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EXCELLENT REPORT OF HAZELTON HOSPITAL

Emerging from a trying year with its record for service and efficiency enhanced, the management of Hazelton Hospital met the Patrons of the institution at the annual meeting on Tuesday evening with a report that surprised and gratified all who attended.

The meeting was held in St. Andrew's Hall, and there was a good number present. R. S. Sargent, the Patrons' representative on the advisory board, was in the chair. The report, as presented by Dr. H. C. Wrinch, medical superintendent of the Hospital, showed that the institution, beginning the year 1915 with a deficit of $260.84, succeeded in reducing expenditure for the year to $12,727.56, while the receipts totalled $13,271.58, thus leaving a cash balance on hand of $544.02

The indebtedness of the institution is approximately $2,500, against which Dr. Wrinch shows income earned, but not received, of $1,320.00; collectible accounts and subscriptions, $800, and cash $544.02.

Assets total over $33,000, so that the financial position of the Hospital is beyond question. It was stated, however, that necessary repairs would call for a larger expenditure during the present year, and that the revenue must be increased if the management is to make as good a showing in its next report.

A remarkable record of service is given in the report, although the attendance of patients, as anticipated, was reduced. There were 207 patients, of whom 173 were discharged cured, 10 discharged improved, 8 discharged unimproved, 4 passed away and 12 remained under treatment. The percentage of mortality for the year, 1.93, is a figure of which the staff may well be proud.

Rev. J. H. Arnup, of the Methodist mission board, was the principal speaker of the evening, expressing a high opinion of the efficiency of the hospital, which he attributed to the personality of Dr. Wrinch. Other speakers were R. S. Sargent, who was unanimously re-elected Patrons' representative, and Rev. C. A. Mitchell. A brief concert program, in which Mrs. MacKay, Mrs. Hamblin, Miss W. Soal and H. H. Phillips participated, followed the business meeting, and the serving of light refreshments by the ladies brought a very successful occasion to a pleasant close.

PRESSURE ON GERMANY IS ACUTE

PAPERS ADMIT PROVISIONS ARE SCARCE ---SEVERE FIGHTING IN FRANCE CONTINUES

London: While the newspapers of Germany are telling the people that the Kaiser's armies are gaining victory, the fact that Germany is actually on the verge of starvation is daily becoming more apparent. This conclusion must be arrived at from reports of actual conditions related in the German press.

Paris: There is no diminution of activity between the French and German forces in the Artois region, where heavy fighting has been in progress for some time. Northwest of Vimy the French troops recaptured trenches that had been taken by the enemy, while near Neuville St. Vaaste we retook a crater which had been occupied by the Germans.

Washington: The disposition of the British steamer Appam, which was brought into Hampton roads by a German prize crew, has been decided upon and will be announced later. The indications are that the vessel will be permitted to remain indefinitely in American waters as a prize of the Germans, under the Prussian American treaty.

London: Rumors that Lord Northcliffe, proprietor of the Times, has become reconciled to the government, which has been freely criticised by his papers, are now followed by talk of offering the journalist a position in the cabinet.

London: According to Saloniki advices, Greek officers have been told by Bulgarian officers that the units of the latter were shortly to be transferred to the Roumanian frontier.

Berlin: The Kaiser has bestowed the highest military decoration on the commander of the raiding Zeppelin squadrons and has distributed iron crosses among the crews.

Petrograd: Assim Bey, Turkish ambassador to Persia, and the Austrian military attache have been captured near Keredji by Russian Cossacks.

Victoria: Advices from Ottawa are to the effect that three British Columbia battalions will be included in the fourteen corps which will go to England as soon as transportation can be provided.

London: The Belgian legation declares that reports of recent German peace proposals to Belgium are without foundation.

RUPERT TEAM COMING FOR THREE GAMES

Monday evening's train is to bring the Prince Rupert hockey team to Hazelton, their expenses being guaranteed by the local fans. Buck Irwin's men took two of three games played on Hazelton's last visit to the coast city, and the boys are determined to reverse that score in the coming series. The first game will be played on Monday evening at 8:30, the second on Tuesday evening at 8, and the final match on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30, as the visitors will have to take the train which leaves at 4:48 on Thursday morning.

There should be a good attendance at the three games. Rink Manager McDougall intends to have the ice in first-class condition, and some fast play is to be looked for.

Red Cross Tea

On Thursday afternoon, Feb. 17, during the hours from 3 to 5, a committee of the following ladies, Mrs. MacKay, Mrs. Burrington, Mrs. Sealy, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Cline, Mrs Kirby and Mrs. Anderson will serve tea in St. Andrew's Hall, in aid of the Red Cross, at the usual charge of 25 cents. There will be games and a short program in the way of entertainment.

Everybody come and spend an enjoyable afternoon. Gentlemen also welcome.

Lieut. Ponder Writes

Sub.-Lieut. Ponder, formerly a constable here, is now attached to H.M.S. Excellent, and writes to Chief Constable Minty that he is very proud to be connected with "the finest service in the world," and that the navy is full of confidence in the outcome of the big scrap which is expected. Lieut. Ponder has taken a course in gunnery, and expects to be detailed as a spotting officer. He sends his regards to his friends in Hazelton, and says: "If all places were doing their bit as well as that fine, sporting little town, believe me, the British Empire would be better off."

Coming Events

Feb. 14—Hockey Match, Prince Rupert vs. Hazelton, 8:30 p.m.

Feb. 15—Hockey Match, Prince Rupert vs. Hazelton, 8 p.m.

Feb. 16—Hockey Match, Prince Rupert vs. Hazelton, 3:30 p.m.

Feb. 17—Red Cross Tea, St. Andrew's Hall, 3 to 5 p.m.

Feb. 25—Comedy, "What Happened to Jones", by amateur players, in aid of Hazelton Hospital.

Feb. 29—Leap Year Ball, in Assembly Hall, under the auspices of Hazelton Athletic Association.

March 10—Whist Drive in aid of Red Cross, in Schoolhouse, 8 p.m.

March 17—Grand Concert for the benefit of the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS PARAGRAPHS

Nels Green was in from his Kispiox ranch on Tuesday.

W. W. Perry, operator at First Cabin, spent the weekend in town.

L. D. Sholty, of South Bulkley, was among the week's visitors.

Rev. Mr. Frank, of Smithers, was in town for a day or two this week.

A Red Cross whist drive will be held in the schoolhouse on the evening of March 10.

Dr. Badgero is leaving for New Hazelton, where he will spend a few days before returning to Smithers.

The 102nd North British Columbia Battalion has for its badge a maple leaf on which is an Indian's head.

The G. T. P. appears to have had less trouble than any of the other transcontinental lines during the storms of the last few weeks.

Rev. J. H. Arnup, of the Methodist mission board, has been visiting the various Indian missions of the Methodist Church in this district.

J. A. Thorne, who has charge of construction on the Yukon Telegraphs, left on Thursday for an inspection trip over the line from Hazelton to Atlin.

H. Acton, formerly of the Royal Bank staff in Hazelton, has obtained a commission in an English regiment. He was unable to pass the eyesight test for the Canadian forces.

The list of members of Hazelton Agricultural and Industrial Association, which will hold an annual fair at Hazelton, is being completed for transmission to the agricultural department. Intending signers have only a few days to get their names on the roll.

Patriotic Fund

Following is a statement of amounts collected at various points in the district from the inception of the Fund (September 1914) to date:

Hazelton	$2,625.30
Bulkey Valley District	1,200.00
Smithers	518.75
New Hazelton	287.95
Lorne Creek	115.25
Kitwangar	106.25
Pacific	85.00
Kispiox Valley	61.50
Babine	54.00
Skeena Crossing	32.50
Haguelget	32.50
Cedarvale	25.50
Bank Interest	30.78
Total Collections	$5,175.28

The figures for Hazelton do not include amounts contributed by Dominion employees which are paid through the federal departments.

Methodist Church

Rev. W. M. Scott will preach tomorrow evening on the subject: "A Chapter of Miracles"

All are cordially invited.

British Columbia mines have returned ten per cent of their production in profits.

MANY LAUGHS IN FORTHCOMING COMEDY

Many amusing situations develop in the delightful comedy "What Happened to Jones", which is to be presented in Assembly Hall on Feb. 25, in aid of Hazelton Hospital. A glance at the array of talent which follows will convince the most sceptical that the performance is in capable hands, and that two and a half hours of enjoyment will be experienced by all who attend the play.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Jones, who travels for a hymn book house—H. H. Phillips
Ebenezer Goodby, a professor of anatomy—E. A. Donohoe
Anthony Goodby, D.D., Bishop of Ballarat—W. M. Scott
Richard Heatherby, engaged to Marjorie—W. F. Brewer
Thomas Holder, a policeman—H. F. Glassey
William Bigbee, an inmate of the sanatorium—J. R. Fuller
Henry Fuller, keeper of the sanatorium—H. F. Glascey
Mrs. Goodby, Ebenezer's wife—Mrs. H. Harris
Cissy, Ebenezer's ward—Mrs. Hamblin
Marjorie, " daughter—Mrs. MacKay
Minerva, " " — Miss Smith
Aloina Starlight, Mrs. Goodby's sister—Miss A. Colwill
Helma, a Swedish servant girl—Miss Ward

Two Zeppelins were lost near Aph, in Hainault. One struck a tree top and the second was brought down by a French airman.

London has the best health record of any European capital.

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IF YOU CAN'T FIGHT, YOU CAN PAY.

Canadians who are debarred from serving the British cause in an active capacity should count it a privilege to contribute their share of the money which is no less necessary to success in the war than the battalions which are being so willingly raised. It may fairly be said of the people of Hazelton that they are cheerfully meeting their war obligations. Few communities in Canada have sent more men to the front in proportion to population, and we know of none which, in proportion to its means, has contributed larger sums for patriotic purposes. That this record will be maintained until the end of the war is not to be doubted.

There are three funds which especially call for contributions. First in importance is the Canadian Patriotic Fund, which undertakes the maintenance of the families and dependants of our men on active service. Government Agent Hoskins is district treasurer of the Fund and will gladly receive subscriptions. Monthly contributions are especially desired, in order that the constant demands upon the Fund may be met.

The care of sick and wounded soldiers is the province of the Canadian Red Cross, and a very large amount of money is required to maintain the wonderfully efficient ambulance and hospital service which is the pride of that institution. The local Branch of the Red Cross, of which Mrs. Reid is secretary and H. H. Little treasurer, is doing excellent work, but requires additional funds for the purchase of materials. Contributions will be welcomed.

The Soldiers' Aid, a local organization under the auspices of the provincial Returned Soldiers' Commission, has assumed the task of finding employment for returned soldiers from this district, and of supplying those at the front with such comforts as tobacco, reading matter, clothing, etc. Over sixty men are on the list, and in order that its work may be carried on the committee asks contributions. R. E. Allen is secretary-treasurer.

We recommend these organizations to the generosity of the people of the district.

WILL AID FARMERS IN BUYING STOCK

Owing to the heavy drain upon the live stock of the various warring countries of Europe, they have been forced to go abroad for supplies. The longer the war lasts the greater will be this demand. Moreover, when peace is restored, these countries will require large numbers of the various classes of animals to replenish their studs, herds and flocks. It shovld be borne in mind, however, that the buyers who come to this country after the war will require better animals than have been bought during war time, as they will be used largely for breeding purposes.

With this end in view, the best of the females and particularly the young stock should be kept for breeding purposes. Breeders should not fail to raise all the live stock possible at this time in order that the country may be able to supply a large number of animals that are certain to be needed by the warring countries. At present, however, there is an unequal distribution of live stock in the country. In certain sections there is a heavy surplus, with a corresponding scarcity in other parts. During the past year hundreds of young cattle from our prairie provinces have gone to the United States as stockers and feeders. These should have been kept at home, particularly the females. Sections of the west are reported as being in need of good draft horses, particularly draft mares; while, in sections of Ontario, there is an over supply of this particular class.

In order to remedy these conditions, the minister of agriculture, through the Live Stock Branch, has decided to grant liberal aid to breeders who wish to secure good breeding stock. The conditions under which aid will be given are as follows:

In the event of a number of farmers of any district of Canada wishing to co-operate for the purchase of breeding stock in carload lots from some distant section of the country, the Department will pay the travelling expenses of their duly appointed representative during the time required to effect the purchase aed transport the shipment to its destination.

Should it be desired, the Live Stock Commissioner will nominate a suitable person who will be directed to accompany this representative and assist him as far as possible in buying and shipping the animals.

Persons wishing to take advantage of this offer should make full arrangements with the Live Stock Commissioner as to place and time of purchase before sending out their representative.

Addressing Soldiers' Mail

In order to facilitate the handling of mail at the front and to ensure prompt delivery, it is requested that all mail be addressed as follows:

(a) Regimental Number.
(b) Rank.
(c) Name.
(d) Squadron, Battery or Company.
(e) Battalion, Regiment (or other unit), Staff appointment or Department.
(f) CANADIAN CONTINGENT.
(g) British Expeditionary Force.
(h) Army Post Office, LONDON England.

Unnecessary mention of higher formations, such as brigades, divisions, is strictly forbidden, and causes delay.

Modern mining methods have made it profitable to reopen a nickel mine in Norway that was abandoned half a century ago.

"WATER ACT, 1914."
Before the Board of Investigation.

In the matter of Peace River and all its tributaries within the Province of British Columbia, including Black Jack Gulch, Finlay River, Germansen Creek, Germansen Lake, Lost Creek, Lost Lake, Lyon Creek, Manson or Sawmill Creek, Manson River, Mill Creek, Mosquito Gulch, Omineca River, Parsnip River, Quartz Creek, Silver Creek, Tom Creek, Vital Creek, and Whittier Creek.

TAKE NOTICE that each and every person, partnership, company, or municipality who, on the 12th day of March, 1909, had water rights on any of the above-mentioned streams, is directed to forward on or before the 31st day of March, 1916, to the Comptroller of Water Rights, at the Parliament Buildings, at Victoria, a statement of claim in writing as required by section 294 of the "Water Act, 1914." Printed forms for such statement (Form 50 for irrigation or Form 51 for other purposes) can be obtained from any of the Water Recorders in the Province.

The Board of Investigation will tabulate such claims and will receive objections thereto if filed, and will give due notice of the time and place set for the hearing of claims and objections.

Dated at Victoria, B.C., this 1st day of February, 1916.

For the Board of Investigation.

J. F. ARMSTRONG.
Chairman.

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NOTICE.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the matter of the Administration Act and in the matter of the Estate of William McAvoy, deceased, intestate.

TAKE NOTICE that by an order of His Honour Judge Young, dated the 12th day of January, 1916, I was appointed Administrator of the Estate of William McAvoy, deceased, intestate, who died on or about the 20th day of August, 1909.

All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby requested to forward the same, properly verified, to me before the 2nd day of February, 1916, and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay the amounts of their indebtedness to me forthwith.

Dated at Hazelton this 17th day of January, 1916.

STEPHEN H. HOSKINS,
Official Administrator.

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HAZELTON

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The World's Doings in Brief

News Notes from Many Sources

Russia has 1,000,000 Teutonic prisoners.

Severe cold in Alaska caused eleven deaths.

Increased prices of food caused riots in Lisbon.

Japan has redeemed her bonds due this month.

Unclaimed balances in Canadian banks total $861,518.

A nickel refinery is to be established at Sudbury.

Nels Nelson, a Revelstoke man, jumped 169 feet on skis.

The British board of trade recommends an import tariff.

Victoria last week had its greatest snowfall since 1862.

Enemy property registered in England aggregates £105,000,000.

Unprecedented snowfalls have tied up the P. G. E. indefinitely.

Up to the present, 207 Canadian battalions have been authorized.

Vancouver police will not allow merchants to hold coupon drawings.

The Hudson Bay railway is expected to reach Port Nelson in 1917.

France has secured another credit, for $15,000,000, in New York.

The total value of Canada's grain crop last year was $800,000,000.

On Saturday King George made his first public appearance since his accident.

Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, formerly president of the Grand Trunk, is dead.

It is officially stated that the health of the Canadian troops in England is excellent.

A secret patriotic organization in Belgium is causing uneasiness among German officials.

The bill extending the life of parliament for a year was unanimously passed at Ottawa.

Parliamentary main estimates are $189,054,118, eight millions less than those of last year.

Sir George Paish says Britain will lend her allies and colonies at least £400,000,000 in 1916.

The number of lives lost on British steamers sunk by enemy warships in January was 410.

German bankers ask their government to propose peace terms without annexation of territory.

Philadelphia is starting a campaign for the raising and equipping of 40,000 soldiers in that city.

The crest of the Mississippi flood passed Memphis yesterday, after reaching a stage of 43.5 feet.

Fourteen Canadian battalions, including several from B.C., will leave for England in the near future.

The Swedish steamer Texas made port at Kirkwall on Wednesday. with her cargo of cotton on fire.

Rolled oats and other breakfast foods are excluded from exportation to the U. S., the available supply being required for the troops.

A German arrested in London confessed that Von Papen planned the destruction of the Welland canal.

Pekin despatches say government troops have retaken Ping Shan, which was captured by the insurgents.

The British government is buying 500,000 discarded railway ties in the U.S. for trench work in Flanders.

Canada's revenue for the last ten months was $30,000,000 in excess of that for the same period last year.

Copper roofs and bells are being removed from churches in Austria for the manufacture of war munitions.

A great snowfall in Seattle caused the collapse of the roof of St. James' Cathedral. The damage was $75,000.

Semi-official reports from Berlin say the German government will prohibit the importation of articles of luxury.

Navajo Indians in Arizona threaten an uprising because of the killing of one of the tribe by a white policeman.

Fish from the Pacific and Atlantic will form part of the rations supplied to the Canadian troops at the front.

President Wilson's closest advisers hint that his candidacy for another term will be announced within the month.

R. A. Pringle, K.C., and Judge McTavish have been appointed commissioners to investigate the parliament buildings fire.

It is reported that two smelters are to be built in the Similkameen, one at Princeton and one at Tulameen or Coalmont.

Three were killed by the explosion of a thousand pounds of dynamite at the DuPont powder works at Tacoma on Monday.

French aeroplanes drove a Zeppelin to earth in Belgium on Wednesday. The airship was destroyed and the crew killed.

On Monday the Great Northern discontinued the running of trains on the Cascade section, owing to danger of floods and snowslides.

A San Francisco grand jury indicted Franz Bopp, German consul-general, for complicity in plots to destroy munition factories.

Filippo Ruggeriero was arrested in Vancouver on Tuesday for the murder of Peter Nicholas, a Russian, in a quarrel over a woman.

The weight of snow and ice on the roofs caused the train sheds of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railway at Portland to collapse on Monday.

An oil fire which broke out at Humble, in the Texas fields, on Wednesday did much damage. A thousand men were engaged in fighting the flames.

The privy council has upheld the right of British Columbia to enforce payment of twelve years' taxes on Columbia & Western lands held by the Heinze estate.

For years it was held that the silver-lead deposits of the Slocan were comparatively shallow, but deep development has given most satisfactory results, according to late reports. Several properties are showing larger ore bodies and higher values in each succeeding level.

Hon. Martin Burrell was so severely burned while escaping from the parliament buildings fire that he may not be able to attend during the remainder of the session.

Rudyard Kipling, writing from Paris on Monday, said: "All that will remain of Germany after the war will be a few peoples living on the eternal defensive in moral, social and political trenches."

Ford, Bryan and Miss Addams are leaders of a new party in the U. S., with the slogan, "Peace, Prohibition and Petticoats." It is to include the peace-at-any-price, prohibition and woman suffrage advocates.

In consequence of mining activity in Kootenay and Boundary camps, there is a great demand for coke. Every oven in Fernie is in operation, and two hundred ovens at Michel, which have been idle for three years, have been lighted.

Nine hundred Germans and 14,000 colonist troops from Cameroon have crossed into Spanish Guinea, where they have been disarmed and interned. The British and French forces have nearly completed the subjugation of the country.

Shanghai: The Japanese liner Daiji Maru was sunk in collision with the Linan, 160 lives being lost.

Washington: Two officers are being tried by courtmartial, in connection with the disappearance of the U.S. secret code from the warship Hull.

Stockholm: The seizure of the Swedish steamer Portrovo by Germany has caused great indignation.

The Miner is two dollars a year.

Synopsis of Coal Mining Regulations.

COAL mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10.00 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy Minister of the Interior.

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Mixed Train leaving Hazelton Eastbound on Saturday at 2:30 p.m., and Westbound on Thursday at 4:48 a.m., also carries passenger coach and baggage car.

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THE MINER WAR BULLETINS

MONDAY, FEB. 7

On the Western Front

Paris: In Champagne, our batteries damaged German organizations on the plateau of Navarin. Between Soissons and Rheims our artillery shelled the bridgehead at Venimel and the enemy works at Vendresse and Cermay. In Lorraine our artillery was active in the region of Coincourt and Demevre.

London: Enemy artillery has been active north and south of La Bassee canal. Our artillery shelled enemy trenches between the Ancre and Somme rivers. Hostile aircraft have shown some activity about Ypres.

The Russian Campaign

Petrograd: The Russian official statement says two Russian destroyers patrolling the Black Sea were attacked by land batteries and submarines simultaneously, but escaped undamaged.

The Turks are pressed hard along the Caucasus front. A snowstorm is raging, with the temperature 20 below freezing. The troops are advancing in spite of the weather conditions.

Enquiry at Ottawa

Ottawa: The cabinet today appointed a commission to make a thorough enquiry into the parliament buildings fire. The museum is being prepared for the use of parliament during the remainder of the session.

It is now feared that J. C. Lavalle, M.P., was a victim. He has not been seen since Thursday.

Try To Bluff Roumania

Rome: Berlin has notified Roumania that the central powers regard the concentration of Roumanian troops on the Bulgarian and Hungarian borders as hostile acts, and demands that Roumania agree to a neutrality favorable to Austria and Germany, with total demobilization.

On the western frontier Roumanian and Hnngarian trenches are only fifty yards apart. Heavy artillery from Roumanian ports on the Black Sea is being removed to new fortifications on the Bulgarian and Hungarian frontiers.

On Greek Frontier

Athens: French aviators report continued concentration of Teutonic forces on the Greek frontier. It is reported that three Bulgarian divisions have crossed the frontier. Two divisions of Greek reservists have been called to the colors.

General Notes

Copenhagen: A large German warship was sunk in the Cattegat, probably by a mine.

Geneva: The Johannisthal aerodrome at Berlin was burned. Nine aeroplanes were destroyed.

Hespeler, Ont.: Fire destroyed the Jardine Co's munitions factory last night. Two Austrians and a German are under arrest on suspicion.

TUESDAY, FEB. 8

Robertson To Be Head

London: Changes of great importance in Britain's direction of the war are in contemplation, according to reports today. Lord Kitchener, it is believed, will leave the war office, to undertake other work of a highly important character, and Sir William Robertson is likely to take full charge as secretary for war.

Big Guns Still Busy

London: Artillery fighting continues on the western front, the Germans trying to find weak spots in the Allies' line. East of Arras French batteries caused a great explosion, and in Champagne, near Challerang, their shells caused a large fire within the German lines.

The British are bombarding the enemy trenches near the Ypres-Roulers railway. German posltions at Steenstraate are being shelled by French artillery.

Germany Sidesteps

Washington: Germany persists in her refusal to admit that the sinking of the Lusitania was illegal, and has, in her latest representations, substituted for the clause containing the word "illegal" a phrase agreeing that reprisals must not be directed against any other than enemy subjects.

In Mesopotamia

Delhi: It is officially announced that General Townshend will continue to hold Kut-el-Amara, owing to its strategic importance. His forces will await the arrival of General Aylmer, with reinforcements. Until the floods subside the forces cannot join.

Russia's Munition Supply

Paris: Polinoff, the Russian minister, in an interview today declared that Russia's troubles in connection with munition supplies were past. Industries have been organized, and the Empire will have no difficulty in maintaining adequate supplies.

B.C. Men To Chase Subs

Vancouver: B. C. motorboat men are being enrolled for active service. They will man 30-knot submarine destroyers in the Mediterranean and North Sea. The craft are sixty feet long, of 900 horsepower, and carry one gun and a crew of twelve. These boats work in squadrons of fours, chasing enemy submarines.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9

Belgium Refuses Terms

Rome: Prince von Buelow, on behalf of Germany, offered Belgium peace terms. The country was to be restored to King Albert, with a large indemnity for damage caused by the invasion and occupation by the Germans. In return, Germany was to receive economical and commercial privileges that would practically transform Antwerp into a German port. These proposals were submitted to Belgium through the papal nuncio, Msgr. Tacciporce. King Albert's government returned a prompt refusal, and declared its intention of adhering to the Allies to the end of the war.

Huns Make Preparations

London: The great German offensive by land, sea and air appears to be imminent. Reinforcements to the number of 600,000 have arrived in Flanders. The German marines who have have been attached to the forces in Belgium have returned to Kiel. All leave to naval officers has been stopped, and large additions have been made to the fleets of Zeppelins and aeroplanes at the naval base, leading to the belief that the German navy, its battleships armed with the new 17-inch guns, is preparing to come out and fight.

Enemy Attack In France

Paris: Infantry and artillery are active in the Artois district, where the Germans reached the French trenches, from which they were subsequently dislodged. South of Comme, between Loy and Chaulines, our artillery bombarded a train. In Argonne we exploded a small mine at St. Hubert and three mines at Vauquois. Quiet on the rest of the front.

General Notes

Petrograd: There is a lull on the eastern front, save for mining operations on the Riga-Dvinsk line. The Germans are evidently transferring large bodies of troops to the western front.

London: It is rumored today that Lord Kitchener will take command of the British troops in Egypt, and that Earl Derby will become war secretary.

Washington: Germany's latest reply in the Lusitania controversy is said to be almost, if not entirely, acceptable to the United States.

Wingham: Adolph Schatte, a bandsman, has been arrested in connection with the arrival of a box of cordite in a Grand Trunk car. Plans of buildings and bridges were found in his effects.

Rome: A great munitions factory in Bohemia was partly destroyed by an explosion, 195 workmen being killed.

THURSDAY, FEB. 10

Hun Cruiser Captured

New York: The British embassy has been notified that the cruiser Drake entered the harbor of Hamilton, Bermuda, towing the German cruiser Roon, which the Drake captured after a long running fight lasting for three hours. Captain Seagrave, commander of the Drake, was on the Monmouth with Admiral Cradock when the latter was lost, and when the Roon was sighted he said to his men, "Please God, today we shall avenge Cradock."

In the engagement the Roon lost 300 men killed. As the Drake drew abeam of the raider, 22 miles E.N.E. of Bermuda, the Roon struck her colors and surrendered. Thirty-two officers and 719 men were taken prisoners. The raider was badly smashed by the Drake's 9.2 guns.

Two merchantmen, one of which was armed, accompanied the Roon. Both were captured.

The Drake lost one officer and eighteen men.

The Roon, which was built in 1905, is of 9,350 tons, and has a rated speed of 22 knots. The Drake, a sister ship of the Good Hope, is a 14,100-ton armored cruiser, with a speed of 24 knots and an armament of two 9.2 guns, sixteen 6-inch guns, and two torpedo tubes. She carries a crew of 900.

Germany's Losses

London: The Times' military expert states that Germany, during 18 months of the war, has lost 2,700,000 men, and estimates she now has 3,600,000 in the field and 2,700,000 in reserve.

Shelling Contiuues

London: Between the Ancre and Somme, and north of La Bassee canal, there has been shelling from both sides. There is considerable activity about Loos.

In Artois, to the north, and to the southeast of Neuville St. Vaast, there has been an intense artillery duel. South of Avre the French repulsed the attack of an enemy column.

Turkish Ships Sunk

Paris: Russian torpedo-boats have sunk forty Turkish sailing vessels in the Black Sea, and have bombarded three naval construction yards on the Anatolian coast.

FRIDAY, FEB. 11

Story Not Confirmed

Ottawa: So far no confirmation of the story concerning the capture of the Roon has been received by Canadian wireless stations.

The circumstantial story published yesterday was received by the British embassy to the U.S. from British agents. A New York man received a private message from Bermuda to the same effect, but no further advice has been received by the embassy, while a despatch from Hamilton, Bermuda, states that no word of an engagement has been received there.

U.S. Cabinet Split

Washington: Something of a sensation was caused by the resignation of Secretary of War Garrison, which comes as a complete surprise. Mr. Garrison offered no explanation, but it is generally believed he resigned because the president would not unreservedly support the continental army plan. Assistant Secretary Breckenridge has also resigned. Major-general Hugh Scott, chief of staff, automatically becomes head of the war department, pro tem.

Huns' New Rule

Washington: It is announced that Germany and Austria after March 1 will regard liners on which guns are mounted as warships, and will instruct their submarine commanders accordingly.

On West Front

London: In Belgium the Allies' heavy artillery continued the bombardment of Vouban fort and trenches in the region of Hetsas.

The British fired a mine south of Crater No. 8, and after some fighting with trench mortars and hand grenades, they occupied the crater.

In Artois an intense artillery duel is raging.

Smith-Dorrien Ill

London: General Smith-Dorrien, through illness, has been compelled to relinquish command in East Africa. He is succeeded by General Smuts, minister of the interior for South Africa.

London: Two women and one child were injured today in a raid by two German seaplanes on the Kentish coast.

Ramsgate: Two German aeroplanes, flying at a great height, dropped 8 bombs in succession. All fell in fields.

Broadstairs: Four bombs dropped by German seaplanes fell in school grounds. No damage was done.

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