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# 300 WOMEN KILLED IN POWDER PLANT

# Britain's Reserves Will Be Double Forces at the Front

## FRESH DRIVE BY ALLIES ON TURK CAPITAL

### London Believes Russian Assault on Varna Forehead-ows Big Effort.

### EXPECT CONFIRMATION

### French Success in Vosges Adds to Feeling of Optimism.

LONDON, Dec. 22, 10.35 p.m.—While up to a late hour there has been no official confirmation of the report of the Russian occupation of Varna, strong hope is felt that the occupation of the chief Bulgarian port on the Black Sea has been effected. The verdict of London editors is that, assuming the report to be accurate, one of the greatest moves of the war has been effected.

### VEGES SUCCESS BRILLIANT.

On the western front the success of the French at Hartmanns-Wellerkopf, in the Vosges, is regarded in the allied capitals as not only a brilliant but a useful operation at a point where the situation had been most difficult for many months. The number of prisoners is the largest on the west front since the great Champagne-Lorraine offensive.

### Fort Por of Ladaro Group Effectively Bombaraded From Land and Air.

### LADICO STATION HIT

### Movements of Austrian Troops Checked by Timely Artillery Fire.

ROME, via London, Dec. 22, 10.27 p.m.—The official communication issued from general headquarters today, reads as follows:

### U. S. NOTE TO AUSTRIA APPEALS TO LONDON

### Second Demand to Disavow Sinking of Ancona Evokes Interest.

### GEN. BERTRAM RESIGNS FROM SHELL COMMITTEE

### He Was Chairman, Then Vice-Chairman, and Now Severs Connection Altogether.

### BRITAIN SECURES SPACE FOR FROZEN PRODUCE

LONDON, Dec. 22, 10.07 p.m.—Under an order in council issued today, the government has requisitioned for the transport of frozen produce all the refrigerating compartments of British steamships registered in the United Kingdom.

## BRITISH EXPORTS OF TOBACCO INCREASING

### Outgo of Resin and Petroleum Also Shows Large Increase.

LONDON, Dec. 22, 6.45 p.m.—The increase in exports of tobacco, resin and petroleum from England has subjected the British Government to considerable criticism on the ground that the government, while stopping neutral shipments, is permitting its own shippers to increase their exports. Official circles, while not denying the accuracy of the figures, declare the condition due to a change in ports of destination instead of any favoritism on the part of the British blockade.

### ROMANIA TO SUPPLY GERMANY WITH GRAIN?

### Berlin Reports Fifty Thousand Carloads Have Been Arranged for.

BERLIN, Dec. 22, via London, 8.05 p.m.—According to a Bucharest despatch, the exportation of 50,000 carloads of grain of various sorts has been finally arranged, a satisfactory agreement on the methods of payment having been reached between the German and Roumanian negotiators.

### ITALIANS SMASH WAY WITH GUNS FOR DRIVE

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### RECRUITING IN BRITAIN WITHIN LEGAL LIMITS

### Tennant Gives Opinion, But Is Not Positive—Monthly Wage-Fifteen Per Cent.

### HEADQUARTERS STAFF MAY ALL GO TO FRONT

MONTREAL, Dec. 22.—All officers, non-commissioned officers and men employed on the headquarters staff, Montreal are to be given opportunity to go to the front, if physically fit, so Brig.-Gen. E. W. Wilson, G.O.C., was notified from Ottawa today. This notification is in conformity with a recent announcement of the minister of militia, that the militia department is not the proper place for the employment of men fit for active service.

### JAMES SPEAKMAN'S FUNERAL

CALGARY, Alta., Dec. 22.—The funeral of the late James Speakman, president of the United Farmers of Alberta, who died here suddenly yesterday, took place today at his home in Pentfield, Alta.

## BORDEN TELLS AMERICANS OF CANADA IN WAR

### New England Society Hears of Readiness to Make Sacrifices for Freedom.

### CHEERED REPEATEDLY

### Dominion Firm in Conviction Struggle Will Not Be in Vain.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—"Canada, while hoping that events of the next twelve months will lead to an abiding peace, is fully determined to spare no effort and shrink from no sacrifice to make triumphant the cause of the allied—the freedom of the world," declared Sir Robert Laird Borden, the Canadian premier, in an address tonight at the 110th dinner of the New England Society in New York. Re-counting what sacrifices Canada has already made, Premier Borden said it stood ready to make still more, "firm in the conviction that humanity's struggle against the enthronement of force above right will not be in vain."

### WASHINGTON IS SILENT ON FRYE CASE REPLY

### German Note Has Apparently Failed to Meet All the Demands.

### BIG ISSUES INVOLVED

### Answer May Have Bearing Upon Lusitania and Ancona Cases.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Because of its possible bearing upon the open issues involved in the Lusitania and Ancona cases, the state department will not make public the details of Germany's reply to the last American note regarding the sinking of the American ship destroyed last month. A cable outline of the German reply indicated that it was not completely responsive, and left in doubt the vessel destroyed last month. The full text of the German note now has been received thru the mails from Ambassador Gerard; it was admitted today at the state department, but officials declined to say what response was made to it. It is reported that the German reply is not satisfactory in connection with the practice of submarine warfare as involved in the Lusitania case.

### STRUCK BY CABOOSE.

While playing in the vicinity of the Joyce avenue crossing, at 6 o'clock last night, William McLean, 14 years of age, of 22 Harvie avenue, ventured to near the tracks and was struck by the caboose of an eastbound C. P. R. train. He sustained a fractured jaw, and after medical attention was taken to the Western Hospital, where an operation was performed on the jaw. This is the first accident which has occurred at the crossing since the gates were placed there.

### DINEEN'S STORE OPEN TONIGHT.

For the convenience of the Xmas shoppers who do not find it possible to their shopping during the day, this busy store will remain open every night until Christmas gifts are being bought daily fewer and fewer—the wise ones will shop today and tonight. The big announcement of the Dineen store on the women's page will give a slight idea of the numerous pleasing gifts for every member of the family, which had been hurried by the Xmas is reported in today's official statement by the Vienna war office, as received here.

### HIDDEN SERB CANNON DISCOVERED BY ENEMY

BERLIN, Dec. 22, via wireless to Saville. The discovery by Austro-Hungarian troops of 69 additional cannons, which had been buried by the Serbians in reported in today's official statement by the Vienna war office, as received here.

## LABOR UNIONS TO CO-OPERATE AS REQUESTED

### Lloyd George's Conference at Newcastle Had Entirely Satisfactory Results.

### RULES TO BE AMENDED

### Outlook is for Removal of Ban Placed on Unskilled Workers.

NEWCASTLE, Eng., Dec. 22, 11.03 p.m.—David Lloyd George, the munitions minister, tonight addressed a meeting, attended by 900 union officials. The minister urged the amendment to the trades union rules, in order to permit the employment of a percentage of unskilled men with skilled men in the munitions trade. The meeting was private, but the following report of it was supplied to the press:

### RED HOT STOVE STARTED FIRE IN WOMEN'S STORE

### Police Will Investigate Circumstances Connected With Early Morning Blaze on Queen St.

Responding to an alarm of fire in a women's wear store at 722 East Queen street shortly after midnight, the firemen discovered a stove in the rear of the store filled to the top with coal and burning so fiercely that the stove was red hot. It was from the stove that the fire started, and the police are of the opinion that the circumstances warrant an investigation.

### FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR RED CROSS WORK

### Concert of Madame Melba at Ottawa Successful in Getting Large Sum.

### REDUCED HYDRO RATE COMING FOR GUELPH

### Sir Adam Beck Makes Announcement in Speech on Radials Project.

SPECIAL TO THE TORONTO WORLD. GUELPH, Ont., Dec. 22.—Sir Adam Beck addressed a public meeting in the city hall tonight on the hydro radial scheme, explaining in great detail all the facts which the commission has been able to obtain. He reviewed the history of the hydro-electric power project from the beginning, referred to the plans now before the government for the securing of power to the extent of 600,000 horse power and pointed out that the proposed trunk line from Toronto to London would be a paying one from the very start. He also made the announcement that at the beginning of the new year the Guelph rate for power would be reduced from \$1 to \$2 per horse power, that the power rate would be reduced 15 per cent, the commercial rate 15 per cent, and the domestic rate to be the lowest in the world, as it is in London at present.

### MURDER SUSPECTED IN DESTRUCTION OF BARN

### Finding of Remains Leads to Theory of Fire to Hide Evidence.

CHATHAM, Ont., Dec. 22.—Murder is suspected in connection with the finding of the charred remains of an unknown man which were found in the ruins of a barn which a few days ago destroyed a barn on the farm of Thomas Kilbride, near Wallaceburg. It was learned today that a man was seen running away from the barn at the time the fire was discovered, and the theory is advanced that murder was committed and the barn then set on fire in an attempt to cover up the crime. A searching investigation has been ordered.

## MANY LIVES LOST IN MÜNSTER WARECK

### Three Hundred German Women Employed in Powder Mill Were Victims.

LONDON, Dec. 22. (7.52 p.m.)—Advices from Amsterdam state that according to accounts received there 300 of the 600 women employed in the Münster Powder Mill in Westphalia were killed.

### GERMAN MUNITIONS EXPLODED ON MEUSE

### French Bombardment of Enemy's Trenches Does Great Damage.

### FIGHTING FOR VOSGES

### Thirteen Hundred Germans Taken Prisoner in Successful Blow.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE TORONTO WORLD. LONDON, Dec. 22.—Part of the ground gained by the French at Hartmanns-Wellerkopf was recovered by the Germans today in fighting for the last positions, a small French advanced party being driven from a trench. Thirteen hundred prisoners, it was announced tonight at Paris, were taken by the French in the engagement. The works captured from the Germans had been a thorn in the side of the French, and the enemy had been in a position to inflict many casualties on the Gallie troops.

### AMERICAN FIRMS PUT ON BRITISH BLACKLIST

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It is pointed out that such treatment would be quite impossible of enforcement without great injury to the country, and that the American firms which are suffering as a result of the alleged quiet boycott, complain that they are the victims of commercial blacklisting levied by British stockholders which already has suffered grievously from the report on the Dec. 15 from the government the nature of the charges against it.

## BIG RESERVES REQUIRED BY BRITISH ARMY

### Men in Training Nearly Double Number in Service at Front.

### CONSCRIPTION POSSIBLE

### Tennant Believes Public Sentiment Will Support Measure if Advisable.

LONDON, Dec. 22, 9.21 p.m.—The House of Commons today passed bills prolonging the life of the present parliament eight months and increasing the strength of the British army to 4,000,000 men. Both bills passed without division.

### BRITAIN'S LARGEST ARMY.

The newly authorized army, H. J. Tennant, parliamentary secretary of the war office, stated to the House tonight, is the largest army ever raised in this country. Mr. Tennant gave interesting figures on the large reserve requirements of the army under modern war conditions, saying that it was necessary to have at home in reserve 1.8 million men for every soldier in the field. This estimate was based on the monthly wastage of 15 per cent, which was the experience of the first year of the war. Thus the army of 1,250,000 men, which figures were given by Premier Asquith yesterday as the present British force abroad, required 2,250,000 reserves in training at home, or a total force of 3,500,000 necessary for the prosecution of the war on the present basis for one year.

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Mr. Tennant regretted that he was unable in any way to anticipate the premier's statement as to the number of young unmarried men who failed to enroll was a negligible quantity, but he added:

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