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LLOYD GEORGE TO RESIGN, IS LONDON REPORT FRENCH AND SERBS DRIVE BULGARS NORTHWARD SLAYS TAKE HEIGHTS—RUMANIANS UNABLE TO STOP TEUTONS

MORE HILLS FALL TO SLAVS BUT RUMANIANS FAIL TO STOP DRIVE AT CAPITAL

Petrograd Sends Word That Another Range of Heights Have
Been Captured in Carpathians, But at Other Points
Teutons Make Progress, Steadily Creep-
ing Closer To Bucharest.

Petrograd, Dec. 5.—Via London, 2:19 p.m.—The
Rumanians have been unsuccessful in attempts to
check the Teutonic forces on the road to Ploesti and
Bucharest, says the war office in today's official state-
ment.

THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

The official statement says: "Rumanian front: On the Moldavian
frontier, in the valley of the River Trotus, and south to the valley of the
River Devian, engagements are still progressing. We again captured a
range of heights, but the enemy is showing stubborn resistance and at-
tempting to restore his position by counter-attacks."

FORCED TO RETIRE.

Western front: "There has been artillery and rifle firing at various
places along our front. In the wooded Carpathians the enemy launched a series of at-
tacks on a height occupied by us four versts south of Voronezhka. All
the attacks up to 1 o'clock in the afternoon were beaten back, but af-
terwards the enemy destroyed our trenches by heavy artillery fire, and
forced our detachments to retire on their base."

RECAPTURED LOST GROUND.

Berlin, Dec. 5.—Via Sayville.—Renewed Russian attacks in the
Carpathian forests and along the line of the Transylvanian frontier were
made yesterday, but did not gain the slightest success, it is announced
officially. Teutonic troops recaptured lost positions.
12,500 PRISONERS.

In Western Rumania the Teutonic forces are pursuing the defeated
Rumanians on the front before Bucharest. They are across the railroad
leading from Bucharest to Torgoviste. In the Danube lowlands Russian
attacks were repulsed with heavy losses, and the number of prisoners
taken has been increased to 12,500.

RUMANIANS RETIRING.

Petrograd, Dec. 5.—In Wallachia
fighting is continuing on the roads from
Torgoviste to Ploesti, and from Ttu
and Bucharest, and west and south of
Iasi. Under pressure of superior
enemy forces, which are incessantly at-
tacking the Rumanians, the latter are
retreating east. Rumanian attempts to

check the enemy attacks on the roads
to Ploesti and Bucharest were un-
successful. The situation in Dobruja is un-
changed.

On the Black Sea our seaplanes made
a raid on the village of Kara Murad,
north of Constanza. After throwing
bombs and firing on a balloon the sea-
planes returned.

Lethargy of Govt. Is Blamed for the Great Forest Fires

Conservative Journal Scores the Hearst Government For
Failing To Take Measures in Time.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Dec. 5.—Any announcement
from the Government that there is to
be a reorganization of the forestry and
fire prevention service of Ontario is a
welcome one, and it is sincerely to be
hoped that the Hon. Mr. Ferguson's
plans under the direction of E. J. Zavitz
will have a good result. One cannot help
feel, however, what a deep pity it is
that the Government did not take action
sooner, but delayed year after year until
the terrible disaster of the northern fire
of this past summer made some action
absolutely imperative. It does seem too
late now, but it is better late than never.
The Government has obtained such a
hold on, practically no action on any
vital question can be hoped for until
something happens that demands action,
often too late as it is.

Government To Blame.

As to the responsibility of the Gov-
ernment for the condition of affairs

which led to the terrible conflagration
this summer, the Hon. Mr. Ferguson,
in his opinion of the Ottawa Journal, a leading
Conservative paper, which recently de-
scribed the policy of the Ontario Gov-
ernment as "a provincial disgrace." In
the matter of forest fire protection,
said the Journal, "this province has
shown an amazing lack of progressiveness
and intelligence. It is doubtful if
there is a community on this or any
other continent that has suffered more
in life and treasure in recent years from
forest fires than the Province of Ontario.
It is certain that none has shown greater
carelessness or negligence in dealing with
the problem."

The Canadian Forestry Association,
of which the Right Hon. R. L. Borden is
honorary president, in a number of bul-
letins issued this summer, severely criti-
cized the Ontario Government for fail-
ure adequately to cope with this serious
problem.

UNCLE SAM RAISES QUARANTINE AGAINST SPUDS FROM CANADA

Potatoes Hereafter Will Have
Freer Entrance to
States.

Washington, Dec. 5.—To attack the
high cost of food, so far as potatoes are
concerned, the department of agricul-
ture has ordered a relaxation of the
quarantine against potatoes from Can-
ada.

Hereafter, Canadian potatoes with not
more than ten per cent showing traces
of disease will be admitted at any bor-
der customs house instead of specially
designated ports, as has been the prac-
tice. Shipments will not be detained for
inspection, and the horticultural board
will take steps to make the formalities
attending such imports as free of burden
to importers as possible.

The department's action is expected
to bring large quantities of potatoes
into the United States to meet the high
prices.

GERARD SAILS WITH SUBMARINE MESSAGE FOR KAISER'S GOVT.

Will Also Protest For Wilson
Against the Belgian
Deportations.

New York, Dec. 5.—James W. Gerard,
United States ambassador to Germany,
returns to his post today bearing the
views of President Wilson regarding
submarine warfare and the deportation
of Belgians for presentation to the im-
perial government. Before boarding his
steamer, the Frederick VIII, Ambassador
Gerard declared that he carried no peace
plan back to Germany.

Mr. Gerard takes with him the equiv-
alent of 100,000 marks, which was raised
during Thanksgiving appeal issued by
the American Relief Committee for dis-
tribution through the embassy to needy
widows, orphans and war sufferers in
Belgium.

GERMAN DUCHESS DEAD.
Amsterdam, Holland, Dec. 5.—Via Lon-
don.—A telegram from Neustadt, Ger-
many, announces the death of the Dow-
ager Grand Duchess Augusta Carolina
of Mecklenburg-Strelitz.

WOMEN UNFURL SUFFRAGE FLAG IN U. S. HOUSE

Great Yellow Banner Waved
as Wilson Starts
Address.

GIVEN MIGHTY OVATION

Democrats and Many Repub-
licans Cheer Re-elected
President.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—When
President Wilson appeared before Con-
gress at 1 o'clock this afternoon to de-
liver his annual address, the Demo-
crats and many Republicans united in
a great demonstration to felicitate the
president on his re-election.

William Jennings Bryan and most of
the cabinet, occupying reserved places
on the floor, led in the demonstration,
which was prolonged and noisy. In the
gallery Mrs. Wilson and women of the
cabinet joined in the hand-clapping. In
the diplomatic galleries representatives
of many embassies and legations were
interested spectators.

As the president began reading his
address, a huge yellow banner bearing
in big black letters the words "Mr.
President, what will you do for woman
suffrage?" was unfurled over the edge
of the gallery by some suffrage invad-
ers. A page quickly jumped up and
pulled down the banner.

The president apparently took no no-
tice of the incident but continued his
reading without hesitation.

RAILWAY PROBLEMS MAIN FEATURE OF WILSON'S ADDRESS

President Opens Last Stage of
Present Congress.

ANSWERS UNION "KICK"

Declares Compulsory Arbitra-
tion Means Justice to
the Country.

[Canadian Press.]
Washington, Dec. 5.—President Wil-
son's address at the opening of the ses-
sion of Congress today was wholly de-
voted to domestic subjects, principally
the problem of railway legislation.

In the hall of the House with sena-
tors and representatives assembled in
joint session, President Wilson in ac-
cordance with the custom he began at
the opening of his term, read his ad-
dress from the House of Representatives.
The president not only renewed his
recommendation for legislation to pre-
vent a nation-wide railway strike or
lockout before there has been opportu-
nity for investigation, but he also in-
creased the scope of the commission's
authority to include the investigation of
the attack of organized labor as
nothing arbitrary or unjust and the
"justifiable safeguarding by society of
the necessary processes of its very life."

Railways' Situation.
Aside from recommendations for the
passage of the Porto Rico Government
Bill, the commission to study an increase
of rates on the ground referred to is
indisputably clear and a recommendation
by the Congress with regard to such
a matter might seem to draw in
question the scope of the commission's
authority or its inclination to do justice
when there is no reason to doubt either.

The other recommendations on the rail-
road situation made in a special mes-
sage during the last session, which were
not put into law, were renewed today.
They include:

Interstate Commission.
"Immediate provision for the enlarge-
ment and administrative reorganization
of the Interstate Commerce Commis-
sion along the lines embodied in the bill
recently passed by the House of Repre-
sentatives and now awaiting action by
the Senate; in order that the commis-
sion may be enabled to deal with the
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From Sword To Ploughshare



Advertiser Illustration.
The Cheshire County College of Agriculture, England, is providing a training
in agriculture for soldiers who have done their "bit." These convalescent sol-
diers are operating a potato-digger.

Lloyd George To Resign From the British Govt., Says Cable From London

War Secretary Said To Have Decided To Step Out Owing To
Asquith's Refusal To Stay Off 'he New
War Council.

London, Dec. 5.—3:44 p.m.—The Exchange Tel-
egraph Company says that War Secretary Lloyd
George has decided to resign.

London, Dec. 5.—3:55 p.m.—War Secretary
Lloyd George's resignation was drafted after he re-
ceived an intimation that Premier Asquith could not
agree to the suggestion that the war council should be
formed without the premier at its head.

The assertion that the labor party was standing
by Premier Asquith was confirmed by George Wardle,
chairman of the labor party in the House of Com-
mons, who said:

"The party is prepared to see the speeding up of
the war and also is prepared to accept a smaller war
council, but I do not think it should be arrived at by the
means adopted."

GREAT RAID OF FOE ON BRITISH LINES COMES TO NAUGHT

Large Operation of the Enemy
South of Loos Completely
Failed.

London, Dec. 5.—12:35 p.m.—The
following report was given out officially
today:

"South of Loos, the enemy in large
numbers undertook a raid which
completely failed. Elsewhere there
is nothing to report."

SAYVILLE'S SAY.

Berlin, Dec. 5.—Via Sayville.—British
troops attempted to make an advance
east of the Albert-Wartencourt road
yesterday, but were repulsed, says to-
day's official statement from the west-
ern front.

VILLA BANDITS CARRY
OFF AMERICAN GIRL
El Paso, Texas, Dec. 5.—Government
agents here today sent a report to
Washington saying Carlos Kallisen,
German vice-consul in Chihuahua City,
Charles Elmendorf, an American citi-
zen, and another unknown American
man, and another unknown American
man, had been killed by Villa, and that El-
mendorf's young daughter had been
carried off to the mountains by Villa
bandits.

BAD QUEBEC BLAZE.
Quebec, Dec. 5.—A serious fire badly
damaged the tannery of A. Paladeau,
corner of Caron and St. Helen streets,
this morning. The fire was caused by
an explosion in the varnishes and acids
in the upper story of the factory, but no
casualties are reported. It is expected
the damage will reach \$4,000.

ASQUITH FIRM IN INTENTION TO HOLD HELM

Definitely Refuses To Retire
From Head of War
Council.

MORE GUESSES BY PRESS

Chronicle Believes Make-up
Will Be Lloyd George, Law,
Carson, Henderson.

London, Dec. 5.—12:30 p.m.—The
Westminster Gazette says Premier
Asquith has declined definitely a pro-
posal for the formation of a war coun-
cil of which he would not be a mem-
ber, and other consequential changes
which would have followed acceptance
of that proposal. Naturally the next
move remains for those members of the
cabinet who made the suggestion.

Mr. Asquith approved a smaller war
council, the newspaper continues, but
held the premier necessarily must be
chairman of any such body. His atti-
tude is said to be supported by Foreign
Secretary Grey, and most of his prin-
cipal colleagues in the cabinet.

A strong effort is being made to
make only a few changes in the cabinet.
Change breeds change, and the altera-
tions may prove more extensive than
was anticipated at the outset.

Mr. Asquith's refusal to accept the
proposal, however, has been interpreted
as a sign that he is not prepared to
take on the heavy responsibilities of
chairmanship of the war council. The
members of the war council would con-
sist of Lloyd George, Bonar Law, Ed-
ward Carson, and Arthur Henderson.

Mr. Runciman, in his desire to con-
serve our shipping resources, has, like
McKenna, been opposed to new military
ventures overseas, but his mastery of
the shipping problem is such that no-
body, in or out of cabinet, desires to
see him quit his present office. In fact,
rumor last night was that he is to add
to the heavy responsibilities of food
controller—a post that has been de-
clined by six persons in succession.

Will Balfour Leave?
"It is generally accepted that Bal-
four will shortly leave the admiralty,
though possibly not during the imme-
diate reconstruction. Sir Edward Carson
is talked of in Conservative circles as
a possible successor of Balfour as first
lord.

Barnes May Enter.
"The new labor member of the cabi-
net will probably be George Barnes,
who, if he joined the Government,
might take Henderson's place as min-
ister of pensions, Henderson continuing
to hold the office of labor adviser and
adding to its duties membership in the
war council."

With regard to the composition of
the war council, it is stated that the
prime minister, while ex-officio mem-
ber at every meeting of this body, will
have the power of veto over its de-
cisions. It was generally accepted last
evening in political circles that the
members of the war council would con-
sist of Lloyd George, Bonar Law, Ed-
ward Carson, and Arthur Henderson.

In order to have a free hand,
Asquith invited and received the resig-
nation of every member of the cabinet.
The subordinate ministers apparently
are not affected by the reconstruction.
At any rate, no request to resign had
reached them at the time of writing.
A pliant rumor current in the
lobbies yesterday was that Sir Edward
Carson, if he joins the Government,
may before many weeks go by bring
forward a project for settlement of the
Irish question on lines mutually sat-
isfactory to the Ulstermen and the
Nationalists."

BELGIANS ORDERED TO DEMOLISH RUINS

Paris, Dec. 5.—A Havas dispatch from
Havre says the Germans have issued a
circular ordering the Belgians to de-
molish all buildings injured in the war
which cannot be used for the purposes
for which they were constructed.

BROOKLYN MAN WANTS CANADIAN WAR WIDOW

Montreal, Dec. 5.—B. M. North, 3029
Caton avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., has
written the city clerk of Montreal, ask-
ing him to find him a war widow be-
tween the ages of 18 and 35, with a
view to matrimony."

Serbs Chasing Bulgars After Brilliant Sweep In the Cerna Region

King Peter's Dashing Warriors Carry Several Villages by
Assault, and Are Driving the Enemy to the North.

Paris, Dec. 5.—Noon.—The Serbs are continuing their advance in the
Cerna region of the Macedonian front, it is announced today, and have
reached the outskirts of the village of Stravina. French and Serbian
troops have made progress north of Paralovo, in the Cerna salient.

London, Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m.—The Serbians have
won further successes in the Cerna region, and have
carried the village of Stravina by assault, capturing
two howitzers, according to an official statement issued
by the Serbian war office, dated Monday evening. The
statement says that the village of Zovik, five miles
north of Grunishite, is in flames, and the Bulgarians are
retreating northwards.

COUNTER-ATTACKS STOPPED.
Paris, Dec. 5.—Following is the official report from Balkans
East of the River Cerna. Serbian forces, following up their success
of December 3, have reached the outskirts of Stravina. All the counter-
attacks delivered by the enemy have been repulsed with sanguinary
losses on his part.

"During December 3 and 4 our allies captured five cannon and three
shell throwers."
"To the north of Paralovo Franco-Serbian troops have made
progress."

WANTS EMBARGO ON FOODSTUFFS FROM QUEBEC TO STATES

Minister Caron Believes It
Would Reduce Cost of
Living.

Quebec, Dec. 5.—An embargo on the
exportation to the United States of food
products is held by Hon. J. B. Caron,
provincial minister of agriculture, as a
means of reducing the cost of living.
Mr. Caron made this contention in the
Legislature last night in the course of
a debate initiated by the Opposition on
the cost of living. Arthur Faure, Op-
position leader, said the minister was
one which had to be considered not
only by the Federal Government, but
by the Provincial Government.

Mr. Caron said an embargo on food
products, especially wheat, would re-
duce the cost of living, and control of cold storage plants
might mitigate the evil.

NORWAY HAS LOST 242 SHIPS BY ACTS OF WAR

Lloyd's Report Two More Sunk With
a French, Greek and Jap.

Christiania, Dec. 4.—Via London.
Dec. 5.—From the beginning of the war
until November of this year, 242 Nor-
wegian ships have been destroyed by
acts of war. These included 132
passengers, totaling 251,623 tons. The
vessels were insured for 145,500,000
kroner.

TWO MORE SUNK.
London, Dec. 5.—Lloyd's announces
the sinking of the Norwegian steam-
ships Bosa, 1,462 tons gross, and the
Traupner, 1,125 tons.

BARON HARDINGE DEAD.
London, Dec. 5.—Charles August Fitz-
Hardinge, the third Baron Hardinge,
died today. He was born in 1830, and
came into the barony on the death of
his brother in 1898. He resided in
Gloucestershire.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest
temperatures recorded in London during
the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last
night: Highest, 53; lowest, 37.
The official temperatures for the 12
hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 52; lowest, 42.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOLER.

Forecast.
Dec. 6.—5 a.m.
Today—Strong winds and moderate
clouds from south and west; some
showers, but partly fair.
Wednesday—Strong westerly winds;
fair and a little cooler.

Temperatures.
The following were the highest and
lowest temperatures during the 24 hours
previous to 8 a.m. today:
Station. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria 49 37 Clear
Ottawa 40 25 " "
Calgary 33 14 Clear
Winnipeg 46 22 " "
Port Arthur 46 22 " "
Port Sound 44 12 Cloudy
Port Stanley 50 20 Cloudy
Buffalo 35 20 " "
Toronto 49 37 Cloudy
Kingston 42 32 " "
Ottawa 44 32 " "
Montreal 36 24 Rain
Quebec 35 24 Rain
Fisher Point 25 24 Rain

Weather Notes.
A moderate disturbance centered over
Northern Ontario is moving eastward,
and mild weather prevails from the
Great Lakes to the Maritime Provinces.
In the West it is fair and mild.

BAGS TWO AIRPLANES IN THREE HOURS' TIME

[Canadian Press.]
Paris, Dec. 5.—(Non.)—Sub-Lieut.
Nunnesper shot down two airplanes
within three hours yesterday, the war
office announces. This brings up to 26
the number of airplanes brought to earth
by this aviator.
There were no developments of im-
portance on the French front last night,
the statement says.