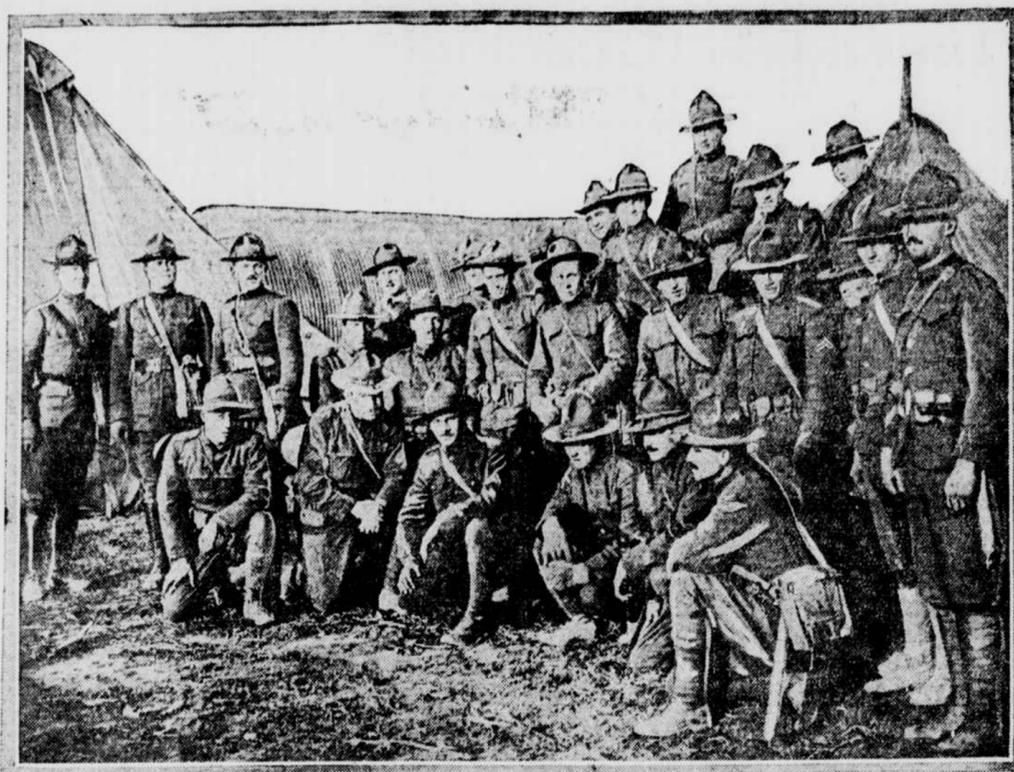


The Great War—1246th Day

AMERICAN ENGINEERS WHO FOUGHT AT CAMBRAI



These men, when surprised by a German attack, were engaged in construction work. They dropped their tools, seized rifles and fought with the British, giving a hearty reception to the Teutons.

Crown Prince Loses in Two Verdun Drives

Germans Forced Back Despite Furious Artillery Attack

Failure Costly, Petain Reports

Picked Battalions, Flame Throwers and 'Planes Used by Teutons

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The troops of the German Crown Prince battered twice at the defenses of Verdun yesterday, but without marked success. Though carried out by picked battalions of the Prussian Guard, supported by flame-throwers and numerous battle planes, the two powerful attacks succeeded only in piercing the French trench lines temporarily on a width of 300 yards, according to a report of the Berlin War Office.

German in Priest's Garb

Newspaper Man Caught After Escaping From French Camp PARIS, Dec. 13 (by mail).—A young German newspaper man who made his escape from a prison camp in the South of France has been captured, after two weeks' liberty. He was wearing a long, black beard and a long cloak like that worn by some of the French religious orders.

German-Russian Trade Pact Feared

Washington Military Experts See Menace in Economic Aid to Enemy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—American consular and diplomatic reports from Russia, it was declared at the State Department today, do not disclose whether extensive trading in commodities with Germany has begun, whether the munitions plants and other war time industrial establishments of Russia have been closed, or whether facilities are being provided for the return to their own countries of the Austro-Hungarian and German prisoners of war.

Official Statements West BRITISH

LONDON, Dec. 27 (DAY).—Except for some hostile artillery activity north and east of Ypres, there was nothing to report last night.

FRENCH

PARIS, Dec. 27.—On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) the enemy, after a very violent bombardment, made two attacks on our positions at Carrières Wood. He was not able to break through our lines, and left many dead on the ground.

GERMAN

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—Front of Crown Prince Rupprecht.—On the British front fighting activity was lively at times at Hout-holst Wood, on the north bank of the Lys, and near Moeuvres and Maroing.

ITALIAN FRONT ITALIAN

ROME, Dec. 27.—Along the whole front there were only artillery actions, which were more intense on the Asiago Plateau, where our batteries made effective concentrations of fire and kept under their barrage several sections of the enemy lines.

GERMAN

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—The activity of the artillery along the front between the Asiago and Brenta rivers. A spirited and harassing fire continued throughout the day on the battle sector, and also between the Brenta and the Piave. An Italian attack on Monte Tomba was repulsed.

Copper Likely To Be Scarce

Copper for general use is not likely to become more plentiful, a fact which will be deplored by many, although the situation has been well understood. Already the government is taking for war work some of the approaching 75 per cent of the country's output. This was brought out at a conference between the War Industries Board and copper producers, who were summoned to Washington by Daniel Willard, chairman of that body.

Destruction of U-Boats By Allied Navies Growing

Those Sunk Now Estimated at 115—Record Already Equals November's; New Drive on Raiders Is Now Expected

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The British navy, from fleet commander to cabin boy, is now looking forward to 1918 as a year of action. Unquestionably it will be a year of greater offensive activity than any preceding, particularly against the submarine.

More Than 100 U-Boats Destroyed However, it is encouraging to know that this month's bag of submarines already compares favorably with that of November, with another week's figures yet to come. Between 110 and 115 would not be a bad guess for the total number of submarines captured or sunk already.

It is against the submarines, of course, that the coming naval offensive will be particularly directed. Naturally, it is still impossible to get at the German high fleet from the sea, although it can be done from the air.

London Expects General Shake-Up To Follow Jellicoe's Retirement

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The prominence given to the retirement of Admiral Sir John R. Jellicoe as First Sea Lord in favor of Vice-Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss in the morning newspapers is commensurate with his great reputation and the place he long has held in public estimation.

Notwithstanding the recent severe animadversions concerning the Admiralty from some quarters, several newspapers treat the announcement as a sensational surprise, and two or three accompany their remarks with warm expressions of regret.

On the other hand, "The Daily Mail," which long has campaigned against Admiral Jellicoe, says openly that it cannot pretend regret. It adds that Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, deserves the thanks of the country for not shrinking from a painful duty.

There is generally expressed expectation that the First Sea Lord's removal is only the first of a series of changes, and it is evident that if expectation is not fulfilled there will be great dissatisfaction in many quarters.

"We heartily congratulate the government, having once taken a decision, on accepting its full consequences at once."

"All these things together worked naturally enough to discredit severely the theory of sea power for which Admiral Jellicoe has been understood to

Bolshevik Press Keeps Up Agitation Against Francis

Trotsky's Charges Against Ambassador Feed Anti-American Propaganda

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Bolsheviki newspapers continue to print revelations of an alleged American plot to support General Kaedine, according to a Petrograd dispatch to "The Morning Post" dated Tuesday.

Leon Trotsky's charges against Kolpashnikoff and American representatives in Petrograd, the correspondent adds, amount to a series of suppositions unsupported by evidence of any kind.

It is not true to say that it is impossible for Haig to prevent such raids, for he could if he put all his reserves into the front line trenches.

The matter thus comes down to the personal element which plays so large a part in what is called politics in Russia today.

Colonel Kolpashnikoff, the correspondent says, is still in prison and has not been seen by any American official.

It is plain, according to the correspondent of "The Post," that in some small bits of friction between the respective American missions to Rumania and Russia, Trotsky found a peg on which to hang a series of baseless charges against Ambassador Francis and the American nation.

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Kerensky Envoys Predict Fall of The Bolsheviki

New Arrivals Say Ex-Premier Will Soon Be Reinstated to Power

Disintegration will soon overtake the Bolsheviki rule and Kerensky will once more be at the head of Russian affairs, according to confident assertions made yesterday by a party of five delegates from the deposed Premier who reached this city.

Four of the emissaries arrived the day before at an Atlantic port on a Russian steamship. The fifth, Alexander Bublioff, who held various ministerial positions in the Russian government since the overthrow of the Czar, reached the same port on a Norwegian-American liner.

Statements made by members of the party indicate that an organized attempt to place Kerensky back in power, with aid from official or unofficial sources in the United States, is the real mission of the party.

The arrival of the delegates proved no surprise to Kerensky sympathizers here, who have been keeping in close touch, through secret channels, with the organization of his adherents in America as best they could.

All progress of the Kerensky "boom" in this country awaits the arrival here of a distinguished Russian statesman and politician who served under the deposed Premier.

These nine scattered, some reaching Archangel, of which party were the four passengers on the Russian ship. Others started for Vladivostok, to reach the United States by way of the Pacific. Several planned to come here through Norway.

The men who reached here yesterday could not tell what had happened to Kerensky, but it is believed that the leader of the band, coming across the Atlantic, could not have passed through New York without having gotten in touch with Kerensky adherents here.

One of the delegates here, who would not allow his name to be used, said he was commissioned to buy \$11,000,000 worth of supplies for the Kerensky government.

"The Russian people want peace, but not at the price the Bolsheviki demand. The people are opposed to the peace without honor."

One of the men said that Kerensky's overthrow had been brought about by the circulation of reports that he was a German agent.

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Deaths Among Our Troops Abroad

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—General Pershing to-day reported more deaths from natural causes among the American expeditionary forces. Among them are:

TRIAUX, George E., private, double pneumonia and scarlet fever; father, B. F. Triaux, 256 East Seventeenth Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

LASHUA, Ralph H., private, cerebro spinal meningitis; mother, Mrs. Amelia Lashua, 524 Moody Street, Lowell, Mass.

SCHROEDER, Herbert, private, pneumonia; mother, Mrs. L. Schroeder, 2321 Washington Street, Dubuque, Iowa.

McDONALD, John L., private, cerebro spinal meningitis; brother, Duncan P. McDonald, 154 Norwell Street, Dorchester, Mass.

Ukrainians Seize Sections of Front

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Ukrainian forces, according to a report received from Petrograd from the Ukrainian Rada and forwarded by Reuter, have occupied the headquarters of the fourth, eighth and eleventh armies on the Rumanian and Southwestern fronts.

Those who resisted were disarmed, and a quantity of guns and rifles was seized. The Ukrainians have occupied the station at Brailoff and disarmed the guards.

A telegram received in Petrograd from Tomsk reports fighting in Irkutsk, Siberia. Cossacks and military cadets have engaged the garrison there for two days with alternating success.

The Putloff works, employing 30,000 men, and the Petrograd Metallurgical works, employing 8,000, have begun to pay off their men, according to a Reuter's dispatch from Petrograd.

Advertisement for Lord & Taylor, featuring the U.S. Flag and various clothing items. Text includes: "Founded 1826 Greeley 1900", "Every Patriotic Home on New Year's Day", "Should Show the U. S. Flag", "Begin the New Year with a telling declaration of patriotism.", "It takes more than men and money to win this war. It's the spirit of the people behind the men and money that counts.", "Let the evidence of your patriotism be emphasized by the flag that so eloquently certifies: 'Here dwells a Patriot that has confidence in our country and our cause.'", "In buying flags pay just a little more—get a good flag—and you will not have to buy one every time you want to use a flag.", "We arranged to have flags woven, dyed and made especially to our order; flags that withstand the test of rain, wind and sun; flags you can put in the tub and wash and that will come out like new; flags you can put in every-day service because the quality is enduring.", "The Lord & Taylor quality of U. S. Flags at Special Prices", "Size 3 by 5 ft. \$6.95", "Size 4 by 6 ft. 8.95", "Size 5 by 8 ft. 10.95", "Size 6 by 10 ft. 17.95", "Size 8 by 12 ft. 29.95", "Mail Orders promptly filled", "Fourth Floor".

Advertisement for F.R. Tripler & Co. Evening Dress Shirts. Text includes: "F.R. TRIPLER & CO.", "EVENING DRESS SHIRTS", "\$2.00 to \$3.50", "French Pique and Linen", "Plated and Plain Bosoms", "Pique Dress Vests \$3.00 to \$8.00", "White Dress Gloves \$2.00 and \$2.50", "Dress Jewelry", "Perfect Dress Ties", "English Dress Collars 25c Each", "42ND STREET AT MADISON AVENUE".

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