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# SUCCESSSES GAINED ON ALL FRONTS

**British Advance and Take Prisoners on Somme** **French Crush Germans in Attack at Verdun** **Russians Break German Front** **March Toward Hungary**

**British Cruiser Laurentic Lost With Many of Crew** **Borden Calls for New War Vote of \$500,000,000**

## RUSSIANS BREAK FOE FRONT IN DRIVE ON KIMPOLUNG ROAD

**Czar's Men Smash German Positions on Two Mile Sector Across Pass Leading South From Bukovina to Transylvania.**

Petrograd, Jan. 28, via London, 4.45 p.m.—(British Admiralty, per Wireless Press).—Russian forces, after artillery preparation, assumed the offensive yesterday against the Austro-German fortified positions on both sides of the Kimpolung-Jacobson road, near the northwestern frontier of Moldavia, and after subterranean fighting, broke through the Teuton lines along a front of nearly two miles, says the official statement issued today by the Russian war department. Prisoners and booty were taken by the Russians, the extent of which has not yet been ascertained. Southwest of Luga three successive German attacks were repulsed by the Russians. The Russians had come down this road a considerable distance in an offensive to relieve the pressure on Rumania, but they found that the enemy had massed heavy artillery and large forces in this area, making progress slow. Operations then totally ceased owing to the coming of extremely cold weather.

The fighting southwest of Riga continues with sharp intensity, although local insubordination, and the Russians are maintaining their positions. Cold weather. Severe cold and heavy snows have been interfering with military operations all along the Rumanian front, where a Russian despatch from Jassy today. "The enemy's efforts," says the correspondent, "are now directed chiefly at the region of Nanești and the confluence of the Rivers Putna and Sereth, where an alternation of advances and retreats has been going on for some time." (Continued on Page 7, Column 3).

## TO PLACE BRITAIN ON SHORT RATIONS

**Labor Members Warn Workers That Urgent Necessity Has Arisen.**

**CO-OPERATION SOUGHT**  
Masses Called on to Help Government by Restricting Consumption.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. London, Jan. 28.—England, must shortly be placed on short rations unless a drastic system of regulating the supply of food is instituted, in order that this may be speedily accomplished, Mr. Arthur Henderson, the labor representative in the house of commons, is touring the country addressing large audiences, and appealing to his hearers to assist the government in every way in their power to tide over the stress which the shortage of food at the present time has brought about.

Mr. Henderson addressed a large mass meeting in Leicester tonight, and his words brought forth a storm of cheers from his hearers. Wm. C. Anderson, labor M.P., said he was giving no secret in stating that the population of the United Kingdom would at a very early date be put under a ration system.

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Do You Know Whether These Are Toronto People?



One of the members of the Princess Patricia's, who failed to sign his name to the letter, sent this photograph to The World. He found it on the Somme. A letter with a Toronto heading also was there, he says, but the page with the names was missing. He thought the picture was of some Toronto people, who might recognize it.

## BRITISH ADVANCE AGAIN BEFORE KUT-EL-AMARA

**Retake Positions Occupied by Turks—Find Many Dead in Recovered Trenches—Lose Few Men Themselves.**

London, Jan. 28.—British troops last Friday resumed their offensive against the Turkish positions near Kut-el-Amara, on the Irak front, and recaptured trenches which the Ottoman troops had occupied on the previous day, says an official statement issued tonight by the British press bureau. Four hundred Turkish corpses were found in the positions. Two violent Turkish counter-attacks broke down under British fire. The text of the statement reads: "During Thursday night the enemy renewed attempts to recapture lost ground, but was repulsed with severe losses. Early Friday we resumed the offensive under cover of an intense bombardment. We assaulted and recaptured the trenches which the Turks had occupied by Thursday's counter-attack. "On Friday afternoon the enemy launched two violent counter-attacks. Both were completely broken by our artillery and machine gun fire with the severest losses. "In the trenches captured by one of our brigades, which suffered only 200 casualties, we found 400 Turkish corpses. We are now consolidating our gains."

## PARLIAMENT TO VOTE HALF BILLION DOLLARS

By a Staff Reporter. Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 28.—Canada's war appropriation for the ensuing year, which will end on March 31, 1918, will be the immense sum of half a billion dollars. Sir Robert Borden has given notice of a resolution "which he will move in the house, probably at the end of this week, that this sum be granted for the necessities of the war. At his hearing to assist the government in every way in their power to tide over the stress which the shortage of food at the present time has brought about."

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## SEVIGNY HOLDS SEAT SECURELY

**New Minister Has Substantial Majority Over Cannon After Hard Fight.**

**SAYS TRICKERY FAILED**

**Warning of "Conscription Within Two Weeks" Attributed to Liberals.**

Quebec, Jan. 28.—After one of the fiercest political contests ever witnessed in a Dominion by-election, Hon. Albert Seigney, the new minister of inland revenue in the Borden cabinet, was elected on Saturday in Dorchester County by a majority of 244 votes over his Liberal opponent, Lucien Cannon. Seigney's majority in 1911 was 382. Mr. Seigney was given a public demonstration in the different parishes of the county on his way to Quebec after the election. On his arrival at (Continued on Page 10, Column 4).

## FRENCH SMASH GERMAN LINE ON EASTERN BANK OF MEUSE

## BIG PLANS TO DEVELOP RESOURCES OF EMPIRE

**Great British Financiers Form Organization Designed To Assist in Payment of War Debt.**

Special Cable to The Toronto World. London, Jan. 28.—A great private organization, aiming "to promote the development of the empire's resources in order to assist in the payment of the war debt," has been launched under a committee styled the empire resources development committee. The chairman of the committee is Sir Leander Starr Jameson, president of the British South Africa Company, and its membership includes Earl Grey, Lord Selborne, Desborough, Dunraven, Islington and Plymouth; Alfred Bigland, L. W. Evans and A. H. Paget, members of the house of commons, and Rudyard Kipling.

## BRITISH CRUISER SUNK FEW OF CREW SAVED

**Twelve Officers and One Hundred and Nine Men Survivors of Auxiliary Craft Lost off the Irish Coast.**

London, Jan. 28.—The British auxiliary cruiser Laurentic, of 14,892 tons gross, has been sunk by a submarine, as a result of striking a mine, according to an official statement issued tonight by the British admiralty. Twelve officers and 109 men were saved.

The Laurentic, before entering the British naval service, was in the service of the Ocean Steam Navigation Co. of Liverpool. She was 550 feet long and was launched at Belfast in 1908. The admiralty statement adds that the vessel went down off the Irish coast last Thursday. The commander of the Laurentic, Captain Reginald Norton, is among the survivors. He was appointed about six months ago to the command of the steamer, which was commissioned for patrol service in November, 1914.

In Canadian Service. Before being taken over by the British admiralty for auxiliary cruiser duty the Laurentic was in the Canadian service of the White Star Dominion Line. The vessel was owned by the Ocean Steam Navigation Co. of Liverpool.

In the first two years of the war the Laurentic was engaged in doing patrol duty in the far east, but several months ago returned to European waters. The launching of the Laurentic at Belfast in 1908 marked the entry of the White Star Line into the Canadian trade in conjunction with the Dominion Line. The vessel was said to be the first passenger steamship to be fitted with a combination of reciprocating engines with a low pressure turbine. At that time the Laurentic was the largest vessel in the Canadian trade. She was 555 feet long, with a beam of 67 feet 4 inches, in addition to accommodations for 150

## GALLANT ATTACK BY BRITISH OVER FIELDS OF SOLID ICE

**Strong German Point on the Somme is Captured With Three Officers and 350 Men in Advance Following Terrific Drum Fire Which Tears Enemy Trenches to Pieces.**

With the British armies in France, Jan. 27, via London, Jan. 28.—From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press.—In spite of the hard weather conditions, a gallant attack was made today by English troops against strong German point on the Somme, resulting in its capture with three officers and more than 300 men. The Germans apparently did not anticipate an attack and were somewhat off guard owing perhaps to the heavy frost and strong blizzard sweeping over the snow-covered field. The Germans remained snugly in their dugouts, probably believing that the British would do the same. Outwardly there was no movement within the British lines; in the trenches the troops were waiting for a sudden attack, which had been well prepared for and organized beforehand. Suddenly the ordinary desultory fire of the British batteries was concentrated in a terrific drum fire, flinging shells of enormous destructive force upon the German trenches and defensive works. Fields of Solid Ice. The barbed wire before the German positions was cut as the by shears. Following the curtain of fire, the English troops went briskly out into Man's Land. The breath of the men looked like a smoke cloud as they went across the field of hummocky snow and shell craters filled with solid ice. The British troops had been cold, but, fresh with the heat of battle, they moved forward like a machine and carried out the operations with precision and self-control. The Germans were trapped in their dugout. The English boys were over and around the position before the Germans could get up to bomb them or

## ALLY MAKES SUCCESSFUL STROKE BETWEEN LES EPARGES AND COLONNE TRENCH

**Enemy Leaves Many Dead and Much Booty on Field.**

Special Cable to The Toronto World. Paris, Jan. 28.—French troops, advancing after careful artillery preparation, Saturday evening, carried off one stroke German positions between Les Eparges and the Calonne trench on the right bank of the Meuse, north of Verdun, and they captured important booty, the French war office announced this afternoon.

It has been evident that important preparations for an advance in this region have been under preparation for many days, from the heavy artillery bombardment which has been proceeding from the heights of the Meuse. The French found numerous dead in the captured positions. Details of the operation are being withheld by the military authorities, probably because they have not completed it, for tonight's official report says that the usual cannonade occurred along the whole front, being particularly lively in the Verdun and Alsace regions. The French official statement reads: "On the left bank of the River Meuse there was grenade fighting in the vicinity of the eastern slope of Hill 304. "On the right bank of the river we effected a coup de main last evening between Les Eparges and the Calonne trench which was completely successful. We found numerous corpses in the enemy trenches and seized important booty. "In Lorraine there were artillery duels in the sector of the forest of Bezaune. "In the region of Meuseville a German airplane was brought to earth by the fire of our anti-aircraft guns." The official statement from headquarters tonight reads: "The usual cannonade occurred along the whole front, particularly lively in the region of Verdun and Alsace." Belgian communication: "Spirited artillery actions took place, especially in the direction of Ramscapelle, Dixmude and Het Sas. In the sector of Het Sas there was violent bombardment. "The official communication issued by the French war office last night, reads: "Quite spirited artillery actions have taken place on the left bank of the Meuse in the region of Hill 304 and Le Mort Homme and on the right bank in the sectors of Louvemont and Bois Caurelles. "In Lorraine our batteries destructively shelled the German organizations in the Parroy Forest. There is nothing to report on the rest of the front." Belgian communication: "There has been great artillery activity in the region of Dixmude during the night and today."

## Only Light Loss of Life in Massypalaiseau Explosion

Special Cable to The Toronto World. Paris, Jan. 28.—According to an official report, only one person was killed and three injured tonight in the explosion that heavily damaged the big explosives works at Massypalaiseau earlier in the evening.

It was at first believed that that at least a hundred or more lost their lives because of the terrific explosion, which shook the earth for miles in all directions.

## DINEEN'S STOCKTAKING SALE.

Reductions of 25 to 50 per cent. apply on all Dineen's regular stock offers during the February Stocktaking Sale. The original prices were extremely reasonable for high-class furs, so that the reductions really mean exceptional bargains. Men's fur-lined and coon skin coats are on the schedule of reductions. W. & D. Dineen Company, Limited, 140 Yonge Street, Toronto. In Hamilton, 20 and 22 King Street West.

## Great Landslides in Bali Almost Wipe Out Village

London, Jan. 28.—A despatch to Reuters, from Amsterdam, gives further details of the earthquake on the Island of Bali. It says that great landslides destroyed a whole village with the exception of 14 houses. Three hundred persons were killed in the earthquake, and the total casualties were nearly 600.

## Commission Will Control Britain's Rice Importation

London, Jan. 28.—Baron Devonport, the food controller, has decided that the royal commission on wheat supplies shall control the importation of rice into the United Kingdom. The sale and price of rice will be fixed from time to time by the commission.

## MEN'S BROTHERHOOD.

A well-attended meeting of the Barin's court Men's Own Brotherhood was held yesterday afternoon in the auditorium, Central Methodist Church, Ascot avenue, when President Rev. Arthur Wallace, B. A., delivered an interesting address on "Church Union."

## WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

AFTER the recent spell of dulness news has suddenly become full of action from the British, French and Russian fronts. No fewer than three important, if partial, actions, fought on as many fronts, have given the allies gains more important than they look on paper, for they show the enemy that after due preparation the allies can advance where they choose. This fighting, of course, will be nothing compared to the fighting to come in a few weeks or months, for the allies have pretty nearly guns enough and shells enough to outfight the enemy everywhere, even on the Rumanian front. In that region the reorganization of the Rumanian army is rapidly proceeding.

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