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British Troops Hold Positions in Face of Heavy Assaults.

MORE TROOPS ON WAY

Hostile Arabs Dispersed on Sinai Peninsula by Reconnoitring Force.

LONDON, Dec. 13 .- Turkish attacks n the British Mesopotamian army at Kut-el-Amara have been repulsed, it was announced in an official statement onight. British reinforcements being pushed forward.

The statement is as follows: "Gen. Townshend reports tha the enemy shelled his position all day on Dec. 8. The bombardment continued during the 9th, when the remy again heavily bombarded kut-el-Amara. and developed an attack against the north front position, which, however, was not

"On Dec. 11 the bombardment was renewed and two attacks were made on the north front, which were repulsed with heavy loss to the enemy. Since then there has been less activity.

"The attitude of the Arabs is reported as satisfactory. Reinforcements are being pushed forward."

The defeat of an Arak band in an ment with a British reconnoi-

ring party on the Sinai Peninsula is suce in Cairo, Egypt, says a Reuter despatch from that city today, which transmits the statement as follows: "A band of 300 hostile Arabs was routed on Saturday by a British reconnoitring force in the vicinity of Matrah, on the Sinai Peninsula. The Arabs, 35 of whom were killed and seven captured, were driven eastward. The British easualties were 16 killed and three efficers and 15 men wounded."

BERLIN (via wireless to Tucker-ton). Dec. 13. The Turkish official comication of December 12 as received here says
"Shekh Said, east of Kut-el-Amara." was occupied upon the enemey's re-treat by Turkish troops. Turkish ar-tillery near Kut-el-American y near Kut-el-Amara sank sev-enemy pontoons."

FIFTY-FOUR OFFICERS TO BE BROUGHT BACK

They Will Assist in Organization and Training of New Battalions.

MAJORITY ARE WOUNDED

Expectation is That Active Operations Will Be Suspended During Winter.

By a Staff Report...
OTTAWA. Dec. 13.—In order to assist in the organization and training of the new battalions now being raised being brought back from France or being brought back from France or begland for the winter. Most of them tave been wounded and are now con-lesting. It is considered that these an do more importnat work with their valuable knowledge of

LT.-COL. F. F. CLARKE



Rangers' Overseas Battalion, Lieut. Clarke is at present in charge of the German internment camp at Kapus-

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and Another Irish Detachment Saved Situation.

MUCH OUTNUMBERED

Two Companies Held Ridge All Morning Against Bulgar Hosts.

LONDON, Dec. 13 .- How two companies of the Royal Inniskilling Pusiliers with another of the Irish Regiment forming the British divisions. which are making a fighting retire ment with Serbia, sacrificed themselves to cover the retreat of their comrades, is told by the wounded who have reached British headquarters in Macedonia. The British, according to the correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Co. in a despatch from the British headquarters, were outnumbered ten to one by the Bulgarians, who were well supplied with guns and machine guns. Last Monday morning they were awakened by a heavy bembardment by the Bulgarians, who poured a hail of shot and shell on them. Splintering rocks intensified the effect of

Bulgars Punished Severely. The Bulgarian infantry then advanced to the attack in massed formation and were punished severely, but the scarcity of British guns did not permit them to take proper toll of the advancing Bulgars. The British emptied their rifles rapidly into the crush and tried to stem the tide with bayonets, but were overborne by sheer weight of numbers and the position was lost. Similarly, the second line was lost, and the British fell back on the third line of defence.

the third line of defence.

Inniskillings Hold Out.

Two companies of Inniskillings, however, held on to the ridge known as Kevis Crest and kept back the Bulgarlans the whole morning, altho they were supported only by rifle fire. Hardly a man escaped, but their stand impressed and delayed the Bulgars, thus although the Bulgars, thus giving the British much needed time to complete defensive positions in the third line, where the Bulge finally held up for four days. Bulgars were The Bulgarians, the correspondent adds, having suffered heavily, have since then attempted no strong offen-

sive up to Sunday. GIVE FURS THIS CHRISTMAS.

This is a real fur-giving Xmas seadelivered an address in which he strongly criticized the execution of strongly criticized the execution of many conditions than they son. Everybody is giving furs. They are the most popular gift for the whole family. Mother should have a fur coat. Sister needs a new set of furs what more charming than a set of furs what more charming than a set of fox? Father has shivered long chought back have done good work in the training of their men in Canada and England.

The officers now on the way back include Col. Wolch of Windsor, who include Col. Wolch of Windsor, who is michale Col. Wolch of Windsor, who is michale Col. Wolch of Windsor, who is michale Col. Ingram, who will have a cerman did bendon; Lieut Cookshutt, who will be given a command in the backs of animals. Made up into This is a real fur-giving Xmas sea-

MOBILIZATIUN

British Government Will Purchase or Borrow Canadian and U. S. Stocks.

TO MEET LIABILITIES

Britain Hopes to Adjust Trade Balance With America by Move.

LONDON. Dec. 13 .- After an explanation by the chancellor of the exchequer, Reginald McKenna, and a by borrowing them to be used prim- | hills and in the woods. The street car STOOD AT BAY by borrowing them to be used printing the lines were taken unawares and few cars were moving. Delaware and Hudson trains were much behind their Great Britain's liabilities, in the son trains schedule, United States.

The scheme is an entirely voluntary one, and the chancessor made it clear that the government had no intention KING RESUMING of swamping the American market with securities, which would be unfair to holders here, as they were to be

paid for at the market price.

Trade Balance Exhausted. Mr. McKenna explained that the Mr. McKenna explained that the usual trade balance in favor of Great Britain had been exhausted by the buge demands made upon America for goods for England and her allies, and the amounts paid in interest on foreign securities held here, or earned by British shipping, were not sufficient to set this right. cient to set this right. Consequently, in order to meet liabilities in the United States, they were obliged to

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LOWEST EBB REACHED IN GERMAN EXCHANGE

Mark Only Worth Nineteen and Three-Eighths Cents on Latest Transaction.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 .- The value or purchasing power of German money in this market, as represented by marks, fell to its lowest known level today, when bills of exchange on Ber-lin dropped to 77%, a decline of a cent from the recent minimum. In stance, marks, normally quote 25% cents, were worth only 19 3-8c. Incidentally, American exchange or kronen fell to lowest rates, but in this ins ance the decline was sentimental rether than actual, no sales of exchange on vienna being reported.

The extreme weakness of exchange on the Teutonic countries was ascribed to unconfirmed rumors that the Reichsbank or Imperial Bank of Ger-

mand over all the gold now privately held within the empire. ITALIAN PARLIAMENT HOOTED KAISER'S NAME

niany contemplates assuming com-

Socialist Member's Strong Denunciation of Barbarities

Dre Response. ROME. Dec. 13, 4.10 p.m.-In the chamber of deputies today, Carlo Altobelli, Socialist member for Naples, delivered an address in which he

RUSSIAN PARTY EXPELS GERMANS FROM VILLAGE

Bayonet Attack on Detachment of Enemy Succeeds in Dispersing It.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 13, via London. -The following official communication was issued today:

"On the western (Russian) from there is no change in the situation. In the region west of Lake Boginskoje a detachment of our troops havin outflanked the enemy, dislodged a half company of Germans at the point of the bayonet, from the Village of Voynsuhy, capturing an officer and some soldiers and a machine gun. "On the Caucasian front there is change."

HEAVY STORM STRIKES DISTRICT OF TROY, N.Y.

Foot of Snow Has Fallen by Evening - Trains and Street Cars Held Up.

TROY, N.Y., Dec. 13 .- The worst storm since the blizzard of February, short, debate the house of commons 1914, struck this section today. This passed this evening the second read- evening 12 inches of snow had fallen, ing of the bill empowering the gov- and reports from the outlying districts ernment to mobilize American and of Rensseler County were to the effect

He Has Lost Seriously in Weight and Must Avoid Fatigue.

STIMULANT NECESSARY But King Will Return to

Total Abstinence When Stronger.

LONDON, Dec. 13.-King George, who suffered severe injuries by being thrown from his horse at the British front in France on Oct. 28, has recovered sufficiently to take up affairs of specting the King's condition, Sir Frederick Treves, surgeon to the King, and Sir Bertrand Dawson, physician

made the following statement: "We are happy to report that the King has so far recovered from the grave accident of Oct. 28 as to be able to resume work with certain limita-

"The King has lost seriously in meight, and, until a normal state of health is attained, it is essential that his majesty should avoid any cause of fatigue. It has been necessary on medical grounds that the King should take a little stimulant daily during convalescence. As soon as the King's health is quite restored, he will resume total abstinence, which he imposed upon himself for public reasons

ITALIANS MAKE GAINS ON CALVARIO HEIGHTS

Austrian Trench on Southern Doiran. Slope Captured Under Cover of Fog.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.
LONDON, Dec. 13.—Italian infantry, under cover of a fog, advanced and captured an Austrian trench on the southern slope of Calvario heights. Thirty rifles and much war material was abandoned by the fleeing enemy The Germans claim that Italian attacks on the heights near Onslavia, west o the greatist array possible to imagine of the finest furs that ever grew on the backs of animals. Made up into the backs of animals assurances which are returned in the backs of the Union at the backs of the Union and the backs of the Union at the backs of the Union at the backs of the Union at the backs of the backs of the backs of the Union at the backs of the backs of

ENEMY EAST OF YPRES BOMBARDED BY BRITISH

"Considerable Activity" Reported by Sir John French-British Blew Up Mine in Front of Givenchy.

ONDON, Dec. 13.—(10.55 p.m.)—Field Marshal Sir John French sends the following report from the British in France: "Last night we blew up a mine in front of Givenchy and occupied the crater. Today there was considerable activity at various points on the front. We bombarded the enemy's position east of Ypres and in the neighborhood of Frelinghien, and shelled with heavy howitzers an enemy mine shaft north of La Bassee Canal.

"In the neighborhood of the Somme there was some fighting with trench mortars and rifle grenades. The weather today was bright and

ISSUE OF NATIONAL CURRENCY **AGAINST STOCKS AT OTTAWA?**

Surmise Follows Announcement of British Plan to Mobilize American Securities, Possibly to the Extent of Four Billion Dollars.

tion secured for longer maturities on more favorable terms. So far as can be learned tonight, it By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Dec. 13.-The announcement by the British chancellor of the ment by the British chancellor of the exchequer that the imperial government would acquire American and Canadian securities to the value of possibly \$4,000,000,000 for the purpose possibly \$4,000,000,000 for the purpose of the money or credit cannot be obtained here unless the Dominion should be safe in the defences of of redressing the unfavorable rate of exchange between London and New York was not unexpected by members of the government here and officials ed upon this latter point. of the finance department. One of the latter said that the imperial government had been in negotiation for some Be Affected time past with British insurance companies, trust companies and bankers holding "dollar" securities, which also include Canadian issues such as those of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. He gave as his opinion that the any Canadian securities included, in-securities will not be bought outright securities will not be bought outright

How Canadian Securities Might

A Toronto financial man said last right that he would not be surprised if this mobilization of American and Caragan securities did not have a very considerable effect on the values of mean that the securities concerned but only borrowed from the holders would be taken off the market, and and that they will not be offered for that as a consequence the market grices might considerably advance. Eut he wanted more details before he would speak with greater certainty. An out and out purchase of large blocks of Canadian securities would said, may have already been secured time treasury bills and by pledging time treasury bills and by pledging American securities the short time bills can be taken up and accommodation. The imperial government.

state under certain restrictions. Re- AUSTRIA EXPECTS RUPTURE WITH U.S.

extraordinary to his majesty, have the Exchange Telegraph from Amster-made the following statement: dam says: the Exchange Telegraph from Amster-whether a rupture with the United dam says:
Reports from Vienna say that the
American note concerning the sinking
of the Italian steamer Ancona has
caused intense anger in the Austrian
Government, and a diplomatic rupture

whether a rupture with the Chited
States would not force Britain to a
like step.
"Count Tisza, the Hungarian premier, has been summoned to Vienna
to discuss the situation with the gov-

sale in New York, but only hypothe-

cated. A certain amount of money, he

in anticipation of this step upon short

is considered probable. The question ernment."

BIG FORCE OF ENEMY NEAR GREEK FRONTIER Equal Number of Austro-

Germans. LONDON, Dec. 14, 1.55 a.m.-A force of 40,000 Bulgarians and an equal number of Austro-Germans is being concentrated between Monastir and the Greek frontier, according to a despatch to The Times from its Saloniki correspondent. This force is said to include a considerable number of cavalry troops. Heavy fighting, the despatch said, was still in progress on unday in the neighborhood of Lake

PERSONAL ASSURANCES

Result of Audience With Members of Diplomatic Body Satisfactory.

LONDON, Dec. 14 .- A despatch to before Baron Burian, the Austro-

TURKEY NOT TO START PROPOSALS OF PEACE

Forty Thousand Bulgars and an If Others Approach Turks With Them, They Will Be Considered.

BERLIN, Dec. 1 .- (Via London.)-A Copenhagen despatch to The Zeitung Am Mittag says that Halil Bey, the Turkish minister of foreign affairs, echoing the German imperial chancellor's reichstag speech, declared in an interview on Sunday that peace over-tures from Turkey are absolutely out

of the question. The minister added: "If others approach us with peace proposals we will consider them."

BARON AND ACCOMPLICES INDICTED FOR CONSPIRACY GIVEN BY GREEK KING

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken, an at-tachee of the German consulate here. C. C. Crowley, a detective employed by the consulate, and Margaret Cor-nell, who was in Crowley's employ, were indicted today by the grand jury on two counts each. The first count charged conspiracy to interfere with LONDON, Dec. 13.—The king of Greece in the course of an audience accorded the members of the diplomatic body at Athens on Saturday, personal assurances which are reserved personal assurances which are reserved by the grand jury on two counts each. The first count charged conspiracy to interfere with and destroy commerce between the several states of the Union and the United States and foreign countries; United States and foreign countries; by Greek military. No official state the second charges use of the mails to ment is obtainable here as to what

Greeks Allow Retreating Forces a Clear Road to Fall Back-Austrians and Germans May Enter Greek Territory.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The British and French troops have successfully carried out their retirement from Serbia across the Greek frontier, and by an arrangement with the Greek Govern-ment a clear road has been left for

them to fall back on Saloniki, which is being organized as a base. The German official report of today claims that "approximately two English divisions were annihilated" during the retirement, but this is considered here an exaggeration. Accounts from Athens and Saloniki say the retreat was carried out in an orderly manner. and without heavy losses. By the destruction of railway bridges and roads, and by stubborn rear-guard actions, in one of which two companies of the Inniskilling regiment sacrificed them-selves to save their comrades, the Bulgarians were kept at a fairly safe

Enemy to Follow. The question now arises whether the Bulgarians and Austro-Germans intend to follow the British and French troops into Greece, and what action the Greek Government will take should they do so. The impression gained from despatches emanating in Athens is that neither the Bulgarians nor the Turks, who also are reported to have the entente allies the task will be un-dertaken by Austrians and Germans

Saloniki and under the guns of their The remnants of the Serbian army are still resisting the Austrians and Bulgarians in Albania, while the Austrians are making very slow progress in their efforts to overwhelm Montenegro, where heavy fighting continues.

Out of Macedonia?

The French and British have been entirely expelled from. Macedonian territory, it is officially announced today by German army headquarters, advancing army Todoroff occupying Doiron and Gley geli. Berlin statement is:

"Balkan theatre of war: The situation has not materially changed. More than 300 prisoners were brought in yesterday by the army group of Gen. Von Koevess. (Wireless ver-

'At Ipek twelve modern guns which the Serbians had buried were cap-

sion gave number of prisoners as

Behind our front more than 100 straggling Serbians were taken prisoner during the last few days.

"In Macedonia the army of Gen. Todoroff captured the villages of Doiran and Gievgeli. No Englishmen or Frenchinen are now at liberty of Macedonian soil. "Approximately two British divi-sions have been annihilated in these engagements."

Bulgars Lost 8000. Anglo-French troops have been re-ring across the frontier since early Saturday, according to information received by the Greek military author-rties at Athens today.

After beating back a wave of at-tacking Bulgars that rolled up against their lines all day Saturday were forced to fall back to their second line. They rallied and were holding up the enemy's advance in a violent struggle when the last information was received at Saloniki. As on Thursday and Friday the British were subjected to the heaviest assaults in Saturday's fighting. The Bulgarians made repeated atassaults against the British from cost the attacking forces 8000 men in killed and wounded.

British Fire Deadly.

A grand assault was ordered by the Bulgarian commander, when the first charge was hurled back. The Bul-garians advanced thru a thick fog in dense formation to within 500 yards of the British trerches. British machine guns and rifles suddenly swept their front with a frightful fire. Those who escaped the first fire. Those who escaped the first hail of bullets ran swiftly forward nail of builets ran swiftly forward until within 200 yards of the British trenches. A second shower of builets nowed them down by hundreds. The survivors broke and fied.

Bulgars on Border.

Bulgariam advance guards have leached the Greek frontier at severe!

points in their pursuit of the retreating Anglo-French. Their movements, according to Saloniki despatches this afternoon, are being closely watched by Greek military. No official state-