

FIVE FEDERAL BY-ELECTIONS SOON

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WILL TRUCE BE KEPT?

Generals Willing to Continue the Arrangement—Four of the Vacancies Were Held by Conservatives, and One (Westmorland) by the Liberals—Nine Senatorships to Remain Unfilled.

(Special to The Telegraph).
Ottawa, Jan. 7.—The government has decided to hold the five federal by-elections now pending before the session. These by-elections are for the constituencies of Jacques Cartier, vacant through the death of the late Hon. F. D. Cook; Terrebonne, vacant by the resignation of Hon. Bruno Nantel to the railway commission; Westmorland, vacant through the death of the late Hon. H. Emmerson; London, vacant through the death of the late Major Beattie, and Prince Albert, vacant through the resignation of James McKay to the Saskatchewan bench. Writs will be issued almost immediately.

Only one of these constituencies, so far as is known, has nominations been made. In Westmorland, the Conservative nominated a candidate, after which the Liberals followed suit.

Jacques Cartier, the Conservative, in a meeting broke up in discomfiture owing to the fact that the organization failed to consult with the federal authorities upon the choice of candidate.

It was understood that there should be no contest in these seats, but that, despite the principle of the poll-truce, Conservative candidates would be returned unopposed in former Conservative ridings, provided that a great candidate were returned unopposed in Westmorland. It is not known whether the principle is to be adhered to. Nearly all of the constituencies are good fighting ground, but the issue taken depends upon the government.

There are now nine vacancies in the House caused by the death of Senator McMillan, of Ontario; of Senator Robertson, of Ontario.

There is a rumor that the government will not fill these vacancies at all, but will save the \$22,500 which is the personal indemnities total.

The writs for the by-election in Prince Albert were issued tonight. Nomination is fixed for Feb. 1, and the government expects that there will be no opposition in the government constituencies.

Mr. Baker, who is now mayor of Prince Albert.

THE CANADIAN M.P. IS GOING TO THE FRONT

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—J. J. Carrick, M. P., will leave for England in a few days to join the Canadian expeditionary force as a special intelligence officer.

Five members of parliament will be sent when the session opens because they are serving with the colors.

Lieut.-Col. J. J. Carrick, member for St. Simons; Lieut.-Col. H. F. McArthur, member for York (N. B.); Lieut.-Harry Baker, member for Bromont; Major-General Hon. Dr. Beland, member for Beauce, and Honorary Lieut.-J. J. Carrick, member for Thunder Bay.

The seasonal indemnity of \$2,500 will be voted to each of the members absent on duty at the front.

Lieut.-Col. Carrick will have duties similar to those now being performed by Sir Max Aitken, the Canadian member of the British parliament, who is acting as Lord Kitchener's army special intelligence officer.

Service at Chatham.

Chatham, N. B., Jan. 7.—(Special)—The Epiphany festival was appropriately served in St. Mary's church of East Chatham on Wednesday. In addition to other services of Holy Communion and morning prayer, the children attended evening at 8 o'clock. The archdeacon delivered an Epiphany address which was listened to with interest and attention by all present.

After the service a tea and social reunion of children and adults in the school room, a very happy evening was spent and an archdeacon was presented with a new token of regard by the members of the Sunday school.

A Close Observer.

Wife—I've noticed an odd thing, John. You go to light the gas in the next room, you invariably take two matches. Hub—Yes, my dear; I long ago discovered that if you carry one match it will go out, while if you carry two it will not.

use, it was especially in the wood of which our gains were worth nothing—fifty metres on the 27th, and the distance the 28th, and again on the 29th of January. The enemy made most energetic counter-attacks Dec. 28, 29 and Jan. 2, but they were invariably repulsed.

Between the Meuse and the Moselle the Germans have announced that they have gained a notable success in the capture of Frot (forest of Apremon). The "eye-witness" then goes on to describe the capture of Steinbach and other things previously mentioned in detail in war office despatches.

On the 28th, the Germans had been employed before the vigilance of our troops was not deceived by this manoeuvre of the Germans, and we directed against them a destructive fire and delivered a counter-attack, repulsing the enemy and inflicting heavy losses upon them.

In Galicia the cannon and rifle fire

has been kept going and we remain in contact with the enemy.

The situation in Russian Poland is unchanged. On the lower Nida yesterday there was obstinate fighting. The Russians opened the attack, and attempted to cross the river with considerable forces at several points, but everywhere were repulsed with severe losses.

"While these infantry attacks were proceeding, a violent artillery battle took place in the adjoining district and lasted several hours. Elsewhere on the front nothing of importance occurred.

"The communication concludes with a charge that the Russian army is using Austria-Hungarian uniforms to surprise the recipients, claims that he will proceed, and a warning that offenders in this respect, if caught, will not be treated as belligerents.

THE FRENCH TROOPS IN MOROCCO REGION.

Madrid, Dec. 22.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—According to private advices received here from northern Africa, the position of the French troops in Morocco is very critical. A letter from Tangier says the French have been obliged either to surrender or evacuate the last of their fortified posts in the Moroccan interior.

General Lyautoy, the commander of the French troops, has, therefore, given

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As previously reported, the Gaskwar of Baroda, said to be the wealthiest prince of the Indian Empire, has purchased the C. P. R. liner Empress of India which will form one of the Indian troops.

The Empress of India has plied between the Orient and ports on the Pacific coast for 23 years. The vessel and her purchase are shown in the picture.

Only sporadic fighting is taking place on any of the battle fronts, according to the latest reports, and this is almost all between the artillery branches of the opposing armies. Probably the heaviest infantry engagement occurred on the lower Nida river, in southern Poland, where the Austrians claim they repulsed with severe losses, Russian attempts to cross the stream at several places.

No victories of strategic value are claimed by either side at any place, and no reverses are forecast by any of the war chancelleries which is indicative of a serious defeat.

The Austrians charge that the Russians are using Austro-Hungarian uniforms to catch Austrian patrols. It is declared that the rights of belligerents will not be ignored. Russians are massing.

A Berlin wireless dispatch asserts that the French dreadnought Courbet was recently torpedoed by an Austrian submarine in the Adriatic and later was raised by her sister ship, the Jean Bart, and sunk. The Jean Bart was damaged and docked at Malta.

German aircraft again have been busy in northern France. Six persons were killed in Dunkirk and the suburb of Malo, by bombs dropped from aeroplanes, and several others are reported to have met deaths from missiles in Saint Pol and Adinkerke. The Germans did not escape unscathed. Three of their machines were brought down by shell fire, two near Dunkirk and another near Amiens. Two hostile aeroplanes approached Paris Sunday, but are reported to have fled when French air scouts gave chase.

Turkey has introduced in parliament a bill calling for an extraordinary war credit of \$40,500,000.

It is announced that the Netherlands war loan of \$10,000,000 has been over-subscribed.

A news agency dispatch says the Italians are strengthening their positions in the Aegean Islands, and that the islands are being strongly fortified.

A news agency dispatch from Berlin mentions that the Austrians are strengthening their positions in the Adriatic, and that the islands are being strongly fortified.

A great fire is said to have broken out in Brussels.

The historic annual boat race between the Oxford and Cambridge University crews has been abandoned this year on account of the war.

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