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## PARIS IS AFRAID OF LOSING ALSACE

### Where the Germans Are Said to be Hurling Huge Bodies of Men Against the French Trenches.

### The French War Office Says Positions Are Maintained... Heavy Fighting From Rheims to St. George's... In the North the Armies Are Active in Aerial Fighting.

Paris, Jan. 12.—Serious anxiety is beginning to be felt here regarding conditions in Alsace. No official word has been received regarding the fighting there since Friday. Meanwhile, unofficial reports say that the Germans are hurling huge masses of men against the French positions of Steinback and the heights of Cernay. The war office says that the French are maintaining their positions but make no claims of additional gains.

The fear is expressed that the offensive here may have been premature, and, like that initiated in the early days of the war, the advantages gained cannot be maintained. A retirement from Alsace at this time would cause the utmost depression throughout France, where the recovery of the "lost provinces" has become a fanatical religion.

Latest reports from there reaching here to-day say that heavy snows are interfering with operations, but that desperate fighting continues.

Serious fighting is also in progress in the territory between Rheims and Verdun, north of Soissons and at St. George's in Belgium. Elsewhere, rains and alternate thaws and freezing conditions make any concerted forward movements impossible.

With the lull general in the north, both sides are devoting themselves to aerial activity. Clashes between rival aviators are now a common occurrence and both sides have lost more men and machines in the last ten days than in any similar period of the war.

## GERMANS VAINLY TRY TO RECAPTURE TRENCHES

Paris, Jan. 12 (Noon Statement)—Fighting which equals in intensity any of the present war, continues in the vicinity of Soissons, where Germans are vainly endeavoring to retake three lines of trenches captured by the allies, according to the official communique. Possession of these trenches has given the allies a distinct advantage as, if they can be held, it will be possible to utilize mine throwers from them to demolish the main lines of the German defenses which extend around the base of the hills north of Soissons.

The entire front of the trenches is covered with German dead and wounded. The allies, with the advantage of cover, are losing far fewer men than the enemy, although their losses are admitted to be considerable.

Violent fighting is also reported to-day north of Beausejour where the Germans have attempted a general advance. Up to the present the French have successfully maintained their positions.

The official communique declares that from the sea to the Oise there has been heavy intermittent cannonading, but fails again to throw light on what is happening in Alsace.

## RUSSIANS STILL BLOCK GERMANS WAY TO WARSAW

Petrograd, Jan. 12.—Fighting along the Polish front was to-day reported to be confined to positions on the Rawa river, where the Germans are persisting in their efforts to huck and haul their way to Warsaw. Elsewhere along the front the weather conditions are interfering with free movements of troops, and only artillery exchanges are taking place. The Germans are reported to have lost heavily in their efforts to force the Russian position and capture the hills near Bolimow. A score of attacks, both by night and day, have been directed against the Russian positions but at no point has any headway been gained.

In Galicia there has been practically no fighting of consequence for a week, owing to heavy snows, which have blocked the roads.

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THE MITRILLEUSE AUTO. The picture shows the armored car which has done such effective work in the war. Those shown in the picture are French cars on the road in Eastern France.

## WASHINGTON OFFICIALS NOT QUITE SATISFIED

### With Britain's Reply to Shipping Note, as Chief Grievance is Evaded.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The United States government, it became known yesterday, is not altogether satisfied with the note of Sir Edward Grey, giving Great Britain's preliminary reply to President Wilson's preliminary reply to the treatment of American commerce by the British fleet.

While gratified that Great Britain admits the justice of practically all the principles of international law cited in the American note, officials reiterated that the chief difficulty had been England's neglect to make her actual practice square with the previously accepted rules of international law.

Officials here realize that a long diplomatic correspondence concerning the principles of the American case, but not actually carrying them into practice, will not meet the complaints of American shippers, and although England's supplementary answer is expected to give a more detailed statement of her position, officials plan to take up vigorously all individual cases which may meanwhile arise.

Condensed Items By Telegraph And From Exchanges.

The report that Frank Lehar, composer of "The Merry Widow," had been taken prisoner by the Russians is incorrect.

Thomas Magladery, M.P.P. for Temiskaming, who retired last spring, is going to the front.

Lord Chelymore states that if at all possible the Biele meeting will be held this year. The matter is now under discussion.

A letter to a German prisoner of war, intercepted by the military authorities, Toronto, tells of times of severe stress in Berlin.

T. B. Collins, one of Millbrook's prominent residents, fell down stairs at his residence on Monday morning and broke his neck.

McGill University's proposal to send a fully equipped hospital force to the front has been cordially approved by the military authorities.

The provincial government may introduce legislation to provide for provincial co-operation with municipalities in maintenance of highways.

While coasting down Harriet street, Hamilton, on Sunday, Harry Berryman, eleven years of age, was run over and instantly killed by an auto.

George Archibald, aged forty, an employee of the Dominion Canners, Limited, Aymer, Ont., died Monday from the effects of injuries received while at work.

Notary Henri Lemire, who was found guilty by the Quebec criminal court of a criminal offence, was suspended for a period of ten years by the board of notaries.

Lord Dundonald on Monday night confirmed the news of the death of his nephew, Captain Donzil Omslow Coehran Newton, of Princess Patricia's Own Light Infantry.

Mrs. Rudolf Burnet, Canadian of British parentage, has appealed to the military authorities for the release of her German husband, interned at Stanley barracks, Toronto, as a spy.

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## WHAT BERLIN HEARS

### With Regard to Russia Complaints of Burdens.

Berlin, Jan. 12.—The official press bureau yesterday gave out the following for publication:

"A Copenhagen despatch says that Sir George Buchanan, British ambassador to Russia, has protested against the allegation that Russia is bearing all the burdens of the war and that the English selfishly are awaiting the conclusion of the war to get the lion's share of the spoils. The ambassador points out that this reproach was being made openly in the leading Russian newspapers."

## PRINCE HOHENLOHE READY FOR FLIGHT

### Trieste is in a State of Panic Over Proposed Bombardment.

Venice, Jan. 12.—Refugees from Trieste, who reached here today, report that the city is in a panic, fearing bombardment by part of the Franco-British fleet now active again in the Adriatic. Prince Hohenlohe, governor, they say, is holding a fast automobile in readiness for the night, for flight. The prince, it is claimed, has already made two false starts, only to learn, when he had gotten away from the city, that there was no bombardment.



CAPT. D. G. C. NEWTON, MONTREAL. Killed in action with Princess Patricia's Own Light Infantry. He was captain of No. 3 company. During the war he was a nephew of Lord Dundonald and his A.D.C. when the latter was in charge of the Canadian forces. When Lord Grey left Canada, Capt. Newton decided to remain in this country and go into business. He entered business in Montreal as representative of the Canadian Agency, Ltd., and was connected with a number of companies. Capt. Newton was a son of George Omslow Newton and Lady Newton.

## TO ASK FOR INCREASE IN THE FREIGHT RATES

### C.P.R. Official Source Admits That the Report is Quite True.

Ottawa, Jan. 12.—A statement given out to-day from a C.P.R. official source confirms the report sent out yesterday that the railways will apply to the railway board for an increase in freight rates in eastern Canada.

To Make Cuts in Wages

Montreal, Jan. 12.—President Sir Thomas Shaughnessy today declined to make a statement regarding the reports in wages and other expenses owing to loss of business due to the war, but it is thought here such action is quite probable.

To Appear in Uniform

Toronto, Jan. 12.—Sir William Meredith, chief justice of Ontario, has issued an order permitting lawyers, connected with the overseas expeditionary force, to appear in court cases in uniform.

Prompt passage of the bill to extend the scope of self-government enjoyed by the Philippines was urged on Monday by Secretary Garrison of the war department, Washington, as logically the next step in the long recognized policy of the United States toward the islands.

## PARIS IS PREPARING FOR ZEPPELIN ATTACK

### Belief Prevails German Aviators Plan to Bombard French Capital and London.

Paris, Jan. 12.—Two German aeroplanes heading for Paris were sighted Sunday by French air patrols which now cruise over a region considerably to the north of Paris.

One of the German machines was near Paris and the other was sighted over La Martin. Both turned northward again, when they saw French aeroplanes driving in their direction.

The presence of the hostile aeroplanes in this vicinity is regarded as interesting, as it is considered likely that it was the intention of the German army to attack Paris and London simultaneously.

Elaborate preparations have been completed to guard Paris against possible raids by Germany's Zeppelin fleet. Alexandre Millerand, minister of war and General Gallieni, military governor of Paris, visited yesterday the outer trenches protecting the city and inspected the various anti-aircraft guns and the other means of defense against Zeppelins. They declared themselves wholly satisfied with what they saw of the efficiency of the guns as well as the defense works.

A German aeroplane flying over Amiens has been brought to the ground by a French machine.

The French army was sighted in the morning the German was seen approaching. He opened fire on his antagonist with the result that the German machine fell within the French lines. One of the German pilots was killed.

War Tidings

Chukri Pasha, who commanded the Turkish troops in their heroic defence of Adrianople against the Balkan allies, has been wounded and taken prisoner by the Russians. In the Caucasus.

The London Jewish Chronicle's Jaffa Palestine correspondent, who has just been expelled from the country, wires his paper from Alexandria that the Jewish colonists in Palestine are in deplorable circumstances.

Montenegro troops had again invaded Austria, advancing ten miles from the border of Herzegovina to Trebinje. From Trebinje they are marching toward Ragusa, a Dalmatian seaport.

The fort of Tehanak-Kalesi, guarding the south side of the entrance to the Dardanelles, has been demolished by the continued bombardment of the allies' warships and has been evacuated by the Turkish garrison.

Vienna despatches say that it is officially announced there that the former dreadnought Courbet, which was torpedoed by the Austrians on March 12, later was in collision with the battleship Jean Bart and sank.

Rene Duroste, professor at McGill and Laval, Montreal, known to be a prisoner of the Germans, is still held, but is quickly recovering. He was hurt in the legs by bursting shells and also received two bullets in the legs.

The following was given out by the official Berlin press bureau: "The latest war bulletins indicate that General Joffre is continuing his offensive movement announced in his general order of Dec. 17th, but the results of last week's fighting have increased German confidence in the ability of the German troops to hold their present front in France indefinitely."

The civil army we have to feed is greater than the British and French armies combined. Yet we can scrape through on about \$2,250,000 worth of food a month." Thus spoke Emil Fraumai, a prominent Belgian banker, who is on a brief visit to London on relief work in Belgium, in the organization of which he played a conspicuous part.

The French troops are being swept from North Africa by the Moroccans.

Private Londale was sentenced by the Germans to twenty years in prison.

A great fire is reported at Brussels.

Flour from Canadian mills is being supplied to Germany through Scandinavian sources.

Three To Be Ordained

On March 7th an ordination service will be conducted in Japan when three men will be ordained priests. The examining chaplains, Canon W. F. FitzGerald, of Kingston, and Canon Bedford Jones, of Brockville, will hold provisional examinations on March 4th.

"Red Cross Plasters," Gibson's.

## ROUMANIA AND ITALY EXPECTED BY BRITAIN

### To Force Deadlocked War Conditions.

### BOTH NATIONS PREPARE

### TO FIGHT ON THE SIDE OF THE ALLIES.

### Allied Commanders Content to Hold Their Present Positions Till Ring Around Germans Is Strong Enough To Strike Decisive Blow.

London, Jan. 12.—Only a change in weather or the entrance into the war of Roumania or Italy, or both, is likely to bring any marked change in the military situation in Europe for some time to come.

What turn the weather will take no one can predict, but the belief is growing in those countries allied against Germany, Austria and Turkey, that Roumania with her well-trained army of not less than 400,000 will at an early date throw herself into conflict, which would in effect link Roumania with the extreme Russian left now forcing its way into Hungary through Bukovina.

Taking into consideration the Servians and Montenegrins, this would form a line menacing Austria-Hungary along the entire south-eastern frontier from Russia to the Adriatic.

Just as rumors persisted for days prior to Turkey's entrance into the war on the side of Germany, which tended to discount the step when it was eventually taken, so rumors now centre about Roumania and Italy, and there is a strong feeling among the general public in France and England that definite action will not be long delayed.

Meanwhile the armies already in the field in the east and west remain virtually deadlocked.

Allies Content to Wait

The lack of stirring battles at the present stage is attributed by British commentators largely to the determination of the allied commanders to content themselves with holding their present positions until the projected ring of armies is considered sufficiently strong to strike a blow, which, they hope, will prove decisive.

The British idea that operations up to the present are only preparatory to big events fits in with a bit of gossip now heard here. It is to the effect that Lord Kitchener, when asked concerning the probable duration of the war, said: "I don't know when it will end, but I do know when it will begin, and that is in the month of May."

Russia is still sending enormous masses of men to within easy reach of various points on her long fighting line. The levies of 1914, amounting to 1,200,000 men, are just leaving the training camps, which will be occupied immediately by the 1915 levies now called out.

New German Army of 600,000

Germany's newest levy, just announced, amounts to 600,000 men of the age of 19, and her masses of reserves already under arms enable her to rush heavy reinforcements wherever required without withdrawing troops already engaged at the front, in either the eastern or the western fighting zones.

Doubt is expressed in some quarters whether the Germans who are reported to have gone south, supposedly to assist Austria in the campaign against Serbia, are actually destined for that service. It is suggested that their objective is Hungary, which is reported as much upset by the Russian advance against Transylvania and the activities of Roumania.

The Bremen Was Damaged By a Mine

London, Jan. 12.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Star wires that it is announced there that the German protected cruiser Bremen has returned to Wilhelmshaven badly damaged by having struck a mine.

The above report adds still another chapter to the mystery concerning the whereabouts of the cruiser Bremen. Since the war began this vessel has been reported at various times in both Atlantic and Pacific waters, and for a time it was believed that she was part of Admiral von Spee's squadron.

Boy Loses Life On Fragile Ice

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Stepping into an air hole in the St. Lawrence River near the lighthouse pier, several hundred feet northeast of the city harbor, Harold Badger, 10, son of Mrs. Robert Breaux, No. 23 Main street, was drowned last evening. A skater tried to reach the lad after hearing his cries for help, but was unsuccessful.

If truth were not elastic and resilient it would never in the world be able to resist the pressure put upon it. There are people who really seem to think that working for a living isn't worth it.

## WILL LAST BIT LONGER.

London, Jan. 12.—Mrs. Parkin, sister of Lord Kitchener, in opening a Tipperary Club for the wives and mothers of soldiers and sailors, said: "From all I can pick up in ten-minute conversations or in a fortnight with my brother I gather that he thinks it will last a bit longer. In fact, a good bit longer. The longer it lasts the more men will be required, and more men we must have."

## Col. Strange's Body Coming To Canada

A cable from London, Eng., says that the funeral services for the late Lieut.-Col. Frank Strange, of Kingston, who died at Nettravon Hospital, Salisbury, were held on Saturday. The body was taken on a gun carriage to the railway station en route to Southampton. Interment is to be in Canada.

Early Tuesday afternoon the family of the deceased had no official notification of the body being sent to Kingston.

## Casualties Sustained By Princess Pats

Ottawa, Jan. 12.—That the Princess Pats have been in action is made certain by the casualty list received by the militia department this morning, announcing that Private John Gordon Walker, of the 18th Canadian regiment, has been slightly wounded while in action. His next of kin resides in Dunfermline, Scotland.

Private Charles Binham of the 18th battalion, was shot in hospital at Plymouth, of spinal meningitis. The next of kin resides in London, Eng.

Admiral Farragut said he used to be gilded by a still, small voice which told him what to do in fighting.

## DAILY MEMORANDUM

Band at covered rink to-night. Band at the Palace this to-night. Joint A.O.U.W. installation, 8 p.m. See copy of page 3, right hand column, or probabilities.

"Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," Grand Opera House, 8:15 p.m.

## THE DAILY BRITISH WHIG

Is on Sale at the Following City Stores:

- Bucknell's News Depot, 295 King St.
- Clarke, J. W. & Co., 263 Princess
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- Coulter's Grocery, 289 Princess
- Collins's Grocery, Cor. Prin. & Alfred
- Cornwall, T. H., 683-670 Princess
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- McAuley's Book Store, 93 Princess
- McGill's Cigar Store, Cor. Prin. & King
- McLeod's Grocery, 51 Union St. W.
- Medley's Drug Store, 450 University
- Peters' Grocery Store, 71 Pine St.
- Prin's Cigar Store, 76 Princess
- Proulx's Drug Store, 412 Princess
- Valleau's Grocery, 208 Montreal

DEVANNA—In Kingston, on Jan. 11th, 1915, Sarah Devanna, widow of the late Patrick Devanna, aged 83 years.

Funeral from her son-in-law's residence, Jas. Sherman, 256 University Ave., Wednesday morning, at 10:00 o'clock, to St. Paul cemetery.

Friends and acquaintances invited. JACKSON—In New York, Tuesday, Jan. 12th, 1915, Joseph D. Jackson, formerly of Kingston, Interment in New York.

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## DISCHARGED ENGINEER.

Action Taken on Mayor's Declining Vote.

Brockville, Jan. 12.—The new municipal council at its inaugural meeting discharged the city engineer, G. H. Reynolds, on the casting vote of Mayor Donaldson. The latter during his term last year found considerable fault with the work of the official, and the new council, still two members short on account of the disqualification of the South ward representatives, elected by acclamation, gave him the desired support, upon which he acted to bounce Mr. Bryson.

"Pocket combs," at Gibson's.

## SEVEN WOMEN SOLDIERS

Were Treated For Wounds in Warsaw Hospital.

Warsaw, Jan. 12.—The frequently repeated reports of women being found in German uniforms among the prisoners taken by the Russians in Poland have been fully confirmed by evidence in the hospitals here. One local institution has seven women patients who were brought in under such circumstances. They are suffering from bayonet wounds, and all of them appear to be well educated.

R. H. Toyle went to Toronto Tuesday noon.

## VACANCY AT OTTAWA

Will Be Discussed By the House of Bishops Here.

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