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War News.

Messages Received Previous to 9 A.M.

FRENCH WAR OFFICE REPORT.

PARIS, Dec. 11. The report from the War Office this afternoon follows: The night was calm except in Champagne, where notwithstanding steady rain, there was lively cannonading, as well as several engagements at close quarters with torpedoes. Further details of the fighting yesterday confirmed the previous information concerning the effective work of our artillery between the Oise and Aisne, in the plateau of Quendevillers, and in the region of Vendresse and Troyon. Our trench guns wrought serious damage to the fortifications and bomb throwing machines of the enemy.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

PARIS, Dec. 11. (Official.) On the 9th the enemy again vigorously attacked our positions near Mabourge. We repulsed the attack, capturing thirty prisoners. Fighting continued all day in the direction of Sienna and Brodovro. The situation is unchanged on other fronts.

CHIEF OF STAFF.

PARIS, Dec. 11. General Joffre, who retains the direct command of the armies of the east and northeast, has designated General Edouard De Courcier De Castelnu as Chief of Staff. General Joffre continues General in Command of all the French fronts.

RUSSIAN SUCCESSES.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 12. In the Black Sea near the Island of Kepke, east of the Bosphorus, on Friday, three of our torpedo boats, after action, sank two Turkish gun boats. The torpedo boats, with no losses, torpedoed also sank a large sailing ship. On the Caucasus front our troops, while pursuing a Turco-German detachment defeated on the previous evening, captured at one bound the fortified positions of the enemy on the Sultan Bulak ridge.

GREECE DECIDES WITH TEUTONS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11. A news despatch from Athens published here to-day says that King Constantine of Greece has decided to throw in his lot with the Teutons. This is indicated by official orders and announcements issued to-day. The King has informed the Entente Ambassadors that he cannot yield to their demands. It was authoritative to announce that Greece has refused to make any more concessions to the

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Allied Powers at present, and that conversations with the Allied diplomats had ended. This announcement came a few hours after the arrival of unconfirmed reports that the Allies were evacuating Serbia.

AUSTRIANS REACH PHILIPPOLIS IN BULGARIA.

ATHENS, Dec. 12. Detachments of Austrian infantry have reached Philippopolis, in Bulgaria, according to the Patria, which says that an Austrian-German army corps is on its way to that town.

BATTLE ALONG STRUMITZA FRONT—BRITISH NEW LINE OF DEFENCE.

PARIS, Dec. 12. A despatch to the Havas Agency from Athens, states: Reports from Salonika are to the effect that the Bulgarians, reinforced by the army of General Boyadiev, have occupied part of the passes of Demirkapu. A battle all along the Strumitza front, between the Bulgarians and British the latter of whom received reinforcements with heavy artillery, continued all day without significant results. In the meantime the British are preparing a new line of defence close to the Greek frontier. French reinforcements continue to arrive at Salonika. Casualties aggregating 1,500 and the loss of eight field guns, which they are unable to remove from their emplacements, are told of in an official communication issued this evening dealing with the retreat of the British Tenth Division from Lake Doiran in Serbia, in conjunction with the French. Special mention is made of the gallantry of the Connaught Rangers during the battle. The communication says: After sustaining violent attacks delivered by the enemy in overwhelming numbers, the Tenth Division succeeded, with the help of reinforcements in retreating to a strong position from Lake Doiran Westward toward the valley of the Vardar, in conjunction with our Allies. The Division is reported to have fought well against very heavy odds. It was largely due to the gallantry of the troops, especially the Connaught Rangers, Munster Fusiliers and Dublin Fusiliers that the withdrawal was successfully accomplished. Owing to the mountainous nature of the country it had been necessary to place 8 field guns for the purpose of defence, in positions from which it was impossible to withdraw them when retirement took place.

AT CONSTANTINOPLE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12. A News Agency despatch from Rome says that Field Marshal Von Mackensen has arrived at Constantinople with two regiments of Bavarian infantry and several batteries of artillery, according to Athens despatches to-day.

FROM BERLIN.

BERLIN, Dec. 12. Despatches yesterday said that Von Mackensen had been received in audience by Emperor Francis Joseph, but did not state what his mission was in Vienna. Military experts have predicted for some time that German success in the Balkans would be followed by an attack on Egypt. Some of them point to the latest developments as confirmation of that prediction.

BRITISH STEAMER ON FIRE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11. The British freighter Tyninghame, sugar laden, put back toward New York to-day soon after she had passed the quarantine ground, fire having broken out on board. She passed the quarantine ground with smoke pouring out from her after hold number four, and anchored off the Statue of Liberty. She was bound to Liverpool.

YUAN SHI KAI BECOMES PREMIER.

PEKIN, Dec. 12. Yuan Shi Kai, President of the Chinese Republic, has accepted the throne of China tendered him by the Council of State. Acting as a Parliament, the Council of State to-day passed a vote on the question of a change in the form of government in China to a monarchy, and found that to help of representatives out of 2,942 were favorable to the proposition. The Council of State immediately sent Yuan Shi Kai a petition urging him to accept the throne. He declined at first, but when the petition was forwarded him the second time, he accepted, with the proviso that he would continue to act as President until a convenient time for his coronation.

LEFT FOR LONDON.

PARIS, Dec. 12. Foreign Secretary Grey and Earl Kitchener, at the conclusion of an Anglo-French conference, left for London this evening.

Our Volunteers.

The total number of enrolments now is 2,637, six young men having offered their services for King and Empire on Saturday. The new recruits are:—

- Geo. Squires, Salvage, B.B.
Jas. Moores, Safe Island, B.B.
Ed. Hodder, Elliott's Cove, T. B.
Fred. W. Diamond, Flat Island, P.B.
Thos. Ronan, St. John's.
Wm. L. Masters, Hr. Buffett, P.B.

Here and There.

GROUNDLESS REPORT.—It was currently reported around the city yesterday that a disastrous fire had occurred at Hr. Grace. The report was incorrect.

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FURNACE LINE SHIPS.—The s.s. Graciana is expected to leave Liverpool to-morrow for here. The s.s. Tassaco sails from Halifax for this port to-morrow.

FERRO.—More power at reduced cost.

MORE DIPHTHERIA.—Two more cases of diphtheria were reported from Blackmarsh Road and LeMarchant Road, respectively, Saturday night. The patients were sent to hospital.

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NEW BANK OPENS.—The new branch of the Royal Bank of Canada opens to-morrow at Heart's Content with Mr. Arthur White, manager. Mr. White is a son of the Rev. Canon White, of the Cathedral parish.

Ideal Draught Tubing for windows and doors, 15c. per yard. BOWRING BROS., LTD., Hardware Dept.—oct29,15

COAL CARGOES.—The S.S. Coban arrived in port from North Sydney on Saturday night with a cargo of coal to the R. N. Co. The s.s. Beatrice arrived yesterday from North Sydney with a cargo of coal to Morey & Co.

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RESUMED VOYAGE.—The wheat laden steamer Ravenstone, bound from Philadelphia to Cardiff, which put in here short of coal, left for her destination yesterday having received a coal supply at A. J. Harvey & Co.'s premises.

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RED CROSS SHIPS.—The s.s. Florizel got away for Halifax and New York Saturday midnight. The s.s. Stephano will not leave New York for here via Halifax until some time to-morrow, owing to the big freight at the American port.

A NEW COMMAND.—From the Halifax Chronicle we learn that Capt. G. A. Murley, of the s.s. Seal has been appointed master of the s.s. Sabie L, and that the Seal will be commanded by Joshua Gallop, who was chief officer with Capt. Murley.

SCHR. ASHORE.—The Deputy Minister of Customs had a message on Saturday afternoon that the schooner Flora, of New Perican, Hefford, master, ran ashore on Thursday night near Deer Harbor. The crew were saved. Damage done is unknown.

DEMAND GOOD.—The following has been received by the Board of Trade from Lind and Couto at Oporto: "The demand for British fish continues good, and we think all the recent arrivals will be required. The fish brought by the Stromboli, 3,275 qts. on the 16th is the only Norwegian cure in the market. The rate of exchange is about 33 1/2 d."

CURRENT EVENTS CLUB.—At Saturday's meeting of the Current Events Club, an interesting paper on Nurse Cavel was read by Miss Marguerite Mitchell. Following the address several of those present spoke briefly of the career and glorious death of the great heroine. At the close of the meeting teas were served by Mrs. H. Outerbridge.

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PONTIFICAL VESPERS.—At the R. C. Cathedral last evening Pontifical Vespers was sung, the celebrant being His Lordship Bishop March, of Hr. Grace. Assisting at the throne were Rev. J. McGrath, P.P., Bell Island and Rev. J. V. Donnelly, P.P., Bay-de-Verde, while Rt. Rev. Monsignor McDermott was Master of Ceremonies.

W.M.S. SALE.—The ladies of the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's will hold their annual cake and pudding sale in the Presbyterian Hall on Wednesday afternoon next. Teas will be served by the young ladies of the Kirk and at night a grand Scotch concert will be given under the direction of Mr. F. J. King. The affair is being promoted by Mrs. David Baird and the ladies assisting her are sparing no effort to make the event a success.

IN COLLISION.—The schr. David C. Ritcey, 29 days from New York via Louisbourg, entered port yesterday afternoon, bringing a coal cargo to Morey & Co. Just outside the Narrows the tug D. P. Ingraham which went out to tow in the vessel, collided with her. The bulwarks of the tug were damaged but the Ritcey was not injured.

KODAK advertisement featuring an image of a camera and text: 'The Package That Contains a KODAK Will be opened first on Xmas Morn : : : :'. Includes details about camera models and prices.

Bachelors.

By GEORGE FITCH, Author of "At Good Old Swash."

A bachelor is a man who comes home late on a cold, dark night and gets a warm and effusive welcome from the hat rack.

When a man has arrived at the age of thirty without evincing the slightest interest in the cost of living, at the increasing outrageousness of millinery, he may properly be called a bachelor. Bachelors are of two kinds—self-made and girl-made.

Bachelors live alone as a rule, but are kept in a passable state of repair by their landladies. They are very hardy and will eat almost anything.

See the Automatic locking Bag, absolutely the newest and safest.

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Child's Linen Dresses, 40c. each

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Mauve, Pink, Saxe and Helio.

LADIES' HAND BAGS, \$1.30 to \$2.20.

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PAPER & ENVELOPES, 15c. to 90c. box,

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PERFUMED BEADS, only 45 and 60c. each.

MANICURE SETS, 40c. to \$2.40.

BRUSH, COMB AND MIRROR SETS, \$1.60.

Black Ebony, silver plate on back for initials.

LEATHER COLLAR POUCHES, \$1.60.

WORK BASKETS, \$1.55 to \$4.80.

DOLLS' COLLAPSIBLE PRAMS, \$3.00 each.

BOXES OF LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, 12c. to 85c.

Some embroidered on Irish Linen.

CHILD'S BATH ROBES, 75c. each.

Shades of Pink and Sky; fit 1 to 3 years.

HYGIENIC SLEEPING SUITS, 70c. and 75c.

Fit 2 to 4 years.

BOYS' SNOW SUITS, \$2.45.

Sweater Coat, Overpants & Cap; all shades.

TOYS! TOYS!! Impossible to mention here; must be seen to be appreciated.

BRADLEY'S DRAWING SETS, \$1.50.

With this the ingenious boy may develop his ability for draughting.

BISHOP SONS & CO., Ltd. advertisement with 'SHOP EARLY SATISFACTION' headline and a list of various goods and prices.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS advertisement with an image of the product box and text: 'DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS FOR ALL KIDNEY DISEASES'. Includes a testimonial about Canada's aid in financing war.