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**POSITION IS KEY TO IMPORTANT OPERATIONS--HEAVY RAIN INUNDATING TRENCHES AND FRENCH ARE COMPELLED TO EVACUATE SOME OF THEM.**

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, Jan. 8.—The French official report records but minor movements between the sea and the Oise.

Around Arras the French were compelled to abandon certain trenches, not because of German attacks, but by reason of heavy rains which inundated them.

Near Rheims, a German block-house was blown up and their trenches occupied.

In the Argonne, west of Haute Chevauchee, the Germans successfully mined the French first line of trenches but much of the lost ground has been recovered.

The offensive at Thann and Altkirch progresses satisfactorily to the Allies.

The French have reoccupied "Hill 425," which has been the

scene of desperate encounters in the past ten days. (This is the position referred to as Steinbach Heights, or Heights of Cerney.

**What Berlin Says.**

Berlin, Jan. 8.—The German official report says that continuous rains are swamping Flanders and hindering operations.

East of Rheims a French night attack on the German trenches was repulsed with loss.

Night attacks on Buchkopf, in the Vosges, were also driven back.

French attacks on the heights west of Cernay were frustrated by the German artillery.

In the eastern theatre the situation is unchanged, except east of the Rawka River, where 1,600 Russians and five machine guns were captured.



**COL. R. E. W. TURNER, V.C., D. S. O.,**

Officer commanding the Highland Brigade in the First Canadian Contingent, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident near Salisbury Plains recently when his car turned turtle traveling forty miles an hour.

#### GERMAN CRUISER HAS BEEN INTERNED

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, Jan. 8.—The German auxiliary cruiser Otavi has been interned at Las Palmas, Canary Island. She had been located by a squadron of hostile cruisers.

#### LANNIC GETS LICENSE

At a special meeting of the Board of License Commissioners on Thursday, the license of the St. Francis Hotel was temporarily transferred to the assignee, Mr. Francis M. Lannic, for the benefit of the creditors.—Vancouver World.

#### RADIO DIRECTS TORPEDO BOAT 28 MILES AWAY

**Invention of John Hays Hammond, Jr., May Be Purchased by U. S. Government.**

Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 8.—Four United States army and navy officers of high rank have returned to Washington to prepare a report which they will lay before their superiors regarding the radio controlled torpedo boat Natalia, the invention of John Hays Hammond, Jr.

For a week past these officers, detailed by the War Department, have been studying the craft as she has been sent skimming over the ocean's surface, at times without a soul on board, her engine and steering gear being controlled entirely by wireless apparatus manipulated by Hammond as he sat in his radio research laboratory at Fresh Water Cove.

The boat's mechanism responded to wireless waves when twenty-eight miles distant from the sending station. This had been on board who had nothing to do but enjoy a sail without touching a finger to steering wheel or engine.

The eccentricities of genius often appear jackassical.

Woman may not be able to keep your secret, but she can generally keep her own.

#### MAY WHEAT BREAKS ALL PAST RECORDS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Winnipeg, Jan. 8.—In the opening hour today May wheat advanced three and three-eighths cents. Flour will, of course, follow suit.

Chicago, Jan. 8.—Smashing all records, May wheat opened today at \$1.39 3-4.

**Latest Wheat \$1.41.**

Chicago, Jan. 8.—Wheat has climbed to \$1.41 on an increase of bids from Great Britain of over four cents over yesterday. This sensational trading has forced commission houses to double their margins, which speedily checked the frenzied gambling in the pit.

#### TURKEY MAY DRAG ITALY INTO THE WAR

(Special to The Daily News.)

Rome, Jan. 8.—Turkey is still tardy with regard to the demands of Italy over the Hadeido incident. The Italian government will insist on the release of the British consul, the punishment of the violators of the consulate and a full military salute to the Italian flag. Turkey has been given until January 10 to comply with their demands.



**GRAND DUCHESS FEODOROVNA**

Sister of the Tsaritsa, who, helped by members of the dramatic societies, is in the streets of Moscow making a remarkable canvas in aid of the Russian wounded. The picture depicts her as a Sister of Mercy of the Greek Church. The order is that of Martha and Mary.

#### MAJESTIC THEATRE TONIGHT

**TREAT OF THE SEASON!  
—AT POPULAR PRICES—**

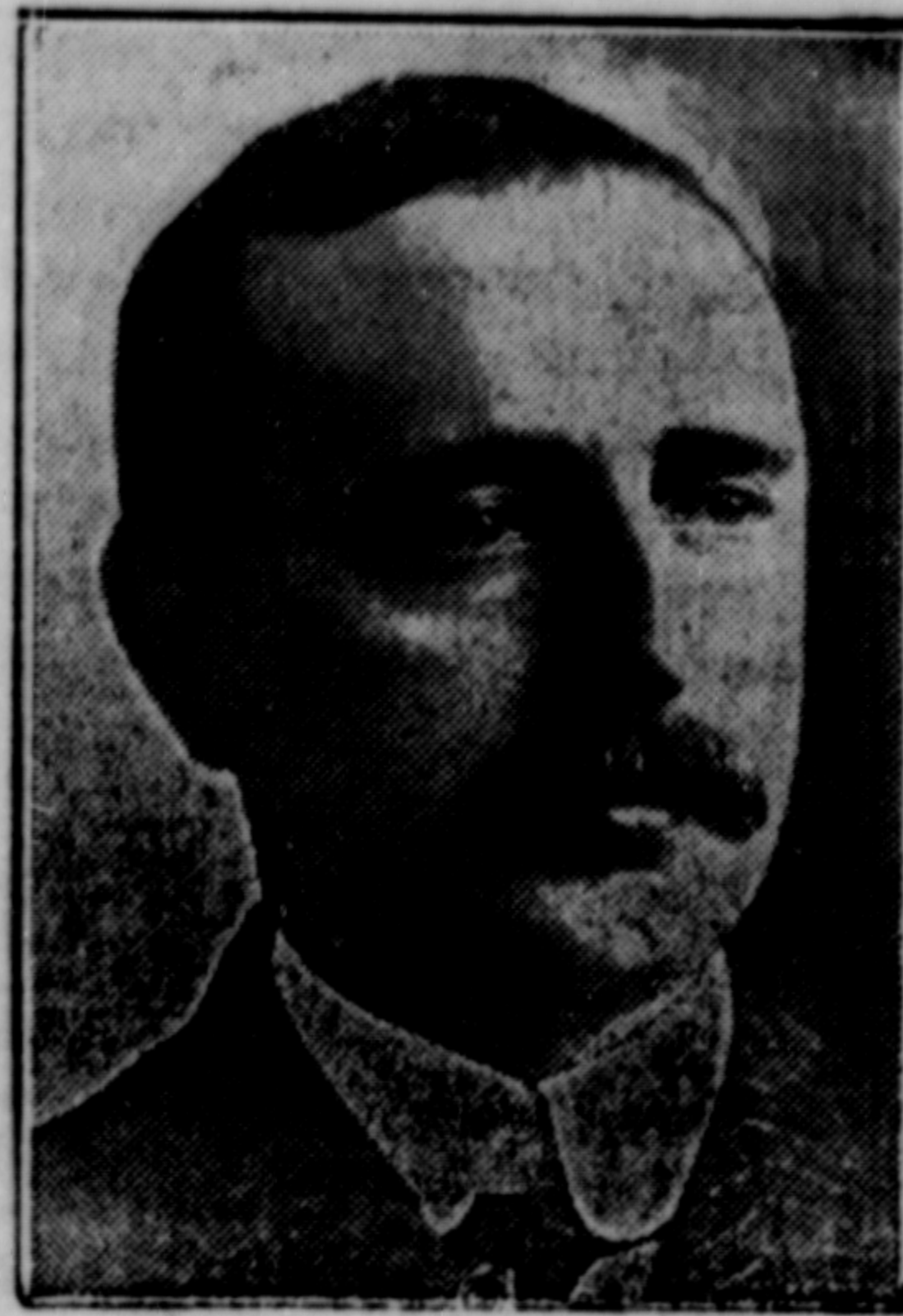
Five Reels of High Glass Feature  
Dramas and Comedies

Between Reels, Singing and Dancing  
Through the Entire Two Shows.

Mr. Harry I. Lacelle, a Professional  
Comedian of Years' Experience Will  
Appear in Comic Songs and Monologues—Don't Fail to See Him.

Miss E. Reinhold—Sentimental Song  
The Bailey Sisters—Scottish Dance

Admission: 10c and 15c



**APPOINTED TO SUCCEED GENERAL LESSARD.**

Lieutenant Colonel Wm. A. Logie, of Hamilton, who has been appointed to command the Second Military Division of Ontario, with headquarters at Toronto, to succeed General Lessard, who was recently promoted to the rank of Inspector General.

#### AUSTRIANS FALL BACK-- RUSSIANS ARE SUPERIOR

(Special to The Daily News.)

Vienna, Jan. 8.—The official German statement says that in the Carpathian forest lands and in the southern part of Bukovina regard for the safety of our advance troops obliged us to fall back on the principal mountain passes before superior Russian forces.

In Galicia and Poland the situation is quiet, with winter settling down.

#### VICTORY BEFORE NEXT AUTUMN

**British Ambassador to Russia Reported to Have Made a Prediction.**

London, Jan. 8.—The correspondent of The Daily News at Petrograd telegraphs:

"The Russian combined armies of the south are now well supplied and in victorious spirits for a solid advance.

"Their position is so satisfactory that military opinion generally agrees with the estimate of the British ambassador, Sir George Buchanan, at the New Year banquet of the British colony in Petrograd, when he said we could look confidently to the future, sharing the thought that the arms of the Allies will be crowned with victory before autumn."

#### BIG FALLING-OFF IN IMMIGRATION

New York, Jan. 8.—Immigration through the port of New York for 1914 fell off to the extent of 601,416 persons, or 45 per cent, as compared with 1913, according to figures compiled by the commissioner of immigration and made public today.

During 1913 arrivals numbered 1,331,914 persons, of whom 1,163,993 were aliens and 170,921 were returning American citizens. In 1914 arrivals were only 733,504. Of these 573,675 were aliens and 159,829 were citizens.

Immigration statistics show that the number of departing aliens was greater.

#### CONSTANTINOPLE TREMBLES-- ITS FALL BELIEVED IMMINENT

**SEAT OF GOVERNMENT ABOUT TO BE TRANSFERRED TO ADRIANOPLE--ARCHIVES ALREADY REMOVED--FEAR INTERNAL DISORDERS.**

(Special to The Daily News.)

Constantinople, Jan. 8.—Preparations are complete for moving the seat of government to Adrianople, should the Porte decide on that step. The archives have already been removed.

Besides the attack on the Dardanelles, the authorities fear internal disorders.

The combined French and British attack on the Dardanelles is meeting with good success and the fall of the city should not be far off.

#### URGES TRADE WITH RUSSIA VIA RUPERT

Toronto, Jan. 1, 1915.

Editor, The Daily News, Prince Rupert, B. C.

Sir—It seems to me that the Canadian government, the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian manufacturers are overlooking an opportunity to open the new short transpacific route between American and the Orient. Recently two cargoes of freight left United States Atlantic ports for Vladivostok, via the Panama Canal. Vladivostok is the only port now open in Russia, and there will be an immense traffic to that port this winter. In the port of Prince Rupert, which is now connected up with the Eastern markets by the G. T. P., Canada has the shortest route to the gateway of the great Russian Empire. The possibilities of this trade are enormous. Russia needs supplies; and the G. T. P. with a line of freight ships could get the supplies to her quicker than any competitor in the transportation business. Prince Rupert docks would need facilities for housing and handling heavy freight, but that equipment is only a small detail in the great opportunity.

Canada is an ally of Russia. Her trade routes are protected by the British and Japanese navies. Canadian manufacturers could get Russian orders if Canada will only utilize her new short route in which she already has so much capital interested.

As one personally interested in Prince Rupert, I would like to see the Board of Trade take this up with the G. T. P. and the Department of Trade and Commerce.

A FRIEND OF RUPERT.

#### NEW METHOD OF SWATTING THE FLY

A correspondent, writing from Terrace, tells a new way of "swatting the fly" which might be worth trying. When the flies get plentiful in summer he puts fresh fish in a bucket in the sun and after the flies had swarmed on it for a few days he scalded it with hot water. A few repetitions of this seemed to get rid of the entire offspring and flies became very scarce.

Pete Brown, a colored man, beat up George Smith, also colored, this morning in a shack at Mile One, G. T. P. Pete used an iron bar, which he brought down several times on Smith's head. Smith had to be taken to the hospital, and Pete awaits trial in the local jail. He will come up tomorrow morning.

#### BRINDILLA CAUGHT OFF COAST OF SCOTLAND

**Capture of U. S. Oil-Tanker May Have an Important Bearing on Protest.**

Halifax, Jan. 8.—News of a capture which may have an important bearing upon Great Britain's reply to Washington's note of protest concerning neutral shipping, has reached Halifax in a communication from the other side, which stated that the oil-tanker Brindilla had been caught off the coast of Scotland and taken into Aberdeen.

The Brindilla was held up off New York in October last by a British cruiser on suspicion of having aboard a cargo destined for Germany, and brought to Halifax. It was claimed at the time that the Brindilla was bound for Alexandria, Egypt, and she was subsequently released.

If the report that she has been found off the coast of Scotland is true, Great Britain's contention that deception is being employed by neutral shippers to the detriment of the Allies' cause will be immediately strengthened.

#### FRENCH PROHIBIT SALE OF ABSINTHE

Paris, Jan. 8.—The French Cabinet has approved of a measure for submission to Parliament making permanent the prohibition of the sale of absinthe and other similar liquors. The government finds the military decree forbidding absinthe affects the population beneficially.

#### INDIA'S WHEAT EXPORTS.

**Confined to British Possessions—Limit of Exportation.**

Delhi, India, Via London, Jan. 8.—In view of the abnormal prices of wheat the India government has decided to restrict exports to 100,000 tons of wheat, including flour, from December 1 to March 31, 1915.

The exports will be confined to British possessions, in which a strong demand for the cereal exists.

#### SUICIDE HAD DESERTED WIFE.

Pittsburg, Jan. 8.—Ralph K. Dankworth, a member of the Canadian contingent, who committed suicide in London, was formerly a hospital apprentice connected with the United States navy recruiting station here. His widow, who resides here, said today that he deserted her in 1912.

#### THE GREEK CHRISTMAS WAS DULY CELEBRATED

Yesterday was the Greek Christmas, or, rather, the Christmas of the Greek Church, and all the adherents of that body in the city donned their glad rags and acted somewhat similarly to what Canadians do when they celebrate their Christmas.

Before the year 1504 the Greek Church and the Roman Church were one body under two patriarchal heads, one in Rome and the other in Constantinople. On account of certain doctrinal differences a split occurred in that year, and from that time the Greek Church followed an independent route. There is little difference between the Greek and the Roman Churches of this day except that the Greeks do not accept papal supremacy and allow their clergy to marry.

The reason for the different date set for the Greek Christmas is accounted for by the Greek calendar, which follows the original calendar of Julius Caesar, while the Roman Church, under Pope Gregory XIII., made a change in the Roman calendar. In order to equalize the length of the years he caused ten days to be dropped in 1582 and an arrangement whereby three days have been dropped since that time. The Greek Church, however, has not acted on this and is this year thirteen days behind the countries which adopted the Roman calendar.

The local Greek Christians yesterday called on Canon Rix as the representative of the Church they felt closest to and arranged for a religious service, which was conducted today in the Anglican Church.

#### WASHED NUT COAL.

We are now in a position to deliver NEW WELLINGTON WASHED NUT COAL for \$8.75 a ton. New Wellington Coal Co. Phone 416.

\$1.50 Corsets, 95c this week.—Demers.

#### SHOOTING INCIDENT WILL BE SETTLED

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—There is no danger of serious friction with the United States over the shooting of two Americans at Fort Erie. Already the Dominion government, through the British ambassador at Washington, has performed an act of grace without admitting Canada's liability by expressing regret, and offering compensation to the families of the deceased.

#### ENVOY TO THE VATICAN.

**Appointed to Counterbalance Imperial Influences Around Holy See.**

London, Jan. 8.—The publication as a parliamentary paper of the instructions given to Sir Henry Howard concerning his mission to the Vatican entirely justifies the dispatch sent out some weeks ago to the effect that the aim of the appointment was to counterbalance the inimical influences around the Holy See.

The messages in the Holy See were censored heavily, but the official paper shows that the envoy was instructed to inform the Pope that the British government was anxious to put itself into direct communication with him for the purpose of demonstrating the motives which governed its attitude since the moment normal relations between the great powers of Europe were disturbed.

The Rome correspondent of the Tablet points out that it is impossible to discover any word, whisper or indication that the pontiff or any person representing the mind of the Vatican favored one side or the other.

#### PRINCESS PATRICIA REGIMENT

London, Jan. 7.—Inquiries in official departments have failed to elicit the slightest confirmation of the report published exclusively in Canada that the Princess Patricia Regiment went into action on Christmas Eve; in fact, the report is generally discredited.