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ENEMY CAPTURE VILLAGE BUT 2000 RIFLES FROM BUCHAREST

Obstinate Fighting Close to Roumanian Capital—Russian Report Says Bucharest to be Evacuated to Avoid Bombardment

Petrograd, Dec. 4.—The war office announces that the Teutonic forces have occupied the village of Gradistea, south of Bucharest. Obstinate fighting is proceeding between Alexandria and Bucharest. Gradistea is twelve miles south of Bucharest. London, Dec. 4.—(New York Times) A despatch to the Daily Chronicle from the Russian south front, via Petrograd, Saturday, says: "I have been informed of the decision that Bucharest shall be entirely evacuated and surrendered at very short notice to spare her the horrors of bombardment."

LITTLE TO SAY ON RUSSIA AND THE DARDANELLES

London Conservative Papers Silent and Only Two Liberal Ones Make Comment. The Conservative press, which formerly vehemently supported the British statement of the acquisition of Constantinople and the Dardanelles by Russia, is given a secondary place in this morning's papers and is commented upon by only two of them. The conservative press, which formerly vehemently supported the British statement of the acquisition of Constantinople and the Dardanelles by Russia, is given a secondary place in this morning's papers and is commented upon by only two of them.

PAVING WORK AT \$104,530 COST

Recommendation Made Today by Commissioner Fisher. CHARGE UPON OWNERS. Flat Rate Per Foot Frontage Against Properties Where Work is Done—Matter Goes Over Until Tomorrow.

A street paving programme for 1917 involving an expenditure of \$2,040, from appropriation \$1,000,000, to be covered by bond issue, which is prepared to recommend, was laid before the city council at the committee meeting this morning by Commissioner Fisher. Another interesting feature of his report was a recommendation that a flat rate per foot frontage be charged all owners of properties in front of which permanent paving is laid. The proposals received some discussion but, as so much time had been taken up by the milk question, the paving report was laid over until tomorrow. Mayor Hayes presided and all the members were present.

Young St. John Soldier Home With High Honors Won in No Man's Land

Welcome Given to Lieut. Daryl Peters—The Missanabie Brings Nearly 200 Back From War

Among the soldiers, who arrived on the C. P. R. Limer Missanabie this morning was Lieut. Daryl Peters, son of Fred A. Peters of this city, who won his stars for courageous conduct in "No Man's Land" and in addition was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. When asked regarding his experience Lieutenant Peters was very reticent. Smilingly he remarked that "it was nothing." He was attached to the 20th Battalion and was on telephone duty in one of the advance trenches on the day his action won recognition. As he came down the gang plank of the steamer this morning he was welcomed by a host of friends and escorted to an automobile and driven to his home. In the business section of the city flags were displayed in honor of his home coming. Lieut. A. W. Kidner of the Royal Navy Air Service has returned home to recuperate from injuries sustained some time ago in England. He was trying out a new aeroplane when something happened to the machinery and he fell 800 feet. He was an instructor for the last year and a half. Owing to the accident he will be unable to do any more flying, as physicians fear it might affect his heart. He formerly resided in Fredericton.

FORCED BELGIAN BOYS TO TRENCHES

Amsterdam, Dec. 4.—(via London)—The newspaper Lee Nouvelles says the Germans are beginning to reduce considerably their requirements as to the number of unemployed to be reported from Belgium, and that the greater part of the men who presented themselves at Liege last week were sent back to their homes. Only a few men were taken from the surrounding villages. The newspaper adds that apparently the protests of neutrals have begun to produce some effect. Invalids and boys of fifteen years who have returned to Ghent, Les Nouvelles says, report they were forced to work in trenches in the district of Soissons and that their food was bad and their treatment harsh.

GREEK RELATIONS WITH ALLIES DESCRIBED AS BEING NORMAL

London, Dec. 4.—The Greek government has announced that the fullest protection will be given to the nationals of the Entente, according to an Athens despatch to Reuters. The government also guarantees that all legal rights of the arrested Venizelists will be respected. In place circles it is said that normal relations with the allies are re-established. A despatch to the Daily Mail from Corfu under date of Saturday, says that the Greek mountain guns in the Corfu citadel have been handed over to the allies.

HUN SOCIALISTS PROTEST AGAINST OUTRAGE ON BELGIANS

Amsterdam, Dec. 4.—In the course of a debate on a bill in the Reichstag embodying a Socialist proposal that a permanent workers' committee should be appointed in connection with the industrial workshops and railways, which was defeated by one vote, the Socialists condemned the action of the government in deporting Belgian workers. Deputy Haase is reported to have summoned the workers to restore freedom, especially to Belgian workers. He condemned the deportations as a violation of international law. Deputy Wilhelm Dittman, another Socialist, discussing the subject, is reported to have said: "When the Belgian workers returned from Holland to Belgium, Governor-General Von Bissing assured those returning that under no circumstances would they be deported to Germany. This assurance has not been kept. Dr. Helfferich, in replying, declared that he deplored deeply that the discussion should have arisen thereby promising the business of our enemies." Turning to Deputy Haase, he despatches say, the vice-chancellor of government says, "We are only making use of our undoubted rights."

APPOINT AN OFFICER TO 'ADMINISTER ROUMANIA'

Berlin, Dec. 3, via Tuckerton, N. J.—General Tuller Von Tschelch und Weidach has been appointed chief of "the military administration of Roumania," says an official statement issued today, which declares: "A large part of Roumania having fallen into the hands of the Central Powers, an administration for the conquered districts has been established. Several departments are under the command of General Tuller. The members of these departments partly belong to others of the Central Powers."

CONGRESSMEN ARE DISCUSSING EMBARGO

Congress Reassembles—Action as to High Prices is Likely. Washington, Dec. 4.—When congress reassembles today President Wilson had Representative Kitchin, majority leader, that they would try to hasten enactment of a bill to restrict the collection of taxes in this state. The collections to be made for one pavement only, the city assuming the cost of maintenance and renewal. He said the King street work for the next day would be completed. He might find some material other than granite blocks for the street in front of the High school. The paving programme was laid over until Tuesday.

TOSTI IS DEAD

Paris, Dec. 4.—The death of Sir Francesco Paolo Tosti, composer and song writer, is announced in a despatch from Rome to the Havas Agency. Sir Francesco Paolo Tosti was born on April 9, 1846, in Ortona, Italy. Among the popular songs composed by him are "Amore," "That Day," "For Ever," "Farewell" and "At Vespers."

TURKISH SOLDIERS DYING FROM FEVER AT RATE OF 1,000 OR MORE A DAY.

New York, Dec. 4.—Soldiers of the Turkish army in Syria are dying from typhus fever at the rate of 1,000 a day, according to a despatch from that country. In addition to the famine from which the people of Syria are long reported to have been suffering, the despatch says that epidemics of both typhus fever and cholera are sweeping over that country.

AVIATOR BADLY HURT IN LOOPING THE LOOP

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 4.—Cattaneo, an aviator, fell today while looping the loop in the western Atlantic coast. His airplane was destroyed. He is an Italian. He attained prominence several years ago in Europe.

ICE RUN STOPPED

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 4.—The ice run in the river, which started on Saturday, was checked last night by a sudden drop in temperature. The river here is now blocked with broken ice.

Two German U Boats Near West Indies; Two More On Way Across

Providence Journal Says British Sank Two of Four Which Left Kiel But Others Got Through. New York, Dec. 4.—The Providence Journal says tomorrow morning: The wireless warnings recently issued to captains of merchant vessels in the western Atlantic there are now in the neighborhood of West Indian waters two large German submarines which have been here since the visit of the U-35 and also because of the knowledge of the British admiralty that two other German submarines of the newest and speediest type left Kiel on the coast of the United States on November 5 and were able to evade every effort that was made to capture or sink them before they got out of the North Sea. The Journal is able to state authoritatively that the plan of dispatching four of the new German submarines from Kiel on November 5 was known in advance to the British authorities, that all four submarines left Kiel on that date and at different hours and that two of them were sunk during the same day by British destroyers, the other two getting safely away. The United States government has been fully informed of this situation and President Wilson has made strenuous representations to Ambassador Von Bernstorff concerning it.

FIRE LOSS OF \$45,000 IN WINNIPEG HOTEL

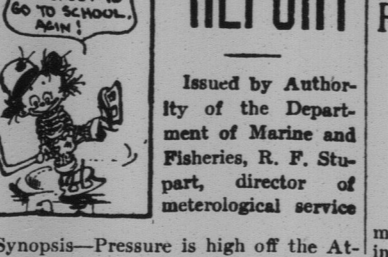
Winnipeg, Dec. 4.—The Woodbine Hotel was practically destroyed by fire on Saturday evening with loss of \$20,000 on the building and \$25,000 on the contents. The fire started in the furnace room.

HINTS AT GOOD NEWS FOR GERMANS BY CHRISTMAS

London, Dec. 4.—Mysterious promises are being made to the Germans about glad tidings to be received by them before Christmas, according to an Amsterdam despatch to the Daily Mail. The despatch says that the recent hint of the Bulgarian premier regarding acceptable news for the Germanic powers is supported by a statement by the president of the Reichstag that that body may possibly meet earlier than the date arranged. The Dusseldorf General Anzeiger states that Colonial Minister Saif said on Friday that very gratifying events were about to happen and that German people would be able to have a happy Christmas.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service. Synopsis—Pressure is high off the Atlantic coast and low over the central and northern portions of the continent and the weather in Canada has been for the most part mild and fair. Ottawa Valley—Fresh southeast to southwesterly winds, mostly cloudy and milder today and on Tuesday, with occasional showers. Milder. Maritime—Light to moderate winds, milder with showers in western district. New England—Unsettled tonight and Tuesday; warmer on mainland, moderate to fresh south winds.



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