

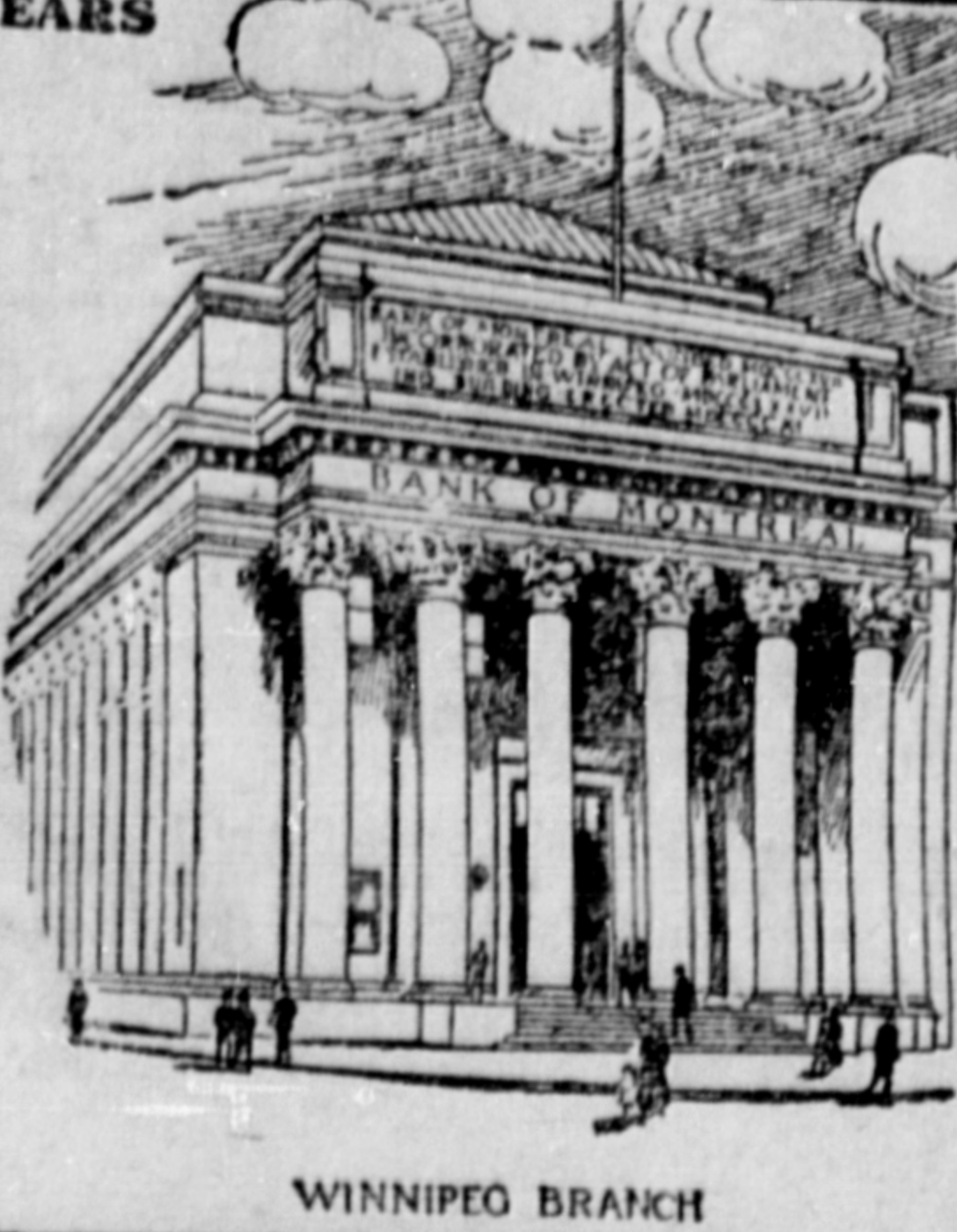
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LANGUAGE OFTEN INTERFERED WITH WORK OF ARMIES

Incident Shows How This Was Overcome and How Useful Tanks Were in War.

In the sweeping assaults upon the German positions in front of the line of the Scheldt British armies have been working in conjunction with Belgians, French and American units. There had been unity of command, co-operation of all branches of the services and a general pooling of resources toward the common end of killing off the enemy.

In consequence of this mixture of Allies one finds cases where English gunners have covered French assaults, where English infantry have been working with Belgian gunners and cavalry, and where English tanks have operated with infantry and artillery of two nations. Sometimes there have been difficulties because of the language bar, for there could not be always an interpreter available in every emergency.

No Opposition.

In a recent operation one of the big British tanks rumbled along on its job of squashing machine gun nests found a company of French infantry hung up in front of a village. The tank commander opened his little trap door, got out and asked the French officer how he could assist him. Neither spoke the other's language and it was difficult to understand what was needed. At last the tank commander gathered that the village was held by the enemy, and would he please clear it out? Having grasped the situation he drove his tank into the village and was surprised that he met no opposition. Slowly the tank went right through the village and not a shot was fired nor a German seen. Still the French did not advance and he was more than a bit puzzled.

He returned in his tank to the French, who again tried to explain. At last a bright idea struck the Frenchman. He seized a stub of pencil and drew a picture of a house on the back of his map, putting German soldiers firing from the top windows of the house, and nothing happening on the ground floors. "Ah," said the tank commander, "upstairs are they? Bon, I will go along again."

Drove Rats Out.

Once more the tank entered the silent village and firing on the upper windows was fired upon in answer. The commander drove his tank straight at the corner of the house affected and drove in the bottom walls so that the top story fell down onto the tank and into the street with its German garrison and their guns. These having been crushed down under the tractors or shot as they fled, the tank commander treated three other houses similarly and enabled the French to occupy the village without any casualties.

It is estimated that some fifty to sixty Germans were shot down or crushed to death in that manner and the tank returned to its work with its super-structure still covered with the debris of houses and other remnants, having suffered no casualties to its crew.

NEW OFFICIALS FOR CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY SYSTEM

Toronto, December 24.—Geo. Stephens, formerly freight traffic manager of the western lines of the Canadian Northern Railway, is to be freight traffic manager of the entire system of the Canadian National Railways from the Atlantic to the Pacific with offices in Toronto. George H. Shaw, formerly general traffic manager of the Canadian Northern, has resigned. D. A. Storey, formerly freight traffic manager of the Canadian Government Railways, has also retired; R. Creelman is to be assistant passenger traffic manager west of Port Arthur; Osborne Scott general passenger agent in the same jurisdiction.

Miss Genevieve McDonald returned yesterday morning from Vancouver where she has been completing a teachers' course at the Provincial Normal School. Miss McDonald formerly taught at Seal Cove school here and it is expected that she will again resume her work in the new year.

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Local News Notes

On this trip north the Prince George carried a large number of passengers who were returning in order to pass the joyous period with their families and friends.

Yesterday morning's train carried Miss Inez Ross to Terrace, where she spent Christmas with her friends. She does not expect to return until the end of the week.

Mr. H. McCann, general superintendent of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, arrived back in Prince Rupert on Tuesday evening. He came west from Winnipeg on his private car.

Mr. A. T. Broderick the local manager of the Union Bank of Canada, returned from the Prince George yesterday from Vancouver where he has passed the last three weeks on a holiday tour.

Among those arriving on the train on Tuesday night were Mr. and Mrs. W. Hamilton of Winnipeg. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton are on a honeymoon tour and while here will be the guests of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Grant. Later they will leave for Vancouver where they take passage for Honolulu. It was with expressions of surprise that they greeted Prince Rupert's beautifully mild Christmas weather.

Among those who were booked through to Anyox on yesterday's boat was Miss B. Crowe of Vancouver. During the summer months Miss Crowe served in the local general hospital when the matron was on holidays. When the influenza epidemic spread to Anyox Miss Crowe gave valuable assistance there, but was called to Vancouver by the sad death of her chum. Now she has returned to Anyox and will be attached to the nursing staff there.

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