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### British Continue Heavy Bombardment of German Trenches

### MANY CANADIAN OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS HONORED

### VICTORY OF BRITISH IS COMPLETE

Enemy Takes Up Position Only Ten Miles From Bagdad.

#### TOWNSHEND PRAISED

Thirteen Hundred Turks Taken Prisoner—British Loss Was Severe.

LONDON, Nov. 26. 8:04 p.m.—Turkish troops resisting the British advance in Mesopotamia are falling back according to an official announcement tonight reporting a Turkish retreat from Diah, 10 miles from Bagdad.

The announcement says:

"A telegram from Gen. Sir John Eccles Nixon, commander of the British forces in Mesopotamia, under date of the 25th, reports that General Townshend's troops were in possession of the battlefield while the Turks were reported to be retreating in Diah, 10 miles above Ctesiphon and the same distance from Bagdad. General Townshend was engaged in clearing the field of wounded and prisoners.

"At first it was stated that 800 prisoners had been taken. It now appears that no less than 1300 have been marched back to Laji. Our wounded are reported to number about 2500, of whom 1800 were leaving that day by rail for Basra. The number of killed has not yet been reported.

"General Nixon praised the excellent handling of the troops by General Townshend and the splendid courage shown by them after their senseless and hard fighting from west of water and food."

#### ROUMANIA TO BE NEUTRAL

#### BUDAPEST PAPERS SAY

Royal Message From Premier Bratiano Will Be Read at Opening of Parliament.

ZURICH, via London, Nov. 26.—Despatches from Bucharest to Budapest papers, state that the Roumanian council of ministers has decided since the unist federation has threatened to make a demonstration and interrupt the speeches from the throne, to open parliament simply with a royal message. Premier Bratiano will read the message which declares it is said, that the foreign political situation makes it the duty of Roumania to maintain as far as such limits as the vital interests of the country will permit.

#### FRENCH PREFERS GET RIGHT TO FIX PRICES

PARIS, Nov. 26, 9:30 p.m.—The government's bill proposing to fix the prices of the necessities of life came up in the chamber of deputies today and the members adopted an article giving prefects the right to fix such prices. An amendment delegating similar authority to mayors was defeated. An amendment proposing regulations of the price of clothes and lace and the removal of a tax on the manufacture was withdrawn.

#### FIFTY MILLIONS ADDED TO CREDIT OF BRITAIN

Six Months Loan in New York Based on Strong Security.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—The committee of bankers which recently was organized to perfect an additional British commercial credit today announced that a six months loan for \$50,000,000 bearing 4½ per cent. interest and secured by 11,000,000 pounds sterling British Government bonds had been arranged.

The bonds are to be deposited in the Bank of England by the borrowers, who represent eight of London's most prominent institutions. The lenders are various banks and trust companies of this city and the interior and other home institutions will be given participations. It is understood that other loans of similar character will be undertaken by American bankers from time to time as the exigencies of the international situation dictate.

#### BIG HAT DAY AT DINEEN'S

Every man in Toronto who needs a new hat, or whether he needs one or not, should see the special display at Dineen's, 149 Yonge street, today. Tremendous values are the order of the day. Late shipments of up-to-the-minute hats must be cleared out. Christy's, Heath's, Treas & Co., Dunlap and Borsolini hats in all the new colors and shapes. New shipments have been coming in all week. Stocks were never more complete. Store open until 10 o'clock tonight to accommodate those who cannot come earlier.

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"On the evening of the 22nd, the enemy made a heavy bombing attack on a mine crater held by our troops south of the Bethune-La Bassée road, but was repulsed. Mining has been constant on both sides during the last few days. On the 23rd, we exploded a mine north of the Bethune-La Bassée road and occupied the crater. On the 24th, the enemy exploded a mine south of Culnech, causing some damage to our trenches. A hostile bombing attack against the crater was repulsed. Yesterday, the enemy exploded mines near Carnoy and Ghinchy.

"On the 25th, 23 of our aeroplanes successfully bombed a German hot air balloon which was in the east of Albert. The enemy replied with a single aeroplane which dropped bombs near Bray, doing no damage."

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OTHERS FOR AWARDS

Military Crosses and Distinguished Conduct Medals to Be Conferred.

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OTTAWA, Nov. 26.—The name of Major Roy of the 22nd French-Canadian Battalion, who lost his life while hurrying out of the trenches an unexploded German bomb, in an effort to save the lives of his comrades, is to be placed on the list of Victoria Crosses. The medal, it is understood, will be sent to his family.

Honors for Soldiers.

It is also intimated that a number of Canadian soldiers are to have honors conferred upon them for distinguished conduct at the front. Amongst these is Pte. Compton of the 28th Battalion, Regina who on Oct. 23 was buried under debris caused by the explosion of a German bomb. After he was dug out he volunteered to go with a party of bombers to drive the Germans out of some crevices which they had occupied. Later on he helped to extricate four soldiers who had been buried by explosions. He is to get the D.C.M.

Lieut. G. A. Baker of the Canadian Engineers is to get the military cross for hanging on to a difficult position and for digging new trenches under fire during the battle mentioned above.

Capt. J. A. Cullum of the 28th Regimenta Battalion, a well-known medical man of that city, is to be mentioned in despatches for conspicuous bravery in rescuing and attending to the wounded.

Lieut. J. A. Northover is also to receive the military cross. He had been buried and dug out and he immediately organized a bombing party to drive the enemy out of some craters they had occupied.

Distinguished Conduct Medals.

Major W. B. Brown of the 26th St. John Battalion and Sergt. Ryer, another heroic St. John soldier, are to get distinguished conduct medals for gallantry during the same engagement.

Letters received here show that during the rainy weather the trenches were knee-deep and sometimes waist-deep.

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KITCHENER IS NOW AT ROME

Series of Conferences Held With Members of Italian Cabinet.

VISIT WAS SURPRISE

Italy Has Begun to Land Troops at Avlona in Albania.

ROME, Nov. 26.—Late today Field Marshal Sir Edward Grey, secretary of state for foreign affairs, and Lord Curzon, secretary of state for foreign affairs, visited the Italian government and met King Victor Emmanuel III. The visit was a surprise.

LONDON, Nov. 26.—A despatch from Rome tonight says:

"Field Marshal Sir Edward Grey, British secretary for war, today had an hour's interview with Premier Salandra, and later conferred with Baron Sonnino, secretary for foreign affairs. Lord Curzon took luncheon at the British embassy, the Italian ministers of war and colonies being present. During the afternoon he saw General Porro, under-chief of the general staff.

An earlier despatch from Rome said:

"Lord Curzon's arrival here was a surprise. He had been expected to visit Italy only to see the Italian army in the east. It was not even known he meant to visit Italy or that he had left the rear east. In view of the allies' anxiety to secure Italian aid in their Balkan campaign the greatest importance was attached to Kitchener's presence here. Whether he had come here especially to hasten the despatch of Italian troops to the near eastern war zone and will return to the Balkans, or is on his way back to England is not yet known.

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They talked with the president for more than half an hour, but the president made no promises. About 400 peace advocates, fresh from a mass meeting held at a local theatre, accompanied the president's callers to the White House, applauding them as they entered and left the executive offices.

The president was urged to initiate a peace conference, or at least to signify that he would appoint a delegate from the United States to another neutral nation called one. He was told that women peace advocates who have visited every belligerent and neutral nation in Europe believe from talks with officials abroad that practical results would follow.

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Editor World: Your articles this week on "Time to Go After Royal Enemies" and "Kings and Kelpers" are true as gospel. I have been surprised with this matter for years. We have had too much German in England, and an such pleased now to know we have a paper not afraid to speak out boldly and open the eyes of our sleepy citizens, who, I fear, are like myself, too old for the job. This is the kind of stuff I must stuff into the minds of my young men and into the heads of the old men. I have just read your article and I must put down and studying affairs of our country and preparing ourselves to take part in public matters. If I were 16 years old, and had the voice of a "Billy Sunday," I would shout myself hoarse. Now is the time to drive it home, and I hope you will continue the good work.

J. Clarke.

Brampton, Nov. 26.

The above is one of many letters indicating the popular response to the articles therein referred to. These articles are very much on a line with the speech delivered in parliament by Mr. W. F. Maclean, M.P., for South York, shortly after the outbreak of the war. He then pointed out that although the war, he did not strengthen the position of Germany his dominant purpose was to check and drive back the rising tide of democratic ideas enveloping Europe. The fight, Mr. Maclean said, would narrow down to a struggle between autocratic rule and parliamentary institutions, and he believed that a permanent settlement could best be arrived at thru the demoralization of Germany.

The sense views were expressed by Mr. Maclean to a representative of The New York Herald a fortnight ago. Writing from Ottawa to The Herald on the 12th inst., Mr. J. K. Orl said:

"In Toronto I had a talk with Mr. W. F. Maclean, member of parliament, and editor of The Toronto World. Mr. Maclean from close contact is very familiar with the German-Canadian situation. He said that no Canadians were quicker to grasp the real issues involved in the war than those of German descent.

"I have known Mr. Maclean since 1908. He was brought about by the desire to strengthen the system of millinery from which their fathers had fled overseas. They understood that the war on Germany's part was a challenge to the democratic spirit of the world."

In the same interview Mr. Maclean said that if the German people drove out the Hohenzollerns and the brood of kings and princelings, and organized a federal union with a democratic government they would find the allies prepared to deal with them in a far different way than they intended to deal with the Kaiser and his autocratic government.

Mr. Maclean's speech in the commons nearly a year ago was addressed to a silent but attentive house. Few at that time realized that other nations were ruled over by kings of Germany's creation, some of them Hohenzollerns, and that the Kaiser's own men in the past seem to have regarded as quite unimportant the fact that the thrones of these little states were occupied by German princelings. Scarcely a king in the near east belongs to the race over which he rules. The King of Serbia is an exception, he until the outbreak of this present war has been scarcely a king to cheer for.

The King of Bulgaria, the King of Greece, and most of the kings in southeastern Europe, have no sympathy with parliamentary institutions or democratic ideas. They want to see the Kaiser and his doctrine of the divine right of kings triumphant. They all pattern themselves on the Hohenzollerns and Hapsburgs.

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