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## FEAR ANOTHER DASH TO CAPTURE PARIS

### The French War Office, However, Declares That the Retirement Was Due Entirely to Floods Now Prevailing.

### The Germans Are Reported to Have Occupied the Trenches Abandoned by the French, North of the Aisne River and to Have Planted Very Heavy Artillery.

Paris, Jan. 15.—Despite the optimistic claims of military officials that the Germans will not be able to follow up their successes north of the Aisne, and east of Soissons, where they drove the French from more than five miles of trenches, fears are quietly expressed in official circles that the enemy is getting ready for another attempted dash on Paris.

The war office continues to insist that the withdrawal was due entirely to floods now prevailing in "five rivers," and that it was actually of no strategic importance. But reports received to-day show that the Germans already have pushed forward close to the river, bank and have mounted heavy artillery in the trenches recently held by the French. From these positions they are now pouring a heavy fire into the French lines south of the river.

### ALLIES CONTINUE TO MAKE GAINS

Paris, Jan. 15.—Severe fighting continues to the northeast of Soissons. It was announced officially this afternoon that the Germans had taken some French positions at St. Paul in that region, but that the French were immediately reinforced by the British and regained the ceded positions after a stubborn fight.

North of Arras, also, heavy fighting continues, the French Zouaves having taken one of the German positions following a series of bayonet charges of a most brilliant but destructive nature.

From the sea to Lys it is stated that severe cannonading continues, with the allies progressing slowly in the vicinity of Lombaertzyde and Beclere.

In the region of Targette, St. Laurent, Audchy and near Roye, the French artillery is declared to have succeeded in silencing the German guns, and slight gains have been made.

Near Craonne and Rheims, violent cannonading continues, with honors resting with the allies. Slight successes are also reported in the Vosges.

## RUSSIAN DRIVE AGAINST GERMAN LINES INCREASES

Petrograd, Jan. 15.—The Russian drive against the German lines along the north-eastern Prussian frontier is declared to be increasing in proportions. The entire Russian left wing is now said to be engaged and to be forcing the Germans back on their main defense positions. In order to check it, Gen. Von Hindenburg is resuming the offensive along the centre at the junction of the Bzura and Rawka rivers. He has been bringing up new masses of artillery, evidently depending on his big guns to render the Russian trenches untenable.

The Germans have succeeded in advancing beyond the villages of Bin Skupi and Sucha, northeast of Bolimow, but despite this admission, the military experts here claim that it will be impossible for them to gain any real advantage at this point.

## HOSTILITIES EMERGING FROM A WAR OF SIEGE

Paris, Jan. 15.—The Journal Des Debats registers its opinion that hostilities are rapidly emerging from a war of siege, a new phase of semi-independent and furious battles between heavy masses on narrow fronts.

"This," says the newspaper critic, "is the consequence of the successful French offensive against various minor points. Thus I foresee a series of battles of extreme bloodiness and desperation, where victory will rest with the side the most enduring and able to bring up the greatest numbers.

"Surely the Russian successes, coupled with the improvement of our reserves and the approaching utilization of new British armies, ought to ensure final supremacy of the allies. The new phase brings the end of the war in sight."

## Standardize The Laws of Marriage

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—It is understood the Borden government will memorialize each provincial government to revise and amend the marriage laws in accordance with the terms of the bill introduced by E. A. Lancaster, M.P., conservative member, Lincoln, Ont., and passed by the conservative majority of the House of Commons.

Subsequently the bill reached the judicial committee of the privy council, which decided that the whole question was one coming within provincial jurisdiction.

So many pledges were given by conservative candidates in Ontario on the no tenure decree in 1911 that they did not care to face the elections again without having something done. The Borden government will therefore memorialize the provincial governments to take the matter up.

### A VIGOROUS PROTEST

Great Oil Properties Must Not Be Molested

Washington, Jan. 15.—Secretary Bryan has sent a vigorous protest directly to the Carranza authorities at Tampico against their threat to close the great oil wells in the vicinity of Tampico because the foreign operators refused to pay a heavy assessment levied by the Mexicans. At the same time the matter was brought to the attention of General Carranza himself. Most of the oil plants are owned by American and British capital.

Installation Of Officers.

On Thursday evening the installation of the officers of the Royal Black Perceptory was held. D.G.M. H. A. Graham installed the officers. After the installation a banquet and musical programme were held. Addresses were given by James Berney and J. R. Donaldson.

"50c. Emulsion, 25c." Gibson's. Poverty may pinch an honest man, but it never lands him in jail. "Buy foot powders," Gibson's.



DAMAGED BY EARTHQUAKE. Statue of Marcus Aurelius in Rome, damaged along with many historic buildings by the earthquake in Italy on Wednesday.

## TRY TO PROVE MARRIAGE BY "RECOLLECTIONS"

Brockville, Jan. 15.—Judge McDonald has been engaged this week hearing an interesting application in the surrogate court concerning the estate of Charles Stearnes, of Essex, a painter, who was killed on the G.T.R. tracks three miles east of Lansdowne last August.

This is an application by Sarah Ann Honeywell, of Alexandria Bay, in the state of New York, widow, to share in the distribution of the estate of Charles Stearnes, as one of the next of kin to deceased. Emma Jane Bruce, of Alexandria Bay, being a claimant for the whole estate. Many witnesses, both from Canada and the United States, gave testimony in behalf of Mrs. Honeywell's claim, and the hearing was adjourned with a view of getting the evidence of Mrs. Bruce, who is sick, and of three aged persons not able to attend court.

It is claimed by Mrs. Honeywell that Ann Vanetian many years ago intermarried with Isaiah June, then of Junetown, and of this marriage were born three children, namely Ezra and Sheldon, both now deceased, and Sarah Ann, now Mrs. Honeywell. Subsequently to the

decease of Isaiah June, his widow intermarried with Henry Stearnes, of Essex, and had issue, of whom Mrs. Emma Jane Bruce was one and Charles Stearnes another.

Mrs. Bruce and Mrs. Honeywell are daughters of the same mother, but of different fathers, and as there are no written records so far discovered showing the previous marriage of the mother, Mrs. Stearnes to Isaiah June, father of Mrs. Honeywell, it is sought to establish the legality of this marriage by the evidence of relatives and acquaintances. Even the family Bible with its domestic records, according to the custom of days gone by, is not available, as it was burned in a fire at Lyn Long ago.

An interesting feature of the case is the advanced age of most of the witnesses, and it is upon their memories that Mrs. Honeywell's success or failure in obtaining a share of the estate of Charles Stearnes will depend. If it can be established to the satisfaction of the court that Ann Vanetian, afterwards Mrs. Henry Stearnes, was legally married to Isaiah June, then Mrs. Honeywell is legally a half sister of the testator, Charles Stearnes, and as such entitled to share in the estate.

## MAIL VOTE WOULD NOT MEET CANADA'S NEEDS

### The High Commissioner for New Zealand Explains How Plan Was Worked.

London, Jan. 15.—That New Zealand's plan for allowing soldiers on active service to vote by mail for parliamentary candidates would not assist Canada much in the event of an election being brought on was made clear to the Gazette correspondent to-day in an interview with Sir Thomas Mackenzie, high commissioner for New Zealand, who produced the acts of parliament bearing upon the subject. When the New Zealand contingent was preparing to sail, the elections were already scheduled although the candidates had not been chosen. A special act was passed in September, conferring upon every member of the expeditionary force the right to vote for his party—government, opposition or labor—with the names of the candidates being given. The contingent was at that time in camp, and the votes, mailed in sealed envelopes, were handed to the returning officer. A vote on prohibition was taken simultaneously. When the elections occurred in December the troops had reached England. A special act had also been passed allowing the Maori soldiers the same privileges as their white brothers in arms.

Sir Thomas admitted that the legislation would be useless if the troops wished to vote under the circumstances existing at the present time, and he could not suggest any means by which Canadian soldiers at the front could vote if an election were brought on at the present time.

## British Win A Victory Near Labassee

Paris, Jan. 15.—The Havas Agency has received a despatch from Stomer, dated Jan. 10th, which relates a British victory, and an advance near Labassee of one mile. The message says:

"The British, by an impetuous attack, stormed the strongly entrenched German position near Labassee at two o'clock this afternoon, after a vigorous preliminary shelling. This is an important strategic point, and its occupation represents an advance of one mile. The British losses were slight, but the German loss was heavy. Many Germans were taken prisoners."

### Engagement Announced.

The engagement is announced of Florence (Fawcett) Campbell Davidson, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Davidson, of Ottawa, and Lieut. Gilbert William Arthur Barvis, of the West Yorkshire Regiment, imperial army, son of Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. W. E. Barvis, Langrives, Vancouver, B.C. Lieut. Barvis is a Royal Military College graduate.

"Week-end specials" at Gibson's: 25c. Lined Cough Syrup, 15c. 25c. Baby Cough Syrup, 15c. 50c. Kidney Pills, 25c. 25c. Syrup Figs, 15c. 25c. Liver Pills, 15c. Our bulk teas are 10c. a lb. better than any package teas. Prices 25c. 30c., 40c., 50c. a lb. Discount on 5 and 10 lb. lots, at Gilbert's. Duchess Creamery butter, fresh made, 35c. a lb., at Gilbert's. The quality of White Rose flour never varies.

### THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE.

#### Board of Trade Held Annual Supper Thursday Evening.

Gananoque, Jan. 15.—Three large sleigh loads of members of the A. Y. F. A. of Christ church drove down to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Webb, a few miles east of the town on Wednesday evening and were royally entertained.

Quite a large number from Gananoque and vicinity attended the tea meeting at Woodburn church on Wednesday evening. The programme was furnished by Gananoque talent. Deputy Reeve W. J. Wilson, of Gananoque, performed the duties of chairman.

James M. Sampson, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Sampson of "Sibbreen," Stone street, passed away at Wellstar hospital on Tuesday, and the funeral was held yesterday afternoon to Gananoque cemetery.

Some twenty-five members of the Young People's Association of St. Andrew's church went out to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Haesler, near Gananoque Junction, on Tuesday evening and enjoyed a pleasant time.

John Conner, King street west, who has been confined to his home by illness for some time past, is able to be out for a few days here with George Shurtliff, of Hamilton, who was summoned here this week on account of the serious illness of the former's brother, Edward Shurtliff, a Charles street, who is at latest reports in a very critical condition.

Mr. and Mrs. John Compeau, spending a few days here with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Compeau, John street, left for their home in Montreal yesterday.

The annual supper and business meeting of the Gananoque Board of Trade was held at the International Hotel last evening, and was quite largely patronized.

## HE MAY HAVE BEEN A GERMAN SPY

### England Being Scoured For a Man Who Fought Sentry and Made His Escape.

Salisbury Plain, Jan. 15.—Military and civil police are looking for Private Victor Cobb, of the 48th Highlanders, Toronto. Posters have been circulated throughout England bearing his photograph and details regarding his disappearance generally. He has been missing for over a month.

According to reliable source incriminating evidence of espionage was found in his possession when he was first arrested about two months ago in London. There was every indication that he would have been sentenced to several years imprisonment. But the day before his trial he secured a file, severed his handcuffs and fought the sentry who was on guard duty so successfully that he managed to make his escape.

Cobb was supposed to have come from Owen Sound, Ont., where he enlisted. It has been found out that his real home was Hanover, Ont., and his home were of German extraction.

Shortly after leaving England he went to London on leave for four days, but stayed there for several weeks. A search party under Staff-Sergeant Miller, a former Toronto detective, found the private sporting in the Hotel Cecil in dress suit and showing absolutely no regard for money. Miller put Scotland Yard on him, and shortly after Cobb was arrested.

### DIED AT HER OLD HOME.

#### Wife of American Irish Nationalist Leader Burned.

New York, Jan. 15.—A London cable to the Tribune says that Mrs. Dillon, widow of Dr. Thomas Dillon, of Boston, who was one of the leaders of the Irish nationalist movement in America, was burned to death Wednesday at her home in County Kildare.

In the night Mrs. Dillon's eldest son was awakened by smoke in his bedroom, and, going downstairs, he found his mother lying across an open kitchen fire with her clothing ablaze. When assistance arrived, Mrs. Dillon was dead. The woman became faint while sitting opposite the fire and fell into it.

Surprise, Sunlight and Comfort soap, \$4.25 a box, 100 bars, at Gilbert's. "Johnston's Baby Powder," Gibson's.

## PREPARING TO WITHDRAW FROM WARSAW DISTRICT

Petrograd, Jan. 15.—Furious fighting has been resumed in Russian Poland. The Russian forces in the north which are pushing toward East Prussia in the region near Miawa have captured a number of villages.

In the centre the Germans have made four violent attacks within the last forty-eight hours. They forced back the Russians and occupied considerable ground.

Russian troops have pushed northward from Warsaw toward the western end of East Prussian frontier. They have reconquered a number of villages between Miawa and Przemysl hitherto held by Germans. In the centre at the junction of

## ITALY IS STUNNED BY THE EARTHQUAKE

### There Were a Number of Light Shocks on Thursday Morning, and These Caused Much Alarm.

### Town of Avezzano and Score of Villages Were Reduced to Ruins—Huge Death List Grows—King Visits the Affected Districts—Relief Measures Rushed.

Rome, Jan. 15.—Several earth shocks occurred during the fore part of yesterday. They caused the collapse of some buildings already severely damaged by the earthquake of a number of persons engaged in rescue work in various towns. These shocks were not violent, but they increased the alarm of the people and made more difficult the work of rescue.

The destruction of the town of Avezzano, a community of some 18,000 people, in Aquila province, by the earthquake is virtually complete. There is good authority for the statement that not more than 10 per cent. of the population survived the disaster.

Troops are arriving constantly to assist in the work of rescue. The streets of the city are merely huge piles of stone and brick. Through this the rescuers are digging for survivors.

The towns of Samolino, Paterno, Cencio, Collarmele, Pescina, and Benda, also, are in large measure destroyed.

The full truth of the extent of the disaster lies hidden behind a tangled maze of wires and debris clogged high ways.

### May Surpass Messina.

A member of the chamber of deputies from Lipari telegraphed to Premier Salandra that the disaster would surpass in degree of violence and percentage of death and injured the Messina earthquake in 1908, in which 165,000 were killed and injured.

Premier Salandra told his associates at the cabinet meeting to-day to provide relief for the inhabitants of the stricken districts. He feared the loss of life might reach 20,000, and that the number of injured 30,000. He said the disaster was second only to that of Messina.

Survivors are living in terror of new earthquake shocks following the visitation of several light tremors early yesterday which completed the destruction of many buildings which had been severely damaged. Many persons were injured by the recurring shocks, among them being a number of the rescuers.

All reports agree that Wednesday's disturbance, which in forty square miles turned a flourishing and populous stretch of country into an immense cemetery, was the worst in point of area, affected by any ever visited upon Europe.

On Thursday evening, Miss Saunford again addressed meetings at the Y. W. C. A. building, when she dealt with "Girls of Many Lands." The speaker intimated that there were 670,000 girls enrolled in this great association. It was something like a tour round the world, to tell the branches in Germany, in Cairo, Egypt, in India and Japan.

In eastern countries, especially girls are surrounded with many dangers and there is little to help them. The Y. W. C. A. and its secretaries have splendid opportunities of helping on the work among girls who are students in college, and girls who are at work in factories and stores—for Japan, too, has its problem of girls going into the cities for education and for industry.

If we would make the association work abroad a power for the uplift of girls' lives, we must be sure that the association at home is equally strong, for a chain is no stronger than its weakest link.

### Avezzano Wiped Out.

Avezzano, a city of 12,000, in the province of Aquila, was practically

destroyed. Nine-tenths of the population of the city were killed. Practically every person who was not in the streets at the time of the earthquake lost his life. The personnel of its entire civil and military administration with but few exceptions was wiped out. Including the country roundabout the losses in killed and injured at Avezzano will reach 15,000.

Tremendous relief measures have been put in motion. King Victor Emmanuel has left for the vicinity of Avezzano to lead the rescuers Queen Helena, deterred by illness, delegated the Duchess of Aosta to represent her. The duchess has gone to Mon-

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## THE LABOR PEOPLE MET THE PREMIER

### They Had Various Claims to Press Upon His Careful Attention.

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—At noon to-day the government received the annual delegation of representatives of the Dominion Trades and Labor Council who presented resolutions adopted at the annual meeting of the congress which, this year, was held in St. John, N.B., one of which urged the adoption of the eight hour day bill on government works. Sir Robert Borden received the representatives in a sympathetic manner, and said that the various proposals would receive the serious attention of government.

### THE DAILY BRITISH WHIG

#### Is on Sale at the Following City Stores:

Bucknell's News Depot, 295 King St. Clarke, J. W. & Co., 303 Princess College Book Store, 163 Princess Coulter's Grocery, 209 Princess Cullen's Grocery, Cor. Prin. & Alfred Ledley's Drug Store, 259 University Frontenac Hotel, 71 Fine St. Gibson's Drug Store, Market Square Lowe's Grocery, Portsmouth McAuley's Book Store, 93 Princess McGill's Cigar Store, Cor. Prin. & King McLeod's Grocery, 51 Union St. W. Medley's Drug Store, 289 University Peters' Grocery Store, 171 Fine St. Paul's Cigar Store, 16 Princess Prouse's Drug Store, 312 Princess Valleau's Grocery, 203 Montreal

### DAILY MEMORANDUM.

Band at Palace, 11th to-night. See top of page 4, right hand corner, for probabilities.

### DIED.

GIVENS—In Kingston, on Jan. 15th, 1915, Charles Givens, aged 89 (widow private) from the family residence, 29 Beverly St., on Monday morning, to St. Mary's Cathedral, where a solemn requiem mass will be sung at 9:30 o'clock for the happy repose of his soul.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the mass.

SHERBATT—In Fort William, Ont., on Sunday, Jan. 10th, 1915, Margaret Elizabeth Owalnetta, third daughter of the late S. O. and Mrs. Sherbatt, formerly of Kingston, Ontario.

Funeral from the residence of McAdoo Bros., Kingston Mills, on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, to Cataract cemetery. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

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