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The Russian, advanced posts at the source of the Rimnak River were

pressed back by the enemy on their ed that Norway, in common with t'.e main position. Petrograd announces.

whole neutral world, had greeted the All the German attacks, the Russians idea of peace "as one greets the dawn say, were repulsed by their fire in the of day after a stormy night." Kilnau Valley, west of Rimnik Sarat.

Defeat Foe Attacks.

The Russians report the defeat of rather heavy and fierce Teuton a tacks with considerable forces on the Filipechti-Licjkotianka front. The fighting was especially severe in Fillpechti Village until the German artil-lery set the place on fire, and the

Russians then evacuated it. The Berlin official communication issued today says that during engagements on the great Wallachian plain the edge of the mountains south of Rimnik Sarat in the past few days the Teutons took 5.500 Russian ners. It is claimed that German cussions. divisions, with auxiliary battalions of Hungarians, stormed the Village of lipechti, on the road from Buzeu to Fear Foreigners May Get

Braila, and strongly entrenched Ruspositions on both sides of the village A Berlin despatch says: The Rus-

sians have been driven from several (Concluded on Page 11, Column 1).

RUSSIAN GUNS KEEP ACTIVE.

Berlin, Dec. 26 .- Today's official statement says: "Front of Frince Leoping. pold: On the lower Stokhod the Rus-sian artillery are more active than Northwest of Lutsk an enter-

The parcel post mail will close at the general postoffice at 9.00 p.m. to-day. December 27th, (advance mail). prise conducted by German detach-ments resulted in the bringing in of 16 prisoners."

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

ROSSING the Tigris River, in Mesopotamia, the British forces the financial and credit situation in raided; casualties were inflicted upon have occupied positions on the right bank, south and east of Poland could be improved, with a view Kut-el-Amara. They have also systematically bombarded the to stimulating the development of the trenches of the Turks southwest of the river. A force of British cavalry, by a night march, advanced to Gassabs Fort, 20 miles southeast of Kut, and destroyed it, with sixty tons of grain. The expedition also captured cattle and burned a number of hostile Arab en- soon as the currency can be prepared. campments. This fort has long been a handy base of operations for hostile Arabs.

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A characteristic of Mesopotamian operations is the deliberate and systematic manner in which Gen. Maude is preparing the ground ahead for his advance. He is following out the same policy as was adopted by the allies in the battle of the Somme. That policy is the exercising of strong and continuous pressure rather than the German policy of striking violent blows. Both the Mesopotamian and Egyptian forces appear to be directed by one leader. It is not improbable that this is the new 300 mile front that Premier Briand recently said would be opened by the allies in the east. The next big attack of the forces advancing from Egypt will probably be made on Beersheba. The object is to secure possession of the Turkish rallhead. Palestine, in all its history, has been the buffer state be-

(Concluded on Page 2, Cols. 1 and 2).

reply, so far as it has been formulated the Door. on the basis of the unofficial text. The official copy had not been received to-

"Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg's latest

NEXT BRITISH MAIL.

London, Dec. 26 -A despatch to the night and President Wilson was keep-Exchange Telegraph from Copenha- ing his mind open. Not Real Answer. "Dr. Mowinckel, president of the

Neutral diplomatic quarters, too, re-Norwegian Storthing, in the course of garded the note as a step ioward an interview on his country's attitude concerning peace discussions, declar- that Germany might follow it with a peace, and rather leaned to the view

confidential communication of some sort outlining her terms. The view of the entente ally embassies, frankly expressed, was that

utterances, so far as they referred to dent Wilson's communication, but ity with the Germans about Belloy-Dr. Mowinckel added, "were similar to Germany and in neutral countries with the statements in that respect made the object of molding opinion to place. by President Wilson and Viscount Grey, the former British foreign min-ister, and I, therefore, hope that the the responsibility of containing the war on the entente.

possibility of finding a common oasis for negotiations is not far distant." Among the Germanic diplomats the From the recent speech of David only view expressed was one of sur-Lloyd George, the British premier, M. prise that the reply had preceded re-Mowinckel said he gained the impresceipt of the entente's response to Ger- of the enemy sion that the reply of the entente al-lies did not exclude further peace dismany's original pcace proposal of

Dec. 12. Where Germany Fails. It was everywhere agreed that the

principal sticking point was the lack past two months to complete a new Control of German Ships of a definite statement of terms such system of trenches along the whole Amsterdam. Dec. 26, via London. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 2). The Frankfurter Zeitung reports that the bundesrath has forbidden the sale POLAND IS TO HAVE

abroad of German shipping shares, the NEW PAPER CURRENCY bject being to prevent an undesirable foreign influence in Germany's ship-Von Beseler Signs Order Creating

Polish State Credit Bank. Warsaw, via Berlin and wireless t the A. P. to Sayville, Dec. 26 .- Gov- laxed their aeriel activity.

ernor-General von Beseler has signed an order creating the Polish state "Some fifty Germans approached our credit bank, which shortly will issue lines Monday night in the neighborof a value equivalent to German marks of a value equivalent to German marks suffered heavy casualties, from our machine gun fire. new paper currency in Polish marks hood of Les Boeufs. Eighteen of the

"Monday night we entered trenche northeast of Armentieres and drove off The step was taken after long dean enemy working party. The enemy

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"In the neighborhood of Les Bocufs economic life of that country. The and Gueudecourt we bombard bank, which will operate for the duraenemy trenches during the day, with satisfactory results. tion of the war, and until Poland is "At other places along the front, aron a peace footing, will be opened as tillery activity has continued.

"On the night of Dec. 24-25. our The operation of the bank will be extended to the portion of Poland occupied by Austria-Hungary as soon as an agreement with the dual monlines

archy to that effect is completed. SWEDEN PRESENTS NOTE

SUPPORTING WILSON Follows Action of Swiss Government in Petitioning Belli-

gerents.

London, Dec. 27 .- The Daily Telegraph savs it understands a Swedish tween Egypt and Asiatic powers from Assyria to Turkey, and it has frequently been overrun by armies advancing both from Egypt and it has of the Swiss Government, concern-cerning President Wilson's peace in-

cerning President Wilson's peace in- Company, Limited, 140 Yonge street, itiative, has been presented to the bel. Toronto, and 20-22 King street west, ligerent governments.

of Defensive Works in Rear.

folk Railroad Company. Seventy Lives May Be Lost

Special Cable to The Toronto World, London, Dec. 26.-Warfare on the In a Tornado in Arkansas

western front continues to be a mat-Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 26-From 17 ter of trench raids and artillery fightto 70 persons were killed in a tornado that struck south central Arkansas ing, according to the official communithis afternoon, according to reports cations of the allies today. Of fifty received here tonight.

Germans who approached the British Four are known to be dead at Eng-land, 17 are reported killed at Keo lines in the neighborhood of Les and several are reported killed at the Boeufs, 18 were taken prisoner and the state convict farm at Tucker. remainder suffered heavy casualties

from British machine gun fire. **OWEN THOMAS GIVES** The French on the Somme front

HONORARY TITLE UP

en-Santerre and Fauquescourt. The Automobile Expert Caused Some cannonade was intermittent on other Disagreements in Militia Deportions of their front. The most activity also prevailed on the British front between the Somme and the 0 . partment.

Ancre. It was in the neighborhood of By a Staff Reporter. Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Owen Thomas, the Les Boeufs where the Germans drew near the British trenches, and about automobile expert, who was engaged that point and Gueudecourt the British by General Sir Sam Hughes to pursystematically bombarded the trenches chase for the second contingent; has relinquished his honorary lieutenant-Foe Builds New Trenches.

The Germans, according to a de-spatch from Berlin, say that they have colonelcy, according to militia orders issued today. He has no longer the right to wear khaki. Since the second GEN. JOFFRE TO BECOME profited from the almost complete cessation of the Somme fighting in the contingent left he has been engaged

in the militia department in connec tion with the mechanical transport sec-French Government Decides to tion. front. A German writer, commenting Recently he had trouble with some of the high officials of the department. Recognize Eminent Services. on this, claims that all the efforts and losses of the allies' five months of of-He criticized their methods of put Paris, Dec. 26.-The government has

fensive have been in vain. He says chase, and threatened to resign if his advice was not followed. He has been that the new trenches have been perdecided to raise Gen. Joffre to the fected so well that even the front ones allowed to resign. have been protected by barbed wire, with the troops in them being amply

TWO KILLED BY ENGINE.

protected by dugouts and having adequately protected communication Lofield, Alta., Dec. 26 .- Two men were killed about 7 o'clock this morr-ing in the local G.T.R. yards, and a of parliament as soon as possible. The title of marshal of France has It is declared that the new defensive third so badly injured that his chances of recovery are poor, when a hand car, being propelled by the trio, was struck by a light switch en-gine returning from Edmonton. The lines are stronger than those of July 1. fallen into disuse since the establish-It is asserted that the alles have re-The official report from British headquarters in France tonight reads: men were all section hands. Their names are unknown as yet.

> LARGE GREEK STEAMER IS HELD AT GIBRALTAR

Ackworth at Ottawa Today

Patris, With Six Hundred Passengers Aboard, Detained By a Staff Reporter. During Blockade.

New York, Dec. 26 .- The Greek Line who was appointed on the commissteamer Patris with 600 passengers sion which is examining into the rail-York, is detained by the British at the British Government that the entente allies have declared a blockade

mmission would not be ready before

schooner Roger Drury was sunk of Great Point; the schooner Daniel Mcference of the labor delegates with Sir Robert Borden and R. B. Bennett. ference of the labor delegates with Sir Robert Borden and R. B. Bennett. M.P., regarding national service, it was M.P. regarding national service, it was

ference of the and R. B. Bennett, M.P., regarding national service, it was stated the situation had been explain-ed satisfactorily. It was also stated on the northern end of the rip in a northwest gale today. The Roger Drury, engaged in the will be very considerably influenced. Before the session, it is quite possible nicate with the delegates tomorrow, after which they will issue a statethey found shelter.

in an article which stated that the an early date-not later than the end question of a rural credits bill for of February. Saskatchewan was being discussed in executive council, has made a report, which was made public this evening.

POSSIBLE PEACE TERMS. Canadian Associated Press Cable

After going into the evidence in de-London, Dec. 26.-It is officially tail the report finds that the "high ofstated that the home government has ficial source" mentioned was not Hon: decided to invite the premiers of the W. M. Martin or any other member overseas dominions to attend a speof the Government of Saskatchewan, cial series of continuous sittings of and that the source of the allegations the war cabinet, to consider: First, was a typewritten memorandum, and questions affecting the prosecution of the pencilled memoranda thereon and the war; second, possible conditions attached were abstracted from a draw- on which, in agreement with Great er of the desk of Mr. Martin's private Britain's allies, we could assent to its office. The report is signed by both commissioners-T. H. McGuire, ex-chief justice of the Northwest Territermination; and, third, problems which will subsequently arise. For the purpose of these meetings the various ories, and J. H. Parker, master in champers. Editor Wright of The Post, in testipremiers will be members of the war cabinet. It is understood that these fying, said that "his high official source" was Premier Martin. meetings will be set for a date not Premier Martin, under oath. denied siving the information to Wright and told of the theft from his private oflater than the end of February.

Special War Conference.

Ottawa, Dec. 26 .- The conference of fice of credits question, and also that the war cabinet of the mother country and representatives of the overseas the article in question bore a strik-ing resemblance to these private notes. and representatives of the overseas dominions to consider urgent questions regarding the war's prosecution is to be held not later than the end of Feb-ruary. In a cable to the governorgeneral given out tonight the colonial MARSHAL OF FRANCE secretary makes this announcement and explains that the prospective and explains that the prospective gathering is not, that of the ordinary gathering is not that of the ordinary imperial conference, but rather a spe-cial war conference to deal with war, problems. The attendance of the prime minister is urged. The cable

May Appoint Substitute.

dignity of marshal of France, in re-"I wish to explain that what is cognition of his eminent services to contemplated by his majesty's government is not a session of the ordinary the country. A decree nominating him ment is not a session of the ordinary imperial conference, but a special war conference of the empire. His mi-jesty's government, therefore, wishes your prime minister to attend a series of special and continuous meetings of the war cabinet in order to consider will be submitted for the ratification ment of the third republic. A bili in 1873, regulating the army grades, rethe war cabinet in order to consider tained the rank, but specified that the urgent questions affecting the pro-secution of the war, the possible con-ditions on which, in agreement with conditions under which it could be conferred should be fixed by a sup-plementary bill. That bill, however, our allies, we could assent to its ter-mination, and the problem which will then immediately arise. Your prime minister, for the purpose of these meetings, would be a member of these war cabinet. In view of the extreme ungency of the subjects of discussion, as well as of their supreme importance, To Confer Upon Railways it is hoped that your prime minister may find it possible, in spite of seri-Ottawa. Ont., Dec. 26 .- W. B. Ack-Ottawa. Ont. Dec. 26.-W. B. Ack-worth, the English financial expert at an early date, not later than the end of February. While the presence of your prime minister himself is earnestly desired by his majesty's earnestly desired by his majesty s government, they hope that if he sees insuperable difficulties he will care-fully consider the question of nom-inating a substitute as they would regard it a serious misfortune if any

dominion were left unrepresented. Expcct Borden to Go. With the session of parliament com-ing on probably Feb. 1, the attend-ance of Sir Robert Borden will not be will not be without difficulty, but the importance of the war conference is so great as to suggest the certainty of the pre-mier going across. Two courses would

mier going across. Two courses would be open in that event-leaving the leadership of the house to one of Sir Kobert's lieutenants or adjourning parliament pending his return. Which line of action will be taken is not yet announced or, decided. There is a widespread epinion that as the conference will be sitting simul

and St. John, N.B., went down off the end of the point. Her crew lanched a small boat successfully and landed near the lighthouse, where they found shelter. ments in connection with it.

eroplanes carried out successful bombing operations on places of mil-itary importance behind the enemy's DINEEN'S FUR REDUCTIONS. The annual clearing sale of Dingen's furs, an event usually scheduled for the month of February, has been brought forward this

In National Service Scheme

York, is detailed by the Link of here tomorrow from New York. He will probably remain two or three will probably remain two or three veeks in consultation with Sir Henry "We have been officially informed by Drayton and A. H. Smith, the latter

being the American railway expert. Sir Henry Drayton expressed the opinion today that the report of the against Greek shipping," said Mr. Galanos. "The Patris, we presume.

will be detained until the blockade is the opening of parliament.

The liner is several days overdue.

Labor is Prepared to Concur

WRECKED OFF NANTUCKET. Several Small Craft Sunk or Stranded.

Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 25 .- The

has never been proceded with,

Ottawa. Dec. 26 .- Following the con

way situation in Canada, will arrive