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BRITISH AIRCRAFT RAID ON GERMAN COAST

HUNGARY PANIC-STRICKEN--BATTLESHIP LOST

--CONSTANTINOPLE IN DANGER OF CAPTURE

London, Jan. 2:—Following the decisive check administered to the German advance in Poland, Russian forces are now invading Hungary at four different points. Refugees are flocking to Budapest, and there is a panic throughout the kingdom as the result of the rapid retreat of the Austrian army before the new Russian advance.

Turkey has abandoned all idea of taking the offensive against the Allies, according to the Express correspondent, who reports that Constantinople is panic-stricken. Holy relics have been removed to Brusa, in Asia Minor, and the Sultan and government are preparing to follow. All available forces, numbering about 15,000, are at present concentrated in the capital. Adrianople has been partly evacuated, the heavy guns there being removed to Tchatalja, near Constantinople. Frenzied entrenching is in progress along the shores of the Dardanelles and Bosphorus, and hurried preparations are being made to resist the passage of hostile fleets.

The Turkish attack on Egypt has been definitely abandoned, the troops intended for the invasion being recalled to defend the Asiatic side of the straits and the new capital, Brusa. Everything now points to Constantinople becoming a place of action, it being generally anticipated that the allied fleet will shortly force the

passage of the Dardanelles. The German and Austrian embassies have made every preparation for removal to Asia Minor. Foreigners are also preparing to leave for the interior.

The German war of attrition found another victim yesterday morning, when the old, but still useful, battleship Formidable was torpedoed by a submarine. The exact location of the disaster has not been revealed, but as it occurred in the English Channel, it is believed the Formidable was sunk while engaged in bombarding German positions on the Belgian coast. Submarines have on several occasions attacked the ships engaged in these operations. The captain of a trawler which brought survivors to shore states that other fishing boats were in the vicinity, and it is believed quite a number of the crew may have been rescued.

A Paris despatch says Dunkirk was again bombarded on Thursday, when four German aeroplanes flew over the port and dropped bombs. The amount of damage done is not stated.

There is a dearth of news from the western battlefront today.

President Poincare of France, addressing an assemblage of diplomats who presented New Year's congratulations yesterday, said he had "no doubt that next year at this traditional reception we shall celebrate the establishment of a beneficial peace."

THE MINER'S TELEGRAPHIC BULLETINS TELL STORY OF GREAT WAR DAY BY DAY

London, Dec. 28:—The official press bureau has given out the following statement regarding a British raid on the German coast:

"On Friday, Dec. 25, German warships lying in the Schilling Roads, off Cuxhaven, were attacked by seven naval seaplanes, piloted by Flight Commanders Oliver, Hewlett, Ross and Kilner, Flight Lieutenants Miley and Edwards, and sub-Lieut. Blackburn. The attack was delivered in daylight from a point in the vicinity of Heligoland.

"The seaplanes were escorted by a light cruiser and destroyer force together with submarines. As these ships were seen by the Germans, from Heligoland, two Zeppelins and three or four hostile seaplanes and several hostile submarines attacked them.

"It was necessary for the British ships to remain in the neighborhood to pick up returning airmen, and a novel combat ensued between the most modern cruisers and the enemy's aircraft and submarines. By swift manoeuvring, the enemy's submarines were avoided, and the two Zeppelins were easily put to flight by the guns of the Undaunted and Arethusa.

"The enemy's seaplanes succeeded in dropping their bombs near our ships, but without hitting any of them. The British ships remained for three hours off the enemy's coast without being molested by any surface vessel, and safely re-embarked three out of the seven airmen with their machines. Three other pilots returned later and were picked up by British submarines, which were standing by. Their machines were wrecked. Six out of seven pilots returned safely. Flight Commander Hewlett is missing. His machine was seen in a wrecked condition about eight miles from Heligoland, and the fate of the daring and skilful pilot is unknown.

"The extent of the damage done by the British airmen's bombs cannot be estimated; but all were discharged at points of military significance.

"On Thursday last, Squadron Commander Richard B. Davies, of the naval air service, visited Brussels in a Farman biplane, for the purpose of dropping bombs at an airship shed, reported to contain eight German airships. Of the twelve bombs carried, eight were discharged at the first attack, and six are believed to have scored hits. The four remaining bombs were discharged on the return flight.

"Owing to the clouds of smoke which arose from the shed on the explosion of the bombs, the extent of the damage done could not be distinguished."

London Dec. 29:—The Times declares, on excellent authority, that the Parseval and a Zeppelin were destroyed in the Cuxhaven raid, and that serious damage was done to the Zeppelin sheds.

The Daily Sketch publishes the report that Commander Francis Hewlett, who piloted one of the British seaplanes and has been missing since the raid, is a prisoner in the hands of the Germans. Hewlett's machine was damaged by shell fire and came down in the sea. When last seen, a German torpedo boat was approaching Hewlett.

The fact that the attacking forces, in the recent raid on the German coast, were able to drive off the Zeppelins, is regarded as highly significant. It is regarded as an indication that the great German airships are untrustworthy in combat.

A counter raid is expected here, and the people have been advised, in case of an aerial attack, to take refuge in their basements owing to danger from fragments of shells fired at aircraft, as well as from bombs dropped by the attackers.

English newspapers are enthusiastic over the Christmas raid, which is declared to be the most remarkable action in twentieth century warfare.

Eight vessels have been lost through striking mines in the North Sea, since Christmas. It is officially stated that the mines were all German. They had been insecurely anchored.

Violent storms have prevented any important operations along the greater part of the front in Belgium and France, and the positions of the opposing forces are practically unchanged. There is every evidence that the Germans are about to begin another desperate attack on the French center. For the last two weeks the enemy has been strengthening his lines. In the same period reinforcements have been leaving Paris daily for the vicinity of Rheims and Soissons. The French general staff fully expects that the Germans, having failed in their attempt to reach Calais and other channel ports, will turn their attention to another dash towards Paris.

The underground defences at Paris, started at the beginning of the war, are now completed, and the city is the center of armed entrenchments sixty miles in diameter and two hundred in circumference. Behind the lines are light railways, for the transport of troops and munitions of war.

In the East, Russians again hold the passes of the Carpathians. Between the Pilica river and the upper Vistula, the Germans are on the defensive.

Fugitives from Bokhara state that when Russians approached the town, Turkish officers ordered the killing of the native Armenians. A terrible massacre followed, women and children included. Only thirty escaped. Many atrocities were committed.

An official communication from the headquarters of the Russian army of the Caucasus states that the Russian troops yesterday crossed the Laurian river and arrested the progress of a considerable Turkish force. Advantages have been gained on other parts of the front.

Despatches from Basle say terrific fighting has been in progress for two days on the entire battle front in the Vosges mountains, the sound of the cannon being plainly heard in Switzerland.

Referring to the report, published in a Hamburg paper, that British airmen dropped bombs on the island of Langeoog, killing several civilians, a despatch to the Daily Mail states that investigation proved the bombs to have been dropped by German aviators, who believed British torpedo boats were lurking off the island in the fog.

Paris, Dec. 30:—German troops were defeated yesterday in two battles of great importance, one for the possession of the village of St. Georges, in Belgium, and the other for the approaches to Steinbach, in Alsace. At St. Georges, the Franco-Belgian troops carried town by a storming attack, and drove the Germans into a definite retreat. French engineers have created fortifications to consolidate their hold on this section of the battle front.

With the successes announced to-day, it is clearly evident that the Germans are unable to hold their lines at either the extreme right of their positions in Belgium, or the extreme left in Alsace. The most advanced line of the Allies is on the sea coast, in the vicinity of Mariakerke, about two miles west of Ostend.

There is no question that the Germans are evacuating Roulers.

The arrival of heavy reinforcements of German infantry on the line from the sea to Ypres, has been noted recently. These no

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HAZELTON WON THE FIRST

Takes Initial Game of Ross Cup Series by Five Goals to Two

Owing to lack of ice at Smithers, the first game of the Ross Cup series, scheduled to be played by New Hazelton at the Valley town on Wednesday night, was changed, the local sextette going over to New Hazelton to try conclusions with their old rivals. A large crowd, which accompanied the Hazelton team, was gratified to witness its victory by a score of five to one.

But one score was made in the first period, Captain Hume netting the puck after 14 minutes play. In the second inning, goals were scored by Percy McDougall, O'Shea, and Irwin. New Hazelton's only goal was shot by McKenzie early in the third period, Al McDougall making the final tally for Hazelton. Every member of the team scored, with the exception of the veteran Hugh Taylor, who emerged from the has-been class to play an excellent game at goal. Hume pleased the fans by his splendid work in conjunction with the McDougall brothers, their combination being faultless. Irwin and O'Shea played the defence positions brilliantly.

The work of the referee, A. D. McLeod, and the judge of play, E. B. Tatchell, pleased the players and spectators alike.

The line-up was as follows:

HAZELTON	NEW HAZELTON
Taylor goal	Lofquist
O'Shea r. defence	E. Harris
Irwin l. defence	Lavery
P. McDougall centre	McKenzie
A. McDougall right	Al. Harris
Hume left	McDonnell

Goal umpires—W. Blackstock and J. Dodimead.

Kinghorn and McKay were in reserve for Hazelton.

Bachelors Defeat Benedicts

The chief event on New Year's day was a keenly-contested hockey match between the Bachelors and Benedicts. After three exciting periods, the score stood four to one in favor of the single men.

The game was as strenuous as though the Ross Cup depended upon it, and provided an hour's entertainment for a good crowd of rooters.

Taylor scored the lone goal for the Benedicts. Fuller netted three for the victors, Captain McLeod making the final tally in the last minute of play. The teams were as follows:

BACHELORS	BENEDICTS
MacCormick goal	G. G. Rock
Welch r. defence	Taylor
McDonald l. defence	Ware
McLeod center	Sargent
Fuller right	Burrington
Blackstock left	Hall

Al. McDougall was referee and James MacKay and Percy McDougall were goal umpires.

The sitting of the county court which was to be held in Hazelton on January 4 has been postponed until January 14.

A more convenient train schedule goes into effect tomorrow, when the G.T.P. begins running westbound trains on Sunday, instead of Tuesday. Both Sunday and Thursday trains will leave Hazelton station an hour later than formerly.

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The Miner wishes all its Readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year

WHAT THIS WAR MEANS TO CANADA

But the war is here, and Canadians are going. And why? The mother of us all is in need. Of that reason, says the Halifax Chronicle, we are not ashamed. But that man searches the hearts and minds of Canadians but superficially who finds in the marching of our men but the response of the brood to the tribal call. Slowly, but surely, it is being borne in upon the minds of the thoughtful people of Canada that this is no mere European war, no mere accidental failure of an insincere diplomacy, no mere brutal struggle of the engaged nations for a common coveted prize. The enemy now held back behind that swaying line of French and British bayonets will struggle valiantly, desperately, frantically to break through. But to what? To Paris? To London? For national prestige? For cold cash! For Empire!

That last demand brings the Canadian gun up hard against the Canadian shoulder. We have here talked and bragged of Empire, but this longing that leaps out across Belgium and down into Serbia is not the thing of our childish boasting. We never connived at any scheme to rob a self-respecting people of their rights so to be. We are ourselves a little people, less than 8,000,000 souls, scattered over thousands of miles. We are free and self-governing today, not because we have sufficient power of defence, but because we are British and enjoy British benevolence and the British guarantee. But let us never forget that the enemy that would humble Britain, deliberately sought to reduce Serbia into the degrading condition of a vassal state—that that enemy today glories over the humiliation of an independent Belgium. We are repeatedly told that Germany does not intend, in the event of victory, to take Canada. What a good, kind wolf we have to deal with. But mark it well. The wolf is a wolf, and intends to eat, but not us—not now, perhaps never; still the wolf intends to eat.

Slowly but surely we are com-

ing to realize that this is a Canadian war. It is no European family quarrel. The old worn-out imperialism which was ever the enemy of the independence and self-respect of small nations and little peoples, is again rampant. The German aggression is in direct defiance of that international righteousness, by virtue of which we Canadians enjoy our rights and liberties as a people. Let that defiance once become triumphant, and the war we now wage for a principle, we shall then be forced to wage, and desperately, for existence.

Platinum has advanced in price so much in recent years that gold is being used to alloy it to lessen the cost of electrical apparatus in which it is necessary.

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NOTICE OMINECA ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with the Statutes, that all assessed taxes and income-tax assessed and levied under the "Taxation Act" are due and payable on the second of January, 1915. All taxes collectable for the Omineca Assessment District are due and payable at my office, situated in the Provincial Government Building, in the Town of Hazelton, B. C.

This notice, in terms of law, is equivalent to a personal demand by me upon all persons liable for taxes.
Dated at Hazelton, B. C.,
December 24th, 1914.

H. WELCH,
Assessor and Collector
for the
Omineca Assessment District.



NOTICE OMINECA ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE is hereby given that a Court of Revision and Appeal, under the provisions of the "Taxation Act", respecting the assessment rolls of the Omineca Assessment District for the year 1915, will be held in the Government Office, Hazelton, B. C., on Thursday, the 14th January, 1915, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

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The World's Doings in Brief

News Notes from Many Sources

A Kilkenny man has eighteen sons in the British army.

The British censor's bureau is handling 50,000 cablegrams daily.

Austria has repudiated the payment of her obligations held by alien enemies.

All subjects of Triple Entente powers in Jerusalem have been imprisoned by the Turks.

It is believed in Russia that an alliance will be formed by Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

Rich discoveries of silver-lead ore are reported on the upper Stewart river, in the Yukon.

Italy is purchasing artillery and cavalry horses in Montana, and has given orders for ten thousand head.

Tacoma lumbermen have received an order for twenty million feet of railway ties for delivery in England.

Efforts to arrange an exchange of civilian prisoners have failed, Germany demanding five Germans for one Briton.

The Russian government has issued an edict prohibiting the sale of all intoxicating drinks. The law includes clubs.

The Canadian Patriotic Fund is distributing \$5000 a day as relief in various quarters. The Fund now amounts to \$2,200,000.

Statistics for the month show British unemployment to be less than in November, and also less than in December of last year.

Two Mexicans, who confessed to the killing of Francis and Dunn, British subjects, at Nacozari, were promptly executed.

Vice-Admiral Sturdee, who commanded the victorious British squadron in the battle off the Falkland Islands, is a Canadian.

The German government has notified the United States that American consuls in Belgium must be acceptable to the Kaiser.

At Winnipeg on Tuesday, Premier Borden inspected six thousand recruits for the second contingent. He praised the appearance of the men.

An agreement has been reached, under which Roumania will restore most of the territory she acquired from Bulgaria as a result of the second Balkan war.

The Dominion Parliament has been called for January 4. Business will be confined to war measures, with probable tariff changes and a stamp tax for war revenue.

A company with a capitaliza-

tion of \$4,000,000 has been organized in Seattle to take over the coal and land holdings of the Canadian Finance Co., in which Alvo von Alvensleben was interested.

The names of "a number of Canadians" appear in the list of New Year's "honors, including that of Captain Clive Phillips-Wolley, a well-known British Columbian, who is made a Knight Bachelor.

The demand for Canadian eggs on the British market is far in excess of the supply. The price is 75c per dozen. Heretofore Canada has supplied only \$5000 worth a year, whereas the total imports of eggs into the British Isles reached a value of \$45,000,000.

A Nation's Bread Line

Did you ever watch what is called the "Bread Line" in a big city? If so, the sight of scores of hungry men and women waiting patiently for a morsel of food must have been photographed indelibly on the memory. Did you ever see a soup kitchen in operation? Probably not, because soup kitchens in Canada exist only in the imagination of orators who draw verbal pictures of the future at general elections.

Consider, however, that according to the reports of United States consuls remaining in Belgium, between 1,250,000 and 1,500,000 of the people of that heroic nation are now dependent entirely on soup kitchens for the food which barely keeps body and soul together.

The whole civilized world is indebted to Belgium. The check given by her brave soldiers to the carefully calculated plans of German militarism rendered possible the gathering together of that splendid army of the Allies which sooner or later shall have demolished once for all time the doctrine of rule by force, shall have banished barbarism, and compelled respect for treaties.

Therefore there can be no talk of offering charity to the starving Belgians. To relieve their distress is but to attempt to repay in some small manner what they gave without thought of return, but what civilization must regard as a monumental sacrifice which must be recognized, if it cannot be repaid in full.

Canada is doing her share in the world movement to express admiration and sympathy in terms of succor. But the need is so great, the urgency so imperative, that she cannot do too much. At the present moment, citizens of the Dominion have an exceptional opportunity to share in this work in a special and particular manner. In some parts of Belgium the wheels of half-ruined

grist mills are beginning to turn. The cry is for wheat. Flour has been sent, but flour is expensive, and bleached flour is not what is especially demanded. The staple bread of the country is brown or "black" bread which is made from a No. 4 wheat. Moreover, large quantities of this wheat can be transported in bulk, as compared with the amount of high-priced flour in bags, and furthermore, by furnishing employment for the Belgian mills, a beginning is made toward the rehabilitation of the denuded country.

The Belgian Relief Committee has arranged for ships to convey the wheat directly to Rotterdam, but money is needed as it was never needed before, to purchase the cargoes. England has supplemented enormously the gifts of clothing which have already gone from Canada; what is required today, is money to buy the wheat which is in the elevators readily available for loading.

Contributions in cash, whether large or small, if sent to H. Prud'homme, Hon. Treasurer, Belgian Relief Fund, 59 St Peter Street, Montreal, will be gratefully received and promptly acknowledged.

About 72 per cent of the cities and towns of Sweden are lighted by electricity produced by water power.

The highest bridge in the world, 360 feet from the surface of the water, is over a gorge at Constantine, in Algiers.

Sir George Paish states that \$2,500,000,000 of British capital is invested in Canada, of which \$300,000,000 was invested last year. United States investments in Canada aggregate \$500,000,000. In the next fifteen years the Statist estimates British investments in Canada will amount to \$5,000,000,000.

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THE MINER WAR BULLETINS

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doubt account for the great number of sudden attacks of varying degrees of fierceness which have been delivered along the line in Belgium during the last few days. These attacks have evidently sought to discover a weak place in the line.

In Joffre's general orders proof is given that the fifty-eighth brigade of the Bavarian army corps received orders to kill all prisoners and leave no living man.

London, Dec. 30:—Official Russian despatches state that the Austrian army in Galicia is struggling in disorderly retreat through the passes of the Carpathians. The German losses on the front extending from the Baltic to the Carpathians and the frontier of Roumania are said to surpass anything in history. For a fortnight there has been a continuous nightmare of slaughter, the enemy in vain hurling masses of troops against the Russians, whose lines remained unbroken.

All aliens and naturalized enemies, to the second generation, residing in the Tyneside and Sunderland district, have been ordered to withdraw thirty miles inland.

Lloyds' is insuring against war between Great Britain and the United States within a year, the premium being fifteen per cent.

A Sofia despatch gives details of the German-Turkish treaty, under which the former agreed to supply money, war material, officers and engineers. In case of victory Turkey will receive one fifth of the indemnity. In case of defeat Germany is pledged to defend the territorial integrity of Turkey.

Toronto, Dec. 30:—Sir Allan Aylesworth, discussing the protest of the United States against the British action in searching shipping for contraband, expressed the opinion that the protest was inspired by the copper trust and the big interests, and that the Washington government was forced to do something to satisfy their demands. Sir Allen believes the protest was intended for public consumption only.

London, Dec. 31:—Four German aeroplanes hovered over Dunkirk, France, yesterday afternoon, dropping bombs filled with shrapnel. Fifteen were killed and 32 wounded, many women and children being included. After doing considerable damage, the aeroplanes escaped, only one being hit.

A report from Friedrichshaven says one of the latest super-Zeppelins was destroyed by bombs in the recent raid on Cuxhaven.

In a despatch from Venice it is stated that the Austrian dreadnaught Viribus Unitis, one of the four largest ships of the Austrian navy, was torpedoed in Pola harbor by a French submarine.

On behalf of Great Britain, the Prince of Teck has officially thanked the French aeroplane corps for their co-operation with the British war vessels on the coast of Belgium. They aided the ships to get the range of German shore batteries, and assisted in the successful bombardment of the enemy's positions by showering bombs on the railway depots and military trains, and arrows on the trenches of the Germans.

France is reported to be preparing two great air fleets for the invasion of Germany in the spring.

The third great attempt on Warsaw has been definitely checked, the Germans suffering heavy losses in their ineffectual efforts to break the Russian lines.

The Russian positions in Poland are maintained, in the face of repeated violent attacks. In Galicia, the Austrians failed in simultaneous attempts to recover lost ground in Western Galicia and in the Carpathians. Trainloads of captured German guns and munitions pass through Lemberg daily.

The Princess Patricia's regiment is now at the front, quartered within sound of the guns, and awaiting its turn in the trenches. The next Canadian troops to leave will be the field artillery, dragons and the Strathcona Horse.

A Basle report says there is rioting in various parts of Austria-Hungary, with demonstrations against war and in favor of peace negotiations. In Vienna the police dispersed several such gatherings.

Germany has issued orders closing the frontiers of Belgium to all except those holding military passes. It is supposed the order, which takes effect tomorrow, is intended to prevent espionage.

An indication of the straits of the Austrian army is found in the statement by the chief of the general staff, that no further operations will be undertaken against Serbia, in order to avoid the diversion of troops from the north. This order is made in spite of the demands of the Austrian press for revenge for the defeats received at the hands of the despised Servians.

The British cabinet yesterday held a special meeting to consider the American protest against interference with neutral shipping supposed to be carrying contraband. Holland, Sweden, Denmark and Norway have also entered protests. Britain's reply is not expected for several days.

Washington, Dec. 31:—It is officially stated that there was nothing peremptory in the wording of the note to Great Britain. Officials are surprised that the intention was considered anything but amicable. President Wilson states that no difficulty is possible if American shippers will give honest manifests.

London, Jan. 1:—A general lull in the war is reported today. For the third time the Russians have crossed the Carpathians after the retreating Austrians. In Poland the great opposing armies are in a death grip, with no decided advantage, save that the German advance has been checked.

An unconfirmed report says the battleship Formidable has been sunk by a torpedo or mine, with the loss of nearly the whole crew of 780. The Formidable was built in 1901, and was of the same class as the Bulwark, lost some weeks ago through a magazine explosion.

It is officially announced in Pretoria that the South African government will, if necessary, commandeer men for military service. Reports say Colonel Maritz, who fled to German territory after his defeat, is returning with German soldiers and artillery.

A strong British force has recaptured Walfish Bay, a British possession on the west coast of Africa, which had been occupied by a German force.

Princess Patricia's regiment has been in action and had one officer and several men killed. Twenty of the men stalked German snipers, returning safely after killing their men.

A Berlin report says thirty British and French warships are bombarding Pola and Bovigno, Austrian ports on the Adriatic.

HOSPITAL DANCE WAS SUCCESSFUL

The masquerade dance given in aid of Hazelton Hospital, on New Year's Eve, fulfilled all hopes of its promoters, being a success in every respect. Assembly Hall was filled by a merry crowd, a majority of which was in costume, and the program of dances, which lasted until after two in the morning, was thoroughly enjoyed. A number of New Hazelton people attended.

Prizes for costume were awarded to Miss Hogan, as a Senorita, Miss Barbara Crawford, as Popsy and W. H. Burken, as 'Rastus'. Excellent music was furnished by Miss Sharpe, Mrs. Hoskins, and Mr. Matthews.

A ladies' committee served refreshments on the stage, which had been converted into a handsome dining-room.

The proceeds, which total a handsome sum, will be handed to the treasurer of the Hospital.

"Francois Lake John," a well-regarded Indian living on the south side of Francois Lake, and his wife were found dead, in circumstances which suggested that they had eaten poisoned meat. Coroner Hoskins has instituted an inquiry.

One hundred and thirty men have been drafted from the 30th Battalion, now at Willows Camp, for service at the front, as reserves for Princess Patricia's regiment. Two of the Hazelton section, James Turnbull and Andrew Moncur, are included.

OPERATOR DIES ON TELEGRAPH TRAIL

Another page of tragedy has been added to the history of the Yukon telegraph line. Yesterday the body of E. Elphinstone, operator at Third Cabin, 76 miles north of Hazelton, was found on the trail, where he had died of exposure.

The unfortunate man had been covering the southern portion of his section, and had evidently left his half-way cabin on Tuesday morning, to return to Third Cabin, ten miles north. Getting no response from him on Wednesday, search was begun, and his fate was discovered by Operator Kenney, of Fourth, and Operator Perry, of Second. Elphinstone had evidently become exhausted in traveling through the deep snow, and had discarded rack and snowshoes when within two miles of his cabin. He had progressed to within three-quarters of a mile of Third Cabin, when he evidently laid down and slept, the cold proving fatal. Little is known of him, save that he was a newcomer in the district, and had worked with a survey party near Sixth Cabin last summer.

Chief Constable Minty will send a dog team to bring the remains of the dead man to Hazelton for burial.

On Monday afternoon the fire brigade was called out to extinguish a fire which had started from sparks on the roof of the Hudson's Bay store. The damage was slight.

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