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REJUVENATING ARMY ON WESTERN FRONT

Western German Army Being Combed of all Old Members and Younger Men Being Drafted in. Hindenburg Declared to be Anxious for End of War and Some Dazzling Strategy is Expected.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN THE FIELD, Jan. 19.—Hindenburg is attempting to rejuvenate the West Front, according to all indications today. Only youngsters of the "storm troops" kind are now coming into the line. Older men are being held for war work in the rear.

There has likewise been a general combing out of all line troops of more than 45 apparently still under way. It is positively known that the best of the 1918 class of Germany's men are being drafted into the infantry and that fathers with large families, have already lost some members in the field, are being allowed to return home.

Certain categories of workmen have also been sent back from the fighting lines. It is believed that discharge from the army of about 50,000 coal miners have been requested by the internal government of Germany, and that about half of these have already been thus relieved from fighting duty.

Mechanics for speeding up submarine construction have also apparently been grabbed out of the army. All of which suggests that Hindenburg is thoroughly reorganizing the entire German and Austrian armies, on the basis of youth in the fighting lines, the middle aged fighters as reserves, and the oldest soldiers switched to garrison duty in the interior. Familiar laborers are apparently also being used as far as possible in the factories rather than in the fighting ranks.

The Russian trouble freed a million six hundred thousand German troops for the west and Italian fronts, according to recent announcement in Germany, and Hindenburg's "keying up" is the direct result of this.

All prisoners recently taken by the British seem to believe that Hindenburg desires the end of the war as soon as possible. All are vaguely expecting some dazzling new Hindenburg strategy and some new forms of righteousness.

INFANTRY FIGHTING ON WESTERN FRONT

Mild Weather has Removed all Snow. Mud Again Holds Sway. British Capture Prisoners Who Tell of Conditions in Germany.

BRITISH ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Jan. 19.—(By the Associated Press)—Small infantry raids, with the customary amount of artillery and their activity by both sides, continue to be the order of the day along the British front. The much milder weather, accompanied by rain, has swept away the last of the snow, but the mud remains as dictator of military affairs. The opposing forces, are continuing their wily feeling throughout the long line by making surprise incursions into each other's trenches and returning with a few prisoners.

The British lately have secured some interesting captives in this way. One prisoner who had thrice been wounded, made a statement in substance as follows: "The scarcity of food at home is very serious. There is little meat and fatty substances and practically no bread. Potatoes are very expensive, although there is no serious shortage. The people are in a state of unrest, but are afraid to attempt organized disturbances. On Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's birthday small busts of the General were placed on the street corners in nearly all German towns. In most places the people had hurled these to the ground before noon. In Cologne

there are over twelve thousand deserters in various prisons."

Promised Early Peace.

Another prisoner said that for a year the German soldiers and people had been promised an early peace. Emperor William in reviewing a division after the battle of Cambrai, said: "Peace on the Russian front is assured. It remains for us to force an early peace on the Western front."

The prisoner who related this fact said he had heard that Germany and Russia had sent an ultimatum to Great Britain to agree to the return of the German colonies, and that Great Britain, France and Italy were going to Stockholm for a conference with Russia and Germany. This prisoner said he understood the essentials points in Germany's peace terms were that Germany was to get colonies back and that Alsace-Lorraine should remain German.

The present lull in the fighting, of course, is due only to the weather. The British troops have about had their fill of it, and they are anxious to be up and doing, and to get their work finished. There undoubtedly is sanguinary fighting not far ahead, but the spirit of optimism remains strong throughout the armies.

AN ONLY SON FALLS IN ACTION

Bdr. Robt. A. Anderson, Aged 22, Only Son of Mr. M. G. Anderson, Southport, Falls on the Field of Battle.

Yesterday the sad news came to Mr. M. G. Anderson of Southport, (formerly of Newton, Belfast), that his only son Robert A., a bombardier in the 2nd Canadian Siege Battery had fallen in action.

In 1914 Bombardier Anderson was a member of the "good old" Fourth Regiment and went with a detachment of that body to Canso, where he served several months on Coast Defence.

From Canso he was transferred to Halifax, where he was attached to the South Barracks staff, under Major J. W. Stanley. On June 3rd, 1915 he crossed to England as a member of Major Stanley's artillery draft, and three months later landed in France, and had been there ever since with the exception of a short furlough spent in England.

Only twenty-one years old, the gallant had had practically his whole life before him but fate had ordained otherwise and Canada and especially Prince Edward Island has been called upon to make another sacrifice of youth and noble manhood on the altar of world freedom.

Besides his grief stricken father and step-mother, one sister residing in Waverly, Mass., is left to mourn the loss of a brave and faithful heart that is stilled for ever.

Mr. John Anderson, Provincial Auditor, is an uncle of the gallant hero.

GERMANS NOW ADMIT OBJECT IS CONQUEST

Junkers Believe they Still Have a Chance to Carry Out their Original Purpose. The Hindenburg Faction Endeavoring to Hypnotize People into Belief that Great Conquests are Before them.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Advices from Germany through Switzerland and Holland say that—following the triumph of the military party in the recent political military crisis in Berlin, Germany rapidly is discarding the pretence that she is waging a defensive war and again is avowing frankly she is waging a war of conquest in the east and west.

When the war began Germany, imagining that a quick and easy victory was assured, avowed her purpose of conquest and extended annexations. Later, when reverses made the issue doubtful, the inspired press and the politicians alike adopted a different tone, appealing to the world to realize that Germany was fighting only in self defence against her attackers and desired neither conquests or annexations.

"To remain stationary is to be retrogressive. Had other nations recognized the augmentation of German power there need have never been a war. As they did not, war was the only means to assert to the world. Nothing is more mistaken than the belief that we are waging morally a decisive war; on the contrary, we were compelled to assert the position of power to which we have attained and to force other nations to recognize it. This can be accomplished only by demonstrations of power by defeating others and occupying fresh territory commensurate with that power. When the farmer has money he buys land; when a state strengthens internally it expands.

The feeble protests of the socialist newspapers are unheeded. The Muncie Post, the Bavarian socialist organ, says: "The German nation took up arms to fight a war of defense, not of conquest. The marvellous strength of the nation has developed from the belief that it is fighting to save its hearths and homes, to defend the freedom of the country. After three years of war, the people still believe the war was defensive and declare it should end in peace and understanding. But how suddenly our war aims are stated to be conquest, the policy of peace by understanding is changed for peace dictated by the sword. The people have spoken both in Germany and Austria, they have declared for a policy based on an understanding for peace without annexation."

The Chemitz Volks Stimm, another socialist organ, deprecates a policy of open or veiled annexations, because a later generation will be compelled thereby to wage another war when the Russian people realize their disgrace.

This attitude continued until, following the collapse of Russia and the invasion of Italy, confidence in Germany's ability to win the war was revived in the military party; then the expressions resumed their old tone of determination to make the war a vast conquest. Today the demands for complete victory and the dictation of the hardest terms to the defeated enemy is voiced everywhere.

The socialist press and other moderates, who attempt to sound a warning that such megalomania means only the prolongation of the war and a fearful national suffering, with grave doubt as to the victory, are permitted only the slightest liberty of expression. The Hindenburgians seemingly are determined to attempt more to hypnotize the nation into the belief that victory and great conquests are assured.

The South German Gazette declares that as the population of Germany has grown from 35,000,000 to 65,000,000 and its power has doubled, it no longer can be included in the former frontiers—it adds:

PUBLIC MEETING OF CITY ELECTORS

Mayor Brown Aably Reviews Civic Administration of Past Year. Prospective Candidates Announce Their Policies.

The Market Hall was crowded to capacity last night and standing room was at a premium when Mayor Brown, the retiring Chief Magistrate of the City and several of his Councilors, met to discuss public questions with the civic electors.

It was shortly after eight o'clock when the speakers took the platform and the meeting was opened by Mayor Brown, who gave a splendid account of his two years' stewardship, of which the following is a summary:

MAYOR BROWN'S ADDRESS.

His Worship Mayor Brown at the outset thanked the ladies and gentlemen who honored him by their support two years ago when they elected him Mayor of the city. Previous to his election he promised the citizens that, if elected, he would at the close of his term place a plain statement of his two years' management of civic affairs before the citizens at a public meeting. It was in fulfillment of this promise that the meeting was called for that night.

Reviewing the first year of his regime, 1916, he stated that notwithstanding large expenditures for necessary civic improvements the year closed with a credit balance of \$71,622. Coming to the year 1917 he referred to the apparent deficit of \$4,883.84, explaining that it was not a real deficit as the taxes still outstanding would when collected bring the two years administration out with a surplus of \$368.63. Already \$1,000 of these uncollected taxes had been paid in and he did not see any cause for alarm in the fact that the actual collections did not meet the actual expenditure.

The Council, he said, might have shown a considerable surplus had they expended less money and neglected some needed improvements but they aimed at keeping the city buildings and streets in good condition for the use as well as the pleasure of citizens and the credit of the city. In doing this, he assured them, there was no waste or extravagance in any of the civic departments and every dollar was carefully and judiciously expended for the benefit of the city. In preparing his statement for the close of his term he did not follow the methods of many municipalities in carrying over unpaid accounts. Four weeks before the close of the year he had asked through the public press for all bills to be presented and all such bills were paid up so that the financial statement, as it appeared in the press was a fair and correct statement of his two years' regime.

Touching on the improvements effected he noted that during last year the Council succeeded in getting the Railway to enlarge the storm water sewer at the front of Weymouth St. which relieved the citizens of that locality of a grievance endured for years. He hoped that the railway would continue the good work to the foot of Hillsborough and Prince St. The scarcity of hard stone and the removal of the rails to the City Gravel Pit at Surrey were also touched upon, and he hoped the incoming Council would take up the matter with the Railway authorities.

FINANCE.

Notwithstanding the tightness of the money market, due to the war, the splendid standing of the City of Charlottetown enabled them to dispose of \$18,000 debentures at par,

\$16,000 for permanent works and \$2,000 for patriotic funds. During the year the work of laying a bituminous concrete roadway on Queen Street was begun. The company laying the roadway is under contract to keep the concrete in thorough repair for a period of five years and has a deposit in the Bank here guaranteeing fulfillment.

His Worship regretted that owing to the legislature refusing the necessary legislation to enable the Council to issue debentures for this purpose they had been unable to proceed with the proposed extension to the city hall. This however he hoped would be undertaken in the near future.

In this connection His Worship paid a fitting tribute to the efficiency of the Fire Department, whom it was hoped, the extension referred to would provide with needed accommodation, as well as furnishing much needed room for the fire fighting appliances and other valuable plant.

His Worship referred to the efforts made by the City Council to induce the provincial government to make an equitable reimbursement to the city of a portion of the taxes, and regretted that so far the legislature had taken no action in the matter.

Referring to the welcoming home of returned soldiers he expressed the pleasure it gave him as Mayor of the City to co-operate with the Reception Committee in extending the brave boys a fitting welcome, but he emphasized the fact that he referred to would provide with needed accommodation, as well as furnishing much needed room for the fire fighting appliances and other valuable plant.

He referred briefly to the purchase by the city of Victory Bonds to the amount of \$15,000 a transaction which besides being patriotic will net the city a handsome profit in the difference between the purchase price and the rate of interest.

In closing His Worship modestly referred to the discharge of his official duties. He had at the outset announced the hours during which he would be regularly found at his home in the Market Building, which proved a great convenience to citizens. He had attended a meeting of the Canadian Municipal Council held in Ottawa and had the honour of being elected its Vice-President. On his return he organized a Union of Prince Edward Island Municipalities which he believed would be an advantage to the incorporated towns of the province. He paid a fitting tribute to his colleagues on the City Council and the various officials with whom his duties brought him in contact, thanked the press for cordiality extended and especially thanked the citizens for their unvarying kindness and courtesy during his term of office. He hoped to see a united movement inaugurated shortly which would result in the establishment of some industry that would afford employment to the young men and women of the province and induce them to remain at home and build up their own home city. He also hoped that a united effort would be made

DOMINION TRUST CO. ASSETS SHRUNK SEVERAL MILLIONS

Not Known How Much Depositors and Other Creditors of Defunct Bank Will Receive from Wreckage.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Jan. 19.—It is not yet known how much the depositors and other creditors of the defunct Dominion Trust Co. of Vancouver will receive from the wreckage. The bank in its balmy days of high financing in which some of Kaiser William's financial agents participated, had maintained branches in St. John, Charlottetown, Nanaimo, Calgary, Montreal, London, Regina, Winnipeg and four other places. Quite a number of the creditors reside in the maritime provinces.

Liquidator Andrew Stewart states that he is unable to estimate even approximately the amount of the possible dividend. He tells of numerous difficulties he has encountered in winding up the affairs of the defunct bank. The ranking of the depositors has not yet been determined. Liquidator Stewart further says:

Depositor's Claims.
"The total claims of depositors amount to \$27,935.43, and the other

to attract tourist travel, by making the city attractive and up-to-date in every possible way. He asked every citizen to be a booster and assure them that in every movement calculated to benefit the city they would always have his hearty support.

His Worship was loudly cheered on resuming his seat.

Councillor G. D. Wright, Chairman of the Finance Committee, thoroughly reviewed the work of his department and was followed by Councillor John MacKewin, Chairman of the Street Committee, Councillor R. J. Ledwell, Councillor L. B. Miller, Councillor P. A. Smith and J. A. MacDonald, of the Board of Water and Sewers Commissioners.

Their speeches which were complete and excellent reports of activities of the several civic departments during the expiring term of the present Council have been crowded out of this edition through lack of space.

Mayor Brown then opened nominations for the various public positions that are open during the coming election and the following were received and posted:

LIST OF NOMINATIONS.

For Mayor.
Mr. G. D. Wright.
Mr. Henry Smith.
Mr. John MacKewin.

Councillors.
Ward 1—P. A. Smith.
Ward 2—D. J. Riley.
Ward 3—R. R. Rattray.
Ward 4—T. Campbell.
Ward 4—Dr. J. J. Yoo, J. A. Webster.

Water Commissioners.
James A. MacDonald.
Chas. McGregor.
John A. McKenna.
M. A. Byrne.

After the nominations had been read, the nominees had the platform for a while and addressed the audience on the matters of public expenditure, and civic reform.

claims amount to \$2,746,509.76, which, however, will probably not rank for more than \$2,200,000.00. The question of whether the depositors are to rank as ordinary creditors or subsequent to them has therefore an important bearing on the result of the winding-up.

"Several actions have still to be brought involving considerable sums. The most important one will be against the Royal Bank of Canada for the return of the securities which they hold.

"A considerable portion of the assets of the company consist of real estate securities. Conditions during the war have not been conducive to realization, not have values in Western Canada yet reached a stable condition where accurate valuation is possible.

Great Shrinkage.
"The realization, amounting to \$381,269.93, when examined demonstrates clearly (if demonstration be necessary) the unsound condition of the company's affairs at the time of liquidation. The actual gross amount realized from assets properly so called, that is, assets considered as such when the liquidation began, shown by the company in its last published statement at \$4,687,568.47, only amount to \$1,585,515.73. The remaining realizations amounting to \$222,754.20 were not shown as assets of the company, and are the result of having at one successfully maintained the executor's right of retention realizing thereby \$186,209.59, and the earnings of the liquidation, \$36,546.61.

"The heavy expenditure again arises from the condition of the company's affairs at the date of liquidation, the obligations amounting to \$3,673,545.19; the assets, largely speculative, scattered from London to Vancouver Island; and the affairs of the company requiring for an extended period the services of expert accountants to reduce the chaotic condition of the company's accounts to order."

"The liquidation expenses have been \$167,657, of which \$24,856 was advanced to prosecute misfeasance suits against the directors.

Minard's Liniment Cures Rheumatism

"**THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.**

TODAY IS THE 126th DAY OF CANADA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE WAR.
TORONTO, Jan. 22.—Strong northerly winds clear and cold.

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 22 degrees above. At 10 a. m. it was 22 above; at 9 p. m. it was 8 above. The lowest the previous night was 9 above.

The tide will be high this morning at 7:09 and tomorrow at 8:31; it will be high tonight at 6:14 and tomorrow at 7:13.

Minard's Liniment Cures Neuralgia

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper

COMPLIMENT TO CHARLOTTETOWN MERCHANT

The following letter has been received by The Rogers Hardware Co. Limited, of this City from Yale & Towne, Ltd. of Stamford, Connecticut, the largest Lock and Builders' Hardware Manufacturers in the World.

Stamford, Conn.,
Jan. 16, 1918.

The Rogers Hardware Co. Ltd.,
Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Dear Sirs:—

It may interest you to know that we have just closed our Salesmen's Convention attended by all Yale & Towne salesmen from all over the United States and Canada. At one time during the convention when the different classes of hardware stores, stock arrangements, etc. were being discussed, Mr. Lewis gave us a very interesting description of your store.

Mr. Lewis declares that your store is the best lighted, best kept and most attractive store in Canada.

In these days of rapid advancement in the arrangement display and marketing of hardware, it is well worth while to be classed as the best in the country, and we are gratified that the YALE products are of undoubted interest and prominently displayed in an up-to-date store as you conduct.

Wishing you a successful year, we are,
Yours very truly,
YALE & TOWNE, LTD.,
per H. A. Stoddard,
Manager Trade Sales.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diptheria

ANNUAL MEETING ST. JAMES' CHURCH

The annual meeting of St. James Church was held in the Schoolroom last evening, with a large number of members of the congregation present. Rev. Dr. Fullerton who opened with Bible reading and prayer, made a touching reference to the death of Bomb. Robert Anderson a former Sunday School scholar, whose death from wounds had been reported during the day. A resolution of sympathy was later moved and ordered to be forwarded to the bereaved family. Col. Stewart being elected Chairman and Mr. D. A. McKinnon, Secretary, the reading and passing of the different reports was dealt with after which Dr. Fullerton retired, leaving the conduct of the meeting in the hands of the congregation.

The election of trustees was then proceeded with, resulting in the re-election of the retiring trustees, Messrs. H. V. Buntain, D. A. McKinnon, and K. J. Martin, K. C. Mr. A. W. Hyndman was elected as a new trustee filling the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Blanchard.

The different reports showed the Church, financially and otherwise, in a flourishing condition with bright prospects for the new year.

It might here be mentioned that the pastor, Rev. Dr. Fullerton on Sunday last entered upon his 26th year with St. James congregation, the longest pastorate in any Presbyterian congregation in the province. The cordial relations between pastor and people, the latter many of whom he had baptized and married, was abundantly shown by the warm tributes paid to him by the many who took part in the proceedings at the meeting and who expressed the hope that the quarter century of devoted ser-

BELIEVES GERMANY WILL MAKE PEACE OFFER

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 19.—Germany and Pope Benedict, Senator Lewis, of Illinois declared today, both are planning new, early peace movements.

"I have reason to know," said Senator Lewis, "that Berlin expects to withdraw her peace proposals to the Bolsheviks and make new proposals, but proposals which will be applicable not only to Russia, but to all her opponents."

"I have also information," he continued, "that the Pope is planning with the acquiescence of Italy, another effort towards peace."

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Relief Committee From Dominion For Halifax

The Dominion Government, has appointed a committee to take charge of the reconstruction of the destroyed portion of Halifax. It consists of J.S. Rogers, barrister and Judge Wallace, both of Halifax and a Mr. Faulkner, of Montreal. The city is rapidly getting back to normal. The main thoroughfares are getting back their old time residences are now fully equipped with windows. It is understood the Dominion Government will fully undertake the work of compensation and will use the funds so far collected for the purpose, making up any deficiency.

Some 350 families are now receiving full relief while quite a number are receiving partial relief. Owing to the extremely mild weather in Halifax during the past two weeks the work of reconstruction has made splendid progress.

vice might extend for many years to come.

The following appropriations were passed for the ensuing year:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR 1917.

Envelopes	\$3575.00
Open Collection	600.00
Ladies' Aid Society	400.00
St. James' Guild	75.00
Roberson Bequest	25.00
Tennis Club	25.00
Total	\$4700.00

EXPENDITURES.

Minister's Salary	\$2000.00
Organist's Salary	600.00
Janitor and Cleaning	323.00
Fuel	400.00
Light	50.00
Interest	415.00
Water and Taxes	121.00
Printing end Envelopes	45.00
Insurance	235.00
Session	30.00
Repairs	350.00
Secretary	50.00
Incidentals	81.00
Total	\$4700.00

The expenditures for 1917 totalled \$4,376.45 and revenue \$4,886.75 leaving a balance on hand of \$10.30.

CONDENSED SPECIALS

*BRIGHT BOY IS WANTED AT Guardian Office. 1841-12-22Mf.

FOR SALE A NEWLY CALVED COW Apply to J. W. Feehan, Savage Harbor. 2272-1-22M3pd.

WANTED WOMAN TO CLEAN office. Apply Guardian office. 2271-1-22Mf.

FOX FEED—DO YOU KNOW THAT Caplin is the best and cheapest feed for foxes? Carload just arrived. P. C. Brown, Revere Hotel. 2277-1-22Mf.

LOST—AN AMETHYST ROSARY engraved "H. F. C." Finder leave at Guardian Office. 2274pd.

LOST IN THIS CITY A K. O. F. watch charm. Finder please leave at this office. 2266pd.

MIDDLE AGED WOMAN WANTS position as housekeeper. Apply Longworth Ave. 2270-1-22M3pd.

OLD NEWSPAPERS FOR SALE AT 5 cents per bundle. Guardian Office. 1850-12-7Mf.

I WILL SELL BY AUCTION ON Friday, Jan. 25th at 2 p. m., several lots soft wood. Walter M. Lea, Victoria. 2267-1-22M4pd.

FOX FEED—JUST ARRIVED CAR load of Fresh Caplin. Foxmen take notice this will be your last chance to purchase this feed. P. C. Brown, Revere Hotel. 2278-1-22Mf.

CLEARING SALE OF REMAINING military, Miss Cullien's Military Parlor, Cor. Prince and Grafton. 2265-1-22M8pd.

*TO LET—ROOM IN PRIVATE family with or without board; (gentleman preferred.) Apply at this office. 188-12-25Mf

WANTED—50 MEN FOR CONSTRUCTION work in Sydney. All winter work, no lost time. Railway fare paid, 30 cents per hour and bonus. Pay twice a month. Apply Saturday, Monday Tuesday and Wednesday, C. N. Goldsborough, Queen Hotel, Charlottetown. 2249-1-22M8pd.