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SECOND SECTION

RUMANIAN'S MAIN ARMY IS SAFE

The Russians Hold Front South and South-west of Sereth Line.

THEY HINDER MACKENSEN

WHILE THE RUMANIANS FALL BACK TO SERETH.

Petrograd Announces That the Teuton Offensive Below Galatz and Braila is Arrested by Czar's Artillery—Berlin Claims Only Minor Successes.

London, Dec. 20.—The main Rumanian army is now safely entrenched behind the Sereth river and in Bessarabia, where it is being regrouped and refitted for further operations, according to despatches received by Le Petit Parisien of Paris. The entire Rumanian front south and southwest of the Sereth line is now being held exclusively by the Russians, these reports add.

It transpires that ever since the fall of Bucharest and Ploesti Russian infantry and cavalry forces have been holding back the armies of Mackensen, while Ferdinand's troops have been hastily falling back to and beyond the Sereth line. The temporarily unsuccessful stand of the Czar's troops before Buzeu gave the Russian engineers time to construct a defensive front between Raminicu-Sart and the marshes of the Danube below Galatz and Braila. Here the Russians are now checking the Teuton advance. Petrograd announces that the offensive of the enemy has been arrested in the region near the Filipescia railroad station and Dihatogu. The fact that Berlin claims only minor successes lends color to the theory that Mackensen's column has been halted for the time being south of the Sereth line.

Bulgars Claim Progress.

Saharoff's forces are still retreating toward the Danube line in northern Dobrudja. The Bulgarian troops have already crossed the Babadag-Pecineaga line, about thirty miles south of the river and the Bessarabian border. It is probable that these Russian forces will cross the Danube at Galatz and join the defenders of southern Moldavia.

Whether the Russians will be able to hold their hastily fortified line from Raminicu-Sart to Braila is doubtful. In case of the surrender of this front to Mackensen the rejuvenated Rumanian forces are likely to be recalled to the Sereth line for the last stand on Rumanian soil. These troops fell back into Bessarabia by way of Jassi and consequently have at their command the two railroad lines that parallel each other through Moldavia.

The invasion of Bessarabia and a

possible drive on Odessa by Mackensen hinge on the success or failure of the Rumanian defence on the Sereth line. If the Teutonic troops are unable to shatter these defences, Mackensen undoubtedly will transfer the bulk of his armies to the Macedonian front for an offensive against Sarraill's forces. Every day of delay in the Teutons' attack on the Sereth line, however, will give the Rumanian troops more opportunity to strengthen their units and make use of all possible Russian aid.

NEWS FROM ODESSA.

Ross Jones Comes to the Locomotive Works in Kingston.

Odessa, Dec. 18.—Miss Vera Burgess, Peterboro is home with her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Arch Burgess. Mrs. Joseph Smith, who has been spending the summer and fall with relatives in Rochester and Watertown, N.Y., returned last Thursday to spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Mabee. Mrs. Frederick Catin has been the guest of Mrs. James Dawson for a few days. Miss Ella Mix, who has been the guest of her uncle, George Burnett, left for her home in a Watertown, N.Y., last Tuesday. Mrs. James Dawson left last Friday to spend Christmas with relatives in Kingston. Ross Jones has secured work in the Kingston Locomotive Works. Miss Iola Heath is in the Kingston General Hospital, having undergone an operation for appendicitis, and is doing nicely. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Roberson, Violet, spent Sunday with Miss Kate Kenyon. Mr. and Mrs. Millen left last Friday for Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Fraser left last week to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Scott, Montreal.

Leaves \$1,000 to Boy Companion.

Cobourg, Ont., Dec. 19.—Freddie Nichols, a Boycaygeon boy, receives a bequest of \$1,000. It is stated, by the will of the late Deputy Attorney-General Frederick R. Foltz of Pennsylvania, which has just been probated. The gentleman was a yearly summer visitor to the Boycaygeon district and the boy acted as his guide, philosopher and friend during his hunting and fishing trips.

Serving in Mesopotamia.

Cobourg, Dec. 19.—Driver A. J. Dubay, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Dubay of Campbellford, who enlisted here last December, is in the British Hospital at Nakhla, Mesopotamia, suffering from jaundice. Driver Dubay enlisted with the Mechanical Transport Army Service Corps and after spending about six weeks in England was sent to Mesopotamia.

Perth Only Lost Sixteen Dollars.

Perth, Ont., Dec. 19.—Tax Collector Jamieson has returned to the council the 1915 tax roll. All the 1915 taxes lost to the town is \$16.28. Total taxes collected \$51,320.02. It is doubtful if another town in Ontario has as good a record on 1915 taxes.

Cobourg Steel Plant Grows.

Cobourg, Dec. 18.—It is understood that owing to prospects of increased business the Cobourg Steel Company have under consideration the enlarging of their present plant. The plant is now being operated night and day.

CANADIAN SOCIETIES IN NEW YORK TO MERGE

Combined Organization Will Probably Aggregate a Membership of 1,000.

New York, Dec. 18.—The Evening Sun says: The amalgamation of all Canadian organizations in New York allied with the Canadian Club of New York is about to be consummated. It is expected that the combined organization will have 1,000 members. A club house in New York which will serve as an embassy for Canada in the city is planned.

At a small private dinner party held at the Lotus Club a few weeks ago the plans were started.

The Canadian Club of New York will entertain Sir Sam Hughes at a dinner at the Hotel Biltmore on January 8th.

REMINDED DUKE OF CANADA SCENE

Duke of Connaught Saw the Canadian Forestry Battalion at Work.

London, Dec. 19.—The Duke of Connaught paid a surprise visit to a section of the Canadian Forestry Battalion which is cutting down fine timber and inspected their shacks. He told Major "Foghorn" MacDonaid, who is in command, that it seemed almost like being in Canada again and complimented the men on the neat work they are doing.

The Late Mrs. Coates.

Almonte, Dec. 16.—Since her return from Florida in June, Mrs. Helen H. Coates has been ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. (Dr.) Haines, suffering severely at times, despite the best of care and medical attention. Towards the end of last week she became unconscious, and Sunday at noon sank to rest. Helen H. Rose was born in Almonte, being a daughter of the late Henry Rose and Catherine Shipman. In 1867 she was married to F. W. Coates, Newmarket, who predeceased her.

Winnipeg Block Sold.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—Ernest S. Parker, grain broker, has purchased the Lindsay Building, corner of Notre Dame and Ellice Avenues, for a price in the neighborhood of \$600,000. It is a ten-story office building, built in 1912 at a cost of \$350,000.

Brockville's Clean Bill.

Brockville, Dec. 18.—Reports submitted by the Board of Health to the council through Medical Officer of Health Dr. A. J. McAuley, showed that since July 31st, there has not been a case of infectious disease in Brockville.

Dies in Cornwall.

Cornwall, Ont., Dec. 16.—The death occurred on Thursday of William N. Ross, brother of Miss Marion Ross, corner of Fourth and Sidney streets. He was seventy-three years of age.

Alfred Lancaster, a resident of Ottawa, receiving medical treatment at Brockville, died Saturday, aged sixty-eight years.



Alaska has Two Christmas Days

ALASKA is the only place over the whole continent of America where two Christmas days are celebrated. This applies especially to the Alaskan peninsula and adjoining islands, where many of the natives belong to the Russian church with her Julian calendar. It is only since the coming of the American public school and mission that the "American Christmas" has been introduced in those parts. According to the Julian calendar, Christmas, Dec. 25, falls on the day that is Jan. 7 in the calendar elsewhere.

According to the Russian church in Alaska, Christmas begins at 2 o'clock in the morning, when the church bells announce the birth of Christ, and when the natives come out of their huts they find a bright and beautiful star of Bethlehem over the church beckoning to them. The church is a small wooden building decorated with pictures of saints, lighted by candles, without seats or heat. The two sexes are ranged on the opposite sides of the room, either standing or kneeling. On this particular morning service is held from 2 until 6 and is made up of singing and reading. Although to white people it would seem a very great hardship to stand on the feet for four hours on a cold winter morning, yet the natives would consider it the worst kind of punishment should they be forced to stay away.

THE JOLLY CHRISTMAS TREE

It is the right of every child to have a Christmas tree, whether large or small, real or artificial. Tree of some sort there must be if there is to be a real Christmas for the children and, of course, Christmas is primarily for them.

It was the writer's privilege last year to see Christmas trees of every description, from the brilliantly lighted and lavishly decorated tree to the tiny artificial tree which shuts up like a jackknife and may be stored away in a small corner when not in use. Much was learned of the ways and means of Christmas tree decorators and designers that will probably be helpful and suggestive to those expecting to have trees of some sort this year.

To make Christmas stockings get their muslin and cover with crepe paper. The little raw edges around the stockings can be drawn out and made into narrow ruffles. Tie with bright ribbons. Little stockings made of fillet net are very dainty, and they can be joined with bright ribbons, so that the contents will show through the tiny mesh. Curtain net makes nice stockings. Cut two pieces the shape of a stocking; buttonhole the edges together with bright colored wool; put cookies, an orange, an apple, candy and nuts in the stocking; add a little toy, then hang on the tree.

Odd pieces of pompadour ribbon make pretty candy bags and stockings. Line net candy bags with paraffin paper. The lining will stretch on the sewing machine with the net, and the candy will be much more palatable for the extra care taken.

To make little danglers for Christmas trees, fasten popcorn into little balls, thread with dark green silken thread, dip into gum arabic and cover with any of the colored dye powders. This makes a pretty ornament. Silver or gold dust may also be added. A small quantity of dye in blue, yellow, red, etc., will make a great quantity of balls. If threads are suspended in a glass jar containing water and 10 cents' worth of alum the alum will adhere to the threads and make little icicles for the tree. Continue to add alum until the strings are the desired thickness. Place in a window or warm place to dry.

White cotton or wool slightly smeared with mucilage and sprinkled with common salt or diamond dust makes the best wintry effect. Powdered mica will give a snowy appearance if sprinkled over wool. The effect of new fallen snow can be produced by taking branches and dipping them in gum arabic water and sprinkling with flour.

For pinning gifts on the tree dress clothespins in fancy tissue paper as dolls or flowers or like Santa Claus. Little tinsel toys which were broken last year may be used again. Fill them with cotton and paste the broken parts to the cotton, then hang them high on the tree.

So much of the beauty of a tree depends upon its lighting, but when small children are present it is often dangerous to use candles. An ordinary lantern may be used for lighting purposes. Cover with red tissue or crepe paper and tie with a cord in the ridge near the top of the lantern. A wide margin of paper may be left and pulled out to form a huge flower. Tie the lantern securely to the trunk of the tree, as near the center as possible. A smaller lantern may be hung at the top of the tree for more light.

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