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GERMANS AGAIN HURLED BACK AT BZURA RIVER

BERLIN ADMITS THE GERMAN FAILURE--AUSTRIAN CRUISER IS REPORTED AT VALPARAISO

GERMANS ARE DRIVEN BACK WITH HEAVY LOSS AT THE BZURA

ATTACKS AND COUNTER ATTACKS ON WESTERN FRONTIER
FAVORABLE TO THE ALLIES--FURTHER SUC-
CESSES ARE REPORTED IN ALSACE.

(Special to The Daily News)

Berlin, Dec. 26.—The official statement contains the announcement that the German attacks on the Bzura River have ceased.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The French report records artillery duels between the sea and the Lys. On the Lys itself a heavy fog makes operations impossible. Between the Lys and the Oise several counter attacks of the enemy were repulsed. Between the Oise and the Aisne, on Thursday, a very strong German attack was repulsed at Chikini, northeast of Soupr. Strong German counter attacks were repulsed near Soupr and Pethes. From Argonne east to the Meuse there is nothing to report. The French made

perceptible progress at Cernay, in upper Alsace, and hold the outskirts of Aspach.

Dealing with the eastern situation, the French report says the Germans who succeeded in crossing the Bzura River south of Sochaczew were driven back with a heavy loss. On a line between Now and Lodz on the Pilica River stubborn fighting continues. Along the entire course of the Nida River and south of the Vistula, the fighting is favorable to the Russians.

No Late Changes.

Petrograd, Dec. 26.—The Russian official statement says except that the Turkish offensive at Butakak, in Armenia, has been repulsed, there is no change on the various fronts.

OVERSEAS CONTINGENT GETS XMAS HOLIDAY

(By P. F. G.)

The Willows Camp, Dec. 19.—The week just closed has seen the inauguration of the new double company drill and in association with A Company of the 30 Battalion B Company has been put through its pace, under the command of Captain C. W. Peck. Though the movements in many respects resemble the battalion drill as laid down in the 1914 book, the 1914 book provides for the more elastic handling of units of 250 strength. If the new formation is adopted there will be a number of reductions in the non-commissioned ranks, as some sixteen sergeants will be dispensed with. Meanwhile the provisional appointments for B Company still stand.

With the Christmas holidays in sight a large proportion of B Company have put in for Christmas leave, which will be from Thursday to the following Monday. A few will return to Prince Rupert for the festive season, many will journey to Vancouver and Seattle and not a few will be house guests in Victoria for the holidays. There is every indication that a liberal allowance will be made for those companies who are from the outside, and those who have no regimental duties on the tapis are eagerly looking forward to the five days' vacation.

The coming week a further advance will be made in training the members of the Second Overseas contingent in trench making, target practice, etc. Owing to the recent inoculation, company and

BOMBS DROPPED ON CITY OF NANCY

(Special to The Daily News)

Paris, Dec. 26.—Zeppelin airships dropped four bombs on Nancy this morning, killing two and wounding two.

NEW LAW PROPOSED FOR "DRY" STATE

Huge Petition Started in Washington to Annul Prohibition Act.

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 24.—A movement seeking virtually to repeal the prohibition law adopted at the November election has been started here, when Ferdinand Schmitz, a wealthy resident of Seattle, filed with Secretary of State I. M. Howell a copy of a liquor bill he proposes submitting to the Legislature by initiation next month. A special election for submission of the bill to the voters is asked for November 2, 1915.

The bill would permit the operation of breweries and would authorize the sale of their product; would allow hotels with more than fifty rooms, in incorporated cities, to sell liquor to their guests and to serve the same in their dinner rooms, restaurants and cafes and would authorize the public to buy for home consumption not less than twelve quarts or more than forty quarts of alcoholic beverages.

The proposed law would become effective January 1, 1916, the same date as the new prohibition law. It is specified that this is not to be construed as an amendment to the "dry" law or any other statute but is to be considered paramount to them all.

The proponents of the bill must get 32,000 signatures to petitions between now and January 2, as petitions must be ready ten days before the Legislature convenes, January 11.

Jabours have a few children's toys left which they are selling at half price.

Pantorium Pioneer Cleaners, Phone 4.



"THE AVENGER OF THE GOOD HOPE AND THE MONMOUTH."

Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee, who one month ago was chief of staff in the British navy. Following the loss of the Good Hope and the Monmouth he was despatched in charge of a cruiser squadron to clear the high seas of the German fleet. His fleet traveled 7,000 miles diagonally across the Atlantic, and met the Germans off the Falkland Islands, where he sunk the German cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Leipsic and a short time later the Nuremberg.

CHRISTMAS WAS QUIET

Christmas was spent very quietly throughout the city. There was an absence of even the usual noise of Christmas Eve. A couple of public dances were advertised, but were poorly attended. Most of the festivities throughout the city consisted of family parties.

The churches held watch night services and were well attended. The Anglican Church also held communion services at 8 and 11 o'clock on Christmas Day.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Morning worship, 11 a. m.; subject, "The Prince of Peace." Evening worship, 7:30 p. m.; subject, "Good Gifts for the King." Special Christmas music at both services.

THE WEATHER.

By F. W. Dowling, Observer.

(5 a. m. December 26, 1914.)

Barometer 29.805
Max. temp. 44.0
Min. temp. 36.0

BUT NEVER AGAIN!

I dreamt that I dwelt on an isle of cracked ice,
In the midst of a lake of champagne;
Where blizzards the mint julep in meadows of green,
Amid showers of lithia rain,
I reclined on a divan of lager beer foam,
With a pillow of froth for my head,
While spray from a fountain of sparkling gin-fizz
Descended like dew on my head.

And then I awoke on a bed full of rocks
With a bolster as hard as a brick;
With a wrench in my neck, a rack in my head,
And a stomach distastefully sick,
Then I groped for the thread of the evening before,
In a mystified maze of a brain,
Until a great light burst upon me at last,
"T.M. OFF THE WAGON AGAIN!"

—Aton.

WHAT BERLIN SAYS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Berlin, Dec. 26.—The official press bureau states that general quiet prevailed at the front on Christmas Day. East of Festo-ber the Germans have wrested from the British another portion of their fortified positions. The French offensive was beaten back in the Champagne from Souain through the Argonne to the northwest of Verdun.

Ladies' and Misses' Sweaters, all sizes and colors, at a heavy discount.—At Jabours'. 296-7-8

RUMANIA EXPECTED TO DECLARE WAR AT ONCE FOR ALLIES

Paris, Dec. 26.—The Financial Review declares that an agreement has been reached between Bulgaria and Rumania whereby Rumania has a free hand to join the Allies and Bulgaria undertakes to enter the war only on the Allies' side if she does enter the war.



GENERAL CHRISTIAN BEYERS

Shot in an engagement on the Vaal River, his body falling into the stream. He was the only rebel leader of importance remaining at large.

CHIEF JUSTICE SCORES THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Bowser Through His Law Firm
Tries to Act for Two Sides
of a Case.

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—A refusal by Chief Justice Hunter of the Supreme Court to grant an alleged member of the attorney-general's law firm a hearing in a criminal appeal, provided a passing sensation at the courthouse this morning, and was made the occasion by the court and Mr. Joseph Martin, K. C., for some strong comments on the propriety of the Attorney General's firm appearing on behalf of convicted persons seeking to have their convictions quashed.

The matter arose out of an appeal by three Chinese recently convicted by the Chilliwack magistrate for keeping and frequenting a gambling joint, in which Mr. W. B. A. Ritchie, K. C., who often acts as counsel for the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge, appeared on behalf of the Chinese. Mr. Joseph Martin, K. C., appeared on behalf of the magistrate and the township of Chilliwack.

"I have a preliminary objection," said Mr. Martin, as Mr. Ritchie rose to his feet. "This is an application by the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge, of which firm the Attorney General is a member, and I claim that the firm is therefore debarred from appearing for accused persons seeking to have their convictions quashed." Mr. Martin read from the British North America Act, and the Attorney General's Act to show that the administration of justice was vested in the Attorney General, who had the sole appointing and control of the various magistrates of the province, and he protested that it was improper that the Attorney General should be interested in both sides of the case.

"I am not a member of Mr. Bowser's firm. I had been asked to take this case by the solicitor, Mr. Lee," protested Mr. Ritchie.

"The papers have the name of Mr. Wallbridge on. Mr. Wallbridge is a partner of Mr. Bowser's," said Mr. Martin.

Chief Justice Hunter—They were responsible for the initiation of these proceedings, Mr. Ritchie. (To Mr. Martin.) By the way, you were responsible for the passing

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PROMINENT DAWSON LAWYER PAYS PRINCE RUPERT A VISIT

F. T. CONGDON WAS FORMERLY COMMISSIONER AND MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR YUKON--LEAVES FOR TORONTO OVER G. T. P.

F. T. Congdon, of Dawson, was a visitor in the city yesterday and met a large number of his former friends from the north. He went east on today's train to Toronto, where his family resides on account of the educational advantages which they require. He expects to return in March.

Mr. Congdon went to the Yukon in 1901 and is one of the most prominent public men the North has produced. He has been commissioner and member of Parliament for Yukon and in all probability will be the next mem-

ber of Parliament for the district.

Mr. Congdon is one of the most brilliant men in Canada. As an orator he has few superiors and is exceedingly well read. A few hours in his presence is like a breeze from the South Sea Islands. He can quote the greatest authors by the page. Mr. Congdon is a lawyer by profession and practices in Halifax. Before coming west, as a partner of Benjamin Russel, another of Nova Scotia's brilliant sons, who has since been promoted to the bench.

CRUISER AUSTRALIA NOW AT VALPARAISO

(Special to The Daily News)

Valparaiso, Dec. 26.—The battle cruiser Australia entered port here today. The Australia is the largest warship in the Australian navy and has been on the lookout for German ships.

COLD IN NEW YORK

(Special to The Daily News.)

New York, Dec. 26.—Temperatures of 24 to 40 below zero are prevailing in northern New York and northern Pennsylvania.

EQUAL SUFFRAGE EXPANDS.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Even in the states where women's suffrage was defeated last month, the largest vote ever cast for the suffrage cause was recorded, says the National American Woman Suffrage Association, in a statement on the recent elections.

The statement also says: "A summary of the results of the November elections shows that the addition of Nevada and Montana to the number of suffrage states gives equal suffrage an opportunity to compete for seven more electoral votes, enfranchises 99,881 women, increases the amount of suffrage territory by 256,901 square miles, and increases the suffrage population by 157,928.

"Full equal suffrage now prevails over 1,738,040 square miles of the United States, or nearly one-half of the total area.

Women now have an equal voice with men in casting ninety-one electoral votes, or more than one-sixth of the total number in the electoral college.

"The total population of the full equal suffrage states is now 8,253,240.

"The total population of the states where women can vote for President of the United States is 13,531,831, or 15 per cent of the total population.

Ladies' Long Cloth Coats reduced from \$15 to \$10 at Jabours'. 296-7-8

Rockers and Easy Chairs. Big New Year reductions at Geo. D. Tite's. 282-1

PARLIAMENT HAS BEEN CALLED FOR JAN. 4

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Parliament is called for January 4. Business will be confined to war measures, including tariff and stamp tax.

RETIRED GENERAL DIES

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Dec. 26.—General Sir Thomas Kelly-Kenny, who commanded the Canadians in South Africa, is dead. He had retired some years ago and was 70 years of age.

PAYMENT REPUDIATED.

Austro-Hungary Will Not Meet Obligations of Alien Enemies.

New York, Dec. 26.—Austro-Hungary will pay no money for the present, at least, to alien enemies who hold her 4 1-2 per cent notes, due January 1, next, according to an announcement made here by Dr. Constantin Dumba, Austrian minister to the United States. Dr. Dumba said that the redemption of notes held by citizens of countries at war with Austria-Hungary is temporarily suspended.

The Salvation Army will hold a special Christmas meeting in the Barracks on Tuesday, December 29, at 8 p. m. Rev. Mr. Dimmick will preside. There will be songs, recitations and music. All are welcome. 298-99

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I. O. D. E. BALL

The Annual Christmas Ball of the Daughters of the Empire will be held in St. Andrew's Hall on the evening of Wednesday, December 30th.

Dancing 9 P. M. Tickets at Ormes, \$1.00.

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