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GREEKS MUST MAKE QUICK DECISION

Turks Fail in Violent Attacks on the British Forces at Kut-el-Amara

City Council Backs Beck

HYDRO RADIAL QUESTION GOES TO RATEPAYERS

Only Four Members of Council Opposed It at Special Session.

LOWER LIGHT RATES

Sir Adam Beck Makes Important Announcement to Hydro Patrons.

Notwithstanding the fact that Controller Spence and A. J. MacBride, an unusual combination, made strenuous efforts at yesterday's special meeting of the city council to have referred back Sir Adam Beck's hydro radial bylaw, asking the city to guarantee the debentures of the commission to the extent of \$4,240,136, and giving radial entrances to the city and running rights within its limits, it was decided to send the bylaw to the people on January 1 by a vote of 18 to 4 of the line-up being as follows:

- For: Mayor Church, Controller Spence, Controller O'Neill, A. J. MacBride, Controller Foster, Ald. Ramsden, Cont. Thompson, Ald. Rotten, Ald. Ball, Ald. Cowan, Ald. Maguire, Ald. D. Spence, Ald. Dunn, Ald. Weir, Ald. Warren, Ald. Cameron, Ald. Wallon, Ald. Robbins, Ald. Ryd no, Ald. Yeomans, Ald. Singer, Ald. Gibbons, Ald. Meredith and Risk did not attend the meeting.

Contentious Clauses. Only three clauses of the bylaw appear to be of a contentious nature, and it was around these that the whole argument for and against was based. The first clause that gave an opening for those who desired to prevent the submitting of the bylaw to the people is one that gives the hydro commission the right "to utilize the routes and property of the railway for all purposes from which it is possible to obtain a profit." The second allows the city "to make no agree-

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ITALIANS TAKE GROUND ON HEIGHTS OF GORIZIA

Gains Made Both on Calvario and Monte San Michele.

ROME, via London, Dec. 9.—The following official statement was issued today by the Italian army headquarters:

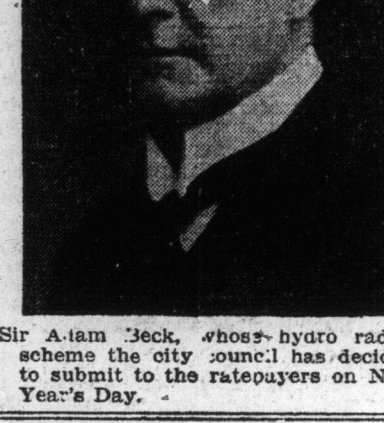
"At several places along the front the enemy artillery endeavored to interrupt our consolidation works, but the exact fire of our batteries nullified their efforts. In the Monte Nero zone, favored by a thick fog, detachments of the enemy penetrated one of our entrenched positions on the Vodil spur, but were immediately repulsed by counter-attacks. On the Isonzo front bad conditions of the ground caused by heavy rains has not diminished the activity of our infantry. On the Calvario height, west of Gorizia, yesterday captured an enemy shelter consisting of eight rifles, ammunition and other war material. In the Monte San Michele sector on the Carso, in the course of a minor offensive operation, we took from the enemy 71 prisoners, including three officers."

MINISTERS APPEAL FOR RECRUITS AT BERLIN, ONT.

Special to The Toronto World. BERLIN, Ont., Dec. 9.—Hon. Panday Meadlam and Hon. Thomas McFarlane were the chief speakers at an enthusiastic recruiting meeting tonight at the Star Theatre. Mayor Hett occupied the chair. Mr. McGarry pointed out that the war has taken place in Flanders, he could voice for the loyalty of the people of South Renfrew. He spoke of what Great Britain and Canada have done in the past by protecting her on land and sea. And for Canada's further welfare every man is bound to see the great struggle brought to a right end.

HIS SCHEME ENDORSED

Sir Adam Beck, whose hydro radial scheme the city council has decided to submit to the ratepayers on New Year's Day.



SHELL MAKERS' PAY TOO LOW?

J. W. Flavelle Refers Labor Delegation Back to Premier Borden.

TO FOLLOW HICHENS?

Perplexed Deputation Talks of Making Trip to New York.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 9.—A labor deputation arrived here today to urge the adoption of a fair wage clause in all shell contracts. They said that they came in pursuance of an appointment with Lionel Hichens, but he had left for England. They called on the prime minister, who referred them to the Imperial Munitions Board as having authority in the matter. Mr. J. W. Flavelle, the new chairman of that body, however, said that this was a matter for the government to deal with rather than for the board. The labor men are, therefore, at sea tonight as to who is in control of such matters and they are waiting to see the prime minister tomorrow and talk of going to see Mr. Hichens at New York before he sails for England if they do not obtain what they want here, and declare that Lloyd George sent word both to the manufacturers and to the labor congress some months ago that he favored the adoption of a fair wage schedule the same as in England.

FOURTH VICTIM DIES FROM VALVE EXPLOSION

William McLean, Injured at Greyc Company's Plant, Succumbs in Hospital.

William McLean, 36 Shanley street, who was severely burned about the head and body when the valve on a boiler exploded in the engine-room of the Greyc Manufacturing Company, at the corner of Church street and the Esplanade, on Monday last, died in St. Michael's Hospital at 11:45 last night.

TOWN IN VIRGINIA DESTROYED BY FIRE

German Caught in Act of Placing Explosive in Powder Plant.

PETERSBURG, Va., Dec. 9.—Hopedwell, Va., the boom town of 25,000 founded by the Du Pont Powder Co., virtually was destroyed by fire late today. At 9 p.m. the flames still were uncontrolled, but it was said there was little left to burn in the town, and the company's powder mill, some distance away, was not believed to be in danger. The blaze started in a restaurant.

PARLIAMENT REOPENS ON JANUARY TWELFTH

Albert Seigny Will Succeed Dr. Sprule as Speaker.

OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—The next session of the present parliament will convene on Jan. 12, it was announced today. It is also officially announced that Albert Seigny, M. P. deputy speaker, will succeed Speaker Sprule, who has been appointed senator.

TEUTONS READY TO GIVE EAR TO PEACE OFFERS

German Chancellor Admits Folly for Her to Propose Settlement First.

NOT NEAR COLLAPSE

Responsibility for Continuing War Rests With Allies, He Says.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—So long as uncontrolled hatred of Germany and the belief that Germany is approaching a collapse continues to be the dominant idea of the enemy countries, it would be folly for Germany to take the initiative in proposing terms of peace. Germany is ready at any time to consider a peace suggestion from the countries with which she is at war, does not wish a continuation of the war and dissociates herself, under these circumstances, from any responsibility for its prolongation.

SHELL-MAKING PLAN HAD TO BE ABANDONED

Lloyd George's Representatives Approved New Policy for Transcona Ships.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—The Transcona shops, formerly operated by the Grand Trunk Pacific, but taken over by the government along with the Transconas' fleet, are now manufacturing shells for the British Government, the fact on the plan that was originally intended, it is understood. The first proposal was that the government should undertake the manufacture of shells in this shop so as to make it possible to learn the exact cost of shell manufacture in Canada and thus regulate prices paid to private manufacturers. Such a plan presented serious difficulties, however, and it was decided, with the approval of representatives of Mr. Lloyd George in Canada, to have the work in the Transcona shops in the hands of a private company, which has just been organized to continue the manufacture of shells already begun by the G. T. P. The new company is called the Transcona Munitions Co.

RUSSIAN GUNS SILENCE GERMAN BATTERIES

Asphyxiating Gas Used by Enemy South of Ikskull.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 9.—The Russian army headquarters today gave the following official communication:

"At several points on the Riga front our artillery silenced enemy batteries, and asphyxiating gas was used against the enemy. The gas was used in the direction of the Dvinsk front, where it was used several times to leave their trenches to attack, but were forced to return by our infantry fire. There has been no change on the rest of the front. The situation in the Caucasus remains unchanged."

KITCHENER AND GREY ON VISIT TO PARIS

Important Conference Held With Members of French Cabinet.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—The British war secretary, Earl Kitchener, and the secretary of state, Sir Edward Grey, arrived in Paris this morning. They accompanied them to the conference, where they met Premier Briand and Chief Joffre.

COURT WILL RELEASE U. S. GOODS SPEEDILY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The British embassy today notified the state department that a summary court has been set up in London for the speedy disposition of American owned goods of German manufacture now held up in Holland.

TURK ASSAULTS ARE FUTILE AT KUT-EL-AMARA

British Are Defending Position Stubbornly is Constantinople's Admission.

MARCHING UPON ADEN

Turks Will Make Second Attempt to Capture Arabian Port.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The British public is watching with deep interest the operations in Mesopotamia, where a fight is now taking place for Kut-el-Amara, and in Arabia, the Turks in the latter region having commenced another advance on Aden. As Aden and its vicinity, as well as the shores of the Straits of Bab-el-Mandeb, leading from the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden, are well fortified, it is not believed an advance is seriously intended here. An official statement received from Constantinople tonight virtually admits military failure at Kut-el-Amara. It says:

"Kut-el-Amara is being stubbornly defended by the enemy. Our advanced divisions are marching to Suaisak, making the enemy's retreat difficult."

An advance of the Turks on Aden, in southern Arabia, near the entrance of the Red Sea, through which the Suez Canal passes, is announced in a Turkish official statement, as received in Amsterdam and forwarded by the Central News—correspondent—here. The statement says:

"Between Mahadi and Aden successful fighting occurred. The Turks are advancing on Aden."

Aden is the chief trading city of Arabia and has a population of about 50,000. It was captured from the Turks by the British in 1839.

FRENCH FIRE DEADLY AGAINST THE TURKS

Breach Made in Enemy's Lines, and Munition Depot Blown Up.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—The French war office this afternoon gave out a report on the progress of the fighting in the Gallipoli Peninsula, which reads as follows:

"On the 5th of December an attack made by the enemy was completely checked by the French fire. December 6th was characterized by an effective fire from our trench, which caused a breach in the enemy's lines, and caused the explosion of a Turkish depot of munitions. The enemy responded by a violent bombardment, which, however, caused no damage."

GERMAN SANITARIUM IN DISGRACEFUL STATE

Interned British Inval Civilian Are Allowed to Die.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The proprietor of this sanitarium cares more for pecuniary gain than the humanitarian side of his work," says Dr. Ohnesorge and Grafton W. Minot, private secretary to James W. Gerard, the American ambassador to Germany, in a report sent to the British Foreign Office by Mr. Gerard, dealing with the conditions in Dr. Weiler's sanitarium in Germany, where a number of interned British invalid civilians are being maintained at the expense of the British Government.

"An inspection disclosed," the report adds, "that in some of the buildings no attempt is made to segregate contagious diseases, nor to provide separate accommodation for patients afflicted with mental diseases. Much overcrowding and neglect of proper sanitary conditions also are reported."

BULGARS DRIVEN OFF

Fierce Attacks in Macedonia So Far Are Beaten Off, But Enemy Is Reinforced.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—(1:45 a.m.)—Bulgarians, officered by Germans, are fiercely attacking the allies in Macedonia, according to The Times' Saloniki correspondent, who regards the situation as grave. The correspondent says that a series of fierce assaults, by day and night, have been directed against the allies' right wing from Demirkapu to Kosturino. These assaults, the despatch adds, have so far been successfully beaten off, but the enemy is being continually reinforced, and apparently intends to renew the attacks, with the object of gaining the Strumitsa station, towards which the German cavalry has been making reconnaissances.

ALLIES CAN SEND IN SPRING 500,000 MEN INTO BALKANS

Military Critic of Temps Urges Complete Withdrawal of British Forces From Gallipoli for Drive in Balkans.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—An allied army of 500,000 or more will easily be available for operations in the Balkans in the spring, according to General de la Croix, military critic of The Temps. In a review in that newspaper of the military situation in the Balkans, he says: "There are 150,000 troops of the allies at Saloniki, and 100,000 British, the Dardanelles could be transferred thence," says General de la Croix, who adds that unless the British army evacuates the Gallipoli Peninsula, the chances are "99 out of 100" that within two or three months they would be thrown into the sea.

Looking into the future, the military writer says that to these 250,000 can be added not re-organized Serbian army of 200,000 and possibly 50,000 Italians for a spring campaign, besides such other forces as may be sent from the west in the meantime.

NO EARLY PEACE FOR OLD WORLD

Statements of British Premier and German Chancellor Dash Hopes.

FIGHT WAR TO FINISH MORE VIGOROUS PROSECUTION OF WAR DEMANDED IN ALLIED COUNTRIES.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The speech in the Reichstag of the imperial chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, reviewing the military, political and economic progress of events and his reply to a Socialist interpellation, declining to initiate peace negotiations, were the feature of the day's news through Europe.

Following closely Premier Asquith's somewhat similar reply to a question in the house of commons by Philip Snowden, the determination to continue to fight until victory is attained.

As far as the entente allied countries are concerned, seemingly the only change desired is one which would insure a more vigorous prosecution of the war, but this, like peace, will have to await events, for the whole campaign is entering a new phase.

BRITISH IN LINE SOUTH OF ARRAS

Considerable Extension of Front Taken Over From French in Month.

FOE IS DRIVEN BACK ARTILLERY CONTINUES DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY'S PARAPETS AND WIRE ENTANGLEMENTS.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—A British official communication made public tonight says: "Bad weather has limited activity in the air, but our airmen have been able to do useful work. Two machines went on the 5th, a reconnaissance on the 6th and a successful little enterprise in the region south of Arras, a small party of our men entered a German trench and bombed the occupants successfully withdrawing after completing their mission."

"The destruction of the enemy's parapets and wire entanglements at various points on the front by our artillery continues. In reply to a successful bombardment of the enemy's position near Pillennes on the 5th instant the enemy suffered heavily, but did little damage. West of Arras we exploded a large mine with success on the 5th. Yesterday near Givenchy an enemy mine buried two of our men who were safely rescued."

The mention of a successful bombing action against a German trench south of Arras indicates a considerable extension of the British lines since the big battles of September, October, and early November. When the advance in the latter end of September was made, the southern extremity of the lines reached the outskirts of Lens, about twenty miles north of Arras, so there has been an extension of at least twenty or twenty-five miles in this sector in the past month.

RUSSIANS WIN VICTORY OVER TURKS IN PERSIA

Enemy Lost Severely and Victors Occupy Position Near Aveh.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—A Reuters despatch from Petrograd says: "A telegram from Teheran says that the Russian legation is informed that the Russian troops gained a victory in the direction of Hamadan, defeating a force consisting of 500 cavalry, infantry and insurgent gendarmes and 200 German and Turkish mercenaries, of whom a large number were killed or wounded. The Russian troops have occupied an important position near the town of Aveh, about sixty miles northeast of Hamadan, from which they are pursuing their offensive."

As Anglo-French Forces Draw Near Frontier Attitude of Greece Causes Increased Anxiety—Violent Bulgar Attacks on New Positions Repulsed.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Having arrived too late to prevent the invasion of Serbia, the British and French forces in the southeastern part of Serbia are now retiring before the onslaughts of the Bulgarians, who, supported by German artillery and infantry, have been attacking both the British and the French and compelling them to give up advanced positions.

Two successive retreats by the British forces in the Balkans were officially announced tonight. On December 7 the troops were withdrawn to a new line and on Dec. 8 they retired to another line. The official statement was as follows:

"On Dec. 6 the Bulgarians, after a heavy bombardment attacked our troops west of Lake Doiran. Our advanced trenches were entered by small parties of Bulgarians, who were immediately driven out with the bayonet."

"On the morning of Dec. 7 the Bulgarians attacked again and by weight of superior numbers drove our troops out of the positions. Under cover of darkness the troops were withdrawn to a new line. Reports as to our losses have not yet been received."

"On Dec. 8 the British troops successfully repulsed all attacks and in the evening they were withdrawn to a new position in order to conform with the general alignment."

Greek Problem Acute. "The few Bulgarian prisoners taken during the fighting, which wish to fight against the enemy, but are anxious to meet the Greeks and wipe out old scores."

"As the lines of the entente allies contract upon the Greek frontier the problem of the attitude of the Greek Government becomes more and more acute."

"The French withdrawal to Demirkapu was most orderly. They brought away even their stores of hay and forage."

Violent Attacks Repulsed. "Tonight's French official statement says: 'Since the last communication the Bulgarians have carried out at different points along the front violent attacks, all of which have been repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy. The fighting continues in front of the Greek line at Gradec, on the Vardar River.'"

Orderly Retirement. "According to unofficial reports from Saloniki the retirement is being carried out in an orderly manner, but how far it is to continue is a matter of much speculation. Opinion is divided as to whether it would not be better to abandon the entire expedition or to remain Saloniki as a base. The latter alternative would, it is believed, entail the retention of the entente allies with Greece, which even now are far from satisfactory, and are an impediment to the central powers to follow the entente forces across the Greek frontier."

Bulgars Took Four Towns. "Four towns near the southwestern Serbian frontier have been captured by the Bulgarians, the German war office announced today. They are Ochrida, 18 miles north of the Greek frontier, Struga, northeast of Ochrida; Dibra, 35 miles north of Ochrida and Djakovva, over the border in southwestern Montenegro. The statement follows: 'The fighting is being continued with success south of Plevlje, south of Sienica, and near Ipek, Djakovva, Dibra, Struga, and Ochrida have been occupied by Bulgarian troops. Battles on the Vardar (French front) are progressing favorably.'"

174 British Prisoners? "Another Bulgarian official statement, transmitted thru Amsterdam today, says: 'The French have evacuated Demirkapu on the Saloniki railway, and only twenty miles from the Greek frontier.'"

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A LIVE HAT STORE FOR PARTICULAR MEN.

There are well-dressed men in the City of Toronto who always go to W. & D. Dineen Co., Limited, 140 Yonge Street, for their hats. Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter these men visit the Dineen Store as regularly as their meals "come around." The reason is plain enough, because the Dineen Hat is away above the average hat and carries an air of exclusiveness as now especially apparent when one considers the wonderful value contained in the genuine velour hats placed on sale today at \$5.00. These are the only genuine velour hats that can be found anywhere in the country. The special selling on Friday and Saturday includes hats and caps from famous makers from four countries—and prices are impressively low.

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