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Turks Massacre Christians

Europeans Are Robbed and All the Banks in Palestine Are Being Pillaged, According to Reports From Cairo.

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ROME, Dec. 2. — That the Turks are massacring Christians, robbing Europeans and pillaging all banks in Palestine, is the statement of the Cairo correspondent of the Couriere Della Sera.

Sixty Officers Coming Back To Join Second Contingent

Others With Canadians at Salisbury Will Join Kitchener's Army—Col. Turner Bayoneted by Guard.

SALISBURY, Eng., Dec. 2.—Sixty surplus officers, now here, are returning to Canada in order to secure places on the second contingent. The remainder of the two hundred odd will join Kitchener's new army, except some who have been replaced in the Canadian contingent here since the old company system has been restored.

No Canadians are yet at the front.

Col. Turner, commander of the Highland Brigade, was bayoneted by a sentry tonight because he did not heed the order to halt while testing the efficiency of the guards.

J. A. MacLaren.

De Wet Has Been Captured

Leader of the Rebellion in South Africa is Taken Prisoner by Loyalist Forces, Says Official Pretoria Despatch.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—1.02 a.m.—Gen. Christian De Wet, leader of the rebellion in the Union of South Africa, has been captured, according to a Pretoria official despatch to Reuter's Telegram Co.

BELGRADE HAS BEEN OCCUPIED BY THE AUSTRIANS

ONE SOCIALIST IS OPPOSED TO BIG WAR VOTE

Liebknecht Declared Against Credit of Billion and Quarter Dollars.

VALUE AID OF TURKEY

All Moslems Described as Eager to Escape English Yoke.

Canadian Press Despatch.

BERLIN, via Amsterdam to London, Nov. 2, 8.30 p.m.—With only one dissenting voice, Herr Liebknecht (Socialist) the reichstag today authorized a new war credit of 5,000,000,000 marks ($1,250,000,000).

The president of the chamber, at the opening of the sitting, in a speech dwelt on the unity and patriotism of the German people and commented appreciatively on the large number of members of the reichstag who are now serving the country at the front. In the course of his exposition of the progress of the war, the president said:

"Japan joined our enemies from a desire to seize as booty the monument of German culture in the far east. On the other hand, we have found an ally in Turkey, as all the Moslem people wish to throw off the English yoke and shatter the foundations of England's colonial power. Under the banner of our army and our fleet we will continue."

The imperial chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, attended the session dressed in the gray service uniform of a general. All the secretaries of state and the Prussian ministers also were present. Many of the members of the chamber were in uniform and wore iron crosses

Kaiser's Greetings.

In ad address to the members of the chamber, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg said:

"The emperor is absent with the army, but he has charged me to transmit his best wishes and cordial greetings to the German house of representatives, with whom he knows he is united till death, in stress of danger, in common concert for the weal of the fatherland.

"Our first thoughts go to the emperor and the army and navy, who are fighting for the honor and greatness of the empire. Full of pride and with unshakeable confidence, we look on them and our Austro-Hungarian comrades in arms, who are firmly united to us, to fight and win great battles with brilliant bravery.

"Our latest ally in the war was forced upon us in the Ottoman Empire, which well knows that if the German Empire were destroyed, it,

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POLICE RAIDED PRESS OFFICES

Irish Freedom and Other Seditious Pro-German Papers in Dublin Suppressed.

Canadian Press Despatch.

DUBLIN, Dec. 2.—The police have raided the office of The Irish Freedom, a monthly newspaper which has been opposing enlistment and expressing pro-German sentiments. All copies of the newspaper on newsstands were confiscated. The police also have prevented the publication of other newspapers of similar tendencies.

There has been widespread agitation in England for the suppression of these and similar Irish publications.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS" NOT ALLOWED ON PACKAGES

Donors of Supplies to Belgians Are Given Timely Advice.

Canadian Press Despatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Not even the words "Merry Christmas" may be written on packages of supplies sent to the starving Belgians. The American commission for relief in Belgium announced today that the placing by donors of an inscription of any sort inside or outside the package might subject the entire consignment to confiscation by officials suspicious of a military code message.

In one case which has come to the commission's notice, it is instanced, a whole shipload of goods bound for Genoa—not, however, one of the relief ships—was held up for a month because of a single word printed on a bag—"Dantzig."

GERMANS MOVE LARGE FORCES FROM FLANDERS

Fifty Thousand Cavalry and Many Guns Rushed to Poland.

NEW LINE OF DEFENCE

Enemy is Ready to Fall Back Before the Advancing Allies.

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AMSTERDAM, Dec. 2.—Absolute confirmation of the reports that the Germans are removing large forces of their mobile troops and smaller guns from Flanders and France to Poland has been received. One hundred and forty-eight machine guns and 50,000 cavalry have passed thru Herbesthal en route to Poland.

On the contrary, 18 large guns have been sent forward to Blankenburghe, on the coast north of Bruges and east of Ostend, indicating that the kaiser is preparing to resist further attack from the British and French war vessels on the coast.

A wounded German lieutenant who has made his way into Holland from Thorout, states that strong German forces are concentrated at Thorout and Roulers, on the reported line of defence, in preparation by the Germans, and that a force of 4600 reservists have arrived at Herbesthal, on their way to Thorout.

New Line of Defence.

Heavy artillery is being removed by the Germans from western Flanders in the direction of their new line of defence. The civilian population of Belgium is overwhelmed with fear of indignities and peril at the hands of the Germans when the expected retreat begins, owing to the demoralization which exists among the German troops.

Another bombardment of the German positions between Ostend and Zeebrugge on the north coast of Flanders, began late Tuesday night, and is still continuing. The fire of the warships in the allies' fleets has again caused a suspension of the work of the Germans in fitting out submarines in the naval bases which have been established there. Additional naval stores continue to arrive at Bruges from Antwerp.

SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD MET.

A meeting of the separate school board was held last evening in the board room, De La Salle Institute. Very Rev. Vicar-General McCann occupied the chair. There was a large attendance of members.

The reports of the month were submitted by Rev. Bro. Rogation and passed.

It was decided to notify the teachers of the various schools to interest the children in providing help for the Belgian refugees.

RUSSIANS GAINED MORE VICTORIES AROUND CRACOW

Germans Met Serious Defeat—Austrians Are Retreating in Disorder.

FOE'S OFFENSIVE FAILS

Numerous Clashes Reported—Reports From Poland Are Still Contradictory.

Canadian Press Despatch.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 2.—(Via London, 10.27 p.m.)—The Army Messenger, in a review of the fighting during the period from Nov. 28 to 30, says:

"On the Russo-Prussian frontier the Germans have maintained their fortified positions, and have been making attacks of little importance. These operations were without success, and our army corps have kept their dispositions.

"The German offensive in the region of Lowiez was repulsed by the advance guards and cavalry, who inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. The same fate befell the German offensive at Dombrovo and Schutsoff.

"On the Thorn-Cracow front, the German guard which attempted the offensive suffered a serious defeat in the Trzbitz-Bogomiloff district. Our troops took a large number of prisoners, assumed the offensive, and captured several important points. Counter attacks by the enemy were repulsed.

"The Austrian troops defending the approaches to Cracow have been defeated, and are falling back in disorder in the region of the fortress.

"On the Galician front we are advancing with ever-increasing success."

NEW GERMAN FRONT.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 2, 10.02 p.m.—In north Poland the German army which, with the aid of reinforcements, suc-

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FIGHT IN POLAND STILL UNDECIDED

Result Apparently Hinges Upon Struggle on Northern Wing—Both Sides Well Entrenched.

Canadian Press Despatch.

VIENNA, Dec. 2. — (Via Venice to London, Dec. 3, 12.48 a.m.)—The correspondent of The Neue Freie Presse at the front, in a despatch dated Nov. 29, says:

"There is no prospect of any immediate conclusion of the great battle in Russian Poland. A decisive combat appears to be proceeding on the northern wing. The fighting in west Galicia and the Carpathians is relatively less important. Both sides are strongly entrenched, and offensive action is limited to a few points in order to adjust local positions."

RUSSIA CANNOT MAKE ANY SEPARATE PEACE

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PETROGRAD, Dec. 2.—Regarding the rumors that Austria desires separate peace, being willing to cede Galicia to Russia, allowing Servia access to the Adriatic thru Bosnia and Herzegovina, the attitude of Russia is negative. The Bourse Gazette recalls that, by the allies' compact, separate peace cannot be concluded until German militarism has been annihilated and Russia's purpose to liberate the Slavs has been attained.

Russian diplomatists consider the rumors of such an agreement with Austria-Hungary unfounded.

KAISER HONORS GENERAL FOR SERVICES AT LODZ

Commander of Guards Division Awarded Order of Merit Distinguished Himself.

LONDON, Dec. 3. — (12.03 a.m.) — Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent says that Emperor William has awarded the Order of Merit to Lieut.-Gen. Likman, commander of the Guards division, and military correspondent of the Taegliche Rundschau, for distinguished service at the battle of Lodz.

PRIVATE IVERS DIED IN SALISBURY HOSPITAL

Canadian Press Despatch.

OTTAWA, Dec. 2.—An additional casualty among the Canadians at Salisbury Plain is reported in the death of Pte. John Ivers of No. 1 Station Hospital. He died from cerebral abscess.

SOUGHT ADVICE ON OPENING OF WALL STREET

Sir George Paish Asked by U. S. to Find Hundred Million Dollars.

FEAR FOR CURB COLLAPSE

United States Government Asked to Act Like Lloyd George.

Special to The Toronto World.

OTTAWA, Dec. 2.—The real mission of Sir George Paish to the States was to consult with the government there and the financial concerns of that country as to reopening the stock exchanges. The government of Britain and the Bank of England have already arranged to take care of the London Stock Exchange, by placing immense credits at the disposal of the London brokers as soon as they open up for business. But England is afraid of what will happen if New York opens and there is no provision made to take care of the American securities now held in Europe if a market is opened for them. They fear a world-wide panic if the American Government and banks are not able to take care of slaughter market of American securities.

Asked for Hundred Millions.

When Sir George Paish told the people in New York what the Bank of England and the British Government had arranged to do in the way of taking care of London, he was immediately asked if England would not find a hundred millions of dollars for the support of the New York market when it opened. And for a few days the report was current in New York that some such arrangement was in sight. Then it suddenly collapsed and Sir George Paish started back for London, accompanied by a member of the Morgan banking firm. They ought to be in London now. The hope of New York that relief might come from London has considerably dwindled away, unless the United States Government can be induced to come forward somewhat like Lloyd George. But there is a substantial difference between the class of securities that are to be taken care of in London and those that threaten to come on the New York market if it is opened. The question, therefore, still is, who is to take care of New York? Until that is in sight, the holders in the United States of billions of these American securities will press that Wall street be kept closed.

HIGH RANK OFFICERS PRISONERS AT KIEV

Canadian Press Despatch.

KIEV, Russia, via London, Dec. 2, 10.40 p.m.—One hundred and twenty German and Austrian officers have been brought here as prisoners. Among them are two generals, six colonels and eighteen majors.

Occupation of Belgrade Came After Long Siege

Taking of City is One of the Most Important Successes Yet Reported by the Austrians.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 3, 10.02 p.m.—Belgrade, which until the outbreak of the war, was the capital of Servia, was today occupied by Austrian troops, the Servians having previously evacuated the city. Thus, on the 66th anniversary of the reign of Emperor Francis Joseph, who again is reported seriously ill, and four months after the outbreak of the war, his generals report one of the most important successes they have obtained.

Belgrade was frequently under bombardment early in the war, and but for the general European war, which compelled Austria to send her troops against Russia, must have fallen an easy prey to Servia's big neighbor.

Apparently Austria miscalculated the nature of the Servian opposition, and only after Bosnia was invaded did she send a sufficient force against the Servians to drive them back. Now they are being forced backward and eagerly looking for the advance of the Russians into Hungary to afford them relief.

Russia has been sending Cossack raiding parties thru the Carpathians, with the object of diverting Austria's attention, but the dual monarchy seemingly is determined to finish with Servia first.

DEFEAT TURNED INTO A VICTORY

Russians, Caught in Trap at Lodz, Rallied Wth Great Resolution and Triumphed.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 3, 2.05 a.m.—The Daily Telegraph's Moscow correspondent, in a despatch describing the recent fighting at Lodz, says:

"The town was closely besieged by the Germans on three sides, north, east and south. The Russian army was as tho in a sack, but it rallied with great resolution and heroism to a great and difficult situation.

"The battle began Nov. 19 and was at its height during Nov. 21 to 23. It became evident on the evening of the 22nd that the Russians had gained a victory. The German army, outflanked and pushed from the rear by the Russians, made supreme efforts to pass by Lodz from the east and the south. Severe bayonet fighting occurred in the outskirts of the town. This supreme effort cost the Germans very dear. They lost tens of thousands of men.

"This was a dreadful night and nobody slept. The whole population gathered in the public places offering prayers for a Russian victory."

CANADIAN ON GUARD WAS SHOT BY SPY

Private Graves of Ottawa Writes That He is Recovering.

Canadian Press Despatch.

OTTAWA, Dec. 2.—In a letter received from his son, Pte. Edward Graves, by Mr. Richard Graves, of this city, the former states that he is now in the hospital convalescing from a wound received from a German spy.

It is not of a serious nature, he says. This information was received Saturday last. Pte. Graves left Ottawa with the first Canadian expeditionary force and was stationed at North Camp, West Downs. The letter was evidently censored. Graves states that he was on guard duty when shot.

Mr. Graves has received no official military communication regarding the condition of his son.

WAR PRISONERS TO CLEAR LAND FOR AGRICULTURE

Arrangements Made by Sir William Otter to Give Them Employment.

Canadian Press Despatch.

OTTAWA, Dec. 2.—Gen. Sir William Otter, who has charge of interning the alien enemies in Canada, has arranged for employment during the winter months for the majority of them, in clearing land for agricultural purposes. Those in Quebec will shortly be removed to the Abitibi district, while those in Ontario will be put in the Algonquin Park and at the Petawawa training grounds. It is stated the men are willing to accept any kind of work during the winter, with employment conditions attached as they are in Canada at present.

ITALY FACING GRAVE CRISIS

Parliament, Which Reassembles Today, is Expected to Approve Armed and Watchful Neutrality.

Canadian Press Despatch.

ROME, Dec. 2, 12.56 p.m.—The Italian Parliament will reassemble tomorrow, and its deliberations are awaited with anxiety, as this is considered the gravest moment for Italy since its unification. Four hundred and fifty deputies and 300 senators are already in Rome to attend the session.

Premier Salandra, in presenting the new cabinet, will make a statement concerning the ministerial policy. An especially interesting passage will deal with the attitude of Italy with reference to the present European war, and the premier will explain the reasons that actuated the government in maintaining "armed and watchful neutrality," the object of which was to guarantee the supreme interest of Italy whenever threatened.

The statement will contain an announcement of the military and naval preparations for which almost $200,000,000 has been appropriated.

It is expected that the deputies and senators will unite in showing confidence in the cabinet, with a view to having the Italian Parliament give evidence of its solidarity before the foreign powers.

ADMIRALTY GRATEFUL TO CANADIAN WOMEN

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—In publishing tonight an address to the Duchess of Connaught from the Canadian Women's Hospital Ship Fund, when they presented $282,857 to the admiralty for the sick and wounded, the admiralty and army council say they desire to express their grateful acknowledgments of this generous patriotic gift of the women of Canada and their recognition of the spirit of loyalty and devotion to the cause of the empire which has prompted the gift. If they are confident in this they represent the sentiments of all the officers and men of his majesty's naval and military forces.

Ten-Day Hat Sale at Dineen's.

The response to this Hat Sale has been most gratifying to Dineen's, 140 Yonge street, but it is not surprising when the high quality and low price is considered. Smart hats, worth $3.50, selling for $1.95, is certainly "some value," and you can form your own opinion from the display in windows. The soft hats are English and American styles, smooth and velour finish, in greens, grays, browns, fawns and blues. The stiff hats are black, in three heights of crown—small, medium and large shapes—all sizes. You should not let today pass without getting one.

BELGRADE HAS FALLEN BEFORE THE AUSTRIANS

Besiegers Entered Former Capital of Servia Wednesday Morning.

BATTERIES DESTROYED

Allies' Artillery Put German Field Pieces Out of Commission.

Summary of News.

Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to the Toronto World.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—While the fall of Belgrade before the Austrian besiegers is the news of the moment, there are other situations in the various war theatres that are absorbing their quota of consideration. The day's trend of events shows the preponderance of favor on the Teutons' side. A strong French position in the Argonne forest has been captured by the German regiment known as the "Kaiser's Own," according to today's official statement, issued from Berlin. This statement also says that more than 80,000 Russian prisoners, unwounded, have been taken in battles in Poland between Nov. 11 and Dec. 11.

The French official report says that German attacks were repulsed in the Argonne and south of Ypres, and that the chateau and park at Vermelles were captured by the French. At other points of the battle line in France, heavy artillery firing is reported.

Official advices from Petrograd, as well as Berlin, indicate that the German general, Mackenzen, saved his army, which was nearly surrounded by the Russians near Lodz, but the German plan to take Warsaw is believed, at least in London, to have failed.

Ammunition Seized.

The latest official statement from the Russian general staff mentions the capture of barges and steamboats at Plock, on the River Vistula, loaded with ammunition for the German army. Significance is attached to this capture, as the Germans have been relying mainly on the Vistula for securing supplies for their armies in Poland.

Vienna reports that the Cracow front is quiet, but that fighting continues in the Carpathians, from the passes of which Cossacks constantly are making sallies. At Homma, Hungary, the Austrians forced the Russians to retreat, with the loss of 2500 men, and in the fighting in Poland, the Austrians have taken 35,000 prisoners.

This afternoon, before the fall of Belgrade was announced here, Paris advices stated that information coming from Nish was to the effect that the Austrians had been winning further victories.

To Control Finances.

An imperial decree, issued today at Petrograd, authorizes the minister of finance to take control of the receipts and expenditures of societies, companies or enterprises, operated in Russia by subjects of Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Turkey.

Paris reports that the allies' artillery today destroyed four batteries of the Germans' field pieces—three in Belgium and one in the Craonne region in France.

The Earl of Warwick, lord lieutenant of Essex, in an address today before the Essex County organization of territorials, said that should the Germans invade England, individual civilians unaffiliated with military bodies should make no attempt at resistance. Promiscuous shooting on the part of civilians, he declared, could result only in the usual terrible reprisals of the Germans, bringing possibly a repetition of the horrors recently enacted in Belgium.

Interest in War Pictures.

At Cleveland on Sunday, when the "On Belgian Battlefields" moving pictures were shown for the first time in that city, six thousand people paid to see them. The press reports from Cleveland say the war pictures are the most realistic of anything of the kind ever seen there. They will be here next week at the Princess Theatre, afternoon and evening.