

GERMANS MET DEFEAT

IN NORTH POLAND INSTEAD OF WINNING A VICTORY.

Russian War Office Makes Emphatic Denial of Germany's Claim - Russians Outstripping the Enemy.

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—Scornful official denial of the German claims of victory in the east, was made from the war office here yesterday. The statement pointed out the lack of details in the announcement from Berlin.

"The claims of the Germans are not only denied, but the defeat of the forces of the enemy in northern Poland is pointed out, and attention called to the fact that Berlin has admitted the withdrawal of the troops which advanced from Mlawa. The statement says:

"The object of such fanfare is too evident to make us weary about putting a guard upon European opinion.

"The Germans would like to mould this opinion to their own will, but they are succeeding badly. They think they can make themselves conquerors, whereas, in reality, they have been driven from Clechanow, while Russian troops are on their heels and already outstripping them.

"From the fact that the German staff itself has admitted this, neutral countries will be able to discern the truth.

Clechanow, mentioned in the statement, is twenty miles south-east of Mlawa on the main railway to Warsaw, along the line upon which the Germans attempted to advance.

SAVED INDIAN REGIMENT.

Connaught Rangers Faced Terrible Odds, But Saved Day.

Paris, Dec. 21.—A thrilling story of how the Connaught Rangers saved an Indian regiment has been told by a wounded interpreter. It was arranged that the Indians should make a surprise attack on the German trenches at dawn. They had gone half way when the enemy, who had been reinforced during the night, opened fire violently. The Indians went bravely on, but were taken by infantry fire and had to retire to the trenches. The Germans found the range and bombarded the trenches for twenty minutes. The bombardment was followed by an infantry attack in overwhelming numbers.

Matters looked very gloomy when ringing cheers were heard and the Connaught Rangers came up on the double quick. A desperate hand-to-hand battle followed. The Irishmen, in the face of terrible odds, were repulsed and had to retreat. They reformed and attacked again, but again were driven back before the overwhelming onslaught of the Germans. In spite of their heavy losses, the Rangers did not lose courage. They reformed a second time and with the remnants of the Indians made a third glorious charge. This time they literally swept the Germans before them. The enemy first made a determined stand, but in spite of their numbers they were powerless before the maddened Irishmen. When all their officers had fallen the Germans threw down their rifles and the Connaughts, still cheering, occupied their trenches.

UNCLE SAM SITS TIGHT.

Bombardment of undefended towns Not to be questioned.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Determined that the United States shall continue uninvolved in the controversy which has arisen between the European belligerents over alleged violations of the Hague Conventions, President Wilson and Secretary Bryan will make no representations to Germany concerning the bombardment of the east coast of England by German warships. Suggestions from the British press that the United States should take the initiative in protesting to Germany for the alleged infraction of an article of the Hague conventions which prohibits naval bombardment of "undefended towns," has met with no response from the Washington government.

No formal communication on the subject has come from Great Britain, but the suggestions in the press developed an informal discussion among high officials here as to the course to be pursued by the Washington government, after which the president and secretary Bryan renewed their determination not to interfere.

MINE SWEEPERS SUNK.

Struck Mines on English Coast Near Scarborough.

London, Dec. 21.—Two mine sweepers are reported to have been sunk on Saturday between Scarborough and Fliley. Another is reported to have been damaged. All struck mines.

Fliley is eight miles southwest of Scarborough. The sinking of the mine sweepers indicates that the waters off the east coast of England are still sewn with mines dropped by the German cruisers after the bombardment of Scarborough, Hartlepool, and Whitby.

Born in England. London, Dec. 21.—A daughter was born at Lythfield to Captain A. A. Nevill Hayne, Canadian contingent and a daughter born in London to W. McKelvie Rodan, director and general passenger manager of the Allan line.

A complimentary, non-partisan reception and banquet was tendered to Hon. William H. Hearst, premier, of Ontario, at his old home town, Tara, in Bruce county.

Pte. G. T. Townsend of the 77th regiment Dundas, on guard duty at the Welland canal, died shortly after eating supper, an investigation has been opened.

ONLY ONE "Bromo Quinine" that is Laxative Bromo Quinine Cures a Cold in One Day, Grip in 7 Days

E. H. Shore



AN ACT OF BARBARISM.

Not only are the Germans firing on the Red Cross and flags of truce, but they are rendering the work of Santa Claus difficult and hazardous.—Cartoon by James Frise.

KING GEORGE TELEGRAPHS

Assurances of Friendship to New Egyptian Sultan.

London, Dec. 21.—King George telegraphed to Sultan Hussein, of Egypt, England's assurances of friendship and unfailing support in safeguarding the integrity of his country.

"Your highness has been called to undertake great responsibilities in a grave crisis in the national life of Egypt," the king's message stated. "I feel convinced that you will be able, with the co-operation of your ministers and the protectorate of Great Britain to successfully overcome all influences seeking to destroy the independence of Egypt, and the wealth, liberty, and happiness of its people."

The establishment of the protectorate over Egypt, it is believed here to-day, removes the danger which was threatening of religious factions leading Egypt to join Turkey in the holy war declared by the Moslems. Sultan Hussein, an uncle of the former khedive Abbas Hilmi and of the royal house, will be able to exert the greatest influence over his people.

GUNS ON WAY TO RUSSIA.

Made in Pennsylvania and Weigh 105 Tons Each.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 21.—American-made heavy artillery will be tried out by the Russian army in Poland next month. The Russian volunteer fleet steamer Novgorod, now on the ocean, bound from Vancouver to Vladivostok, is carrying 165 carloads of war supplies, mostly siege guns and projectiles. The guns, made in Pennsylvania, weighed 105 tons each.

Other train loads of big guns and shells are on the way to Vancouver, to be loaded on the Russian liner Tambova, which will arrive at Vancouver December 31st.

The Russians are using French siege guns and are reported to have received Japanese guns, recently January should see these guns tested in competition with those manufactured in Germany, France and Japan.

The Workmen's Compensation Board have notified manufacturers of the assessment rates to be charged under the new compensation act.

L. H. Martel has been nominated by Hants, N.S., liberals for the House of Commons. Two thousand troops were quickly mobilized in Toronto by the use of motor cars.

MORE IRISH SINCE DEC. 1

Recruiting in Ireland Exceeds That in England by 28 Per Cent.

New York, Dec. 21.—On the basis of population, Ireland has furnished the allies, up to December 1st, with twenty-eight per cent. more men than has England, according to statistics recently published in Dublin and made public here today by Col. M. P. Kelly, of the Texas National Guard, a passenger on the incoming steamship Baltic.

Col. Kelly has been in Ireland for five months. He said that the country was extremely loyal, the only dissension heard being from certain organizations.

TO A FALSE PATRIOT.

O. S. in Punch. He came obedient to the call; He might have shirked, like half his mates, Who while their comrades fight and fall, Still go to swell the football gates.

And you, a patriot in your prime, You waved a flag above his head, And hoped he'd have a high old time.

And slapped him on the back and said: "You'll show 'em what we British are, Give us your hand, old pal, to shake!"

And look him round from bar to bar, And make him drunk—for England's sake.

"That's how you helped him. Yesterday, Clear-eyed and earnest, keen and hard, He held himself the soldier's way— And now they've got him under guard."

That doesn't hurt you; you're all right; Your easy conscience takes no blame; But he, poor boy, with morning's light, He eats his heart out, sick with shame.

What's that to you? You understand Nothing of all his bitter pain; You have no regiment to brand; You have no uniform to stain.

No vow of service to abuse, No pledge to King and country due; But he had something dear to lose, And he has lost it—thanks to you.

FRENCH AIRMEN KILLED

Burned to Death When Machine Caught Fire.

Paris, Dec. 21.—Lieut. Gruener and Major DesTouche, military aviators, met death Saturday during a flight from Issy, a suburb of Paris. As they were flying over the neighborhood town of Vaugrillard their biplane was caught by a gust of wind. It became unmanageable and dashed downward, crashing into a cattle shed. The aeroplane caught fire, and the two aviators were incinerated.

The Weak Spot.

A woman, wearing an anxious expression, called at an insurance office one morning. "I understand," she said, "that for \$3 I can insure my house for \$1,000 in your company?" "Yes," replied the agent, "that is right. If your house burns down we pay you \$1,000."

"And," continued the woman anxiously, "do you make any enquiries as to the origin of the fire?" "Certainly," was the prompt reply, "we make the most careful enquiries, madam."

"Oh!"—and she turned to leave the office—"I thought there was a catch in it somewhere."

The British Soldier.

New York Herald. Trace Tommy Atkins back until there was no regular British army, and then trace the English soldier back nearly a thousand years to the time of William the Conqueror, and the record reveals him nearly constantly fighting and gripping and holding territory. He is unequalled for these combined three qualities. Soldiers of other nations have fought nobly and valiantly and often, but the results of the English soldier's fighting is that his country's drumbeat circles the world, and the sun never sets on her dominions.

An Inopportune Moment.

Kansas City Journal. "Do you love me, Ingomar?" she inquired. "Um."

"There, you don't love me." "Of course, I love you, Parthenia" he retorted. "But it's no time to bring the matter up when I'm trying to read the paper."

Those Queer Girls.

He—When you accepted Mr. Muchgold did you mention our engagement? She—Of course not. We promised each other to keep it secret, didn't we?

BUYING THE STAMPS.

The Sir Oliver Mowat Memorial Hospital Seals.

\$5.—S. Anglin & Co. \$4.—C. O. C. F. No. 35, Harrow-smith.

\$2.—Rev. G. I. Campbell, Mrs. A. Hass, Prof. A. L. Clark, Prof. L. Malcolm, Mrs. W. S. Ellis.

\$1.50.—Jas. Power & Sons. \$1.—J. H. Hooper, Miss Elsinore, Taylor & Hamilton, Mrs. A. E. Robinson, T. H. Stewart, W. J. Drysdale, Miss Knapp, Mrs. William, McQuaid, Dr. Williamson, A. Glover, Mrs. E. B. Murray, S. M. Mills, G. Laturney, Mrs. L. C. Dunn, Mrs. E. T. Steacy, E. W. Spangenburg, Miss Ida Adams, Dr. R. J. Gardner, Mrs. F. Dobbs, J. J. Steacy, S. F. V. Campbell, Rev. G. I. Campbell, Jas. Hedden, Miss G. H. Beard, Mrs. W. H. Berry, Mrs. T. G. Bishop, Mrs. Mowat, Mrs. A. Daly, Mrs. A. Hooper, Prof. W. T. MacClement, George G. Richardson, Mrs. G. W. Mykiss, Miss Macaulay, Mrs. A. Mercer, John Wright, Mrs. R. W. Garrett, J. H. Seels, Mrs. E. F. Sears, Miss J. Glasgow, F. B. Millett, Miss F. W. Sullivan, Mrs. E. A. Multhead, H. F. Price, Mrs. Carson, Mrs. Emery, Mrs. W. N. Linton, John Macdonald, W. J. Chapman, Prof. W. O. Walker, Capt. R. T. M. Scott, E. H. Nugent, Newburgh; Dr. Charles E. Wilson, Napanee; Mrs. E. Inderwick, Perth; Dr. F. Vrooman, Napanee; Henry Cooper, Bath; Mrs. S. Carroll, Gananoque; Mrs. R. J. Drummond, Perth; Dr. D. H. Rogers, Gananoque; Mrs. J. Mills, Quebec; Mrs. James Taylor, Gananoque, Dr. T. R. Patterson, Almonte; W. E. Brough, Brockville; Dr. J. E. Purvis, Brockville; Bank of Montreal, Trenton; Dr. Donald, Fee, Sharbot Lake; N. E. Bellion, Trenton; A. W. Benjamin, Yarker; C. A. Baker, Moscow; M. L. Wiggins, Wolfe Island; George H. Gurren, Landhurst; Barry & Co., Trenton; Mrs. Mary McLaren, Wolfe Island; Mrs. Henry Hincley, Wolfe Island; James Davis, Gananoque; Dr. Geddes, Verons; Mitchell & Wilson, Gananoque; Dr. Macaulay, Newburgh; George Keyes, sr., Wolfe Island; Amos Hofferman, Moscow; B. A. Roblin, Adolphustown; George Gillespie, Wolfe Island; Baiden Bros. Portsmouth; H. B. Purcell, Colebrook; James Trousdale, Harrow-smith; A. W. Caton, Napanee; G. Krause, Portsmouth; E. T. Marsh, Trenton; "No Name" Trenton; Dr. Mather, Belleville; P. Fairbairn, Newburgh.

Previously acknowledged: \$470.25; Total cash to date \$581.85.

WAR'S EFFECT ON FRANCE

Creates Honor, Patriotism, Faith, Duty, Courage, Hope.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The annual meeting of the French Academy held today for the presentation of prizes for virtue and literature was made the occasion also of a celebration of French heroism in the war. President Poincaré and Alexander Ribot, minister of finance, both of whom are "Immortals," and William Graham Sharp, the American ambassador, attended.

Etienne Victor Lamp, perpetual secretary of the academy, delivered a brilliant address in which he praised the revival of the national spirit. He declared her enemies had regarded France as a declining nation, owing to the existence of wide divergences of opinion, but that the war had shown that France was suffering only from growing pains and that the contemporary intellectual movement had restored, extended and made healthy France's culture.

Maurice Donnay, the dramatist, also spoke of the regeneration of France, which, he said, had proved that her corruption was merely superficial. The war, M. Donnay declared, had replaced this corruption by sentiments of honor, patriotism, faith, duty, courage and hope, not only among Frenchmen but among French women.

Tea in the Trenches. Water sterilization by heat in South Africa was impossible by reason of the lack of fuel on the high veld. In France, an army surgeon at the front tells the hospital, there is abundance of fuel everywhere, and those commanding officers who take a lively interest in hygiene are prohibiting the consumption by their men of any water except that which has been boiled—e.g., by being made into tea. In the trenches this excellent rule may be a matter of perfect difficulty to carry out in its strictest letter. But the fact remains that hitherto the army has been extraordinarily free from water-borne diseases.

A Combination Name. A new teacher found that a little negro girl was named Fertilizer Johnson.

"Are you sure that Fertilizer is your right name?" she asked. "Yes, ma'am," replied the little girl.

"Well, tell your mother to come here," said the teacher. "The mother came the next day. 'Yes, Fertilizer is right,' she said. 'You see I named her after her father and mother both. Her father's name is Ferdinand and my name is Liza, so we call her Fertilizer.'"

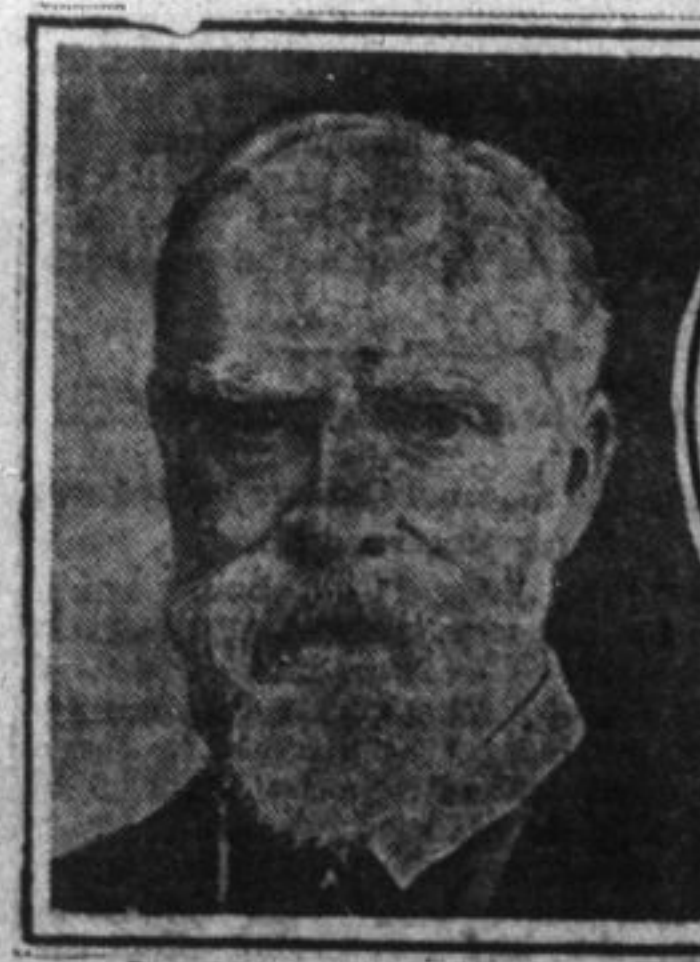
Loeb to Be Roosevelt's Neighbor. William Loeb, Jr., secretary to Theodore Roosevelt when the colonel was president, is going to be a neighbor of Oyster Bay's most widely known citizen, having purchased the Colonel Robert Townsend place, and about five acres with short. The property consists of a house front.

Since Mr. Loeb left the White House he has been collector of the port of New York, and is now a director and active in the management of the Gugeheim properties. —New York Tribune.

Give The Discount. A Scottish territorial was having his first experience of night duty, and was feeling a little nervous. The password was "Discount."

In the darkest of the small hours a black form suddenly stepped up to him. "Wh-wh-who goes there?" he challenged.

"Friend," was the reply. "Advance, friend, and give the discount."



LORD M. BRYCE



SIR EDW. CLARK



HAROLD COX M.P.

TO PROBE KAISER'S BREACHES OF LAWS OF WAR. Following the shelling of undefended coast towns, the British government announced the appointment upon all the breaches of warfare of a commission to make a declaration of which Germany has been guilty. The members are authorities on international law, and their finding will carry weight. In addition to the picture shown, the committee includes Sir Frederik Pollock, Sir Alfred Hopkinson and Prof. Hall Fisher.

Advertisement for Jooke Bros Limited, featuring 'Men value these gifts this year' and 'Colored Collars, Shirts, Cravats'. Includes the text 'The Vogue by Jooke Bros Limited' and 'MADE IN CANADA'.

Advertisement for Thomas Copley, 'THERAPION' medicine. Text: 'Drop a card to 13 Pine street when wanting anything done in the carpentry line. Estimates given in all kinds of repairs and new work; also hardwood floors of all kinds. All orders will receive prompt attention. Shop 40 Queen Street.'

Advertisement for Bajus' ALES and PORTER. Text: 'Are the best on the market. Made from the choicest malt and hops and are not carbonated. These beers are a great health-builder and physicians recommend them. Put up in kegs and bottles for family use, and delivered to any part of the city. Order direct from brewery. Bajus Brewery - - - Phone 2'

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