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THE BRITISH RECAPTURE TWO LINES OF TRENCHES

Essayed Offensive Between Stelice and Ypres Caval--Only Place Where Infantry Engage- ments Have Place Since Sunday.

The Allies Artillery is Being Used All Along the Western Line to Silence and Dismount Big German Guns--Generally Speaking Situation is Satisfactory to the Allies.

Paris, Feb. 16.—(3 p.m. official)—That the British troops who have been essaying the offensive between Stelice and the Ypres Canal have succeeded in recapturing two lines of outlying trenches, previously taken from them by the Germans in a series of assaults, was admitted to-day.

It was stated at the war office that at this point has taken place the only infantry engagements since Sunday elsewhere along the entire battle front, the exchanges are confined to the artillery. The previous reports of notable successes by the allies' artillery in silencing the fire of Germans at several points, notably in the Souain and Argonne regions, are confirmed.

It is stated that the allies' artillery is being used all along the entire line to silence and dismount the big German guns. Generally speaking, the situation is declared to be satisfactory.

ALLIES THREATEN TO STOP ALL SHIPS FOR GERMANY

London, Feb. 16.—In a statement to the House of Commons yesterday Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, intimated that further action would be taken by the allies to prevent the importation of food-stuffs in neutral ships to Germany.

"The task lying before us is both anxious and grave," Mr. Churchill said. "We are now to be the object of warfare never before practiced by a civilized power. So far we have not attempted to stop the importation of food. We have not prevented neutral ships from trading directly with German ports. We have allowed German exports in neutral ships to pass unchallenged."

"But the time is near when the enjoyment of these immunities by a state which as a matter of deliberate policy has placed herself outside of international obligations must be reconsidered. A further declaration on the part of the allied governments will be made, which will have the effect of applying for the first time the full force of naval pressure on the enemy."

"It must not be supposed that because the attack is extraordinarily good a reply cannot be made. Losses no doubt will be incurred, but I believe no vital injury can be done."

A HUGE BRITISH ARMY HAS LANDED IN FRANCE

Paris, Feb. 16.—Visitors returning from Etaples, near Boulogne, report cities of English soldiers with a population of 300,000 to 600,000 Britishers.

This vast army of ten to twenty army corps is the big English army Lord Kitchener has been training for the past half year and is expected to complete the herculean task of hurrying the Germans out of France and Belgium. The rest of Kitchener's army of 1,000,000 are expected to be landed in France within the next four weeks.

The news of the arrival of the huge army of Englishmen has not been published in the papers yet.

Among the lately arrived English soldiers are regiments from Malta, Can.

Now that it is known that the English have reached French soil no wonderment expressed at the many German air and submarine raids of the latter part of last month. The Germans undoubtedly were searching for the English transports, but Kitchener thwarted them. He did not send the troop ships directly across the channel to try to land on the north of France. They were sent out into the ocean and then to Southern French ports.

Some of the troops, it is known, have been landed as far south as Marseilles and Bordeaux.

A Calf Born In Kingston Without a Tail

One of the freakiest things of nature was born in Kingston on Monday afternoon, at the stables of James Cairnes, proprietor of the Albion hotel. This was a calf that had no tail and whose hindquarters resembled in every respect those of a deer. Where the tail should be there were only a few white hairs. The remaining parts of the animal are like those of a normal cow-calf. Mr. Cairnes, last September, purchased the cow, which gave birth to this freak, from Charles Woodruff, of Colbrook, and had it shipped here by train. The freak calf is quite lively and will some day, no doubt, feature in a circus.

JAPS WATCHING ALIENS.

Four Germans Expelled, But One Englishman Goes Also.

Yokohama, Japan, Feb. 16.—The Japanese authorities have ordered the expulsion from Japan of four Germans and one Englishman who have been found guilty of actions disturbing peace and order.

The authorities have decided upon a stricter surveillance of Germans and Austrians in the country.

COPPER SHIPPED AS SUGAR.

Destined For Germany—Shipper And Captain Arrested.

Copenhagen, Feb. 16.—A large shipment of copper packed in sacks which were labelled "sugar" and put aboard the steamship Carmen, was seized here. The copper was consigned to a German firm. The shipper and the captain of the vessel were arrested.



KIPLING SPEAKS FOR RECRUITS
Standing at the right is Rudyard Kipling, famous English novelist, addressing a meeting held at the Mansion House, London, to raise recruits for the London districts.

TENDER SYMPATHY TO KINGSTON CLUB

A Feeling Telegram Received From Yachtsmen of Watertown, N.Y.

At the annual banquet of the Crescent Yacht Club, of Watertown, N.Y., Monday night, the following telegram was sent to the commodore of the Kingston Yacht Club:

"So many of your boys having gone to the front, we of the Crescent Yacht Club in banquet assembled tender our sympathy for those severed and our congratulations for manhood displayed. (signed), Geo. W. Reeves."

BRITAIN CAN FINANCE WAR FOR FIVE YEARS

Out of the Proceeds of Her Investments Abroad Says Lloyd George.

London, Feb. 16.—Great Britain, the chancellor of the exchequer told the House of Commons, yesterday, could finance the war for five years out of the proceeds of her investments abroad. France was able to do so for about two or three years, with something to spare. Russia, he said, although prodigiously rich in natural resources, was in a different position.

The chancellor said that Russia had increased her productivity from thirty to forty per cent, by suppressing the sale of vodka. Russia had had special difficulties in financing her purchases abroad, and the same thing had applied to France.

COMFORTS ARE ASKED For the First Canadian Contingent In France.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—The first official announcement that the Canadian contingent was in France was made this morning, accompanied by a request from Sir George Perley that all kinds of comforts be sent quickly for the men.

Queen's Notes.

Miss Elizabeth W. Conklin, traveling secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement, will be at Queen's Feb. 19th, 20th and 21st.

Miss Mary E. Staples, B.A. '14, is teaching moderns in Swift Current Collegiate. It is worthy of note that the staff is composed entirely of Queen's graduates.

A. E. O'Neill, B.A. '12, is a member of the teaching staff of the Lindsay Collegiate Institute.

Any Wednesday is a holiday at Queen's.

Very examinations by the British revealed rubber in bales of cotton in the United States.

THE LICENSE FEES TO BE INCREASED

Theatres to Pay Much More --Pool Room Fees Not Yet Fixed.

The civic finance committee is wrestling with the budget, which may be presented to the City Council on the 1st of March, earlier than usual. An effort is being made to keep the tax rate down, and the committee may succeed in making an additional mill surcharge. It is preparing a schedule of license increases, but this is not yet completed.

Theatres are to pay according to their seating capacity. The license fee of the Grand and the Griffin houses will be raised from \$50 to about \$200. The theatres will pay from \$75 to \$100. The license for milk vendors, butchers, cabmen, carters, liveries, etc., will be raised. The committee has not yet fixed a new rate for pool rooms. It is also suggested that the Queen's skating rink should pay a license, being a business proposition.

SPINAL MENINGITIS Has Broken Out at Toronto's Military Camp.

Toronto, Feb. 16.—Two cases of spinal meningitis were discovered at the exhibition camp, where five thousand of the second contingent troops are training. The patients belong to the 19th Regiment, and are both Toronto men. The double company to which they belonged, consisting of 240 men, were marched out of camp this morning, bag and baggage, and are now congregated in buildings belonging to the Central Prison. They will be kept there till all danger of further spreading of the disease is over. In the meantime there is great anxiety among the other men lest the outbreak may delay their departure for the front.

ORPHANS' HOME GIRL SCALDED

White Washing Dishes—Removed to General Hospital.

Sarah Hancock, eleven years of age, was taken to the General Hospital on Monday night suffering from two badly scalded forearms. The little girl was washing the supper dishes at the Orphans Home, of which she was an inmate, and by accident she spilled the boiling water over her hand and arms. On Tuesday the little girl was resting easy.

Kingston Has No Member In Legislature

Probably for the first time in its history Kingston is unrepresented in the Ontario legislature, which opened its session of 1915 on Tuesday afternoon. The Kingston member, Lieut.-Col. A. E. Ross, is on more important service, being overseas with the Canadian Ambulance Corps.

Kingston's Peace Centenary Greetings

Wednesday, the 17th of February, being the one hundredth anniversary of the Treaty of Ghent, Mayor Sutherland tonight will send the following telegram of greeting to places in the United States bearing the name of Kingston, and of which there are twenty or more:

"Kingston, Ontario, Canada, sends sincere congratulations on centenary of peace between British Empire and United States. Two sovereign peoples with three thousand miles common boundary have for one hundred years settled international disputes without arbitration of war. History records no similar achievement. May peace, prosperity and fraternity continue as permanent as forty-ninth parallel."

LIBERALS HELD CAUCUS

To Discuss Questions With Regard To the Tariff.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—The Liberals held their first caucus this morning and discussed at length various features of the session's programme. The main topic was the question of tariff as raised by the new announcements in the budget last Thursday. The debate on the budget will be resumed next Thursday. The Liberals appear to be determined that criticism shall be offered where criticism is merited. The tariff bill in its various phases raises various topics for serious debate, and it is expected that many of the differences which have existed between the two parties will be revived during the discussion.

A BOOT INVESTIGATION

TO BE INVESTIGATED BY HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Premier Borden Admitted That He Agreed It Was in the Public Interest That There Should Be An Inquiry.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—Parliament will appoint a special committee to investigate the charges that inferior boots were supplied to certain units in the Canadian overseas contingent. Following the suggestion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier last week, Premier Borden last night the House met yesterday afternoon to state that he agreed that it was in the public interest, as well as due to various manufacturers who had supplied these articles to the government, that the whole matter should be referred to a special committee of seven members to investigate and report their findings. Premier Borden asked Sir Wilfrid to name three of the seven members from the liberal side of the House. The committee will probably be formally appointed by the House on resolution to-day.

According to an answer given by Major-General Sam Hughes in reply to E. M. Macdonald (Picton) the cost of maintaining the militia called out on active service in British Columbia since August 15th last has totalled to date \$1,425,000. In August 4,102 troops were under arms in the province, in September 2,728, in December this number was reduced to 2,460, and for the month of January the average number on active service was 2,065.

According to an answer given by the finance minister in reply to G. W. Kyle of Richmond, the government has issued Dominion notes to the extent of \$26,000,000 since the war broke out, in excess of the amount authorized by statute. Of this amount \$10,000,000 was issued without the necessary gold deposit in order to meet obligations of Canada on loans and expenditures as they matured. The million dollars was advanced to the Canadian Northern railway company on security of the company's four per cent, debenture stock guaranteed by the Dominion under the legislation of last year to an amount of \$12,500,000. Six million dollars was advanced to the Grand Trunk Pacific company on security of \$7,500,000 of the company's four per cent, bonds guaranteed by the Dominion last year.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

OPENED ITS FIRST WAR YEAR SESSION TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

There Was a Full State Ceremony— Eighteen Guns Boomed as Lieu- tenant-Governor Arrived at Legis- lative Buildings.

Toronto, Feb. 16.—The first war year of the Ontario legislature opened at three o'clock this afternoon with a full state ceremony. A few minutes before three o'clock the gubernatorial procession of Col. Hendrie swung along the crescent of Queen's Park, and in prompt response the first of eighteen guns boomed. There was a guard of honor and a Dragon ecoroll, all in khaki.

The speech from the throne said that an emergency measure would be brought before the House to meet the declines in provincial revenues. Amendments to the liquor license act were also promised.

Special Boat Found Mines.

London, Feb. 16.—In a despatch from Amsterdam the Exchange Telegraph Company's correspondent says a report has been received there from Emden to the effect that at the end of last week a German special service boat, the duty of which was to precede torpedo boats in the mine fields, struck three mines near Borkum Island, off the coast of Hanover, and was blown up.

Demands Apology From Kaiser.

Berne, Switzerland, Feb. 16.—An official enquiry having established that the aeroplane which recently flew over Swiss territory, and on which the Swiss troops fired, was a German machine, the Swiss minister at Berlin has been instructed to demand an apology from the German government.

Asking Joint Action.

London, Feb. 16.—The Spanish government has made application to the powers in order to obtain joint action to end what is termed to be a state of anarchy in Mexico.

The Ontario legislature will open to-day with a new session, a new premier and a new lieutenant-governor. The coroner's jury at Toronto found that Carrie Davis killed her employer, G. A. Messy.

UNITED STATES INSITS ON RIGHT TO SHIP FOOD

For the Use Only of Civilians in Germany.

SITUATION IS SERIOUS

FOR AMERICAN COMMERCE IF MINES ARE PLANTED.

By Germany Around British Isles— German Offer to Spare British Ships if Food Cargoes Given Safe Passage Likely To Be Rejected.

Washington, Feb. 16.—With only three days remaining before the German admiralty proposes to carry into effect its proclamation in the diplomatic situation moved rapidly yesterday through the medium of the United States government, custodian of the diplomatic interests of the various belligerents.

Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, delivered a note to the United States, which was promptly transmitted to Great Britain, which Germany offered to recede from her plan of destroying enemy merchant ships if restrictions placed by the allies on shipments of conditional contraband and foodstuffs destined to the civilian population of Germany were removed. Otherwise, the note announced, Germany proposes to put into effect the original proclamation, adding also the drawing of mines in waters surrounding Great Britain and Ireland.

Merchant Ships Armed.

Alleged arming of British merchant vessels is given by the German government as ground for attacking enemy merchant ships without search or previous warning, regarding merchant craft hereafter as in the category of warships.

The ambassador's communication was sent from Berlin before the recent American note was delivered by Ambassador Gerard, and a supplemental note to the German foreign office memorandum on the subject of the new war zones.

At the same time that the German ambassador conferred with Secretary Bryan and Counselor Lansing, the complete text of the British reply to the American note of protest on neutral shipping, dated December 26th, was received. It was laid before President Wilson.

Besides giving statistics on neutral commerce and entering a general denial that there had been any unwarranted interference with legitimate shipments, the new note contains a statement from Great Britain that the recent government decree taking over the flour and grain supply in Germany added precautions on the part of the allies that conditional contraband might not be permitted to reach the armed forces of the enemy.

The document constitutes a further statement of the British government on the legal questions involved. The full text will not be given until after the agreement for publication is reached with the British foreign office.

Serious Situation Develops.

On all sides it is admitted that the developments of the last few days present a most serious situation for American commerce. Administration officials think that even though assurances are given eventually by Germany that neutral ships will not be attacked, the effect of the war zone proclamation will be to intimidate American shippers and reduce American exports.

That the next step by the United States may be a pronounced statement to Great Britain on the subject of conditional contraband was indicated at the state department to-day.

The Russians May Conduct A Defensive

Petrograd, Feb. 26. (via London).—The forced retirement of the Russian army from East Prussia is expected to result in a reversion by the Russians to their original plan of conducting a defensive campaign on their own territory.

With this programme in operation, Russian observers say, it probably will be possible to retard the German advance and at the same time defensive operations will be easier because the Russians will be harassed no longer by the lightning changes along the German front.

A Surprise Party.

All enjoyable time was spent on Monday night at the home of Mr. J. Boett, Erydenham street, when about twenty of their friends gave them a surprise. The party was formed at 8.30 p.m. and the evening was spent in progressive euchre. The first prizes were won by Mrs. Boett and Mr. Berry, while the consolation prizes went to Mrs. Jeckell and Mr. Ludlow. Refreshments were served at midnight.

Mrs. James Mitchell, 4 Bincarth road, died at the age of ninety-seven years, having spent all her life as a resident of Toronto.



SCENE OF "PHANTOM" AIR RAID
The distance covered by the five balloons sent up by some junkies opposite Brockville, which caused great excitement in the Canadian capital and surrounding cities. Ottawa is but 60 miles from the U. S. boundary at Brockville, and therefore the "airship raid" was thought quite feasible.

ASKS WILSON TO PLACE Embargo on Wheat To Check Rise In Bread.

Washington, Feb. 16.—President Wilson yesterday received a letter from Mayor Mitchell, of New York, urging that an embargo be placed upon the exportation of wheat, to check the rise in the price of bread and flour. The president has previously taken the stand that congress alone has the authority to declare such an embargo. Representative Fay, of Pennsylvania, has a bill pending in the House for the purpose.

Great Blockade To Cut Off the German Ports

London, Feb. 16.—It is considered certain to-day that the combined British-French-Russian fleets will enforce what is likely to prove the most complete blockade ever attempted by belligerents. It is the intention of the British government to entirely cut off all German ports from shipping, to drag for their mines and, in all probability, to attempt to force some of the weakest of their defended harbors.

"Pure Castile Soap," at Gibson's.

DAILY MEMORANDUM.
Band at Covered Park to-night. See top of page 1, right hand corner, for probabilities.
Limestone Minstrel's repeat performance. St. Luke's hall, 8 p.m.

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BORN.
HEID—At Kingston General Hospital, on Feb. 16th, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert J. Reid, a son.

MARRIED.
SEATON—COFFEY—On Feb. 14th, 1915, in St. James' Chapel, by Rev. Father Healy, Rev. J. J. Princes, officiating, Mr. James Coffey, to Francis J. Seaton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Seaton (Seattle, Wash., Cleveland and Watertown, N.Y., papers please copy.)

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