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THE GERMANS NOW RETIRING

FORCING GERMANS TO RETIRE NORTH

On Diagonal Line Between Meuse Line of Fortresses and Metz—French Take 500 Yards of Trenches.

Great Guns Are Roaring in Flanders—Fleets Bombard the Belgian Coast Towns—Line of Battle Forms a Zigzag From Ostend to the Lys.

Paris, Dec. 14.—The French attack in the Woevre region is forcing the German retirement northward on a diagonal line between the Meuse line of fortresses and Metz.

This is indicated to-day in the official communique from the war office. Continued advance of the French forces is reported, 500 yards of trenches having been taken yesterday.

The statement asserts that the Germans are apparently retreating northward in this district.

The restriction of the German trenches during violent cannonading is also reported in to-day's communique, while in the Laerrie woods, where determined fighting has been in progress for the past week, additional ground has been gained by the French by the blowing up of the German positions by mines.

Fleets Bombard Coast Towns.

Boulogne, Dec. 14.—The battle of Flanders once more is being fought with great violence.

This time it is the allies who are following a vigorous offensive campaign with much success. The superiority of their artillery is incontestable.

The British have taken from the enemy the town of Passchendaele and progress south of the town of Dixmude on the Yser has been very marked.

The German retreat in this district is greatly due to the inundations along with the reverses they suffered near onnebeke. At the same time, strong positions are held by the allies to the northeast of Armentieres. This, coupled with the advance along the Lys where the sappers have been exceedingly active, could not bring any result but the retreat of the enemy.

Battle Line Changed.

The line of battle now forms a zigzag on the map from Ostend to the Lys. The principal irregularities this time are emphasized by the inundations which stretch from several miles north of Nieuport to a point south of Dixmude.

The allied fleets have once more bombarded the Belgian coast towns, which are still in German hands. The ships' fire has been directed mostly against the extreme right of the enemy's line.

On their side the Germans have begun bombardments once more at Ypres, Nieuport and Pervise. One possible motive for this action is the idea of misleading the allies.

The Handelsblad affirms that during Friday night large movements of troops stationed about Antwerp took place. The landsturm regiments crossed the town going to the westward.

NATIONS MUST RESPECT NEUTRALITY OF PANAMA

Panama, Dec. 14.—Col. George W. Goethals, governor of the canal zone, was impelled to suggest to the government at Washington that two swift torpedo boat destroyers be stationed in the Panama canal, one at each end, by the recent activity of belligerent warships and colliers in the vicinity of the Isthmian collier.

The action of the Australian collier Mallina, which left Balboa with out clearance papers and the fact that this and other colliers have shown a disposition to disregard the canal zone shipping laws, actuated Col. Goethals to take a decisive measure to preserve in every way the neutrality of the canal.

Nearly all the colliers which have gathered in canal waters arrived without health certificates, and in several instances the ships sailed without clearance papers. It is presumed that the steamers met and coaled the Australian and English fleet which concentrated recently in the vicinity of the Pearl Islands, which lie sixty miles south-east of Panama city.

The United States torpedo boat destroyers requested by the governor are expected to do patrol duty and to overhaul promptly by belligerent craft attempting to disregard the canal authorities.

A CRITICAL AND MOMENTOUS MOMENT



Little girl (to postman): "Will this letter go to Santa Claus if we have no stamp?"

TURKISH WARSHIP SUNK BY BRITISH SUBMARINE

Which Torpedoed It in the Dardanelles—It Had a Crew of 600.

London, Dec. 14.—The admiralty to-day announced that the Turkish battleship Mesoudieh had been torpedoed and sunk in the Dardanelles. The Mesoudieh was attacked and sunk by a British submarine yesterday. It was an old battleship with a displacement of 10,000 tons, a speed of 17.5 knots, and a crew of 600.

HUERTA IS VERY ANGRY

Liar, Four-Flusher, Highwayman and Jailbird.

New York, Dec. 14.—Gen. Victoriano Huerta, former president of Mexico, has called a number of New York papers, as follows: "Your honorable paper of November 23rd, reproduces a cable from the so-called Mexican constitutionalist representative in Spain, that I have offered my fortune and my sword to Villa.

The Russians Are Pursuing The Enemy

Petrograd, Dec. 14.—Continued success in operation in the Caucasus is claimed in an official statement issued to-day, which says: "Throughout December 11th, there was fighting in front of the villages of Pyronsk, Emzer and Dovtak. The enemy was everywhere repulsed and pursued beyond the Euphrates, with severe losses.

WILL HAVE TO REFORM THE GERMAN LINES

Before Another Offensive, as Russians Have Inflicted Losses on Them.

Petrograd, Dec. 14.—The Russians defending the line in the Lovicz region have inflicted such serious losses upon the attacking army of Gen. Mackensen that his lines will have to be reformed before another general offensive can be attempted.

Died At Salisbury Plain, Eng.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—The militia department reports the death of Sergeant James W. Guerin, of the Princess Patricia's Light Infantry, of the first Canadian contingent. The next of kin is Mrs. C. Guerin, Belfast, Ireland. No particulars are given in the cable reaching here.

Military Appointments Announced



MAJOR-GEN. C. R. STEELE

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Col. Fiset, deputy minister of militia, for many years, has just been created surgeon-general. Col. Sam. Steele, commanding the Winnipeg district has received the rank of major-general. In addition, Major-General Steele and Major-General Leppard, of Toronto, have been appointed inspector-generals, one for western Canada and the other for eastern. The position of inspector-general has been vacant for some time.

GERMAN ARMY OFFICER HIDING IN A TRUNK

Sensational Capture by the Vigilant British Customs Officer at Gravesend, Eng.

London, Dec. 14.—A vigilant customs officer on board the Saturday made a sensational capture of a German army officer, whom he extracted from hiding in a huge trunk that was about to be shipped from Gravesend to Rotterdam.

This trunk was going forward as ordinary merchandise on board the steamer Batavier. The customs officer became suspicious, and gave orders that the padlocks on the trunk be chiseled off. This was done, and when the lid was removed his suspicions were justified. A man, later identified as a German officer, was lifted out of the box. He was promptly removed to the Gravesend police station. Bedding, food, and water were found in the trunk, and it was evident that the man was prepared for a long stay.

It is believed that this officer made his escape from one of the internment camps in England, and it is evident that he must have had accomplices in his effort to leave the country hidden in the trunk. It is supposed that he was endeavoring to convey information to Germany.

Fell To Their Death.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—Shooting violently to the earth as the slender scaffolding perched seventy feet high on the tank of the Ontario National Brick Company gave way beneath their weight, four workmen were dashed to death at noon on Saturday in Cooksville. The dead are: John Bowler, H. McKenna, George Warner, Toronto; Andrew Webster, nineteen years of age, Cooksville.

Dutch Seize Grain Cargoes For Germany

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 14.—The correspondent at Hansweert, Netherlands, of the Amsterdam Telegraaf, declares that the Dutch authorities have seized fifteen river boats containing cargoes of grain and other goods which, it is alleged, the Germans were attempting to smuggle by way of the River Scheldt. The Germans authorities, the correspondent adds, contend that the cargoes are private property.

REBUKE OF AUSTRIA COMES FROM BERLIN

For Collapse of Its Offensive in Serbia.

ONLY INTERPRETATION

OF REBUKE IN WEEK-END OFFICIAL REPORT.

Much Mystery About Serbia's Counter-Offensive—That Little Country Seems to Have Turned the Tables.

New York, Dec. 14.—Differences apparently have arisen between Germany and Austria concerning the progress of the Austrian campaign. This is the only possible interpretation of the public rebuke which has been inflicted on the Austrians by Berlin's week-end official report of the conditions in the war zone.

The immediate cause of the German outburst is probably the collapse of Austria's offensive in Serbia. There is much mystery about Serbia's counter-offensive, which is now so successfully developing. Less than a fortnight ago the Serbians had been routed and demoralized; so complete was their discomfiture that their country seemed lost. Now, however, the Serbians seem to have turned the tables on the Austrians in a way to bring Germany's impatience so a breaking point.

Russian Resistance.

Berlin, Dec. 14.—To-day's official statement announces that the Russians are putting up a stubborn resistance in Central Poland, although it says the Germans are making favorable progress.

Austria Sues For Peace

Paris, Dec. 14.—Georges Clemenceau, former premier of France, stated yesterday: "I learned that Austria has twice asked Serbia to agree to peace. The source of my information is such that I defy anyone to contradict it. A shuddering apprehension for the near future must have seized upon Berlin and Vienna for that proud empire to supplicate little Serbia for peace."

War Tidings.

It is reported at Athens that the crews of several Turkish warships have mutinied owing to the brutal conduct of the German officers. The Germans have thrown practically every man available on to the fighting line. Aerial reconnaissance show that only slight bodies of reserves are being held in their rear.

Major Morarth, in the Berliner Tageblatt, declares the allies have scored over the Germans and are now in position to demand the landing of the additional British army.

The only German commerce-raider to be run down in the Atlantic are believed to be the Karlsruhe, the Strassburg, possibly the converted cruiser Kron Prinz Wilhelm, and the steamer Batavier, which was reported to have escaped to the Atlantic.

The Australian cruiser Australia arrived, on Sunday, in the Bay of Panama. She is coming from two British colliers, the Lena and the Boyne, which passed through the canal beyond the territorial waters. It is reported that the Australia is accompanied by other vessels, including a Japanese warship.

Two Austrian Torpedo Boats Sunk by Mines

Rome, Dec. 14.—Two Austrian torpedo boats are reported to have been sunk in the Adriatic, according to a message received here from Trieste to-day. The torpedo boats were enroute to Lissa when they struck mines, the message states. The crews of both vessels were lost.

Brussels Will Pay Tribute.

Amsterdam, Dec. 14.—A Berlin despatch says that Brussels and suburbs have decided to pay the war tax of 45,000,000 marks (\$11,250,000) imposed by Germany, by means of special taxes payable up to June 15th, 1915.

For the payment of the remaining 25,000,000 marks (\$6,250,000) of the first war contribution arrangements have been reached with a group of Belgian banks, whereby these obligations will be met in ten instalments.

AFTER 44 YEARS.

Paris, Dec. 14.—A simple official notice that is of great value as a historical document has been posted at the chief postoffices throughout France. It notifies the public that henceforth letters to points in twenty-one communes of Alsace will require only a two-cent stamp. This means that after forty-four years under German rule these districts form a part of the soil of France in an actual administrative sense.

SON KICKED BY HORSE; SHOCK KILLS MOTHER

Injured Man in Hamilton Hospital—Has Chance to Recover.

Hamilton, Dec. 14.—While exercising a horse on the farm of his parents near Rymal yesterday, Thomas Lindsay was seriously injured, and the shock of the accident to his mother was such that she died just as her son was being removed from the house to the hospital. Lindsay was kicked on the head by the animal, and it was found necessary on the arrival of the physician to remove one of his eyes. He was found about four o'clock, and it was nearly an hour before medical attention could be obtained. He was later brought to the hospital, where late last night it was stated that his condition is serious. Lindsay is fifty-two years of age, and has a chance to recover. He is the only son left in the family, two brothers having died within a few days some time ago. Mrs. Lindsay was eighty years of age, and wrote several short poems under the name of Lizzie Leath Lindsay.

"Gillette razors," Gibson's. The new steel plant of Armstrong Whitworth of Canada, Limited, was formally opened at Longueuil on Saturday.

"Ebony brushes," Gibson's. W. F. Nickle, M.P., returned on Sunday from Vancouver, B.C. The Y.W.C.A. held a sale and tea on Saturday afternoon.

DAILY MEMORANDUM.

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BORN

KIRKWOOD—In Kingston, at 4 Junkin St., on Dec. 12th, 1914, to Capt. and Mrs. W. J. Kirkwood, a daughter.

DIED

BAZEAU—In Kingston, on Dec. 13th, 1914, Francis X. BazEAU, aged 74 years. Funeral from his late residence, 152 Ontario street, Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, to St. Mary's Cathedral, where a solemn mass will be celebrated. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

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