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Asquith Will Retain Leadership Liberal Party

Liberal Reform Club ex-Premier | i.loyd George later, and being desir-His Action

WILL HELP NEW

King George

ter must preside over such a body. Cabinet and had brought no pressure to Germany protesting against the de Lloyd George did not agree to this. On to bear on them. It was humiliating t Sunday the Unionist members intim- think anybody should suggest he was ated they had a meeting, at which trying to restrain his colleagues from

Which Led up to His Resigna- Government, appealed to Bonar Law tion-His Colleagues Acted Ac- to remain in office. They had a concording to Their Own Dictates versation and attempted to accomand Were Not Persuaded by modate their views as to relationship between the Premier and the War Council and as to the personnel of the Council. On these two points they GOVT. IN ANY WAY differed. The difference of opinion was strong and sharp. An arrange-Asquith Says There Was a Care- ment was then suggested that the fully Engineered Campaign Premier should control the war policy Against Him but he Acquitted of the Government, and that the War Lloyd George of Having Any Council should submit its decisions to Pending further information the Lon-Part Therein—Trouble Arose him, and that the agenda of the War Over the War Council—Asquith Council should be submitted to him. Intends to Sit in the Front Op- No agreement was reached. He under- successes by the military critics and fully engineered campaign against of the opinion that he could serve the lans, it is pointed out, can be illhim, but he acquitted Lloyd George Government to better advantage outand his other associates in the retir- side the Calinet with the sole object ing Government of complicity therein, of lending such help as he could to the U.S. Protests Against On Friday of last week, he said, ne new Government in the great task had received Lloyd George's proposal confronting them. He had to advise for a smaller war council. The same his colleagues to exercise their own day he replied that the Prime Minis- judgment in the matter of joining the

TEUTONIC GAINS Liberal Weekly Hands NOT SO GREAT AS

Has Very Definite Limitations -Main Bulk of Roumanian Army is Intact and Nearing a Terrain Where Resistance Can be More Effective

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The Roumanian Government still withholds an announcement regarding the latest events, and the only news available respecting the Roumanian situation comes from Roumania's enemies. don papers this morning print a second thought on the Central Powers'

Deportation of Belgians

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The note portation of Belgians for forced labor a3 contrary to all precedents o human principles and international they decided they could not remain serving the new Government. "Above practices was made public to-night. in the Government if he did that. If all," Asquith continued, "I shall do The State Department note was cabled he did not resign, they would. He saw what I can to facilitate the task which to Charge d'Affairs Grew, at Berlin, November 29th the day Ambassador Gerard discussed the subject with President Wilson. The state depart ment announced the interview had taken place but said nothing about the

Belgians Protest

HAVRE, Dec. 8.—Twenty Belgian Senators and 23 Belgian Deputies Belgian government.

In Wallachia

PETROGRAD, Dec. 8-The Roumanian and Russian troops in Wallachia are continuing the retirement be-Bucharest, the War Office announced to-day. The Teutonic forces have attacked the Moldavian front in Oituz Valley, but have been unable to break the line.

has fallen into other hands." ment then that Balfour would be For- Syria, December 5:-

David Lloyd George Reviews the Circumstances ous of maintaining the unity of the Their Recent Success in Roumania In a Leading Article Entitled "A no party behind it, "The Nation" con-Leak in the Dark" the War Says tinues: The sensational press from the Article Which Has Changed which it draws its breath will foster

says the new Government has not

the Work Has Brought About its child or disown it as interest dicthe Innovation of a Government tates. Its chief posesses in a popular Which Seems to Have Been De- degree the confidence of men of all rived From the Practice of classes, who talk about the war, but France Under the Early Jacob, who do not figure in it. The article

been brought in to make peace. It LONDON, Dec. &.- The chief Liberal credits Lloyd George with a genius weekly, the "Nation," reprints a lead- for improvisation, but says all the Berlin Says Russian Offensive in sian offensive in the Carpathians can ng article on the Cabinet situation Germans' greater strokes of the war entitled "A Leak in the Dark." The have been the fruit of long calculawar, says the article, which has tion and warns him not to interfere changed the world, has brought about with the plans of the military and the innovation of a Government which naval chiefs. The Press which made position Bench-Ex-Premier Re took to write Lloyd George the next editorial writers. The gist of these seems to have been derived from the him can unmake him, says the article. fuses Honors Offered Him by day, giving him his decision in the opinions is that while it would be use- practice of France under the early There is not, therefore, one irresponsmatter. Next morning he found the less to seek to attenuate the moral Jacobins. When one of these gentle- ible but two irresponsibles, while over statement in the papers that the advantage and considerable accession men desired power of office with this light-minded union hovers and LONDON, Dec. 8.—Ex-Premier Premier was to be excluded from the of useful supplies obtained by the which the State had omitted to endow assemblage of such problems and Asquith was the only speaker at a War Council. He believed that there Central Powers, it would be easy to him, he occasionally nominated him-difficulties as Napoleon himself never meeting of the Liberal Reform Club had been a breach of confidence, all exaggerate the evil consequence for self for positions. To this French met.

this afternoon. He said his colleagues though he accepted Lloyd George's the Entente. Expressions of certain precedent Lloyd George added an The "New Statesmen" describes acted according to their own dictates disclaimer. He then wrote Lloyd German newspapers quoted show that English example last week. He pro- Lloyd George as devoting most of his and in no way were they persuaded by George he was not prepared to remain the informed people of Germany realthe action he had taken in resigning, in the Cabinet as a spectator of the ize that their triumph in Roumania parts, the first, the unimportant part, Press, while it asserts Asquith pro-The ex-Premier emphasized the neces- war, and that it was not possible to has very definite limitations. Among to consist of the Prime Minister and fessed rather an exaggerated consity and importance of giving strenu- have a War Council without the Prem- these things, which, it is contended, his colleagues, the second, and the tempt for it and favored no paper ous adhesion to whatever government lier as Chairman. After consulting here, merely qualify the successes of vital part, to consist of himself and except his chief detractor. Two col- a continuation of the advance along by a counter-attack. that was in power for the pumpose of with his friends he resigned. He since the Central Powers, is the fact that three incospicuous civil associates, umns of the "New Statesman" bringing about what all desired,—the had been asked, he continued, why he Bucharest voluntarily surrendered which were to be charged with the blank, containing an explanation that winning of the war. Asquith declared did not accept a subordinate position. The main bulk of the Roumanian sole direction of the war. The article the announcement of Lloyd George's that although he had resigned the His colleagues unanimously advised army so far as is known is intact and then adds that Lloyd George's bristly appointment was made after it had retiring since the evacuation of the Serbs checked three attacks by the Premiership, he had not given up the against it. It was pointed out if he nearing a terrain where resistance vigor and adroitness have impressed gone to Press. "In the face of that leadership of the Liberal Party. The joined the Government, which he wish- can be more effective. The losses the themselves on the popular mind in accomplished fact we found," says the former Premier, who looked remark- ed complete success, the attacks Germans inevitably suffered from the contrast to Lord Northcliffe's hourly newspaper, "that we consider it un-

Out Some Hot Ones to

leagues as a mass of senility and in- matters dealt with in the latter part line of the Buzen River before the rain in the Carso is hampering in-In declaring the new Ministry has discussed."

Lloyd George Wins Strong

Lloyd George Was Prepared to ents further show that Lloyd-George troops of Von Mackensen have cap- the British Government. Adopt a Sweeping Measure of was prepared to adopt a sweeping

n the morning papers generally emprice and adhesion and that the Labor-, taken by the State.

State Control, Embracing all measure of State control, embracing Industries and Means of Trans- all industries and means of transportportation on Land or Sea-Also ation on land or sea, so that the Extension of Tax on War Pro- nation's power could be directed to the utmost production of munitions, the maintenance of necessary export LONDON, Dec. 8-Political writers trade, the fullest development of food cultivation by State organization and the control of agricultural operations. now living in Brussels, have taken phasize the importance of Lloyd- The conference, it is said, pressed the the personal risk of sending a signed George's success with the Laborites. Premier with the questions of conprotest to Gen. Von Bissing, against His offers to them during the prolong- scription of labor and of the conscripthe deportation of senators and depu- ed conferences are stated to have in- tion of wealth the conference that ties. At the same time they sent cluded, in addition to five or six his policy would be in the direction of copies of their protest to the Ameri- Ministerial posts the establishment of regulating the work of the whole not in trifles; the custom of it is naughty. can and Spanish Ministers at Brus- 1 Labor Ministry, the inclusion of a manhood of the country so that no tives of other countries. Copies of conference and a promise that Labor its treatment. It is further stated that the protest and a letter from a neutral should have a voice in all matters re- there will be large extension of the quarters that some of these conces- on an average of 3 years prior to the sions were demanded as part of the war, the profits in excess to this being

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gign Secretary, and Lord Robert Ce- "I spent the greater part of to-day and who are intimately acquainted cil would remain as Parliamentary in Athens and can only state that the with what led up to them brings into Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs: situation is critical in the extreme. stronger relief, with the hideous There was much applause when Grey Royalist mobilization is proceeding treachery, of which King Constantine said that at the beginning of the war rapidly and strong forces are being and his pro-German clique were guilhe was much struck with the resolute sent north towards Larissa. Every ty. They were determined and diabolcourage of three men, Asquith, Lloyd possible wartime preparation is being ical tricks to trap our small forces, George and Lord Kitchener. Lloyd made under the personal supervision of that there is not slightest shadow George, he said, was a man of great of General Dausmanis, and it is ex- of doubt. courage, who never inched, who had tremely unlikely that peaceful counborne his burden, which was heavy, sels will prevail with military clique, all through with great fortitude. Hav- whose ardour is enflamed by German ing passed a resolution of apprecia- reports of Balkan victories and lavish tion of Asquith's services, recognizing impossible promises from Potsdam. him as leader, and offering hearty All Allied troops having been withsupport to the new Government, the drawn the Greeks occupy all points of announced tonight that a report had meeting took up the discussion whet- vantage near Athens and Piraeus. been received that a disguised armed her the Liberals should occupy seats Trenches are being made everywhere German vessel of mercantile type had with the Opposition in the Commons, and guns mounted on surrounding been sighted in the North Atlantic on Asquith said he intended to be in the heights. Strenuous efforts are being Dec. 4th. No further information had front Opposition bench, but that oth- made to place a strong army in Lar- been received concerning the vessel's issa region, with the object of falling whereabouts the admiralty adds.

cn Allied rear, in conjunction with inet members declared in my hearing to-day, is full of determination and is convinced of success. I can state definitely that that party of treachery is still absolutely unrepentant and further deception and tragedy are sown LONDON, Dec. 9.—The "Chronicle" in every hour that passes and every Viscount Grey made the announce- wick, dated Pireaus, via the Island of talked with numerous people who were eye witnesses of Friday's events

German Raider Loose In North Atlantic

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The Admiralty

Teutons Still in Pursuit of Retiring Roumanians

Von Mackensen Continues His tured 18,000 prisoners and twenty-six Pursuit of Retreating Russo- guns. The Roumanian troops isolated Roumanian Forces in Eastern in western Wallachia, numbering 8,000 Wallachia but How Far he Has have been taken, as well as 10,000 of Succeeded is Not Clear in Late the forces operating around the Pre-Official Statements - Berlin deal and Atashanz Passes. Claims 16,000 Prisoners

CALM IN DOBRUDJA

the Carpathians Can be Said to Paris and Berlin Claim Success also recorded by Berlin. Southeast of St. Mihiel-Heavy Hill 304, in the Verdun region, and

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The pursuit of of trenches on Hill 304, but Berlin asthe retiring Russian and Roumanian serts the troops of the Crown Prince forces in eastern Wallachia, by Field repulsed French attempts to retake Marshal Von Mackensen, continues the trenches. The Germans, Paris but how far the Teuton advance has records, succeeded in gaining a footofficial statements. Berlin chronicles of Apremont, but later were ejected

soil are offering little resistance, repulsed, Berlin states. the Meldavian frontier and get in front

It is undecided apparently with the checking of their offensive in the Carpathians whether the Russians will AND ALONG DANUBE again be able to take the initiative there. Berlin states the present Rusbe said to be a failure and declares be a Failure-Also Claims the only local attacks occurred in that Repulse of Russian Attack on region. The repulse of a Russian at-Dvina Front Below Riga-Both tack on the Dvina front, below Riga, is

Fighting Around Sravira East in the forest of Aprement, southeast of Monastir in Which Serbs of St. Mihiel, have been the scenes Check Three Attacks by Bulgar- of the only reported activity on the western front. Paris claims the Germans were objected from the section

the whole front, with the capture of Heavy fighting around Sravina, east 16,000 prisoners. Petrograd says the of Monastir, on the Macedonian front, Roumanian capital and, seemingly, German-Bulgar troops. A Serb attack the retiring defenders of Roumanian near Trhova, west of Monastir, was

ably well, said there had been a care- would continue. Asquith said he was stubborn resistance of the Rouman- and daily presentation of his col- desirable in the national interest that of this article should be publicly Austro-Germans can break through fantry actions on the Austro-Italian

their rear, or the Bulgarians and Ger- The loss of the battleship Suffren mans can cross the Danube around with her complement of 718 men, is Tchernovada and outflank them. considered probable by the French However, there has been little activ- Minister of Marine. The Suffren, ity either on the Transylvanian-Mel- which sailed for Lonert, Britanny, on Support from Labor Party davian front or in the Dobrudja. The Nov. 24th., has not been heard from Germans have repulsed a Russian at- since.

tack in the Tretus Valley and the Rus- The loss of two Norwegian, one Having Granted Sweeping Con- ites required government control of sians report a checking of an offen- Greek, and one Belgian steamer is ancessions to Laborites New Pre- mines and shipping, during the war sive movement in the Oitus Valley. nounced in London. It is also remier is Able to Win Over Their and that it should take possession of Petrograd says all has been calm in ported the British steamer Caledonia, Support-Political Correspond- all vacant land for production. The the Dobrudja and along the Danube. 9123 gross tons, has been sunk. The ents in London Papers Say statements of the political correspond- In the advance on Bucharest the Caledonia had been in the service of

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