

CONFERENCE FOR FORWARD MOVEMENT

Public Meeting in the Evening, Hall Crowded, Brilliant Addresses by Sir Robert Borden, Premiers Murray, Mathieson, and Clarke and Others.

(Continued) The evening session began at 8 o'clock and was open to the public. The hall was crowded. An excellent programme of music was rendered by the Amherst Band. Dr. Cutten, of Acadia University, presided.

He reviewed the industrial conditions of the Maritime Provinces and was optimistic in his outlook for the future. Premier Murray gave an excellent address, punctuated with frequent applause. He spoke eloquently on the war and expressed confidence in tri-umphant issue.

URGED CHOLERA AS A WEAPON?

PETROGRAD, Dec. 18.—The Army Messenger, the newspaper issued by the staff of the army at the front, has now learned that the use of cholera cultures as a weapon of modern warfare was proposed officially by General Von Hetzendorf for use against the Russians and Servians.

CONDENSED ADS. TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

ONE CENT per word each insertion for advertising in this column. Cash must accompany orders. Minimum charges twenty-five cents. PRIME SAUSAGES.—BEST IN THE CITY. From selected young pork. Drake & Co. 6262-10-28Mtr.

PROMINENT JOURNALIST DIED IN LONDON

(Special to The Guardian.) LONDON, Dec. 18.—Archibald Ross Colquhoun, journalist and explorer, died today.

ALLIES LOSE NOT ONE MAN WHILE ON THE TRANSPORTS.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—Owing to the efficiency of the allied fleets and despite the presence of German cruisers in the various oceans, the Minister of Marine said today that not a man had been lost since the opening of hostilities, of the thousands of French troops transported to France from Algeria, Tunis, East Africa, Morocco, Madagascar and Tongking, or of the British troops from Asia, Australia, Africa and Canada.

GAVE GERMAN PUBLIC FLOGGING.

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 18.—The authorities have dealt expeditiously with the case of a German who flogged a British Methodist Missionary in New Ireland a few days ago. The Germans, who included a doctor and magistrate, were arrested and taken to Rabaul, where they were flogged in the presence of Australian troops and German residents.

WELL-KNOWN MEN TO MAKE REPORT ON GERMAN OUTRAGES.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A committee composed of Viscount Bryce, Sir Frederick Pollock, Sir Edward Clarke, Sir Alfred Hopkinson, Prof. Halfisher and Harold Cox has been appointed by Prime Minister Asquith to make an inquiry into the accusations of outrage and breaches of the laws of war committed by Germany.

CANADIAN OFFICER WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED.

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 18.—Word was received here today to the effect that Lieutenant-Colonel A. H. Macdonnell, general staff officer of first division, and now on the headquarters staff of the first contingent, has been seriously injured at Salisbury Plains by being thrown by his mount.

THE WEATHER THE TEMPERATURE TIDE, MOON, ETC.

(Special to The Guardian.) TORONTO, Dec. 19.—Maritime: South-westerly to southerly winds, becoming fresh and strong. Fair today, with a little higher temperature. Light local snow or sleet by Sunday.

ALLIES STEADILY WINNING REPORTS FROM EASTERN ZONE ARE DECIDEDLY CONFLICTING

CASUALTIES FROM GERMAN RAID

(Special to The Guardian.) LONDON, Dec. 18.—The casualties from the German raid are approximately as follows: Hartlepool, 32 killed, 250 wounded; Scarborough, 17 killed, 3 wounded; Whitby, 3 killed, 2 wounded. Total casualties, 357.

SAILINGS CANCELLED ON ACCOUNT OF DRESDEN

(Special to The Guardian.) BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 18.—A British steamer in the Pacific today cancelled her sailing because of danger of meeting the German cruiser Dresden. Despite previous rumors that the Dresden had been sunk by our British cruisers which have searched for her since she escaped during the Falkland battle, it is evident that the British authorities are far from being satisfied that the German warship has been accounted for.

CANADIAN LOSES TWO BROTHERS

(Special to The Guardian.) MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—James Clark, a local insurance agent, received word of the death of his two sons, who were British army officers, in the Chamber of Deputies. His brother, Corporal B. Clark, of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, was killed at Ypres on October 21st, when out of a regiment of 1,250 men only 121 came out unscathed.

FRANCE PREPARED TO FIGHT TO A FINISH

(Special to The Guardian.) PARIS, Dec. 18.—The length of the war does not depend on the state of French finances. Let France have confidence in herself and their aid in achieving final victory which the world foresees. This was the statement of Minister of Finance Ribot today in explaining the financial situation before the Budget Committee in the Chamber of Deputies.

COMMANDER ROPER IS PROMOTED.

(Special to The Guardian.) OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—Word has been received here of the advancement of Commander Charles D. Roper, former chief of staff in the department of the naval service. Commander Roper was one of the British officers loaned to this country on the organization of the naval service. It will be remembered that after going back to England he was the object of a very bitter attack by Liberals in the House of Commons in connection with the naval aid bill debates.

WARSAW VERY STRONGLY DEFENDED.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A despatch to the Times from Warsaw, under date of December 13, describes the great strength of the Russian defences before the present battle line and Warsaw, and says here the opinion of authorities of Warsaw in stating that unless the Germans capture the town within a week all hope of their doing so will be gone forever, as strong Russian reinforcements are arriving.

MEN OF KITCHENER'S NEW ARMY UNDER FIRE.

HARTLEPOOL, Dec. 18.—The first men of Earl Kitchener's new army to come under fire were the local militia, who were sent out to man the defence trenches on the sea front when the German raiders appeared. They were shelled by the enemy, who had the range of the new defences with accuracy, which suggests information by spies.

SUMMARY OF THE SITUATION

(Special to The Guardian.) LONDON, Dec. 18.—Although there seems to be no doubt that the Russians are retreating and that for the present any anticipations the Allies may have of an early invasion of Germany must be dismissed, considerable mystery surrounds the reported decisive victory by the Germans which Berlin celebrated last night.

Vienna gives a few details of the fighting in the east. The claim is made that the Russians have been driven out of their positions north of the Carpathians, which would indicate that part of the southern line of railway in Galicia is again in the hands of the Austrians, and that Piotrkow and other central Poland towns have been stormed, but silence is maintained regarding north Poland, where a German victory is said to have been achieved.

DESPERATE FIGHTING NEAR WARSAW

(Special to The Guardian.) CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 18.—A British protectorate was formally proclaimed throughout Egypt today. In all garrison towns a salute of a hundred and one guns was fired and the Union Jack hoisted.

GERMAN RAID CAUSED NO PANIC IN ENGLAND

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FRENCH OFFICIAL

(Special to The Guardian.) PARIS, Dec. 18.—Official to-night: "We have gained some ground along the Downs north-east of Neuport. We have repulsed two strong counter-attacks by the enemy at the north of the road between Ypres and Rheims. British troops have advanced slightly in the region of Armentieres. Our artillery has destroyed two heavy batteries in the region of Verdun. There is nothing of importance to report from other parts of the front."

RUSSIAN OFFICIAL

(Special to The Guardian.) PETROGRAD, Dec. 18.—(Official to-night)—On the left bank of the Vistula there is an almost complete lull. On nearly all the front we have repulsed attacks made by the enemy in the course of the last few days. All these attacks were repulsed. In connection with the advance of part of our troops towards Bzura River (Russian Poland) and in view of the fact that the Austrians are continually driving reinforcements in the Carpathians, we have thought fit to rearrange the position of some of our armies. We checked an offensive yesterday in Western Galicia. On the front between Sanok and Lisko we have succeeded in our offensive. In this region we have captured 3,000 prisoners and several guns and quick fliers.

GERMAN OFFICIAL

(Special to The Guardian.) BERLIN, Dec. 18.—The German War Office gave out the following communication: "Fighting at Neuport continues favourable, but no decision has yet been reached. French attacks between La Bassée, Arras and on both sides of the River Somme have resulted in failure, with severe losses to the enemy. On the Somme the French lost 1,200 prisoners and at least 1,200 dead. Our own losses are under 200. In Argonne Forest our successful attacks resulted in the capture of some 750 prisoners, in addition to heavy material. There have been no important developments elsewhere in the western front.

EMDEN PIRATES ARE CAPTURED

(Special to The Guardian.) PARIS, Dec. 18.—The Minister of Marine announced today that the British auxiliary cruiser Empress of Japan had captured the collier Oxford, having on board 3 officers and 40 men from German cruiser Emden, sunk Nov. 10 by the Australian cruiser Sydney. These are forty men who escaped to Cocos island and subsequently sailed away in a commercial schooner.

NEW SULTAN APPOINTED IN EGYPT

(Special to The Guardian.) LONDON, Dec. 18.—It is officially announced that Prince Hussein Kemal has been appointed to succeed the Khedive of Egypt, Abbas Hilmi. Prince Hussein Kemal will take the title of Sultan. The new Sultan is the uncle of Abbas Hilmi.

GERMAN RAID CAUSED NO PANIC IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The most desperate fighting of the entire Eastern campaign is now developing on the line within 30 miles of Warsaw. Berlin is celebrating what is accepted as a great victory over the Russians, the result of an official statement that the enemy's offensive against Silesia is completely broken.

From Petrograd reports come that the Russian lines South of the Vistula, have been drawn back nearer to Warsaw for strategic reasons. It is evident, however, that a great battle upon which the fate of Warsaw may rest is only now approaching a climax.

The German official statement here is regarding the covering campaign made from a defensive standpoint than offensive.

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There is much speculation in London as to how the German raid has succeeded in creating a feeling of uneasiness or panic in other coast towns. One of the London newspapers telegraphed to the mayors of coast towns, asking them what effect the news of the enemy's visit had had. All replies received so far indicate that uneasiness is not widespread.

Folkstone.—Complete arrangements have been made here for all eventualities. Business is going on as usual. Great Yarmouth.—We have taken all necessary precaution to protect the inhabitants in the event of a bombardment here. The people are quite calm.

Hull.—The excitement over the raid soon subsided here. We have full confidence in the navy.

After the battle the British picked up 194 Germans, including a few officers. Of these survivors one hundred were from the crews of the two German colliers. An opportunity to surrender was offered the colliers, but it was refused and they were sunk.

The cruiser Cornwall was damaged slightly below the waterline. None of the other British warships were damaged.

PREDICTIONS OF MADAME THIESES FOR 1915.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—Predictions of Madame de Thebes for 1915: A general forecast for 1915: A year of fog, as the days that some times dawn hazy are later beautiful, so 1915 will be. Before the sun runs its third course in 1915 blood will cease to flow (apparently meaning before autumn)—the result will be entirely different from what France expects. A scourge will menace the Kaiser, who will die soon or else disappear. Germany will cease to exist in its present form. The country will be torn by revolution. The hour will soon strike when Italy will be compelled to draw the sword. The dismemberment of Austria is imminent.

THE N. B. GOVERNMENT IS RECONSTRUCTED

Premier Clarke Takes Portfolio of Minister of Mines and Lands. Former Officials Retain Their Positions. Mr. Baxter Becomes Attorney General.

FREDERICTON, N.B., Dec. 18.—Hon. George J. Clarke, called to the premiership, has asked all those who worked with him under Premier Flemming, to continue in office, and has called the Recorder of St John to the Cabinet to fill the one vacancy. Hon. Mr. Clarke has taken over the office of Mines and Lands, which will give him control of the public domain and Mr. Baxter becomes Attorney General.

The Cabinet was sworn in by His Honour Lieut.-Governor Wood at noon, and His Honour expressed his personal satisfaction with the selections made by the Premier. The Government is now in session. The new Attorney General is 46 years of age, and has won a reputation at the Bar and in civic and provincial politics that gives promise of greater success in the future. The office of Recorder, which he has filled since 1910, will be vacated by his acceptance of the post of Attorney General.

HOW VON SPEE'S SHIPS MET THEIR WATERLOO

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 18.—The first detailed accounts of the naval battle on December 8, when four German cruisers were sent to the bottom, reached here today from Puerto Gallegos, Patagonia. According to these accounts the German warships were the Falkland Islands, British possessions, when they came unexpectedly upon a lone British warship. The other members of the British fleet were taking on supplies from neighboring islands at the time. Before the Germans were aware of the strength of the opposition, these ships closed in on them and the fate of Admiral Von Spee's squadron was soon sealed.

The story of the battle was told by passengers on the British steamer Orissa, which arrived at Punta Arenas from Callao, Chile. They say the losses of the British were placed at eight men.

It was a formidable British squadron which faced the Germans. Included in it were the battleships Canopus, the battle-cruisers Invincible and Inflexible and the cruisers Kent, Cornwall, Carnarvon, Bristol and Glasgow. It was outmatched in strength the German squadron, consisting of the five cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Leipzig, Nurnburg and Dresden.

The British squadron arrived at Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, on December 7, to take on supplies. The next morning the Canopus, which was guarding the entrance to the port, sighted a hostile warship. Four others quickly came into view and were recognized as the squadron of Admiral Von Spee. The German warships had left the Chilean Islands of Juan Fernandez on November 15, for the Falkland Islands, to take possession of the islands and destroy the wireless station.

Only the Canopus was visible at first to the Germans, who steamed straight at her. The Canopus opened fire and the other British warships rushed to her assistance.

The Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig formed in battle line. The Nurnburg and Dresden, however, dropped back from the firing line.

The British warships concentrated their fire on the Scharnhorst, which sank after an hour's fighting, when it became evident that the Scharnhorst, Admiral Von Spee's flagship, was doomed her crew assembled on the forward deck. The Scharnhorst refused to surrender and soon plunged beneath the waves. The crew preserved its formation as the ship went down and cheered as the waters closed about them.

The Glasgow engaged the Leipzig, and sank her. The Gneisenau went down eighty miles from Port Stanley. The Nurnburg attempted to escape, but after a pursuit of two hours was sunk. The Carnarvon pursued the Dresden, but was not swift enough to overhaul her, and the German warship escaped.

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On December 10, funeral services were held for the eight British sailors who were killed, in the presence of the commanders and crews of the squadron.

The British Admiralty report of the battle stated that only seven men of the British squadron lost their lives.

BAN OF LIQUOR HELPS DOCTORS. PARIS, Dec. 18.—The medical correspondent of the Journal des Debats, writing from Vichy, where there is one of the largest military hospitals—gives striking proof of the value of the almost complete abstention from alcohol enforced on the soldiers.

Of 1,500 cases operated on during the last three months, only 4 or 5 experienced difficulties of anaesthesia, which is usually nine or ten per cent, due practically without exception, to overdilution in alcohol, which reacts against anaesthetics.

Prospects of the alleged decadence of the French race he says: The soldiers anyhow, have not degenerated. Besides their excellent physique, they show great recuperative powers. The Southerners seem to recover slower than the rest, while the Alpine chamois and artillerymen mend quickest, the former, doubtless, owing to hard training, but he is unable to explain why the artillery possesses any advantage over the rest of the service. He also notes the fact that all the wounded experience a bad first night after their arrival at the hospital, which he considers due to their being unaccustomed to the bed after sleeping in the open air.

JAPAN LIKELY TO HOLD TSING TAO

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The strong feeling in Tokio for the retention of the captured territory which has cost Japan so much blood and treasure was evidenced by an interesting mail despatch from the Morning Post's Tokio correspondent, in the course of which he asserts that the Japanese have already set out for the South Sea to investigate colonisation possibilities. In view of this new division of interest between Japan and Australia, the matter assumes importance.

The Morning Post's correspondent, under date of November 10, discussing Japan's attitude as to Tsing Tao and the Islands in the Pacific, says: "To appreciate the Japanese point of view, the whole circumstances must be fully considered. In western countries a emphasis appears to be laid upon the condition of Japan's ultimatum to Germany, promising the return of the territory to China on condition that Germany relinquish her hold without force. But Germany did not surrender it without much cost to Japan.

Thus the circumstances, from the Japanese point of view, are entirely different. The reduction of Tsing Tao has cost Japan a good deal of blood and money. There is also the further outlay of policing the Pacific with a widely scattered fleet.

"From all that has been said it is clear that the general feeling in Japan is that none of the German possessions captured can be lightly released. In any case Japan cannot relinquish them without a quid pro quo."

PRIME MINISTER WILL BE IN HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, Dec. 18.—Sir Robert L. Borden will arrive in the city this morning at 9 o'clock and will be at the Liberal-Conservative headquarters, Dennis building, from 10 to 12.30, where he will be pleased to see all friends. This afternoon Sir Robert will visit the troops at the various outposts and in the evening will deliver an address before the Canadian club at the school for the blind. Sir Robert leaves on Saturday afternoon to spend Sunday with his mother at Grand Pre.

Major-General Hughes will also arrive this morning and will inspect the troops at the armories and elsewhere.

DIRE RESULTS OF WAR STRIKING BERLIN HARD.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18.—Berlin newspapers reaching here declare that a majority of the seventy thousand residents of Berlin who went to the front have lost their lives.

Other statistical information given by these papers is that of the organized workers of Germany, who number 661,000, about thirty-one per cent, are now in active military service. The German federation of workers has given over \$3,750,000 for the relief of the unemployed and to assist needy women and children.

COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

ONE CENT per word each insertion for advertising in this column. Cash must accompany orders. Minimum charge twenty-five cents. \*\*NEW RECORDS.—A large supply of new Victor Records just received. H. A. Tanton & Co., 144 Great George St. 7076-12-19M3L. \*\*The Pownal Methodist Sunday School will hold their annual entertainment and tree on Christmas Eve in the Hall. Admission 10 and 20 cts. 7:30 o'clock. 7077-12-19M3L. \*\*The Annual Christmas Concert will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Clyde River, Monday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. If Monday is stormy concert will be held Tuesday evening at same hour. 7073-12-19M3L. \*\*YOU WILL BE SURPRISED how many uses you can find for a typewriter in your office. Its activities are not confined to letter writing by any means. Install one of my Re-built machines and try it out. A. Milne Fraser, Halifax, N. S. 7046-12-19M3L. \*\*A Grand Patriotic concert in aid of the Patriotic Fund will be held in Argyle Shore Hall on Monday evening Dec. 28th a splendid programme has been prepared Mr. J. Austin Trainor, City has kindly consented to give several first class specialties. Lots of music and clean comedy. Delicious Home made candy will be sold. By order of Committee. 7075-12-19M3Lpd. Minard's Liniment cures Diphtheria.