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## To-Day's Cables

### Lloyd-George in Commons To-day Will Make Most Important Statement

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The speech of Premier Lloyd George in the Commons to-morrow is looked forward to by Press and public as the most important utterance of its kind since the memorable speech in which Viscount Grey discussed whether Britain would come into the war.

Lloyd George has recovered from his indisposition, and was at work to-day. He will rise to address the Commons to-morrow about four o'clock and will probably speak for an hour and a half.

The Prime Minister's speech will be not only a reply to the German peace note, but will also outline the whole policy of the new National Government, the trend of which may be roughly anticipated from the fact that the new Ministry avowedly has the power for the definite object of carrying on war with all the vigor the nation can command to a successful end.

To-day's news from Government circles included the announcement of the departure of Balfour, Secretary for Foreign Affairs for a three-weeks' vacation. Although the vacation comes at an important juncture the organization of the Foreign Office permits affairs to proceed uninterrupted under the direction of Lord Robert Cecil and Baron Hardinge, Under-Secretaries, while the larger question of the general policy doubtless will receive the attention of the War Cabinet over which the Prime Minister presides. Lords Curzon and Milne are also being members with wide diplomatic experience.

It is recalled that Balfour's designation for Foreign Minister met with severe criticism from the Northcliffe

### NO CESSATION FOR CHRISTMAS

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 19.—Thousands upon thousands of packages from "Home" are being sent to the British Empire fighting in France, as harbingers of Christmas, but the usually glad season of peace on earth, good will to men will bring no cessation of hostilities this year and Xmas Day promises to go down in history as just another 24 hours of ceaseless shelling and war activities. All along the lines, through rain, fog, and darkness by day and by night British guns ceaselessly pound German trenches. Prisoners recently captured say that the effect of everlasting drumming of guns almost drove them insane. Captured letters written from trenches also speak of the terrors of constant shelling. "Death is far better than this," wrote one private to his wife.

Press. Lord Northcliffe himself urged Lloyd-George to follow the precedent of Lord Salisbury, directing Foreign Affairs as well as assuming Premiership.

While Balfour's absence is said to be due to an indisposition following illness there is no suggestion of its being prolonged beyond three weeks, yet it has the effect of leaving the shaping of policy largely in the hand of the Premier.

Pocketbook.

Of all the books the world contains— Just put them to the test— The friendly pocketbook's the one We really like the best.

### ANOTHER U.S.A. LOAN TO BRITAIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The "Sun" this morning says Great Britain is prepared to float another large secured loan of \$250,000,000 or more in the United States, according to information obtained yesterday from high banking authority. The paper's informant says that negotiations are in the nature of feelers for opinion.

### JAPAN AND PEACE

TOKIO, Dec. 19.—The German peace proposals will be delivered to the Japanese Government to-morrow. Commenting on the proposals the newspapers declare that Japan will never agree to surrender Kiao Chow. In general they express the opinion that the peace project, as has been reported in the news despatches, is a farcical procedure and will be unacceptable to the Entente because it tantamount to an abandonment of the object for which the Entente Powers have waged war.

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## "OUR" WOUNDED SOLDIERS

Colonial Secretary, St. John's: LONDON, Dec. 17th.—The Association Visiting Committee report the condition of the following men in hospital: Progressing favorably—628. Maddock, 1226; Lyons, 2100; Stone, 2007; Foley, 2033; Burton, 2940; House, 1768; Harvey, 320; Green, 457; Butler, 2628; Anderson, 1702; Dicks, 2072; Gallop, 2075; LeVigne, 2074; Chafe, 588; Humphries, 1616; Suley, 1098; Nourseforth, 1059; Riggs, 152; Voisey, 1136; O'Quinn, 989; Rowe, 573; Good-year, 2552; Kennedy, 2381; Bursley, 2368; Clarke, 350; Luff, 1926; Thornhill, 971; Mahoney, 1154; White, 2012; Sheppard, 1454; Northcott, 300; Miller, 2071; Whealan, 1360; Carter, 1936; Le Drew, 1706; Hollett, 1344; Reid, 851; Butt, 2187; Reid, 1732; Antle, 942; Walsh, 1992; Sayer (amputation); 689; Morrissey, 1609; Walsh (amputation); 2412; Crocker, 1859; Dinney, 472; Dooley, 992; Boone, 1042; Peet, 1546; Cahill, 2152; French, 1670; Higgins; 2095; Whealan, 42; Best, 1843; Hawker; Andrews, 1552; Curtis, 1505; Holmes, 1421; Gosse, 228; Rideout, 2086; Crawford; 1318; Steele; 2069; Murphy; (amputation); 1025; Powlow (amputation); 1046; Bishop; 1461; Boland; 492; Coombs; 1231; McGrath; 2188; Penny; 2746; Lewis; 1841; Hollett; 429; Cornect; 1518; Churchill; 1807; Bailey; 1139; Bursley; 1652; Redstone; 637; Michelin; 2111; Silk; 1950; Marks; 460; Butler; 1726; Sutton; 1958; Walsh; 260; Ryan; 1403; Carter; 1070; Belmore; 1106; Riggs; 1874; Payne; 2023; Oliver; 1448; Penny; 2218; Perry; 1959; Walsh; 1753; Bowen; 2060; Snow; 1011; Kelly; 2165; Morrissey; 425; Norman; 2077; Fisher; 995; Harding; 1896; Newbury; 1003; Clarke; 1225; Eddy; 1749; Tobin; 1558; Hillier; 237; Hogan; 2022; Matthews; 1990; Nole; 1986; Cook; 1404; Tilley; 118; Jackman; 2045; Batten; 1655; Clarke; 631; Robinson; 24; Kirby; 683; Walsh; 21; Tilley; 1052; Sparkes; 2196; Stewart; 1029; White; 490; Keel; 1640; Lewis; 1837; LeDrew; 1630; King; 401; Murphy; 440; Roberts (amputation); 1557; Hipditch; 864; Tracey; 1084; White (amputation); 1263; Shelley; 2038; Colish; 1799; Hollett; 272; Manuel; 1314; Saunders; 1782; Walsh; 1149; Frost; 21157; Day; 2744; Strickland; 1631; Short (amputation); 877; Duncan; Improving—2698; Moore; 2389; Pearce; 2620; Gulliver; 2182; Connors; 1790; George; 38; Ryan; 1951; Broderick; 528; Moore (amputation); 1704; James 1981; Gosse; 153; Field; 2656; Martin; 1008; Invaan; 1852; Winter; 1723; Dover; 772; Stone; 1501; James; 1262; Wiseman (amputation). Slight improvement—1157; Costello.

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## OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

Following Reported at Wandsworth 72 Corporal John J. Reardigan, 33 Bannerman St. Scabias. 1671 Corporal John J. Sears, Robinson's Head. Rheumatism. 2465 Private Arthur Wheeler, Summerford, Twillingate. Bronchitis 2266 Private Jas. Ryan, Halifax, N.S. Gunshot wound in head.

1769 Private Silas Bird, Cartwright, 2nd. London General Hospital, Chelsea; lumbago, severe. 2078 Corporal Malcolm Hollett, Burin, 5th. General Hospital, Rouen, Dec. 16th.; seriously ill with gunshot wounds in arms and legs (Previously reported, wounded Nov. 30th.)

1602 Private A. W. Fitzgerald, 51 Cochrane St. King George Hospital, London. (Previously reported, seriously ill, later, out of danger.)

### JOHN R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

### BUTCHERS WERE SUMMONED

To-day Food Inspector W. O'Brien summoned three butchers before Mr. Hutchings, K.C. for failure to abide by the rates governing the condition of slaughter houses, where meat for food is dressed. In this instance the provincial charge was that the men had not water sufficient for the work on their premises. Two were found guilty and were each fined \$5 on 14 days and the case against the other was dismissed.

### POLICE PROTECTION ON TRAINS.

It will be remembered that on several occasions in past years at this season, peaceable people, men, women and children travelling by the shore train were greatly annoyed and often alarmed by men travelling, who became drunk and caused disturbance. To obviate such occurrences this season, police will travel by the trains, we hear, a prudent procedure, judging by what has heretofore occurred.

### FORFEITED HIS LICENSE.

Yesterday a butcher, who plies his trade at Flatrock, forfeited his license to kill and dress meat for food in future. He had been several times convicted, but would not improve and consequently this drastic step was taken.

The S.S. Susu left Musgrave at 8 a.m. to-day and is due here at 8 p.m.

## French Capture 11,000 German Prisoners On The Verdun Front

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The British Prime Minister will reply on Tuesday afternoon in the Commons to the German peace note which has been transmitted by the American Ambassadors to the British and French Foreign Office. He will also outline the policy of the new Government, a pronouncement which will have a far-reaching effect on the world war.

French troops have regained the entire occupancy of Chambreres Farm, north-east of Verdun, about the centre of their advance last week. Prisoners taken in the latest French thrust on the Verdun front now more than 11,000, in addition to 115 cannon, 107 machine guns captured or destroyed. Paris reports the repulse of a serious German offensive attempts in the Somme region. Unofficial estimates made in Berlin place the losses of the French army to date at 3,800,000 men and British losses at 1,900,000. Anglo-French losses on the Somme to the end of November are estimated at 800,000, the British share being 550,000. German losses on the Somme, it is declared by the Germans, have been less than 500,000.

In the region of Beuzeval the soldiers of Field Marshal von Mackenzen have been successful in minor engagements. Petrograd asserts that in the region of Filippch, a railroad station east of Beuzeval, attacks have been arrested. The Babadagh-Pecineaga line, about forty miles north of the Tchernavoda-Con-

stanza railway, has been crossed by the Teutonic troops, who have now retaken virtually all the ground they had held during their previous advance in northern Dobruja. The advance in Dobruja brings the forces of the Central Powers near Empt, railroad and storage centres of Ibrala and Galatz.

On the Western Moldavian frontier the Russian have taken two ridges of heights. According to Petrograd one ridge was in the Uzul Valley and the other east of Lashute, where more than 200 prisoners were captured. Except for a repulse of Russian attacks by the Austro-Germans, near Lutsk, in Volhynia, and near Zberoff, in Galicia, there has been little activity on other battle fronts.

Seventeen American muleteers were killed on December 14th when the British horse transport "Russian" was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean Sea. A subordinate in the Mediterranean French losses on the Somme to the end of November are estimated at 800,000, the British share being 550,000. German losses on the Somme, it is declared by the Germans, have been less than 500,000.

The transport "Russian" referred to is probably the British steamer of the same name which sailed from New York on November 16th. It was sunk in the Mediterranean Sea, about 5753. The Russian is declared to have been empty at the time she was sunk.

## A CANADIAN SOLDIER WRITES INTERESTING LETTER TO FRIEND IN TORONTO

One of the most interesting documents to come from the front-line trenches is a letter which Bombardier L. Neil Kirkpatrick, 167 Bay street, winner of the Military medal, has written to J. H. Fitzgerald, former Hamiltonian, now a resident of Toronto. Bombardier Kirkpatrick enlisted with the 33rd. Howitzer battery, and was transferred to the 13th. battery, which has seen such terrific fighting during the past few months. That he has been decorated for bravery is no surprise to those who knew him well, for Neil was very fearless and intrepid, and could be counted upon to be in the thick of any scrap in his immediate vicinity.

"We are doing fine in this country, as you will see by the papers," he writes. "We are going ahead all the time, and giving Fritz the time of his life. The rainy season has set in here, and the mud is a foot deep, but it hasn't stopped us yet. We have all kinds of artillery and ammunition now, and Fritz is getting the full benefit of it. It would do your heart good to see the streams of ammunition going up to the guns every night, and can't go any further, they unload them and pack the ammunition the rest of the way, with horses, mules, men, or any old way, so long as it gets in. Every morning you can go along the road and see horses that have fallen down and smothered in the mud, but the guns must get their supply just the same. Our artillery is certainly making a mess of this country. Some times, when we advance, we can't ever find the place where Fritz's trenches used to be. Our infantry is doing great work, and has certainly put the fear of God into Fritz. The German prisoners say they have nothing against the French, English or Belgian troops, but that the Canadians will all go back on one bait. From what I have seen lately, I think they are just about right, but that doesn't worry the boys any."

Won the Medal.

"Well, Jack, I've had some great experiences lately. I would like to tell you about some of them, but the censor won't stand for it. Even if I did tell you, you would find it hard to believe some of them; but, believe me, Jack, you would have to be out here to realize what a man can get away with at times. A fellow doesn't need to lie about his experiences out here, just now."

because if he just went ahead and told the truth he would have the best liar in the world tongue-tied. No doubt you will be pleased to hear that I have been awarded a Military medal. I haven't been presented with it as yet, because there is a lot of red tape to be gone through, but it is coming to me, and during the last few days I have been congratulated by all our officers and most of the men of the battery. The way I came to get it was by being on duty in the trenches during one of our telephone duty there, with Capt. Powell, our observing officer, during the said scrap. The other fellow's name is John Law, of Toronto. We certainly had the time of our young lives. The result was that Capt. Powell, Law and myself were all recommended. The recommendations all went through, and Capt. Powell was awarded the Military Cross, while Law and I received the military medal. The cross, I believe, is for officers only. Well, Jack, I don't think I will ever forget that day. Believe me, it was fast and furious, and everything seemed to be coming our way. Fritz knocked the parapet down on us with a shell at one time, and I took us a half hour hard digging to get them out. We got them all out all right, and they are O.K. now. All this time the fight was going on full blast, but we forgot all about it for the time being. We had a few more little experiences like that the other day and, taking it all around, a pleasant time was had."

A Charmed Life.

"Captain Powell has been wounded since and is in Blighty now, but, according to all rules and laws of chance, he should have been killed a hundred times. I have often read of a man having a charmed life, and taking a million to one chance and getting away with it. I used to think there was no such animal, but after watching Capt. Powell perform, I will believe everything."

"Well, Jack, I guess there is not much more to tell. I am feeling fine and still going strong. I have had all the luck in the world, so far, and if it only holds I guess I will come through all right, but I am knocking wood as I write. Will say good-bye for now."

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