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THE BRITISH REGAIN SOME TERRITORY LOST TO THE GERMANS

War Office Reports Successful Counter Attacks on the Cambrai Front--- Artillery Activity on Italian Front--- Will Reply to Hun Peace Proposals.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The British in successful counter attacks on the Cambrai front, have regained the more important territory on Welsh Ridge taken by the Germans in yesterday's attack, the War Office reports. The announcement follows: "On the Cambrai front, as a result of successful counter attacks, in which we captured prisoners and machine guns, we regained the more important part of the positions on Welsh Ridge, into which the enemy penetrated yesterday. The enemy still retains a portion of our front trench in the vicinity of Lavacquerie and south of Marcoing. On the Ypres front, by a minor operation last night, our line was advanced a short distance on both sides of the Ypres-Staden railway."

THE BRITISH WILL MAKE A REASONABLE AND SERIOUS REPLY TO ENEMY PEACE PROPOSALS

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Manchester Guardian says it is the intention of the British government, when the Austro-German peace terms are presented officially, to return a serious and reasonable reply. Premier Lloyd George has arranged to visit France, according to the newspaper, to confer with Premier Clemenceau on this subject.

The peace terms referred to are those presented by the representatives of the Central Powers at the negotiations with Russians at Brest-Litovsk. These negotiations were interrupted for ten days to give the Entente Allies opportunity to state whether they would join in them.

THE ITALIAN OFFICIAL REPORT TELLS OF ARTILLERY ACTIONS ALONG THE ENTIRE FRONT

ROME, Dec. 31.—The War Office communication issued today says: "Along the whole front there have been only artillery actions. They were particularly intense on the Monte Tomba sectors. At Piave di Soligo, British airmen brought down one of the enemy's captive balloons. Yesterday evening enemy aircraft repeated their raid on Padua, dropping over 20 explosive and incendiary bombs. Three persons were killed, including one child, and three were wounded, including one woman. Much damage was done to monuments, private buildings and other buildings and two hospitals. Fire broke out in the St. Valentine church, which was hit. The fine Carmine church was partially burned."

Fighting Near Rheims.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—"Artillery actions occurred last night northwest of Rheims," the War Office reports. "There were patrol encounters north of the Chemin des Dames (Aisne front) and near Bezonvaux (Verdun front). Everywhere else the night was calm."

Enemy Aircraft Destroyed.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Five German airplanes were destroyed or put out of action yesterday by the British, who lost none of theirs. The statement follows: "Two hostile machines were brought down in our lines on Saturday. A third was brought down in the enemy's lines. Two other hostile machines were driven down out of control. None of our airplanes are missing."

Further Advance in Palestine.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The forces under General Allenby in Palestine have advanced another three miles along the Nablus road, according to the official statement issued tonight, and after stubborn resistance have occupied Birah, the ancient name of which is Reeroth. Several other small places were also taken by advance mounted troops.

Death in Devon.

George A. Grant, of Devon, died on Sunday afternoon at his home at the age of 35 years. A widow, three sons and a daughter survive. Other surviving relatives are one brother, Howard, of Fredericton, two sisters, Mrs. Alex. Galloway, of Toronto, and Mrs. Thomas Morgan, of Fredericton. The funeral will take place Tuesday at 2 p.m. from the late residence of the deceased. Service will be conducted at St. Andrew's Parish Church by the Rev. Canon Cowie. The funeral will be under the auspices of Gibson Lodge, No. 37, P. A. P. P.

Centennial Number.

The Bank of Montreal has issued a handsomely illustrated booklet in commemoration of its centennial year. It contains an interesting history of the bank, portraits of the presidents and business and an honor roll of the members of the staff who have gone to the war. The booklet is nicely gotten up and will make a valuable souvenir.

The Poultry Show.

The Fredericton poultry show which is to be held in the Edgecombe block, York street, will be formally opened at 7.30 o'clock on Tuesday. The entry list is large and a first class show is expected. The birds will be placed in the building this evening and judging will start tomorrow morning. On Wednesday afternoon, Mr. A. C. McCullough the new poultry superintendent, will deliver a talk on poultry raising. Farmers and members of their families are particularly requested to attend. The lecture will be held in one of the rooms in the Edgecombe block, and all who attend will be admitted free to the show.

Died After Brief Illness.

Friends in Fredericton have received word from Mrs. Allan Laurie, wife of Major Laurie, who was stationed here with the 236th MacLean Highlanders, that her mother, Mrs. Dennis Breakley, of Breakleyville, Que., died suddenly on Friday last after an illness of two days.

INCREASE IN VALUE OF GOODS AND COLLECTIONS

1917 Shows Increase of \$35,673—Goods Entered Show Increase in Value of \$300,000.

Customs returns for the calendar year closing today show that duty collections for the port of Fredericton showed an increase of \$35,673.67 for 1917 as compared with 1916 and an increase of \$300,396 in the value of goods imported during the same period.

Following were the collections for 1916 and 1917:

	1917	1916
January	\$8,221.10	\$11,355.39
February	4,534.93	8,136.46
March	10,567.91	9,290.74
April	17,073.41	8,611.32
May	23,214.31	11,725.06
June	11,951.13	8,860.82
July	11,815.03	10,018.18
August	21,602.56	8,336.69
September	18,685.12	5,161.04
October	8,339.01	7,361.59
November	10,712.07	16,664.96
December	6,074.72	11,595.33

Total

Increase for 1917 over 1916, \$35,673.67

The total value of goods entered during 1917 was \$1,094,453, as compared with \$794,157 in 1916, an increase of \$300,396 for 1917.

Monthly and quarterly returns were:

December, 1917.

Free goods

Dutiable

Total value

Duty collected, \$6,074.72

December, 1916.

Free goods

Dutiable

Total value

Increase for 1917 over 1916, \$300,396

Quarter ended December 31, 1917.

Free goods

Dutiable

Total value

Duty collected, \$25,125.80

Quarter ended December 31, 1916.

Free goods

Dutiable

Total value

Increase for 1917 over 1916, \$10,496.13

Quarter ended December 31, 1917.

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Russia Will Present New Agreement to the Allies

SERIOUS FIRE AT WINDSOR, ONT.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 31.—Fire from an unknown origin swept the hydro-electric offices and a new three story building of the Studebaker automobile company this afternoon, causing a loss of \$75,000. An explosion of natural gas occurred when the fire was at its greatest, and three houses were badly damaged. The fire chief escaped with slight injuries when the explosion took place. A returned soldier is in a serious condition from burns.

Soloist at Cathedral.

Mr. W. Donald Rankin, an undergraduate at the University of New Brunswick, was a soloist at Christ Church Cathedral last night. He sang "O Holy Night," by Adolph Adam. He is a son of Dr. Rankin of Woodstock.

Duty collected, \$11,595.33.

Decrease in duty collected for December, 1917, as compared with same month last year, \$5,520.66.

Quarter ended December 31, 1917.

Free goods

Dutiable

Total value

Duty collected, \$25,125.80

Quarter ended December 31, 1916.

Free goods

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Quarter ended December 31, 1917.

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Quarter ended December 31, 1917.

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Baron Kyserlingk Says Germany is Waiting to Hear the Entente Allies' War Terms---Austrian Prisoner of War Makes Slashing Attack on Czernin.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Dec. 31.—A Petrograd despatch from the Associated Press correspondent under Saturday's date says that Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, is expected to present a new agreement to the Allies Sunday. This despatch quotes Baron Admiral Keyserlingk, former German military attaché at Petrograd, and a member of the German peace delegation, as saying:

"The Germans quite frankly desire an honorable peace. The present attitude of Russia's allies apparently is a bar to this end. The attitude now between Russia and Germany is friendly, not one of enmity. Germany is now waiting to hear the Entente Allies' terms and war aims."

At a meeting of German and Austrian prisoners of war held in Petrograd Saturday for the purpose of organizing an international propaganda among prisoners in Russia, the Hungarian officer, Rudniansky, who was elected president, said:

"Thanks to the Russian revolution, I can speak my innermost thoughts freely. Our first thought now is general peace and freedom for all nations. Let Russian freedom teach us to obtain a like freedom at home."

THE PEACE PROPOSAL OF COUNT CZERNIN IS CHARACTERIZED AS AN IMPERIALISTIC FRAUD

The first speaker, a Czech, made a violent attack upon Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian Prime Minister, who recently outlined the Austro-German peace terms at Brest-Litovsk, characterizing Czernin's programme of self-definition within the limits of the Austrian constitution as an imperialistic fraud. "If a separate peace is concluded," he said, "we shall be sent to fight against the Italians, French and other Allies. That we will not do. There was a gendarme of Europe—the Russian Czar—but he was overpowered. There remains another gendarme, the dynasty of the Hapsburgs and Hohenzollerns, which too must be overthrown."

In the course of an interview, Baron Keyserlingk, discussing the details of the enforcement of an armistice in the White Sea and Arctic Ocean, said that the Russian representatives insisted that Russia must be protected against submarines.

Baron Keyserlingk took the position that the Russian fleet must remain inactive and that movements of German naval supply ships must cease. The Germans asked for three days in order to communicate with Berlin, before replying.

DAILY NEWS CORRESPONDENT SAYS THAT THE BOLSHEVIKI CANNOT BE TURNED OUT BY FORCE

The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News, who has just returned there after a three months visit to England, telegraphing under date of Saturday, says that the reports of disorder in the Russian capital reported in English newspapers are based mainly on wilful misrepresentations by opposition newspapers in Petrograd. He says that the city is more orderly than for some months before the Bolsheviks took control, and that the government for the first time since the revolution has control based on real force.

The constituent assembly, the correspondent hears, will meet as soon as delegates from the Ukraine arrive, perhaps in ten days. He asserts that whatever is the decision of the assembly as constituted it will not allow the essential direction of Russian policy, although it might, by weakening the government at home, weaken it in its dealings with Germany.

Any attempt to turn out the Bolshevik government by force would result only in anarchy favorable to the Germans, says the correspondent.

A BOYCOTT OF ONTARIO BUSINESS HOUSES

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Montreal, Dec. 30.—A business boycott against Ontario by people of Quebec has begun, according to Le Canada, a Liberal morning paper published here. Le Canada says it knows of a number of French Canadian houses in Montreal which have decided to have no further commercial dealings with Ontario concerns, people who are regarded as the enemy of their race.

Le Canada further contends that the merchants of a whole city in this province have unanimously decided to boycott Ontario establishments and to deal only with Quebec or American firms. Le Canada says that Ontario expected that Quebec wanted to dom-

LADY WILL BE CANDIDATE FOR LEGISLATURE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Ralph Smith, widow of the late Hon. Ralph Smith, Minister of Finance, in the British Columbia government, has announced that she will be a candidate for the legislature at the bye-election in Vancouver made necessary by the death of her husband last summer.

While Mrs. Smith is in the field as an independent candidate, the Sun editorially suggests that "it would not be a bad idea to accord her the honor of election by acclamation."

inate Canada and will find that it will simply stop at home.