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RUMANIANS HOLD UP THE TEUTONIC ADVANCE

PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE SUFFERS FROM SEVERE CHILL EXPLOSION WRECKS PETERBORO PLANT—SEVERAL PERSONS KILLED

ENEMY TRIES DRIVE NEAR LEMBERG, BUT CANNOT GAIN

Russians Stop Offensive of the
Austrians and Germans
in Galicia.

HOLD WELL IN MOLDAVIA

Falkenhayn's Troops Beaten
Back To Their Trenches
by Slavs.

Petrograd, Dec. 11.—Via London, 1:50 p.m.—Austro-German troops took the offensive yesterday in the region of Pomerany, 45 miles southeast of Lemberg, in Galicia, says today's war office statement, but were brought to a halt by the Russian fire.

The text of the statement reads: "Western Front: The enemy bombarded the region of the forest of Goralova without cessation from midday until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. "Southeast of Pomerany, in the region of the village of Josephovka, the enemy took the offensive, but his detachments were repulsed by the fire of our advanced posts.

"In the region six versts west of Dzunorova the enemy, having taken the offensive, pressed back one of our advanced companies, houses, however, supported by another company, beat back the enemy and again restored our positions. Repeated enemy attacks in the same sections were unsuccessful."

SCORE IN MOLDAVIA.
Petrograd, Dec. 11.—The official statement today says:

In the region of Kiribabs (near the northwestern Moldavian frontier), the enemy, about a company strong, took the offensive, but was beaten back by our fire.

In the region of the village of Vale Putna and in the valley of the River Trotus (Moldavian frontier), the enemy offered stubborn resistance, however, our advance with a violent fire and counter-attacks, which, however, were not successful.

In the mountains along the whole front a deep snowfall and considerable frost are greatly hampering operations.

OIL FIELDS OF RUMANIA MADE USELESS TO FOE

Wells, Refineries, Oil Tanks
of Wallachia Have Been
Destroyed.

CANNOT BE WORKED

Great Depots of Benzine and
Heavy Oil Put to
Torch.

London, Dec. 11.—The Times correspondent at Rumanian headquarters, writing under date of December 3, confirms earlier though less precise reports that the Rumanians have taken measures to prevent the Central Powers from utilizing the oil wells in the captured territory. The correspondent writes:

"During the last week all wells, refineries, oil tanks and other installations in the Prutova Valley have been destroyed in a way which renders the production of oil in this rich petroliferous region impossible. Great depots of benzine were burned. At Moreni, the most important oil field in Rumania, from the point of view of production the destruction was very complete in character, in view of the necessity of preventing the working of the heavy oil deposits which are so necessary to the Germans, seeing that the Galician wells yield only light oil."

FORCES OF ALLIES DRIVE BACK ENEMY NORTH OF MONASTIR

Saloniki, Sunday, Dec. 10.—Via London, Dec. 11.—12:50 p.m.—An advance by the Entente forces on one sector of the front northeast of Monastir is announced in a Serbian official statement issued today, as follows:

"Yesterday there was artillery firing and local infantry fighting. "West of Subodoli, the Allies drove the enemy back several hundred yards."

EXPLOSION AND FIRE RAZES PETERBORO FACTORY, CAUSING DEATH OF SEVERAL WORKERS

Quaker Oats Building Collapse Following Explosion Due To
Spontaneous Combustion, Twelve Persons Being
Buried by the Falling Walls.

THE MISSING:
William Wesley, James Foster, D. Howley, D. O'Brien, Patrick O'Connell and two Italians are missing.

(Special to The Advertiser.)
Peterboro, Dec. 11.—Three or four employees dead, seventeen injured and almost a total destruction of the Quaker Oats Company plant, with property loss of at least two million dollars, is the summary at 1:30 p.m. today of losses at one of the worst disasters in the history of this city. The county court house is also now on fire and may be destroyed.

BLEW OUT WALLS.
The factory was in full operation when an explosion caused, it is said, by spontaneous combustion, blew out the walls of a portion of the plant. Many employees, men and girls, were buried in the ruins, and the confusion was indescribable.

FOUR KILLED.
Various rumors spread about as to the number of dead, but from what can be gathered at this hour, only four were killed.

The Quaker Oats plant was the biggest cereal manufacturing industry in Canada, employing six hundred hands. It is thought this afternoon that the fire is now under control.

Peterboro, Ont., Dec. 11.—An explosion caused by spontaneous combustion in the engine room of the Quaker Oats plant here at 10:30 this morning, blew down the walls of the building, burying at least twelve persons, and starting a fire that is destroying the entire plant. Twelve employees, all injured, have been taken to the hospital, and it is believed that others are buried in the debris and are dead.

BOSCHES AND BOOTY FALL TO THE BRITISH IN GERMAN AFRICA

Investment of Enemy's Territory Increased From 60
to 200 Miles.

London, Dec. 11.—Successful British operations in German East Africa, by which the British line of investment was advanced 60 miles along a front of 200 miles, are described in a Reuter's dispatch from Nirschor. The advance was made from New Iringa and Kiasati to the coast. In the course of the operations a detached German force, consisting of seven white officers, 47 white soldiers and 240 native soldiers, was captured. A heavier, three machine guns and 400 cattle were among the booty taken.

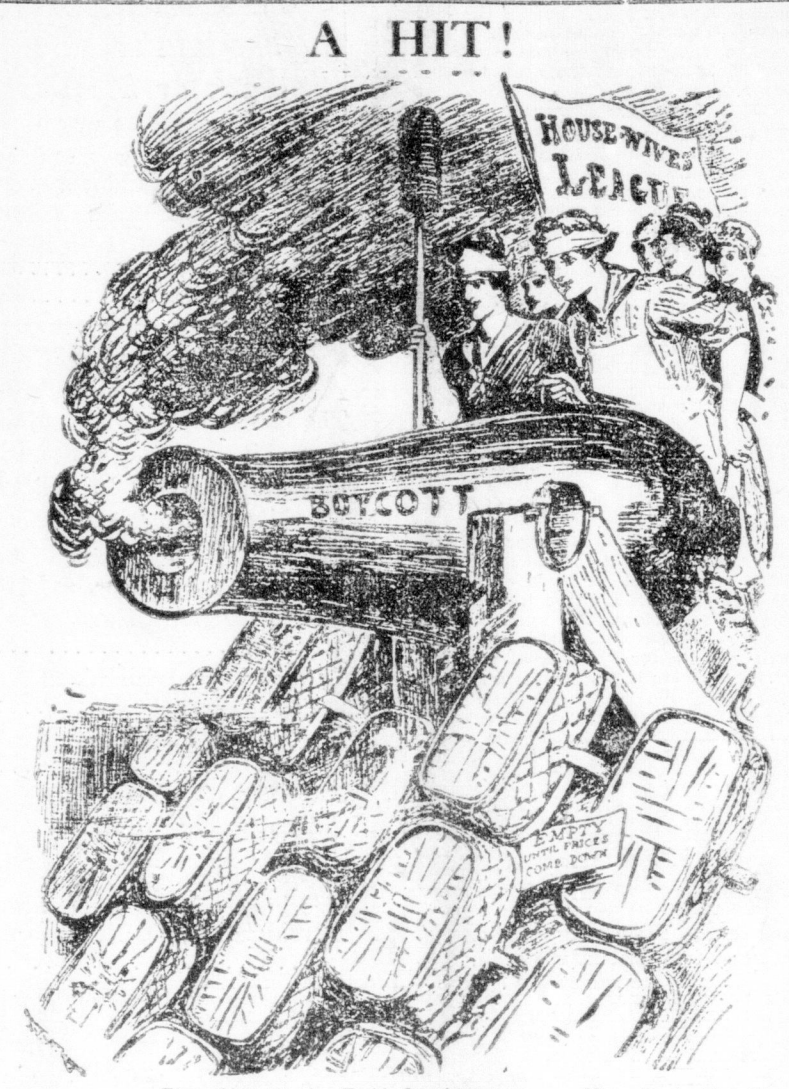
**FOUR AIRPLANES BAG
OF FRENCH SUNDAY**
Paris, Dec. 11.—Four German airplanes were brought down yesterday, two of them on the Verdun front, and two in the Champagne, the war office announced.

**"MIND YOUR BUSINESS,"
BERLIN TELLS SWISS**
Paris, Dec. 11.—Germany's reply to the Swiss note regarding the deportations in Belgium has been received, according to information from Bern. It is most politely worded, the dispatches say, but nevertheless makes it clear that Switzerland has no ground for interfering with events in Belgium unless her own interests are affected.

**NO CHANGE PLANNED
IN LIB. LEADERSHIP**
Story That Sir Wilfrid Was To Be
Superseded Denied.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Rumors that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is to be superseded as leader of the Liberal party, possibly in favor of Premier Murray of Nova Scotia, are denied in Liberal circles here.

STEAMER ARRIVALS.
New York, Dec. 11.—Arrived: Steamship California, from Glasgow.



Revolt In Greek Isles; Allies Catch Monarch Intriguing With Berlin

Cyclades Group in Aegean Cast In Lot With Allies—Battle-
ship Intercepts Wireless Messages Between Constan-
tine and Berlin—Entente To Present Short Note To
Athens Tuesday.

London, Dec. 11.—1:30 p.m.—Telegrams received here today from Athens say that a revolution has broken out in the Cyclades, a group of Greek islands in the Aegean Sea.

The Greek battleship Hydra, which is under the control of the Entente allies has intercepted, the Greek advices say, wireless messages from King Constantine addressed to Berlin.

All the Greek communities in Egypt, it is added, have renounced their allegiance to King Constantine.

SHORT, SHARP NOTE.
London, Dec. 11.—1:50 p.m.—The latest reports from Athens say that the note of the Entente governments to Greece is ready and undoubtedly will be presented tomorrow. The note will be short, in the nature of a preliminary to a second note, which will contain more detailed demands.

It is indicated that the demands on Greece may require complete demobilization of the army, restoration of control by the Entente over the posts, telegraphs and railways and release of the imprisoned Venizelists.

Advices from the British minister indicate that conditions are more calm. Large numbers of Allied nationals continue to leave Athens.

TROUBLE IS BREWING.
New York, Dec. 11.—The London correspondent of the Tribune cabled under Sunday's date as follows:

Trouble is brewing in Greece, and an outbreak is expected at any moment. The exact conditions are obscured by the constantly conflicting reports from every side. Officials here are extremely skeptical of reports from Greek and Teutonic sources that the situation has improved.

Secret Mobilization.
Rumors of secret mobilization of Greek troops gain added weight from Berlin dispatches. The Vossische Zeitung declares today that, as soon as the Entente authorities announced the blockade of Greek ports, Constantine began making preparation to meet it. The Greek army is well equipped for service, the newspaper adds.

The Entente is watching every move Constantine makes. It is known that the central powers have promised him their fullest support if he casts his lot with them, and it is feared by the Allied authorities that the temptation may prove too great.

From the start of the war the Greek ruler—who, as a royal soldier, is second only to the Kaiser himself—has frequently said that he favored the chances of Germany and her allies in the war.

The overthrow of Serbia, Montenegro and Albania, and the conquest now of nearly half of Rumania, loom large before Constantine as symbols of German victory. At any moment he may decide to turn definitely toward the Teutonic side.

Could Embarrass Allies.
Reports from Athens tell of the concentration of large Greek forces at La-
rissa, professedly to preserve order—
clearly understood that Switzerland
has no ground for interfering with
events in Belgium unless her own
interests are affected.

RUMANIANS TURN ON FOE, REGAINING LOST GROUND; WIPE OUT 2 SQUADRONS

LLOYD GEORGE TO THE COMMONS

London, Dec. 11.—1:10 p.m.—Premier Lloyd George has sent the following to all members of the House of Commons, it was announced officially today:

"The King has intrusted me with the task of forming a Government. I have carried out the command. I had hoped to make a statement to the House on Tuesday. I now find it to be impossible. On Tuesday, Mr. Bonar Law, as leader in the House, will move adjournment till Thursday. "The one predominant task before the Government is the vigorous prosecution of the war. I feel confident the Government can rely on your support as long as they devote their energies effectively to that end."

LLOYD GEORGE WAS UNABLE TO RECEIVE SEALS

Illness Prevents New Premier
From Attendance at Buck-
ingham Palace.

MINISTERS ARE SWORN IN Statement Concerning Policy Will Probably Be Made Thursday.

London, Dec. 11.—12:45 p.m.—Premier Lloyd George is ill. He was unable to go to Buckingham Palace today with members of his cabinet to receive the seals of office from King George.

Official announcement was made that the premier was suffering from a severe cold, and that on the advice of his physicians he was remaining indoors today.

London, Dec. 11.—Andrew Bonar Law and the other members of the Ministry who are not required to seek re-election on assumption of office, and also the lords who are co-operating with the new Administration, went to the palace at noon today, kissed the hands of the King and received their seals of office.

The members of the cabinet who must be re-elected, unless the House of Commons passes a bill making this unnecessary, and the ministers who are members of neither house, for whom seats must be found, are taking over their offices and will conduct them as though all official formalities had been complied with. These members, however, will not be able to appear before the House of Commons tomorrow, and it is expected the session will be a formal one.

Statement Postponed.
The statement concerning the Government's policy, to be made by Mr. Lloyd George or Mr. Bonar Law in the House of Commons and Lord Curzon in the House of Lords, probably will be postponed until Thursday, when the vote of credit is moved. A strong policy in regard to the control of shipping, mines, food and man-power is looked for.

Former Premier Asquith and his followers will occupy Opposition benches to the left of the speaker. The Independent Labor party, whose members are pledged to oppose any government not based on the Opposition side, thus creating a visible split in the Labor party in opinion on current issues.

The Nationalists will decide their attitude at a meeting called for tomorrow. It is probable they will press the Irish claims with emphasis, demanding immediate changes in the Irish Administration and the release of prisoners arrested during the rebellion.

DUCHESS THANKS WOMEN OF CANADA FOR PARTING GIFT

Lady Borden Receives Mes-
sage From Her Royal
Highness.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Through Miss Dorothy Yorke, lady-in-waiting to Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught, Lady Borden has received a message of thanks to the women of Canada today for the splendid farewell gift to her royal highness, which has been applied to the duchess's prisoners of war fund. The letter reads:

"Clarendon House, St. James, S. W., London.
"My Dear Lady Borden—Her Royal Highness has asked me to write to you informally and to express to you how very much delighted and pleased she was to receive the cable announcing that the splendid sum of £11,117 has been placed to her credit at the bank of Montreal in London. This wonderful farewell gift of the women of Canada has touched her very deeply, and she hopes you will convey to all those who worked so hard in collecting the money her very great appreciation of their kindness. She feels upon it that she has been able to do a great deal for the war effort, and she is very grateful to you for all the trouble you have taken in the matter. The sum has been placed on deposit at the bank, so the interest upon it will add substantially to the money she needs. Yours very sincerely,
"DOROTHY YORKE"

NO CHANGE SHOWN IN W.M. GRAY'S CONDITION

The condition of William Gray, M.P., this afternoon according to Victoria Hospital authorities, showed no change since yesterday.

He showed a slight improvement yesterday over the two preceding days, but notwithstanding this his condition is still regarded as critical.

Ferdinand's Retiring Army Scores Sharp Success Over the Teutons in Eastern Wallachia — Counter-Attack Restores Position Taken by Invaders On the Ploechti High Road.

Petrograd, Dec. 11, via London, 1:45 p.m.—After being pressed back by the Teutonic forces on the front east of Ploechti, the Rumanians made an attack yesterday and regained their positions, the war office announced today.

London, Dec. 11, 1:20 p.m.—The stand made by the retreating Rumanian army east of Ploechti, in Eastern Wallachia, resulted in the driving back of the Teutonic forces a distance of several kilometers, according to a Petrograd dispatch, relayed in a wireless message from Rome today.

In the course of the Rumanian attack, two hostile squadrons are said to have been annihilated.

COUNTER-ATTACK SCORES

Petrograd, Dec. 11.—The announcement of operations on the Rumanian front follows:

"On Saturday evening the enemy pressed back the Rumanians along the Ploechti-Mizil highroad. The next morning the Rumanians by a counter-attack restored the position. The battle is still proceeding. "In Dobruja and on the Danube reciprocal firing is under way."

PETAIN TO REPLACE JOFFRE, SAYS PARIS

Washington, Dec. 11.—Private advices from Paris received here today, telling of secret proceedings in the French Chamber of Deputies during the last week, confirm previous reports that Gen. Petain, the defender of Verdun, is to succeed General Joffre in supreme command of all the allied forces on the western front.

GERMANY'S PLEDGES BROKEN BY BERLIN IN MARINA'S CASE

Clear-Cut Violation, Says the
U. S. Govt., and Promises
Another Note.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Announcement was made at the state department today that complete information now at hand covering the case of the British horse ship Marina, torpedoed with a loss of six Americans, makes it appear to be a "clear-cut" violation of Germany's pledges to the United States.

Full information on the case of the Arabia will be awaited before the next move is made, which is expected to take the form of a new note intended to clear up what appears to be differences of interpretation on what Germany's pledges in the Sussex case actually covered, especially with reference to armed ships.

STEAMSHIP NORA SUNK

London, Dec. 11.—Lloyds announces that the Danish ship Nora is believed to have been sunk.

The Nora was a vessel of 775 gross tons. Her recent movements have not been reported.

FRENCH DESTROYER YATAGAN GOES DOWN

In Collision With British Transport,
According to Germans.

Berlin, Dec. 11.—Via Cayville.—The Overseas News Agency says: "German newspapers state that the French destroyer Yatagan, sunk in collision with a British transport, in the fifth French destroyer lost in this way during the war."

No previous report has been received of the sinking of the Yatagan. She was a vessel of 307 tons displacement, 187 feet long, laid down in 1906. She was armed with one 8-pound gun, six 2-pounders and two torpedo tubes.

A moderate disturbance is centering morning over Illinois, while pressure is building and the weather cold over Ontario and the western part of the continent.