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Italians Have 30,000 Men Now in Albania

That is Start of Large Operations—Roumania Friendly to Allies, Says Under Secretary

Paris, Dec. 17.—The Milan correspondent of the Journal says it is estimated there are 30,000 Italian troops at Albania, Albania. While the Avlona peninsula is hardly favorable for an offensive movement, he says, the expedition may be regarded as the starting point of operations on a large scale.

London, Dec. 17.—In a reply to a parliamentary question, Lord Robert Cecil, under-secretary for foreign affairs, states that the relations between Roumania and the Entente allies are perfectly friendly, but that he is not in a position to reveal the military plans of Russia.

BRITISH PRISONERS OF THE BULGARIANS
Paris, Dec. 17.—The Saloniki correspondent of the Havas Agency says that in the course of the fighting during the Franco-British retreat from Giugleva (Serbia), towards Saloniki, the Bulgarians captured two French machine guns and two batteries of British artillery, as well as 200 British prisoners.

The Greek Army
Paris, Dec. 17.—A Havas despatch from Athens says that the headquarters of the Greek army has been transferred to Koshani, fifty-five miles southeast of Monastir. The third Greek corps has been ordered to Caterini and the fifth corps to Nigrita. One regiment of engineers and one of artillery remain at Saloniki.

LOST IN TRYING TO HELP TRANSPORT
Rome, Dec. 17.—Details concerning the sinking of the Italian transport Re Umberto and the Italian destroyer Intrepid in the Adriatic Sea that the destroyer was blown up by a floating mine, which she struck to the rescue of the steamer, after the latter had struck a mine and was about to go down.

A \$5 BILL WITH A STRANGE STORY
Bank Note Received by H. H. Harvey Bears Soldier's Name and Berlin Stamp

A \$5 note of the Merchants Bank of Canada, which has a story to relate, is in the possession of H. H. Harvey of this city, who received it with others from the bank.

The bill bears the written endorsement of Norman Feltenby, number 17222, First Canadian Contingent, Octavia, France, March 20, 1915, and also the rubber stamped inscription: "Bank fur Handel und Industrie, Berlin." How the bank note reached the Berlin bank might be of interest, but it is probable that it belonged to a Canadian prisoner of war. Whether the owner received value for it may be another story.

MANY JOIN IN LAST TRIBUTE TO SIR FREDERIC BARKER
The body of Sir Frederic Estabrook Barker was laid to rest in Fernhill this afternoon. At 2:30 o'clock a private service was held at his late residence in Mount Pleasant by Bishop Richardson, assisted by Ven. Archdeacon Raymond and Rev. H. G. Alder. The body was then conveyed to St. Paul's Church, where burial services were conducted.

PROBATE COURT
Letters testamentary of the will of James Love Gordon late of this city, deceased, have been issued to his sisters, Miss Ellen and Miss Julia Gordon. The estate consists of a share in a freehold lot on Main street and a small amount of personal property. The probate value is \$1,225. Dr. J. Roy Campbell, K. C., is executor.

RECRUITING MEETINGS
Rev. W. R. Robinson and John C. Ferguson who speak in the Temperance hall, St. James street, this evening, will be a fine general programme. Refreshments will be served.

OFFERS 200,000 SOLDIERS
The Emperor of Abyssinia is ready to send troops to aid the Allies either in Egypt or Mesopotamia. He is said to have offered an army of 200,000 men if they could be transported to the field of action. It is suggested that Japan may provide the transports.

ALL MERCHANT VESSELS MAY BE REQUISITIONED

Hint at This Given by Marconi in Italian Senate

FIRST SPEECH AS SENATOR
Says Those Who Look on War Only as Means for Gain Must be Transformed into Great Disciplined Army

Rome, Dec. 17.—Guglielmo Marconi made his debut as a senator yesterday. He said that of all the belligerent countries he had visited, Italy was the one where the greatest liberty was enjoyed.

CHANGE ON BRITISH FRONT A SURPRISE TO PEOPLE OF FRANCE
Paris, Dec. 17.—The employment of General Sir Douglas Haig as British commander-in-chief in place of Field Marshal Sir John French, was entirely unexpected in France, and it has made a great impression.

CHRISTMAS GIFT WAS ON WAY TO CORPORAL HASLAM
Soldier, Reported Killed in Action, Was Well Known Here

Corporal John M. Haslam of the 81st Battalion, who was reported this morning as having been killed in action was well known in St. John, where he had resided for several years. He had been employed in Fleming's foundry and later in the Union foundry. While here he was a member of Vernon, No. 1, L. O. L., and his fellow members had mailed a Christmas gift to him only a fortnight ago. Mr. Haslam left St. John about eighteen months ago for Calgary, where he was located when he enlisted. His father, John Haslam, resides in Sussex.

PLEASING EXERCISES AT CLOSING OF BRUSSELS STREET KINDERGARTEN
The closing exercises of the Brussels street kindergarten in Glad Tidings hall this morning were enjoyed by quite a gathering of spectators. The instructor in charge of this kindergarten is Miss Lou Estey, and she is assisted by Miss Kathleen Smith and Miss Vera Maxwell. A good-sized Christmas tree stood in one corner of the room, and during the morning a "real, live Santa Claus"—one of the men of the 69th—paid a visit and stripped off of good things for the little ones of the class.

REAL ESTATE NEWS
Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows: Robert Ellis to S. J. Shanklin, \$140, property in St. Martins. L. C. Prime to Primrose Farm Ltd., property in Lanaustrer, Kings County. J. P. Lawson to J. H. McCrea, \$200, property in Karls.

BELIEVES ENGAGEMENT OF KITCHENER AND COUNTESS WILL SOON BE ANNOUNCED
New York, Dec. 17.—The New York World's London correspondent learns on excellent authority that the engagement of Earl Kitchener to the Dowager Countess of Minto will be announced soon. The countess's husband, Earl of Minto, died on February 28, 1914. He was viceroy of India in succession to Lord Curzon of Kedleston, who resigned the viceroyalty because the highest government supported Lord Kitchener, then commander-in-chief of the Indian army, in his dispute with Lord Curzon.

WEATHER BULLETIN
Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. P. Stuart, director of meteorological service.

NEARLY HALF OF HIGHLAND REGIMENT HAS BEEN RECRUITED

Fifty-nine P. E. Islanders Joined Last Night—Judge Fitzgerald's Son Wounded

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 17.—Fifty-nine recruits were secured last night for the 100th Highland Regiment at eight meetings held in the P. E. I. county. This brings the total up to 316, about half of the number required.

RAISE AVERAGE FOR HIGH SCHOOL
Principal Myles Would Have Higher Percentage for Entrance

THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Feeling Reference to Death of Lieut. C. M. Lawson in The War—Events Marking Closing Exercises in Schools

Exercises of a patriotic nature marked the programme at the close of the High School for the Christmas holidays this morning. The programme afforded pleasure to a large gathering. W. J. S. Myles, principal, presided, and gave an address in which he referred to the work of the school during the year.

SOME APPLAUD AND SOME HISS BOURASSA
Matter of Schools and Religion and the War Touched Upon

Mrs. Bourassa, who was a divided audience, which listened to Henri Bourassa last night at the Monument National. During the course of a rapid-fire two-hour speech by the National leader in his best anti-participation-in-war style. From even the people on the platform invited guests, flanked with long rows of Laval's students, came cries of "Shame, Shame" at two intervals, while hisses from sections of the audience, which completely filled the large hall, broke in with the applause.

TERRIBLE SUFFERINGS OF SERBIAN PEOPLE, DRIVEN BY ENEMY
Paris, Dec. 17.—The arrival of A. Nitchich, president of the Serbian National Assembly, and other prominent Serbians in Athens is reported. They said that the sufferings of their people during the retreat of the army before the invaders were indescribable.

SPAYER AND CASSELS CANNOT BE BARRED FROM PRIVY COUNCIL
London, Dec. 17.—The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Reading, delivered judgment today and declared that Sir Edgar Speyer and Sir Ernest Cassels, as naturalized British subjects, had all the rights and privileges of British born subjects, and therefore were entitled to be members of the Privy Council.

FURNESS, WITHY & CO. ACQUIRE JOINSTON LINE
Liverpool, Dec. 17.—Furness, Withy & Company, which already has a large interest in the Johnston line of steamers, has acquired the remaining shares and will assume control in the new year.

SAV AUSTRIAN REPLY TO NOTE IS A QUIBBLE

Papers Declare Washington Will Not Permit Delay

It Will Be Laid Before President and Secretary Lansing Today—Berlin Thinks it is a Very Fine Piece of Work

New York, Dec. 17.—That Austria's reply to the American note is a quibble and that Washington will not permit the delay in the settlement of the Ancona case which Vienna obviously seeks, was the verdict of American newspapers generally.

News of Maritime Province Men in the War
With Dental Corps
Two former Fredericton men are members of the Canadian Dental Corps, soon to go overseas. They are James F. Shute and Lt. P. B. McNally.

MRS. ASQUITH TAKES MATTER TO COURT
Asks That London Globe Be Restrained From Publishing Alleged Libel

London, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Herbert H. Asquith, wife of the premier, appeared as a plaintiff in court today, demanding an order to restrain the Globe from the publication of alleged libels. Mrs. Asquith's attorney said: "For a whole fortnight before the issue of this writ, Mrs. Asquith has been deliberately pursued in the defendant's newspaper with accusations of disloyalty and of association with German prisoners at Donnington Hall. She has been described as a traitor and a disgrace to her sex, and attacked in most opprobrious terms. These attacks were systematically and malevolently maintained, and were only suspended after the writ had been issued."

EIGHT MORE T. McAVITY AND SONS MEN TO WAR
More names have been added to the honor list of T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., from their King street stores. Eight members of the staff have joined the colors recently, six with the 116th Battalion and two with the 116th. The latter are Burton Ramsey and Norman Bourne, while with the 116th are Stewart Henderson, H. M. Hamer, Robert Kelly, Clarence Henderson, Spurgeon McBride and John Lawson. Each has been the recipient of a handsome military writ watch, presented in behalf of the others of the staff by T. A. Ramsey and Smeat Clarke.

THIRTY MORE MEN HERE FOR 69TH BATTALION
Thirty more men reached the city last night for the 69th Battalion from Montreal. The battalion is now nearing its total strength. A marchout of some of the companies was conducted this morning in the city and company drill about the armory. Officers of the battalion will assist in a recruiting rally tomorrow evening in the Mill street offices, and Lieut. V. E. Deique will be one of the chief speakers.

HONOR ROLL UNVEILED
At a meeting of the Patriotic Circle of Victoria street Baptist church last evening an honor roll was unveiled showing the names of forty-eight of the church members who have done the kiaki. Rev. B. H. Nobles presided. The unveiling was performed by the two lads, Ronald Nobles and Frank Devennie, both of whose fathers are in uniform. The chief address was given by Rev. M. E. Fletcher. A solo, "Keep the Home Fires Burning," was given by Miss Campbell. The church was decorated with flags and hunting, and the meeting was most successful.

STRIKE IS SETTLED
Chicago, Dec. 17.—The strike of 600 employees of the Chicago Belt Line Railway, which began on last Tuesday, was settled last night through the intervention of G. W. W. Hanger, of the United States committee of mediation and conciliation. The men returned to work this morning.

ONE OF THE BIG KRUPPS DESTROYED BY ITALIANS
Rome, Dec. 17.—A correspondent of the idea Nazionale telegraphs from the front that one of the famous Krupp 42 centimetre guns was brought from Germany recently and placed in position before Rovereto. It was fired fifteen times without doing any damage and then the Italians located it and demolished it with shells.

Americans Executed By Austrians in Gorizia

Something More to Add Fuel to The Flames—Members of Banking Firm Reported Put to Death as Spies

New York, Dec. 17.—A London cable to the Herald says:—The Daily Telegraph correspondent at Milan telegraphs: "Crave revelations are made concerning the reign of terror in Gorizia. Two Americans, members of a shareholders' banking firm which stopped the payments of bills, were summoned before the Austrian authorities and ordered to resume payment. They declined and were accused of receiving a letter from America hostile to the Austrians. They denied this. Then they were taken before a court martial and condemned to death. They were executed by a firing squad and all their bank deposits were confiscated. It is understood that Washington has the facts in the latest outrage."

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MURRAY BAIRD OF FREDERICTON IS RHODES SCHOLAR
Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 17.—Chancellor Jones announced today that the U. N. B. Rhodes scholarship had been awarded to Murray Baird, son of H. F. Baird of this city. There were four applicants. Baird is a graduate of Fredericton High School, and is now in his senior year at college. He has an excellent scholastic record.

TWO MURDERERS PUT TO DEATH IN SING SING
Ossining, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Worthy Tooley, of Athens, N. Y., and Ludwig Marquardt, of Kingston, N. Y., murderers, were put to death by electricity in Sing Sing prison this morning. Tooley murdered John Hallenbeck in Athens last year. Marquardt killed Mrs. Nellie Paulus of Kingston. Rev. A. F. Newcombe made the presentation.

STILL CLOSER RELATIONS WITH FRANCE
London, Dec. 17.—A project for the formation of a committee of the Houses of Lords and Commons to cultivate closer relations with the foreign affairs committee of the French senate and the French chamber, has been successfully launched. An executive committee, with Viscount Bryce as chairman, has been organized to carry out this plan. It is expected that, although the work of the committee will be entirely unofficial, visible results will be obtained.