket that is being jolted over the cobbled streets. But on the firing line there is no time for sentiment. There the rule is to abate the nuisance quickly.

Death has become a mere commonplace of the business of war.

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All Local Councils in Trinity District who haven't yet sent in their district assessment, will please do so before the end of the month to the treasurer, George Fowlow, of Philip, Trinity East. J. G. STONE, D.C. Dec. 10, 1914.

HEROIC MOTHER GAVE HER SON HIS HEARING

Corporal, Defeated by Experience on Battlefield, is Cured by Shock of Seeing His Mother Fall Downstairs

CORPORAL TUCKER, of the 2nd Battalion, Welsh Regiment, who was wounded at Ypres and is now at his home in Talygarn Street, Cardiff, tells a remarkable story. He asserts that he was rendered dumb by the explosion of a shell, and was unable to speak a word for weeks after he left the trenches. His speech was restored, he declares, after his mother had deliberately thrown herself down stairs in order to give him a shock. Here is his story in his own words:

Buried Alive.
"At Ypres I was buried alive by three 'coal-boxes' which came along at the same time. At first I did not know what happened. It was all so quiet and dark. I felt a great weight on all parts of my body, and I could not move a finger.

"Fortunately some men soon dug me out, but my nerves were completely shaken, and I could not speak a word. I was sent to England and met my wife, but was unable to greet her with a single word.

"I had not seen my mother for a long time, so I went to London to pay her a visit. Naturally, she was very much upset, and, of course, I was very miserable, as I was not able to speak.

"On Tuesday night I came home from a picture palace, and, feeling downhearted, I sat alone in the kitchen downstairs.

Got a Shock.
"I was thinking of my hard luck when I heard my mother scream. Then came a thud as of some one falling down the stairs. I jumped up, rushed to the foot of the stairs, and stumbled over my mother, who lay groaning. What I said or did I don't know, but I fancy I called out 'Oh, mother!' Then I fainted.

"When I recovered I found my mother standing in front of me, and I was crying. She was quite cool and smiling, and was telling me to have a good cry, as it would do me good.

"In the morning I learned that my mother did not slip down the stairs, but had deliberately thrown herself down in order to give me a shock. In doing so she bruised herself. She might easily have met with serious injury, as the stairs are very dangerous."

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GERMANS SEIZED FOOD SUPPLIES

Actual Starvation at Louvain—Inhabitants Quartered in Ruins of the City Hall and Cathedral

THE Commission for Relief in Belgium, 3, London-wall-buildings, E.C., have received the following telegram, despatched by their Special Commissioner from Maastrecht, Holland.

"I met to-day a number of refugees just arrived here from various parts of Belgium. The first batch came from Malines—their story was told me by Mlle. Maria Thirimmann. There is now no food at all in Malines," she said. "Once daily a single cart comes from Antwerp with bread, but only those able to pay money get any; those without money have only what is given them by the people who are better off."

"I must point out that the Commission have already sent supplies to Malines, but these, apparently, are exhausted. To keep all these places in food 80,000 tons of supplies will have to be sent into Belgium every month.

Situation Deplorable.
"A skilled mechanic named Paternot, who reached here yesterday from Berchem village, adjacent to Antwerp, accompanied by several friends, said: 'In Berchem and neighbouring villages of Borgerhout and Merxem, the general situation is deplorable. All the ready capital of the Commune has disappeared; the local authorities, consequently, have no money with which to buy food for the hungry population. For some time there has been no food available in the district.

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Seized All Food.
"It is feared that serious consequences are likely to arise from this, because it was at Berchem that the Germans stored food seized at Antwerp, which they stated was being sent to Brussels. Consequently the people, while starving, see quantities of food within their reach. Meetings are being held nightly, when the chances of attacking the German garrison for the purpose of taking possession of food are seriously discussed. The stock of flour now in Antwerp is only calculated to last three days more. Until this week, besides bread, there has been a bi-weekly distribution of fuel and potatoes to families, of green vegetables once a week, but this has now ceased."

Food For Well-to-do.
"These statements were confirmed by a crowd of refugees who arrived here later this afternoon. They all agree in saying that until the last day or two there has been sufficient food in the central parts of Antwerp for those able to pay; three days ago, however, the bakers closed down, but hoped to open in a day or so if flour could be secured. In the suburbs of Antwerp there is practically a food famine, the inhabitants being solely dependent upon the Commission's distribution. When this becomes temporarily exhausted, privation once ensues.

"The refugees report that conditions in Louvain are much worse than in Antwerp. Actual starvation prevails there; almost all buildings are destroyed; the inhabitants are living almost anywhere—amongst the ruins of the Hotel de Ville, or in what remains of the cathedral, with no means of providing heat.

"The Belgian Consul-general from Rotterdam told me that Belgians of good position just returned from visiting Termonde state the food question there is vital."

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It has also been ordered that letters and Post Cards to our Troops on Active Service in Great Britain, or (through the Agency of the General Post Office in Great Britain) to our Troops on Foreign Service, be forwarded without being stamped.
Postmasters will please observe this NOTICE and govern themselves accordingly.
H. J. B. WOODS, Postmaster General. jan13,4i

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BATTLE FOUGHT IN THE SUBURBS OF THIS CITY

Number of Men Captured and Disarmed—Volunteer Inspection To-day by the Governor—List Reaches 829

Volunteers for the Second Contin- ent are coming forward steadily. The total now is 829. The latest to sign are:— St. John's—Gus. Hearn, Cyril E. Daniels, Thos. J. Walsh, Wm. Dodd, Saml. R. Hackett; Salvage, B.B.—Fred. C. Benson; Victoria, Carbonear.—John Edgar, Saml. Penney; Jas. Hy. Saunders, care of S. A. Metropole;

Bishop's Falls.—Stephen James; St. George's.—Thos. Carter. Skirmishing Drill. Saturday morning was spent by the Volunteers in skirmishing drill. At 9.15 a squad left the Armoury and proceeded, toward the Consumption Camps and took up their position in the woods. They were known as the defending party and had to defend the Camps. At ten o'clock another squad left and proceeded towards Mundy Pond and were extended in open order and had to skirmish the woods and make an attack on the defending party, who were somewhere in the woods defending the Camps. The attack was unsuccessful as the defend- ing party had a good position taken within a hundred yds. of the camps and made an attack on the enemy before they were aware of it, and cap- tured a number of their men prison- ers and took their rifles from them.

Did Some Hard Work. The men thoroughly enjoyed the morning and some hard walking and scouting was done trying to skirmish through the thick woods, as in places the snow was very high. The return was made back to the Armoury at 1.30. This afternoon an inspection is to be held on the Government grounds when the Volunteers will be put through a march past, manual exer- cises and marching. His Excellency the Governor and Captain Abraham will inspect the Parade.

Hold a Dinner. On Thursday night the Volunteers who are qualifying for non-commis- sioned officers' stripes are holding a dinner at Wood's Restaurant and an enjoyable evening is in store for them. An excellent musical programme is being arranged and a number of pre- sentations will take place.

A squad from No. 6 platoon spent yesterday afternoon at the South Side Range to have their first shot over the 200 yd. distance. Yesterday morning the Volunteers held their second Church Parade. The greater number are now supplied with their uniforms and they looked fine. There were about four hundred in the parade. Thousands of citizens lined the streets to see them march past.

BOY BUILDERS' NARROW SHAVE IN SNOW HOUSE

As a number of boys were amusing themselves in a snow house off Georg Street yesterday afternoon it caved in and a boy named Flynn narrowly escaped suffocation. Fortunately for him he was seen by Mrs. James Coady who raised an alarm and the boy was dug out almost dead from suffocation. When the mishap occurred his com- panions became frightened and ran away.

Marriage Problem Handled by Films At Nickel Theatre

The Vitagraph Co. will be seen in a two-reel feature entitled "Her Hus- band." It tells of a girl who marries in haste and repents at leisure. The second one is a wise choice and as happy as the first venture was mis- erable. Clara Kimball Young, Earle Williams, Darwin Karr and James Lackaye are in the leads. Another two-film picture is by the Thanhouser Co. "The Dancer." It is a powerful emotional drama, being a thrilling story of life behind the scenes. Marguerite Snow is featured. There is also a Hearst-Selig News pictorial and a comedy by the Key- stone Co. Wednesday there will be another Vitagraph social drama in two reels—"The Price of Vanity." Children will be delighted to learn that there is another big time in store for them on Friday and Saturday afternoon's next when "Dick Whitting- ton and his Cat" will be presented. It is in three reels. There are 200 peo- ple in the cast and the picture cost over \$35,000.

British Try To Cut Down Ships' Delays

Customs Officials Work Overtime to Minimise Delays to Vessels Search- ed for Contraband.

London, Jan. 18.—There is every in- dication that the British Foreign Of- fice and the Admiralty are inaugurat- ing a vigorous policy for the imme- diate search and release of foreign ships suspected of carrying contra- band.

In many cases the customs officials have been instructed to work over- time in getting contraband unloaded so that detained bottoms may proceed.

OBITUARY

W. R. Searle.

Word was received Saturday of the death of Mr. William R. Searle in hos- pital at North Easton, near Boston. He had been in hospital for several weeks and underwent an operation but the nature of his disease was such that a cure could not be made. Mr. Searle was well known in St. John's as for many years he was a prominent contractor and builder. He leaves a widow and one daughter whom will be extended the sympa- thy of their many friends in St. John's.

WEDDING BELLS

Axford-Faulk.

A pretty wedding took place at St. Mary's Church this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Miss Fanny Axford, daughter of apt. Axford, and Capt. Faulk of the U.S. Beothic were united in mari- riage.

The bride is very popular at St. Mary's Church, being a member of the choir and teacher in the Sunday School.

The chancel was prettily decorated for the ceremony. The bride who was given away by her father was attractively gowned. She was attended by Miss Rose At- till and Miss Elsie Bennett, while Mr. H. Brown of the Commercial Cable Co. supported the groom.

The ceremony was performed by the rector, Rev. H. Uphill. Appropriate music was rendered at his service. After the ceremony the party drove to Smithville where a reception was held.

The bride received many beautiful presents.

The Mail joins with other friends in wishing Capt. Faulk and his bride many years of future happiness.

The meeting of the White Rose De- votee of Lodge Dudley, No. 227, S.O.E. No. 1, to be held on to-morrow (Tues- day) evening will open at 7.30 p.m. by rector, CHAS. W. UDLE, Secretary.—11

HOLY NAME FEAST IS CELEBRATED AT R.C. CATHEDRAL

Holy Name Society in At- tendance at Special Religious Services—Eloquent Sermon by Fr. Sheehan

Yesterday being the Anniversary of the Feast of the Holy Name, the losing religious services in connec- tion with the Triduum held in honour of the Holy Name at the Cathedral, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings last was most fittingly cele- brated by the Society.

In the early morning the members met and repaired to the Sanctuary rail and received Holy Communion from the hands of Rev. Fr. Sheehan, who also was the celebrant at Mass. Seven hundred, including a contin- gent from the Juvenile Branch, were present. It was most edifying to see the aged, adult and the youth approaching the Altar rails together. The Spiritual Director, Fr. Sheehan, delivered a short, but appropriate, sermon.

In the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, Benedic- tion of the Blessed Sacrament was given by Rev. Mons. Roache, who also delivered a most learned and eloquent discourse on the Holy Name of Jesus, from its inception in ages back when he Angel announced to the Blessed Virgin "Behold thou shall bring forth a son and He will be called Jesus." At the mention of his name every Christian should bend his knee. The Rev. gentleman, on behalf of the clergy, thanked the Society for its assistance in church work during the past year.

S.S. Durango left Halifax yester- day afternoon.

BIRTHS

STIRLING.—At 40 Livingstone St., January 16th, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Stirling.

Admiralty Tug Sunk in Collision Crew All Drowned

London, Jan. 17.—The Admiralty tug boat Chub was sunk in a hurri- cane yesterday off Deal, eight miles north-east of Dover, the result of a collision with a steamer which, leak- ing badly, is making for the Downs. The boat's crew of twelve were drowned.

Overdue Vessel Dorothy C. French Turns Up Safely

Safe in the harbor of Mayport, Fla., is the Boston schooner Bradford C. French, so long overdue on a passage from St. John's, Nfld., to Bridgewater, N.S., that she had been given up as lost.

The French said from St. John's, Nfld., on Nov. 28, and was to take on a cargo of wood pulp for Baltimore. With fair winds she should have made Bridgewater in a week's time.

To the surprise and delight of her owners, Crowell and Thurlow, of Broad Street, Boston, she sailed into Mayport on Tuesday afternoon, leak- ing slightly but otherwise all right.

Magistrate's Court

Judge Knight has sufficiently recov- ered from his cold to be on the bench Saturday morning.

W. M. Clapp was summoned for not shovelling the snow from the side- walk in front of his vacant land op- posite the Royal Stores. The defend- ant stated that he gave orders to have the snow shovelled but the man was a little late in starting. When the sum- mons reached him the work was halt- ing. He did not consider that he was being fairly treated. Mr. Clapp also stated that because of the cabstand he was unable to lease this property.

This is a matter which perhaps the Council will consider. He had to pay costs.

This Morning

A teamster, drunk and disorderly was fined \$4 or 14 days.

A butcher, drunk in charge of a horse, was fined \$5 or 14 days.

Two boys were charged with steal- ing lumber from the Horwood Lumber Co.; the charge was withdrawn on payment of costs.

BELGIAN SHIP SIGNALS C. RACE FOR ASSISTANCE

Saturday night Capt. English, Hr. Master had a message that a steamer was disabled off Cape Race and needed assistance.

Capt. English acquainted Hon. W. C. Job, thinking that the Nascope, which left earlier in the night get in touch with the steamer, but as the Nascope's wireless is not in operation, she could not be informed.

Messrs. Bowring Bros. was also notified so that the Portia might go to her aid, but later messages stated that the steamer, which is the Car- mino, was off Cape Sable and the Lady Laurier had gone to her assistance.

The Camino, Capt. Ablin, is an American ship bound from San Fran- cisco to Rotterdam, via London, with relief for the Belgians.

She left Colin on Jan. 2nd. The Mongolian, which left here yesterday morning for Philadelphia, and the Donaventure, which sailed at noon for Sydney, were ordered to keep an eye out for her.

The Furness liner Ranawha is standing by her to-day. She cannot take her in tow, as her cables are not strong enough.

The Camino's rudder has been car- ried away and her decks swept. She is an American steamer owned by Swayne & Hoyt, San Francisco. She is 3308 tons gross, 2086 net, 296 feet long, 43 wide, 28 deep, built in 1912. She burns oil as fuel.

She will likely be towed to Halifax.

A 17-year-old lad arrested last night was examined by Dr. Roberts and pronounced insane. He was sent to the Asylum to-day.

SPLENDID HOLIDAY ATTRACTION.

(Under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Rt. Rev. Mons. Roche, Administrator of the Archdiocese.)

The pupils of the Christian Brothers' School will present a Grand Variety Entertain- ment and Delightful Comic Op- eretta in three Acts, entitled "Idle Ben," Casino Theatre, Monday, Jan. 25th, at 8.15 p.m. Director—Prof. Hutton.

Proceeds for extension of Holy Cross Schools. C. G. C. Band Orchestra. Reserved Seats 50c, and 40c. Gallery, 30c; Pk. 20c. Get your tick- ets at Atlantic Bookstore now. Delay Means Regret. 21.15.21.

BELGIUMS CASE DISCUSSED BY THE GOVERNOR

Sir Walter Davidson Tells the C.M.B.C. Members of Our Great Debt to the Lit- tle European Kingdom

His Excellency the Governor lectur- ed at the C.M.B.C. in the Synod Hall, yesterday afternoon.

There was a very large attendance, every seat being occupied. Rev. J. Brinton occupied the chair and open- ed the meeting.

His Excellency received a cordial welcome. He needed no introduction, for he is well known to all, particu- larly since the opening of the war.

His Excellency had chosen as his subject, "The Condition of the Inhabit- ants of Belgium" and his words touch- ed sympathetic chords in the hearts of all his hearers.

The Belgians were deserving of everyone's pity; their homes had been destroyed by the Germans; their food and goods confiscated; their beauti- ful cathedrals, churches and works of art had been levelled to the ground; their women and children outraged in a manner which aroused the indigna- tion not only of every Britisher, but of the world.

No one with a heart could refuse sympathy or support to these sorrow- laden people.

The address was listened to with the greatest attention, and at the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was passed the Governor.

CURLING CLUB BLACKBALLERS WORK OVERTIME

The Curling Club met Saturday for the purpose of voting for candidates or membership. There were more than a dozen applicants and all had no more black beans against them.

A couple of them are Volunteers and even they were black balled.

Three were rejected. It happened that all are Canadians and during their residence here have fostered sport and athletics all they could.

One is said to have done as much or more during here when it was at a very low ebb, as any one else but he was rejected just the same.

The result of the meeting is discuss- ed on all sides to-day and many of the members are none too pleased.

PUT ON "IDLE BEN" AT THE CASINO

The delightful sparkling comic op- eretta in three acts, entitled "Idle Ben" and the grand variety entertain- ment which will be presented on the night of the first whole holiday, Jan- uary 25th, at the Casino Theatre, will, with out doubt, be one of the finest holiday attractions of the season.

The director, Mr. Hutton, and the Brothers are giving every attention to the performance, and as the pupils have never disappointed an audience, a most enjoyable evening is assured he capacity house which will attend.

The proceeds are for the Holy Cross Schools, and the Brothers and their pupils deserve the heartiest support of the public in their efforts to further the noble cause of education.

MAN'S TWO FEET ARE FROSTBITTEN

Francis Meaney, who passed last night under a stable on Cuddihy St. was found this morning with both feet badly frostbitten.

He was taken to the lock-up, and as a doctor was not available, Supt. Grimes arranged for his immediate admission into the Hospital, where he was hurriedly driven.

Drove on Sidewalk Almost Killed Lady

We have referred before to the prac- tice of horses driving on the sidewalk of King's Bridge Road opposite the boulevard.

Yesterday a lady narrowly escaped being killed. Perhaps after an acci- dent has happened drivers will keep in the middle of the road.

S.S. Prospero was 4 miles off Cape John, jammed in the ice yesterday afternoon. There is nothing from her.

DEATHS

KIRBY.—There passed peacefully away at her late residence 57 Brazil's Square, Jane Lahey, relict of the late John Kirby, leaving six sons and 3 daughters to mourn the loss of a kind and loving mother. Funeral to take place from her late residence on Wed- nesday at 2.30 p.m. Friends and ac- quaintances please accept this, the only intimation.—(R.I.P.)

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You know that our lease has expired at Grace Building and in the near future we will be removing to our NEW MODERN STORE in the West, and before Removing we have marked many lines of dry-goods to make a Complete Clearance Sale and at the same time, help you to save money on every purchase. You'll find bargains in every department. Here are some values:

Removal Sale of Dress Fabrics. THREE hundred and fifty yards fine-make, light-weight, woollen, dress fabric, richly Embroidered with a hand- some Art Spray suitable for mak- ing garments for Evening or party wear for yourself or child. Double Width: Orig. price 70c. Sale price 40c. Single width: Orig. price 45c. Sale price 25c. One hundred yards of the best, fine-make, Real, Botany Delaine—made of the purest wool and silk—same quality as worn by Aristocrats, 29 inches wide. Value \$1.00 a yard. Sale price a yard 30c.

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Removal Sale of BLOUSES. EXCELLENT Bar- gains can be pick- ed up in this depart- ment, in any fabric, for any occasion at Sale Prices.

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Removal Sale DRESS ROBES. WOMEN'S service- able and dressy fine-twill, all wool, Navy Serge, dress Robes. Sale prices: \$4.00, \$4.25 and \$6.00.

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MALTRTMENT OF CLERGYMEN BY THE GERMANS

Proven in Sworn Statements Published in a Report of the Belgian Commission In- vestigating Outrages

SACRED BUILDINGS USUALLY DEFILED

Sacred Vessels Stolen, When Not Hidden—Some Specific Cases of Brutality to Church Dignitaries

London, Jan. 13.—At the request of the Belgian Legation in London the British Press Bureau has issued detailed allegations of the maltreat- ment of Catholic clergy in Belgium and the destruction of their insti- tutions by German troops.

This statement says that churches and religious houses were destroyed or profaned in almost every village, and in many towns where the German troops passed. In most cases the edi- fices were utilized as stables and pris- ons, and when not placed in safe hid- ing the sacred vessels were stolen.

The statement makes the declara- tion that members of the clergy have been exposed to special indignities at the hands of German soldiers. In the dioceses of Liege, Namur, Malines and Ghent many priests and others con- nected with the churches were either shot or hanged. Many other priests were carried off to Germany, where they appear to have been "subjected to abominable usage."

Specific Instances. The following specific instances are given in the statement of the Press Bureau: August 27, an American and a Spanish priest, among a group of 70 civilians, were dragged about from place to place all day and molested, insulted and threatened with military execution. They were taken to the church at Campenhout and shut up for the night.

4 VOLUNTEERS AT BIG MEETING HELD AT BURGEO

Burgoe, Jan. 18.—A splendid meet- ing was held here on Saturday night and resulted in four men volunteer- ing.—A. W. PICCOTT.

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE PERSONAL

Mr. W. H. Taylor, who has been very ill, was out yesterday the first time for a fortnight.

Rev. J. Adams, deacon, the new curate at the C.E. Cathedral who recently arrived from England, officiated yesterday.

Mr. R. Fowlow, formerly of the Octagon, who has been residing in New York State for the last eighteen months is home at present on a visit.

Mrs. Arch. Forbes, who was dangerously ill at her parents home, Clarke's Beach, is now able to leave her room for a short time daily and the attend- ing physician has every hope of her recovery.

Mr. H. T. Watts, formerly agent of the R. N. Co. at Kelligrews, who has been in Western Canada for several years is now paying a visit to the homeland. He has done well in the Dominion.

SHIPPING

The H. R. Silver has landed 3900 drums fish at Alan Goodridge & Sons for Brazil. She sails first chance.

S.S. Queen Wilhelmina has not ar- rived. She is not likely to get in while the ice is outside.

Portia left St. Mary's at 8 a.m. and is due at Placentia this afternoon. to-day.

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