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First and Second Line Trenches Taken and Consolidated—Turks Suffer Heavy Casualties.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Jan. 27.—The British Expeditionary Force in Mesopotamia, under cover of an intense bombardment from their heavy artillery, seized and consolidated eleven hundred yards of front line trenches in the approach to Kut-el-Amara. After taking the first line positions the British captured a considerable length of second line Turkish trenches and inflicted extremely heavy casualties upon the enemy. Many prisoners were also captured. The Turks delivered four unsuccessful but furious counter-attacks.

Western Front.

London, Jan. 27.—Northwest of Verdun, the Teutons stormed the French trenches along a front of sixteen hundred metres. The French counter-attacked and recaptured most of the ground lost in the German assault.

French Report.

Paris, Jan. 27.—We repulsed with severe losses four German attacks west of the Meuse last night. The Germans penetrated our advance trenches near hill 304 yesterday.

German Report.

Berlin, Jan. 27.—We took trenches on a sixteen hundred metre front west of the Meuse yesterday. The French counter-attacked unsuccessfully.

SAYS SIR RICHARD MUST BE DISMISSED

Victoria, Jan. 23.—Prohibitionists are demanding that Sir Richard McBride, agent-general in London, be dismissed from office, alleging irregularities in the taking of the vote on the prohibition question among the soldiers overseas. The demand has not been made formally to the government. "McBride has got to go," said a prominent prohibitionist who is visiting here from Vancouver.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT NIAGARA FALLS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Niagara Falls, Jan. 27.—Fire broke out last night at the plant of the American Cyanide Company. Damage to the extent of several hundred thousand dollars was done.

NOTICE

Mr. C. O. Rowe is no longer connected with the B. C. Undertakers. Mr. Frank Morris is now in charge.

A. LA FORTUNE.

Christian Science Society services are held every Sunday at 11 a. m. Sunday School at 12 noon. Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock. Hays Building, 245 2nd Avenue.

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TOPICAL BUDGET

BRAVE MEN DIED BECAUSE RIFLE WAS INEFFECTIVE

Turrit Scores Government for Continued Use of Weapon—Stirring Fight in Quebec Today.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—J. G. Turrit, member for Assinaboia, repeated yesterday in the House of Commons conversations which he had had with returned soldiers. These soldiers stated that because of the inefficiency of the Ross rifle they were unable to protect themselves during the German attacks. "Fathers and mothers who have sacrificed brave sons in this war have a right to know the reason why this defective weapon was continued in use after it had been proven unsuitable," declared Mr. Turrit. He asserted that the Borden government was responsible for the deaths of hundreds of Canadian soldiers by its action.

Stirring Election.

St. Henedine, Jan. 27.—The greatest political activity is prevailing here over the by-election which is being held today. Hon. Albert Sevigny and Lucien Cannon are both confident of victory at the polls. Mr. Cannon, who gained a victory in the provincial election by a large majority, is very confident of being able to defeat the Nationalist member of the Borden cabinet, who had a majority of only 200 in practically the same constituency in 1911.

Hon. P. E. Blondin has telegraphed to Premier Borden making an explanation of the statements made by him at St. Rose and denying that he uttered disloyal sentiments.

The Liberal press throughout Quebec is resurrecting Mr. Sevigny's speeches of 1911, in which he declared that "the Laurier cabinet is a cabinet of Imperialists, disposed to sacrifice the interests of Canada, and to launch us into wars which do not concern us. What has England ever done for us?"

Senate Adjourns.

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—The Senate has adjourned until Monday, February fifth.

SCHOOL BOARD TO ADD DOMESTIC COURSE

At the meeting of the school board last evening in the city hall, for the purpose of passing the estimates for the year, it was decided to add domestic science to the curriculum in the public school course. It will take some time to organize this branch of the work, as arrangements will have to be made in the different schools for the providing of rooms. It is expected to have the work under way by mid-summer. The board will advertise for a teacher for this branch. It was also decided to secure the services of another teacher for extra work which is likely to arise during the year, owing to the increased number of pupils which are applying for admission to the different schools.

Mrs. Godenrath, who recently delivered such an interesting address on Red Cross work at the front, expects to return here on the Chelohsin on Sunday night. Mrs. Godenrath will most likely address a meeting in the Presbyterian Church, under the auspices of the I. O. O. F. E., on Tuesday afternoon in aid of the Blue Cross.



LADY LAWYERS OF THE FUTURE.—These five young ladies have successfully passed the Christmas examinations at Osgoode Hall, Ontario's law school. From left to right they are Miss B. Palen, Miss Mary McNulty, Miss Aileen I. Silk, Miss Theresa Cherrier and Miss Muriel Lee.

PATRIOTIC FUND ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual meeting of the Patriotic Fund, held in the city hall last evening, the following executive was elected: Mayor McCaffery and Ald. McRae, representing the city council; S. D. Macdonald, representing St. Andrew's Society; E. Kemp, representing the Sons of England; C. G. R. Anderson, representing the Scandinavian Society; S. M. Newton, Mrs. R. L. McIntosh, Judge Young, Rev. Canon Rix, Hal Peck, J. H. Thompson and G. W. Morrow. The executive was empowered to elect a president and vice-president, as well as canvassers and committees.

On the motion of Mrs. McIntosh and Canon Rix, a very hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Rev. W. E. Collison, honorary secretary, and C. T. Heward, honorary treasurer, for their untiring services during the past year. S. M. Newton, who presided, made reference to the excellent work done by the secretary and treasurer. On the motion of Canon Rix, seconded by Judge Young, Mr. Collison and Mr. Heward were re-elected.

The treasurer's report showed that, in January, 22 families were received support from the fund and in December the number had been increased to 37. The number of children represented by these families was 67. The average monthly allowance was \$24.60 per family, this being slightly less than last year. The total administration expenses for the year for the branch were \$142.02. The secretary submitted a report covering the activities of the organization for the year.

With regard to outstanding collections, the treasurer said that he believed that \$500 of the amount could be collected.

J. M. Clancy, referring to the recent address by F. Nation, said that the provincial secretary had shown that Hazelton had done almost as much work as Prince Rupert. This was misleading as the Hazelton report included the district from Smithers to Telkwa.

Mrs. McIntosh did not think that Prince Rupert had done so well as it might, in comparison with smaller places.

The treasurer pointed out that Mr. Nation said that the city had collected \$3,500 in 1915; \$8,500 in 1916, or a total in the two years of \$12,000, with an amount to the credit of the fund in the bank that had not been forwarded to Victoria. This was also misleading, for, at the request of the Governor-General, \$2,000 had been sent to Ottawa in 1914. A further sum of \$2,500 had been sent to Victoria yesterday, making a total of \$16,000 instead of \$12,000 as stated.

Before the meeting adjourned, Mr. Hill moved that the meeting endorse the action of the Returned Soldiers' Association in protest against the employment of any alien subject in a civic, provincial

IMPORTANT DECISION UNDER MORATORIUM

Vancouver, Jan. 24.—An important decision on a new point raised by the Moratorium Act was given by Chief Justice Hunter this morning, his lordship holding that in a case where a debt on an agreement of sale existed before the war—and which as such would come under the Moratorium Act—has been transmuted into a mortgage since the war, that it thereby forfeits protection under the Moratorium Act.

This interesting point was brought up by Mr. J. W. deB. Farris, who asked for the Prince Rupert Building Co. relief under the Moratorium from a claim made by Mr. R. Syme for H. H. Raymond the holder of a mortgage for \$3,500, made in March, 1915.

"Although the mortgage is dated March, 1915, it is really a debt which was in existence before the outbreak of the war," argued Mr. Farris, who explained that the amount was due originally on an agreement of sale. In March, 1915, however, the parties made adjustments whereby the defendant took a deed from Mr. Raymond and in turn gave back a mortgage for the \$3,500. Upon this mortgage the defendant has since been sued, and has raised the Moratorium Act as an answer. Mr. Syme took the stand that the mortgage being a new one and not a renewal, did not come under the protection of the moratorium.

"The trouble is that the agreement of sale, so far as the legal aspect is concerned, disappeared when the mortgage was given," said the chief justice in giving his decision. "The mortgage is a sealed instrument into which the agreement was merged, and I do not see how it can come under the Moratorium Act."

FINDING BILLETS FOR THE SURPLUS OFFICERS

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Jan. 27.—General Turner, commanding the Canadian forces in England, has requested Sir George Perley to confirm the appointment of Brigadier-General McRae in the capacity of Quartermaster-General, on account of the efficient services he had rendered. It is expected that Major Gow, of Toronto, will be elected deputy minister of militia to assist Sir George Perley. Colonel Manley Sims is being appointed Canadian representative on the Imperial headquarters staff in France.

or federal position. This motion carried.

Hal Peck's kind offer of the use of his offices for executive meetings was accepted. The committee will meet on Tuesday at 4 p. m.

The Oddfellows will give a whist drive and dance in K. of P. Hall, Tuesday, Feb. 6th. Tickets 50 cents. 2-3 0-1

PASSENGERS WERE ROWED FOURTEEN MILES

The steamer Prince John, according to latest reports, is still fast on the rocks off the Alaskan coast. The vessel struck a large submerged rock off Finger Point, ten miles from Tunka and fourteen miles from Petersburg. All the passengers were taken off in the ship's boats and rowed the fourteen miles to Petersburg. A large hole was stove in the forward part of her hull, under the fore-hold and she was taking in water rapidly when the tug Pioneer arrived to assist her. The Pioneer, formerly a fire-boat in New York harbor, is fitted with very powerful pumps and is keeping the water down. The Prince Albert, of the G. T. P. company, has been spoken and is now on her way to stand by the stranded steamer.

SCOTTISH SOLDIERS AS BAYONET FIGHTERS

Mr. Joseph W. Grigg, an American correspondent at British Headquarters in France, describing a visit to a training camp behind the front, says:—The bayonet drill of a Scottish sergeant, who was fresh from the trenches and giving a large body of men instruction, was as skilful as a swordsman. This sergeant had been through bayonet fighting, and four times had been mentioned for valor on the field of action. He was as alert as a tiger and as strong. Some of the fiercest bayonet work of the war has been done by the Scottish troops, and there is the feeling in all regiments of the British army that the Germans can be bested with the bayonet. One of the most interesting stories which I heard about Prussian pride was related to me by a British colonel, says Mr. Grigg. He said that a Prussian officer had been captured, and, preparatory to his being sent to a regular camp with others, was invited to share the mess quarters with several British officers. He refused to sit down with them at the table. Later, he complained that he should have fitting quarters in which to sleep. In the meantime one of the British officers had voluntarily given up his bed to the man and intended spending the night on some blankets on the floor. When this incident became known to the Prussian his complaining stopped, his features relaxed, and he burst into tears.

—Exchange.

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KING FROST IS PLAYING PART ON WEST FRONT

German Canals and Rivers are Icebound—Food Transportation Being Interfered With.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Jan. 27.—The intensity of the winter weather in central Europe is increasing and is causing additional suffering throughout Germany as it is interfering with the transportation of food, while it is also hindering the movement of munitions. The rivers and canals are icebound.

The use of autos by the British and French on the western front is almost impossible and several have been left stranded on lonely roads. The soldiers, principally those assigned to trench and sentry duty, are suffering severely from the intense cold.

Russian Front.

Heavy fighting continues between the Germans and Russians in the Tirul swamp and along the river Aa on the Riga front. The Germans claim that they have captured more Russian positions and have taken five hundred prisoners.

England Attacked.

German vessels shelled the coast of Suffolk last night. No casualties are reported.

VIVIAN MARTIN AT WESTHOLME TONIGHT

Vivian Martin, one of the most beautiful actresses on the movie stage, is the big attraction at the Westholme tonight in "The Stronger Love," a five-act Famous Players' drama. This is a story of mountaineers and moonshiners, with a man from the city falling in love with a maiden of the wilds. It is splendidly staged and Miss Martin is seen at her best. There is also a Topical Budget of war and world's news.

Allen Robertson, formerly a partner of George McColl and who was severely wounded at the front some time ago, has been discharged from further active service. Allen has been six months in hospital but is now convalescent. He expects to return to Canada shortly.

C. R. Groathe, who was storekeeper for the Gosse-Millard Co., at Bella Bella before going overseas, has received the Distinguished Conduct Medal for bravery on the field.

Lulu De Vance and Kitty Mack were fined \$35 and \$40 respectively, at the police court this morning for keeping disorderly houses.

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