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A HAPPY NEW YEAR; MAY ALL PROSPER

THE KINGSTON OFFICERS AND MEN WITH THE 21ST OVERSEAS BATTALION MOBILIZED HERE

A LONG TIME IS LIKELY IN REACHING CONCLUSIONS

As to the Protest of the United States. WHAT MAY FIRST COME

THAT BRITAIN WILL NOT STOP SO MANY SHIPS.

She Will Likely Only Act When She Has Good Grounds For Suspicion—The Protest, It Is Held, Will Restore Confidence and Prove the United States is Neutral.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Many weeks and probably months will be consumed in discussions between the United States and Great Britain over this government's shipping protest. An immediate settlement of all questions raised is not expected. This was stated, today, upon high official authority. The protest, himself, does not expect immediately more than partial concessions by Great Britain.

The first and earliest result, confidently expected by this nation, is that Great Britain will agree to cease arresting American vessels and conveying them to English ports for examination of cargoes, unless grave suspicion, upon good grounds, exists regarding their contraband character. Other questions are expected to form a basis of prolonged negotiations.

CANNOT ACCEPT OFFER OF STATIONARY HOSPITAL

The chairman of the board of trustees of Queen's University has received notice from the British Army Council, through the minister of militia, that the offer of the medical facility to furnish a stationary hospital in the war zone, cannot be accepted at present. The following is the correspondence in regard to the matter:

Minister's Office, Ottawa, Dec. 30th, 1914. Sir,—I much regret to have to inform you that the following cablegram has been received from the imperial authorities with reference to the offer of your university to furnish a hospital for service during the present war:

"London, Dec. 18, 1914. "Dec 19.—Army council have received telegram from minister of militia reporting offer of hospitals made by faculties of certain Canadian universities. Army council ask that the press of their warm appreciation may be conveyed to these universities but they regret that in the present situation there is no opening for taking advantage of services so generously placed at their disposal."

"(Signed) HARCOURT."

I beg that you will accept an expression of the very warm appreciation, not only of the army council, but also of the Canadian government for your patriotic and valuable offer, and which I regret extremely that the imperial authorities have not seen their way as yet to accept.—Faithfully (Signed) SAM HUGHES.

SCHEME BEING EVOLVED TO GET WAR REVENUE

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Hon. W. T. White's budget speech at the coming session of parliament will be unique in many ways.

At the present time he is considering means to increase the falling revenue of the dominion in order to meet current expenditures. There will be no militia estimates next session, since the militia is now on a war footing, and its expenditure is met from war appropriations. There will be no summer training camps next season and railway subsidies, but despite these deductions, the deficits will be large. Consumers of liquor, tobacco and beer will be called upon for further war taxes and already increased excise duties will be still further increased.

tests to Great Britain, would be to restore confidence everywhere in the world, especially in Germany, that the United States is really neutral in the strictest sense of the word. It would go a long way, one official explained, towards dissipating the growing impression that the United States was too friendly towards the allies because of the unrestrained shipment of arms and ammunition from the United States to the allies.

\$10,000,000 REVENUE DROP Problem Before Session of Dominion Parliament.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Deficiencies in the revenue of Canada, consequent upon the war, and the remedial steps which it will be necessary to take, will constitute the big item of business for the next session of parliament. The situation, as previously indicated, is that while capital outlays are increasing, the revenue is falling off, and this decline is likely to total in round figures about forty million dollars in the fiscal year. How to raise this money is a problem. The ordinary way is by recourse to tariff increases.

It may be necessary to adopt other expedients, but in any event the situation has to be dealt with as a condition wholly unforeseen and one of the results of the war. It is being subjected to the most careful investigation by the government, which aims at an adequate measure to cope with the emergency. The extent and character of those measures will be known only when parliament assembles.

Amnesty Granted.

Rome, Dec. 31.—King Victor Emmanuel has signed a royal decree granting amnesty to a large number of persons in celebration of the birth of his daughter, Princess Maria. The amnesty extends to the railway men imprisoned during the railway strike in April, and to others arrested during the strike riots in June.

The metric system of weights and measures will become the standard for drug stores, the drug trade and physicians in all parts of the British empire with the New Year.

Frank Andrews, Toronto, admitted being a methodical sneak thief. There were four different charges against him, and he was sent to penitentiary for two years.

BOARD OF TRADE SUPPORTS

At the special meeting of the Board of Trade held on Wednesday night, the following resolutions were adopted:

Moved by W. R. Givens, seconded by R. J. Carson, and resolved:—

"That the Board of Trade puts itself on record, as endorsing the Campbell power by-law now before the electors, and recommends its hearty support to the electors of the city."

Moved by R. J. Carson, seconded by G. Y. Chown, and resolved:—

"That the Board of Trade does approve of the by-law for the railway extension along Ontario street, southerly to West street, in connection with the Shipbuilding Company, and other industries there, undertakes to support the same, and heartily recommends its adoption by the citizens."

A PRIVATE SETTLEMENT. And Canada Gets a Branch Factory Established.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—In an action for breach of contract the Made-in-Canada feeling, which has been spreading through Canada since the war commenced, received quite a "boost" today. As the case was settled by the private arbitration of the judge at Osgoode Hall the names of the two firms concerned are withheld.

An implement firm in Brantford has been importing certain small pieces of bent metal from a United States firm for the past fifteen years. There had at one time been a contract between the parties but this in time had lapsed and the two companies went on as a more matter of routine. Recently the Canadian firm saw an opportunity to buy these goods in Canada and cancelled certain orders on the American firm. As a result caused the suit for breach of contract.

This case was settled this morning by an arrangement whereby the American firm will establish a small branch factory here, employing a Canadian manager and Canadian workmen. Only five men will be needed at the start but it is expected that the staff will soon be enlarged. Instead of being spent in the United States as would have been the case if the Brantford firm had been forced to place its orders on that side of the line, these wages now are to be earned and spent in Canada.

Bid For World Trade.

Paris, Dec. 31.—France is going to make an effort to obtain her share of the world's trade which was formerly in the hands of Germany.

Minister of Commerce Gaston Thorez presided at a large meeting of merchants and ministers and members of the Paris Chamber of Commerce. He told the business men that this was the time for them to reach out to trade in all countries where Germany previously had been a large purveyor.

Smith Was Killed In Evading Arrest

Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 31.—Some despicable action will be asked of the United States government in the killing of Walter Smith, an American hunter, by Canadian soldiers, it was declared today by Attorney John W. Van Allen, representing the Smith family. Mr. Van Allen is not satisfied with the verdict of the coroner's jury at Fort Erie, Ont., which last night absolved the soldiers of blame, and declared that Smith was killed while evading arrest for unlawfully shooting ducks.

The report of the military court of inquiry was today mailed from Fort Erie to Major-General Sam Hughes at Ottawa. From none of the officers came the slightest intimation of what the report contains.

WAR WILL BE BOON.

Present Conflict Likely to Prove Blessing to British Race.

London, Dec. 31.—In his address to the Royal Colonial Institute the Earl of Meath said the present world war is fought with much ultimate blessing to the British race, and the ordeal through which it is passing will purge the national character of much of the dross which is now mixed with the pure gold.

Never before had it been possible to subject so large a proportion of the people to the wholesome influence of a strict discipline, voluntarily and cheerfully endured at the call of patriotic duty; never before had millions of men at the most impressionable period of their lives been brought under religious and civilizing influences under circumstances calculated to make the most frivolous and careless individual consider the most serious aspects of human life, and never before had millions of Englishmen fought on the continent of Europe. The British armies of olden days were comparatively small in numbers, and were not composed of representatives of all classes as they are today. Consequently when the war was over and they returned home their influence was not great.

Today it is the nation which is fighting on the continent, and the old insularity must necessarily be broken down as a result of the war. Not only are the soldiers at the front learning to appreciate and to communicate with their allies, the French and the Belgians, but the enforced invasion of Great Britain by Belgian refugees must inevitably exercise and influence on the British people who are receiving them as honored guests.

Has not the war sent all the British people to school? Has it not taught them, and is it not teaching them much in regard to their empire of which they formerly were ignorant? Has it not brought home to them the immense importance of sea supremacy? Has it not proved to them the absolute necessity of being prepared for war by land as well as by sea? Has it not revealed to them the incalculable reserves of strength in man power, as well as in material resources, the possibility of so vast an empire placed at the disposal of the subjects of King George V?

Has it not shown them how important it is to retain the affection of these four hundred millions of British subjects? Feelings of respect for each other must inevitably be aroused which will go far to strengthen the bonds of love which unite all portions of the British empire.

NAMES OF KINGSTON LANS.

Bottom row, reading from left: Ptes. Carman, Offord, Cummings, Shangrow, C. H. Burke, Menzies, Livesey, Teale, Charles, Ritchie, Lapointe, R. S. Charles, Woods, Bugler Fletcher; Corpl. Jarrett; Pte. Burke; Bugler Malliday; Ptes. Brunger, Allan G. Smith; Lance-Corpl. Gordon, Bugler Williamson, Bugler Fraser; Ptes. J. King, J. Smith.

Second row from left: Pte. Mackay, Corpl. Capps, Sergt. Savage, Sergt. Cooke, Sergt. Stinson, Sergt. Turner, Sergt. W. Hazlett, Q.M.S. Frank Ludlow, Lieut. A. McCully, Lieut. H. E. Pense, Lieut. S. Cunningham, Lieut. W. A. G. Springs, Capt. A. N. Stroud, Capt. H. Horn, Major G. A. Bennett, Lieut.-Col. W. S. Buglies, Capt. A. K. Hemming, Capt. J. F. Sparks, Sergt.-Major Gilbert, Q.M.S. Scott, Col-Sergt. Lat-tin, Col-Sergt. H. Swaine, Sergt. Sleeth, Corpl. Scott, P. Shangrow, J. Smith.

Third row, reading from left: Lance-Corpl. Fungwood, Ptes. Hipson, Marsh, T. King, Green, Hagan, Ingram, Ramey; Lance-Corpl. Clifford, Pte. Pickering, Lance-Corpl. Stanbridge, Pte. Jones, Pte. Roleau, Lance-Corpl. Williams, Ptes. Thomas, Drake, Stevenson, Ferguson, Loiseux, Shane, Trotman, Parker, Marshall, Willis, Lumax, Lilley, Stanley, Charles, Corpl. C. Burke, Ptes. Russell Lydon, Kiddy.

Fourth row reading from left: Ptes. Swann, Waywood, Braeger, West, Ryan, Cockburn, Ford, Hughes, Leighton, Bowman, Holland, Curson, Davy, Lynch, Redpath, Perkins, Walwright.

Canadian Soldiers at Fort Erie Were Absolved From All Blame.

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\$10,000,000 A YEAR. Provision of Pensions for Soldiers' Dependents.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—To provide pensions for widows and dependents of soldiers who lose their lives or are disabled at the front, it is estimated that ten million dollars will be required every year for each fifty thousand men in the field. The initial appropriation will be read at the coming session of parliament. The exact scale has not yet been determined, but it will be very considerably increased over the rate which heretofore has prevailed, and is being dealt with by a special sub-committee.

830,000 Fire at Callander.

North Bay, Ont., Dec. 31.—The village of Callander suffered, on Sunday, the worst fire in its history, the loss exceeding thirty thousand dollars. A hotel and two stores were destroyed. One man has since died of burns and two others are lying in hospital here in a serious condition.

Mrs. Zelina Bingham Dead.

Paris, Ont., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Zelina Bingham, wife of Rev. Thomas Bingham, pastor of the Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ont., died at home of her daughter, Mrs. Dr. A. S. Lovett, in her sixty-ninth year. Three of the deceased's sons are in the Baptist ministry.

FRENCH TAKE VILLAGE AFTER HARD ENGAGEMENT

Steinbach in Upper Alsace of Great Importance.

IT OPENS THE WAY TO ROADS RUNNING TO ALTKIRCH AND MULHAUSEN.

British Remain in Their Trenches Trying to Keep Warm—German Attack North of Sillery Was Repulsed.

Paris, Dec. 31.—An official statement says the French have captured the village of Steinbach, in upper Alsace, following one of the hardest fought engagements of the war to date on the eastern front. They had literally to battle their way from house to house, meeting a raking machine gun fire from rapid fire towers which the Germans had posted on roof tops and in windows. The losses on both sides were very large.

The occupation of this position is declared officially to be of the utmost strategic importance, opening, as it does the way to roads that run to Altkirch and Mulhausen. Announcement of this triumph for the forces of Gen. Pau was the chief feature of the official communique issued this afternoon.

It was stated at military headquarters that the Germans were defeated only after the most desperate fighting, in which the French essayed a half dozen bayonet charges.

The fighting is now confined to the centre and right wing of the allies' lines. From the sea to the Alsace the situation was reported to-day quiet. The snow and rains have made active operations impossible.

German Attacks Repulsed.

The Germans blew up two of the allied trenches just north of Sillery last night, but their subsequent attack was repulsed with heavy losses.

CHOKES TO DEATH EATING PEA SOUP

Kernel Lodges in Windpipe—Dies Before the Physician Arrives.

Ogdensburg, N.Y., Dec. 31.—Eugene Pray, fifteen months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pray, No. 37 Barre street, choked to death while eating pea soup on Tuesday.

One of the peas lodged in the child's windpipe and Dr. W. B. Finnigan was summoned. Before the physician arrived the infant was dead. Coroner Stilwell was notified and decided an inquest unnecessary. Mr. and Mrs. Pray have two other children. The funeral will be held Thursday morning. The body will be placed in St. Mary's vault.

JAPS TO RUSSIA? Reported Soldiers of Mikado on Way To Europe.

London, Dec. 31.—Information has reached a foreign legation here to the effect that transportation of Japanese troops by sea to the Russian port of Vladivostok has been going on for some time, and that soldiers of the mikado are already on their way to Europe over the Trans-Siberian railroad. Thirty steamers are said to have carried the troops from Japan.

DAILY MEMORANDUM.

Band at the Covered rink to-night. The Whig will not be issued New Year's Day. See top of page 2, right hand corner, or probabilities. Band at Covered rink to-morrow afternoon and evening. Band at Palace rink to-night, also New Year's afternoon and evening. Watch services in St. Andrew's, St. George's and Brook street Methodist churches to-night.

BOHN GALLOWAY—In New York, on Christmas day, to Dr. J. Bruce and Mrs. Galloway, a daughter.

MARRIED

BENN-SCOTT—In Kingston, on Wednesday, December 30th, 1914, Miss Lillian L. Scott, of this city to Arthur N. Benn, Moscow, Ont., by the Rev. Leroy Rice.

DIED

RYAN—In Kingston on December 30th, 1914, Margaret, daughter of John Ryan, formerly postmaster at Barrisdale. Funeral private from the parlors of Thomas Ryan, Saturday morning, to St. Mary's Cathedral, where a solemn requiem mass will be sung at 8:30 o'clock for the happy repose of her soul. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend the mass.

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