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"The Fight for Humanity and Civilization Shall be Fought to a Triumphant Issue"

PRESIDENT WILSON SURPRISES ENGLAND

His Note Advising Belligerents to Discuss Germany's Peace Terms Received in London with Absolutely Startling Surprise.

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Dec. 21.—Absolutely startling surprise was the first feeling in Great Britain aroused by President Wilson's note...

PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE'S MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF CANADA

Premier Lloyd George has sent through the Colonial Secretary and the Governor General of Canada, the following stirring message to Sir Robert Borden for transmission to the people of Canada:

"On taking up the high office with which His Majesty has charged me, I send to you, on behalf of the people of the Old Country, a message to our brothers beyond the seas. There is no faltering in our determination that the sacrifices, which we and you have made and have still to make, shall not be in vain, and that the fight which we are waging together for humanity and civilization shall be fought to a triumphant issue."

(Signed) LLOYD GEORGE.

RUSSIANS HOLDING HUNS IN DOBRUDJA

Heavy Fighting in which Positions Change Hands, the Russians Finally Repelling the Enemy. Battle Still Raging Fiercely.

(Special to the Guardian.) PETROGRAD, Dec. 21.—An advance for the Russians in the region of Kimpoling in the Carpathians, where heights were captured, is announced in today's official statement...

OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION OF PRESIDENT WILSON'S NOTE

Secretary Lansing Issues Statement to Correct Misconstructions in United States Regarding Note to Belligerents.

(Special to the Guardian.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—President Wilson's note to the belligerents urging discussion of peace was officially interpreted today as not bearing any threat that the United States might be forced to enter the war because of the continued invasion of its rights on both sides.

KAISER IS STILL IN BOASTFUL MOOD

(Canadian Press Despatch.) AMSTERDAM, Dec. 20.—A speech by Emperor William on December 14 to the troops commanded by General D'Elsea in Lorraine is quoted by the Meuse Nachrichten of Leipzig as follows in part: "The brave endurance and iron tenacity with which you have repulsed all enemies on all fronts for years has made it possible for me to address to my adversaries a proposal for peace negotiations."

UNCLE SAM RECEIVES ANOTHER HUN WRINKLE

(Canadian Press Despatch.) BERLIN, Dec. 20.—The American steamer Columbian was torpedoed because, being once released after stoppage by a German submarine, she sent out wireless warnings of the submarine zone of operations in violation of neutrality. This was the German reply to-day to the American inquiry on the vessel as made in a note handed to Charge-Greg and by him cabled to Washington.

GERMAN DEFEAT NOW UNDOUBTED

(Canadian Press Despatch.) PARIS, Dec. 20.—In an army order addressed to the men of his command after Friday's success, General Mangin, who was in direct command of the troops which forced back the Germans on the Verdun front, said in part: After the battles of October 24 and December 15, fought on ground offering exceptional facilities to the defence, with further advantages owing to the weather, none can doubt any longer that it is possible to defeat the enemy.

CHRISTMAS CLOSING OF THE CITY SCHOOLS HELD YESTERDAY

The closing of the City Schools yesterday for the Christmas holidays attracted a large gathering of the parents and friends of the pupils. Splendid programmes were rendered at the three schools which afforded pleasure to all and reflected great credit upon scholars and teachers alike in the manner of their being carried out.

WEST KENT SCHOOL

At West Kent Street School, Colonel Jenkins, M. D., who also attended Queen Square closing presided and gave a short address. Bishop O'Leary, Rev. C. R. Freeman, Rev. J. D. McKenzie, Rev. R. G. Fulton and Supt. Shaw also spoke and their addresses were such as to leave a very favourable impression on the pupils. All heartily congratulated the pupils upon their splendid programme and wished them a very happy Christmas. The members of the School Board present were Messrs. H. Smith, J. P. Gordon and Dr. McMillan.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

7—Dialogue, "Signs of Christmas"—Miss Watson's Class. 8—Song, "Star of Christ"—School. 9—Recitation, "Old Santa Claus"—Margaret Essory. 10—Recitation, "When Santa Claus Comes"—Pearl Henderson. 11—Solo, "Our Hearts Go Out to You Canada"—Dorothy Davies. 12—Dialogue, "Christmas Fairies"—Miss Norton's Class. 13—Recitation, "When Christmas Comes"—Eleanor Sterns. 14—Song, "Santa Claus is Coming"—Primary. 15—Recitation, "A Christmas Hymn"—Elizabeth Coleman. 16—Song, "Boys from Canada"—School. The National Anthem. Minard's Liniment cures colds &c.

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FOURTEEN RECRUITS SECURED LAST NIGHT

The recruiting party who held meetings in King's County last night returned to the city this morning at 3 o'clock. The total number of recruits secured was fourteen. Fuller particulars in next issue.

THE WEATHER, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

(Special to the Guardian.) TORONTO, Ontario, Dec. 22.—Increasing easterly winds with some snow or rain. The highest temperature yesterday was 38 degrees. At 9 a. m. it was 34 and at 9 p. m. 32. The coldest the previous night was 34. The tide will be high this morning at 8.44 and tomorrow at 9.43; it will be high tonight at 7.40 and tomorrow at 8.35. The sun sets this afternoon and tomorrow at 4.19; it rises tomorrow morning at 7.30 and Sunday at 7.40. The moon sets this afternoon at 2.18. The last quarter of the moon was on Sunday, Dec. 17th at 2.06 p. m. There will be a new moon on Sunday, Dec. 24th at 4.31 p. m. The length of today will be eight hours and forty minutes. Minard's Liniment cures gargle in cows

QUEEN SQUARE SCHOOL

At Queen Square Mr. Henry Smith, Chairman of the School Board, presided and in addition to the part taken by the pupils there were excellent addresses given by His Lordship Bishop O'Leary, Rev. R. G. Fulton, Superintendent of Education, Mr. H. A. Shaw, Rev. Maurice McDonald, and Dr. McMillan, all of whom spoke in terms of the greatest encouragement to the boys. The latter made reference to the honor roll of the school with its large list of some three hundred former pupils enrolled in the service of the King.

PRINCE STREET SCHOOL

At Prince Street School an admirable programme was rendered which was greatly appreciated by the large number of visitors. Dr. McMillan presided and among those who gave addresses were Mr. H. A. Shaw, Supt. of Education, Rev. T. W. Murphy, Rev. C. R. Freeman, Rev. R. G. Fulton, and Mr. J. P. Gordon. Needless to say the addresses like those at the other schools were inspiring in tone and marked by the spirit of Christmas cheer. The programme was as follows: 1—Chorus, "The Empire Flag"—School. 2—Recitation, "A Christmas Party"—Lena Acorn. 3—Song, "Christmas Lullaby"—Primary Classes. 4—Dialogue, "When Santa was Tired"—Miss Haslam's Class. 5—Solo, "A Christmas Song"—Ethel Heaney. 6—Recitation, "A Query"—Mary Match.

HERO OF MANY FIGHTS WELCOMED HOME YESTERDAY

Sergeant R. W. Cameron, returned war hero, was given a fitting reception upon his arrival in Charlottetown yesterday afternoon. Early in the morning the members of the overseas units quartered at the Armouries, headed by the Fourth Regiment Band and members of the Patriotic Society were also on hand all expecting that the steamer would arrive about the usual time. A heavy fog outside detained the steamer and after waiting until noon without any sign of her appearing the guard of honor and band marched back to quarters, all indications being that the steamer would likely be detained for some time. It was not until almost two o'clock that the steamer's whistle was heard, proclaiming her arrival. It was impossible under the circumstances to have another turnout of the band, but the guard of honor without the musicians was promptly on the scene, also His Worship and members of the City Council and the Patriotic Society, besides many citizens. Two soldiers from the front were expected, but only Sergt. Cameron arrived. The delegation appointed to meet him boarded the steamer at once and after handshakes, he came ashore being greeted with hearty cheers and was conveyed in an automobile to the City Hall, where brief speeches of welcome and congratulatory were made after which he was driven to his father's home on Elm Avenue. Sergeant Cameron, who is a native of Charlottetown, a son of Mr. John Cameron, is a veteran of the South African war. His military career began when he joined the Charlottetown Engineers. He returned to Canada when his term of enlistment was up, but later went back to Africa joining the Mounted Infantry. Sergt. Cameron has been through the great and bloody battles of Neuve Chapelle, Langemarck, St. Julien, Festubert, Givenchy, St. El, the first and second battles of Ypres, and the battle of Hooge. After recovering from his wounds received at Festubert, and again being fit for active service, he was offered a commission but declined, preferring to fight as a non-commissioned officer. Sergt. Cameron will remain for some time on the island before proceeding West, his mother being seriously ill in the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

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