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RENEWAL OF RAINS NIP GERMAN OFFENSIVE

The Trenches Have Become Miniature Rivers.

TRANSPORTS STALLED

HARD TO SUPPLY FOOD AND AMMUNITION.

French Trying to Retake Positions at St. Mihiel—Hundreds of British and Belgians Are Suffering From Rheumatism.

Paris, Jan. 6.—The French forces in the east are endeavoring to regain the positions at St. Mihiel, the only point where the German fighting in that vicinity and in upper Alsace occupied the attention of the experts to-day.

The renewal of the rains, which are now deluging the entire battle line in the north and centre, has nipped in the bud the attempt of the Germans to resume the offensive. The trenches are miniature rivers. The entire country in front and rear of them is almost impassable bog. It is almost impossible for transports to move and the task of keeping the men supplied with ammunition and food is almost impossible.

Hundreds of men are suffering from rheumatism and pneumonia, despite the best efforts of the doctors. Half a dozen trains are reported arriving at Dunkirk loaded with sick men. Not a single wounded soldier was among them. Many of the men are reported dying from lung diseases. Few of them will be able to return to the front for many weeks. The British seem to be suffering more from this cause than the French. The majority of the patients are British soldiers. It is reported that few French troops have suffered from rheumatism but unusually so from pneumonia.

Reports from the Alsace fighting show that the French advance is continuing very slowly. "We gain literally a yard at a time," was a sentence included in the latest report from that section.

War Tidings.

On New Year's day four 25-centimetre guns were removed from Ostend to Hoyt, to defend the coast. The transfer of such guns from Ostend is significant as indicating that no great attempt will be made to hold Ostend once the allies commence to advance along the coast.

Accounts received of the Turkish defeat at Sari Kanih show that the Turks displayed great bravery when their position was seriously threatened and made frequent desperate bayonet sorties.

Eight districts in Bukovina, who are now moving along the Austro-Rumanian frontier, some detachments of the Austrians are trying to cross into Rumania, where they will be disarmed and interned.

An agreement has been reached between England and Germany providing for the exchange of prisoners of war, who were incarcerated for further service.

A big military camp is being prepared in the north of France, and a rumor is in circulation that the troops of the first Canadian contingent are to be transferred there from Salisbury Plain.

The Princess Patricia's Regiment has not yet been in action. The men are in the reserve trenches close to the firing line. They were advanced nearer to-day, and may be in battle at any hour.

A new army aeroplane of remarkable powers has just been successfully tried out near Milan.

General Peinaut, commander of Boer rebels in the British protectorate of Bechuanaland, and eleven men were captured.

Another of Garibaldi's sons has been killed in battle. The grandson of the Italian patriot met heroic death in a victorious charge on German trenches in the Argonne.

Col. Garnet Hughes, son of the minister of militia, was wounded in the head by a shell while at the firing line in France. He is around again.

The Russian advance in Bukovina to within a short distance of the Rumanian frontier will have a good effect on Rumania's attitude toward the allies.

THE CRUSHING DEFEAT OF TURKS BY RUSSIANS

Petrograd, Jan. 6.—It is officially announced that the Russian troops have gained a decisive victory at Sari Kanih.

The following official communication from the headquarters of the army of the Caucasus was issued last night:

"The defeat which we inflicted on the Ottoman army in the region of Sari Kanih is complete. The Ninth Turkish corps was completely annihilated. We made prisoner the commander of the corps, Iskhan Pasha, the commanders of the 17th, 28th and 29th divisions, and two lieutenants (these chiefs with their staffs), more than a hundred officers and a great number of soldiers. The Turkish losses in killed and wounded were enormous. We took many cannon, machine-guns, munitions of war and other booty."

A stunning conveyance.

A company of one of our glorious regiments captured the entire, high command of the 9th corps.

"During the taking of Ardahan one of our Siberian cavalry regiments charged the enemy and cut to pieces two companies of Turkish infantry. A squadron of the same cavalry regiments captured the flag of the 5th regiment of infantry, belonging to Constantinople. The Turks are retreating in all directions."

"There is no modification on the other frontiers."

FIFTH CLOSE ESCAPE. TUNNEL HORROR Worst Disaster in History of New York's Subway.

Assistant Paymaster Wakeford One Of Few to Escape.

London, Jan. 6.—Assistant Paymaster Francis Wakeford, one of the few survivors of the formidable, furnishes the latest instance of a remarkable series of escapes from disaster experienced by members of the family.

His father and brother were among the Empress of Ireland survivors. Mr. Wakeford, sr., a passenger, was exhausted after swimming for forty-five minutes, when he was rescued by his son, an assistant purser of the ship. Mrs. Edmund, an octogenarian aunt of Francis Wakeford, was the only survivor of the Bennett family, killed in the Scarborough bombardment.

A third son of Mr. Wakeford, in the army, escaped injury in a recent motor smash.

LIVES LIKELY LOST

FOR HOURS ENTIRE SYSTEM WAS STALLED.

Many Passengers Burned By a Blow-out and Fire at 53rd Street—Part of Line in Darkness.

New York, Jan. 6.—Thousands of lives were endangered and it is feared some lives have been lost in the worst disaster in the history of New York's subway-to-day. For hours the entire system was stalled. Long trains filled to the point of suffocation, with passengers on route to their work, were tied up between stations. At a part of the line they were in total darkness.

On a section of the road between 95th street and 14th street, many persons were rendered unconscious from smoke, and as the result of a blow-out and subsequent fire at 53rd street, many passengers were burned.

Passengers were unable to get out of the cars and walk owing to the darkness and danger of electrocution from the third rail. The heat in the crowded cars became unbearable, and many women fainted when a rumor was passed through that the tunnel was on fire and all cut off from escape.

FUTURE OF PALESTINE, SACRED HISTORY LAND

Will Jewish Kings Reign Once More Over Ancient Home of the Israelites?

New York, Jan. 6.—One woman is dead, thirty-two others are in very serious condition and 700 are suffering from the after effects of shock and smoke aspiration as result of the worst transportation accident in New York's history. In addition, thousands of persons were stunned and fright that they required medical attention.

Aimed To Frighten Recruits.

London, Jan. 6.—The Morning Post correspondent at Berni writes: "I learn that the death sentence of William Lonsdale, the British prisoner of war condemned at Dobsitz, will not be carried out and that it was passed with a view of terrifying prisoners of war who, according to the Germans, are often not very amenable. According to my information this is because they are deliberately misled. Lonsdale and death sentence on Lonsdale are all parts of a plan to deter the British from entering the army."

Belgian Cardinal Under Arrest.

Amsterdam, Jan. 6.—The Tyd states that Cardinal Mercier has been arrested by the Germans in his own palace, owing to charges brought about by a circular letter sent out by him to the Catholic clergy and the people of Belgium, in which he pleaded with them to maintain their loyalty to the Belgian king and government.

All the Allies Increasing Resources

London, Jan. 6.—Earl Kitchener, addressing the House of Lords this evening, made it plain that all of the allies are increasing their resources of both men and materials in order to prosecute the war to a triumphant finish. He did not give the figures of the men available at present for service in France, but stated that a satisfactory level of recruiting is being maintained.

The war secretary also stated that a house-to-house canvass had shown that there were 218,000 men who had registered to be called on for service should they be needed later on, but who were not at the present moment ready to enlist for the war.

Earl Kitchener stated that Sir John French's force has been increased by territorial units and an entire new division, to which has been attached a fine Canadian regiment, Princess Pats.

The war secretary declared that in six weeks the allies had won marked successes both in the eastern and western theatres of war. He expressed the belief that the news of the Russian victory in the Caucasus would have a far-reaching effect. He also paid high tribute to the operations of the Servians, who had completely overwhelmed the Austrians.

Sword of Honor For King Albert.

Paris, Jan. 6.—A two-cent subscription has been started in Paris to present a sword of honor to the king of the Belgians. The sculptor, Pierre Feltje, has completed his model. The hilt is formed by the nude figure of a youth, represented in the act of dealing a heavy blow to crush the invader. The arms of Paris and the date 1914 figure below.

Forty-one Alsace Towns Ruled By French

London, Jan. 6.—The Morning Post's correspondent telegraphs from Berni: "Forty-one towns and villages in Alsace, which have been occupied by French troops since the outbreak of hostilities, are now administered by French authorities."

COL. STRANGE DEAD.

A cablegram from London, Eng., this afternoon announced the death of Lieut.-Col. Frank Strange of this city.

Very Ill In New York.

William Jackson, William street, received a message that his brother, J. D. Jackson, foreman in the consulting room of the New York World, was very ill, though improving. Mr. Jackson left for New York on Tuesday.

CONTINGENT GOES IN MARCH. German Attacks Repulsed at Several Points. ENEMY FORCED BACK

Ottawa Military Circles of That Opinion—Equipment Soon.

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—It is understood in military circles here that the second Canadian expeditionary force will leave for England early in March. It is expected that all necessary equipment, rifles, etc., will be available by next month, and the force will be ready to embark by the last week in February or the first week in March.

Although no official information is given out here as to the plans of the war office in connection with the Canadian troops, there is reason to believe that a brigade at least of Canadians will be sent to Egypt to assist the Australian, British and Indian troops there in the offensive operations against Turkey.

Hints At Change in Ministry.

London, Jan. 6.—Interesting ministerial changes are likely to follow the death of Percy Holden Illingworth, chief liberal whip, according to the Daily News, which says it is probable that Augustine Birrell will retire as chief secretary to the lord-lieutenant of Ireland, and be succeeded by Herbert L. Samuel, post-master-general.

Will Be Exchange of Prisoners.

London, Jan. 6.—A dispatch to the Daily Chronicle from Berlin by way of Amsterdam says the first exchange of wounded prisoners of war will take place in Geneva this month.

URGES POPE TO CALL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

A Striking Proposal Put Forward by Rev. R. J. Campbell, bell, of London.

London, Jan. 6.—A striking proposal is put forward in the Christian Commonwealth by Rev. R. J. Campbell, with the object of putting an end to the war. He suggests that a general council of the Christian churches of the world be summoned to discuss the war. Mr. Campbell writes: "Who is to summon such a council? There is only one person who could with any chance of success, and perhaps he would not dream of attempting it. I mean the Roman pontiff. The Archbishop of Canterbury could not do it. Home would not listen. The metropolitan of the eastern church, or the largest portion of it, could not do it. Rome holds the key of the situation. Let her try and the Protestants will think better of her than has been the case for nearly 400 years, and there is precedent for it. It is generally known that the Protestants were summoned to the Council of Trent in the sixteenth century. They did not come, but they were invited. Had they come who knows but what the scandal of a divided Christendom might have been averted."

WOMAN SAW HER SONS BEFORE SHE DIED

Five of Them in Army—How Lord Kitchener Brought Them From Front.

London, Jan. 6.—The Chronicle says: "Earl Kitchener is so generally credited with an iron character devoid of sentiment in matters affecting his great purpose that the following story of his thoughtfulness is of special interest."

"A Sunderland woman with five sons in the army lay dying. Her one desire was to see her boys again and through the offices of a local Salvation Army officer four of the sons serving in England reached home within twenty-four hours. Their expenses were paid by the authorities. The fifth son, however, was at the front, and there seemed little chance of the old woman's wish being fulfilled. But the Salvationist officer wired to the war office, and back came a reply over Lord Kitchener's signature saying that if the son could be found he would be sent home. Afterwards came a wire to say the man was on his way home, and eventually he landed in time to see his mother before her death. The authorities had paid his expenses and gave him seven days' furlough and rations."

Amherst Island Contributions. Collectors on Amherst Island for the several patriotic funds:

For Hospital Ship—By the Women's Institute, \$32.70.

For the Red Cross—Women's Institute, \$31.85; patrons Amherst Island cheese factory, \$116.09; patrons of Emerald factory, \$42.37; total, \$191.31.

Patriotic fund—Collected by R. A. Fowler, \$72; patrons Emerald cheese factory, \$48.35; total, \$120.35.

The Belgium fund—Grant Amherst Island Council, \$50; grand total, \$239.37.

Supplies for the Red Cross containing pillows, pillow pads, handkerchiefs, socks, shirts, have been donated.

Supplies for the Belgian relief included ten boxes, articles of clothing and several pounds of tea.

Lt.-Col. Frank Strange Ill.

A cablegram was received in the city announcing the illness of Lieut.-Col. Frank Strange, of the Ordnance Corps, who was summoned to London, Eng., two months ago. He is suffering from kidney trouble, but was reported to be going nicely. He is laid up at the Canadian general hospital at Netherland. He was stationed at Salisbury Plain.

DISTINCT SUCCESSES OF FRENCH IN ARGONNES

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JUDGES BUY GUN.

Toronto, Jan. 6.—The circuit judges of the high court of Ontario have provided money to buy a machine gun, which for the present will be manned by members of the Osogood Hall rifle corps, and may later go to the front with the third contingent.

ZEPPELIN DREADNOUGHTS

Now Number Seven As Britisher Damaged One.

Geneva, Switzerland, Jan. 6.—Count Zepplin has at present seven aerial dreadnoughts at his disposal at Kaiserrieschalen, Dusseldorf, Berlin and Hamburg. An eighth airplane was seriously damaged by Commander Briggs, of the British aerial squadron, in his raid on Kaiserrieschalen last month, and is being patched up to join the second line of Zeppelins which number a dozen and which are useless for long journeys.

Canadians in Battle.

London, Jan. 6.—R. F. Bobby, Wimber, has been wounded. His horse was shot under him.

Edward Jenner, a chauffeur, formerly of Gait and Toronto, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Numerous Canadians are serving in the British army in France. Major Dr. Perry Goldsmith, Toronto, has been at the front three times.

German Cut Off Trigger Finger

London, Ont., Jan. 6.—John Murray, of this city, received word today that his brother, Lieut. James Murray, of the Coldstream Guards, had his trigger finger cut off by German soldiers while lying wounded on the battlefield. According to this letter, a number of Murray's comrades-in-arms met a similar fate.

DAILY MEMORANDUM.

"Tom" Marks Co. at Grand.

Band at the Palace, 7:30 to-night.

I.O.F. entertainment, Thursday, 8 p.m.

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