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TWO DAD BROWN BOR BRITISH FORCES IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM

General Sir Douglas Haig Ap- ember of last year Sir Douglas, then Retreat From Mons

roops in England.

tive near Ypres. An enemy trench Wassingny-on-Guise. special.—BONAR LAW.

was raised from the rank of Lieut. Ulster movement of March, 1914,

Western front has been hinted at for Haig then became Chief of Staff and Temps from Salonika says that the some time. These hints increased at the outbreak of war Field Marshal Austro-Hungarian consulate has adwith the recent appointment of Gen- French was appointed commander of vised Austro-Hungarians to leave eral Joffre as Commander-in-Chief of the Expeditionary Army. the French army. That the elevation of General Joffre had no bearing on announced to-day in the House of Commons by Premier Asquith. He brought the matter up by saying that some changes are in the course of almost immediately. They have no connection of any kind with the changes made by the French Government with regard to General Joffre's

Morning.

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pointed to Succeed Sir John Lieut.-General, was promoted to the French—Has a Brilliant Milit- rank of General for distinguished serary Record and Served in Both vice in the field. Marshal French, in Soudan and South African Wars describing the famous retreat from his despatch to the British War Office -Won Special Mention in the Mons, credited Sir Douglas with having extricated his corps from a diffi-

cult positions. "I sent an urgent LONDON, Dec. 15.—Sir Douglas message to the commander of two Haig has been appointed to succeed French reserve divisions on my right Sir John French as General, Com- to come up to the assistance of the manding the British troops in France First Corps, which they eventually and Flanders. Sir John French has did," said the Field Marshal in a debeen created a Viscount and appoint- spatch. "Partly owing to this ased Field Marshal, commanding the sistance, but mainly to the brilliant handling of his corps in an excep-General French reports enemy tionally difficult position in the darktrenches bombarded at Givenchy and ness of night they were able at dawn Le Mesnil. Hostile artillery was ac- to resume their march south towards

near the River Lys was successfully General Haig is a Scotsman, and PARIS, Dec. 15 .- The correspondbombarded. A large German seaplane won first honour under General Kit- ent at Athens of the Milon Secolo Greek Government now seems to be was engaged and destroyed by a Brit-chener in the Soudan, here he was says that a German submarine has satisfied that there will be no Bulgarish naval aeroplane off Ostend. Else- promoted to Brevet-Major on the field been sunk in the Black Sea off the ian incursion on Greek territory. where the French carried out heavy for gallantry at Atbra and before Bulgarian port of Varna, and that a bombardments, exploding enemy Khartoum. He is one of the best-Turkish torpedo boat has been sunk lations between Greece and the Enworks in Champagne and the Vosges, known British soldiers and always in the Sea of Marmora by the British. successful air raids on the Mulheim had the reputation of being a skilful, The Turkish cruiser Sultan Selim, railway station and on two other dashing leader of men. Sir John was formerly the German warship Goepoints. On other fronts nothing born in 1852, and served four years ben came out into the Black Sea, the LONDON, Dec. 16.—General Sir entered the army, where he has seen ously damaged. Douglas Haig, who in November, 1914 wide service. During the famous

General to General for distinguished Field Marshal French, then Chief service in the field is to be command-of the Staff of the British Army, er in chief of the British forces in resigned his commission. He was France and Belgium, was the an-one of the signatories to the memorandum of Brigadier-General Gough General Haig has been appointed giving guarantees to army officers to succeed Field Marshal French, who that they would not be ordered to has headed the Expeditionary force fight the Ulster Unionists and regardon the Continent since the ar began, ing the repudiation of the document That there might be a change in the by the Government as a slight on supreme British command on the himself, he resigned. Sir Douglas PARIS, Dec. 15.—A despatch to the

the substitution of General Haig for Field-Marshal French, however, was KEEPS AFTER VON HOLLWEG

being made and will be announced Liebknecht Wanted Government tions wanted to know, whether the the Food Question

General Sir Douglas Haig, who will LONDON, Dec. 15-The sitting of tions between the German and Aus succeed Field-Marsal Sir John French the Reichstag at Berlin, yesterday, trian Government since the Serojevo as commander of the British forces was a stormy one, owing to the refus- assassination, and the preliminary in France and Belgium, is 54 years of al of the Government to answer ques- history of the breach of Luxemburg age. He began his military career tions put by Dr. Liebnecht, the Soc- and Belgium's neutrality. with the 7th Hussars in 1885 and serv- ialist deputy, as to whether the Gov- He inquired also whether the Goved in both the Soudan and South Af- ernment was preared by the regula- ernment would appoint a committee rican campaigns, in which he won tion of production, and confiscation, to investigate these matters. distinguished honors. At the out- to bring about the uniform distribu- The German Foreign Secretary rebreak of the present war he was tion of food stuffs, and whether it was plied that such diplomatic material General Officer commanding at Alder- intended to make a serious beginning. had already been published, and shot and was afterwards made com- Looking to the organization of the would continue to be published, as mander of the First Army. Several internal political regime, during the was found necessary; but the Gov-Haig has come in for high praise in sident of the Chamber refused to al- for a committee of investigation. He the despatch of the General he is low a number of supplementary ques- added, "Responsibility and atonement now succeeding. At the battle of the tions, submitted by Dr. Liebknecht, will fall only upon our adversaries." Aisne his conduct was described by whose protests were frowned down Field-Marshal Sir John French as in applause and general commotion. ADVERTISE IN THE "bold, skilful and decisive." In Nov- Dr. Liebknecht among other ques-

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to the diplomatic preliminary history of the Austrian ultimatum to

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Seven More Planes NO BULGAR

LONDON, Dec. 15.-A special despatch from Simla, India, says that subscriptions for seven aeroplanes to be named after the big rivers of the unjab, are swelling excellently, all districts in Northern India support-

The aeroplanes will be used on the battle fronts where Indian troops are

After the war they will be handed over to the Commander-in-Chief or the Indian Army. Two Maharajahs have given aeroplanes each, while the Commander of the Kashmier army has given two aeroplanes.

The manufacture of munitions of var is proceeding briskly throughout the Empire. The people of India continue unceasingly to supply in field with necessaries and comforts.

This Time Torpedoed

in the Navy, but not liking the sea, correspondent adds, and was torped- peror Nicholas' name day, if his health he joined the militia and through it oed, though the vessel was not seri-

A DIFFERENT STORY

PARIS. Dec. 15.—The Matin's Salonika correspondent says that it is learned from good authority that Bulgarian troops have entered Greek territory in the Struma region.

ADVISED TO LEAVE

to Produce Official Material Re- government was prepared to publish lating to Diplomatic Prelimin- official material, concerning the origin ary of War-Also Gets After of the world war, especially relating Serbia, including the official hegotia-

INCURSION

Greek Government Seems Satisfied With Action of Bulgaria— Relations Between Greece and **Entente Are Steadily Improving** Says Saloniki Correspondent

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Reuter's correspondent at Salonika says that virtually all Greek Eastern Macedonia has now been abandoned by French British forces in accordance with an agreement reached with the Greek Government. Most of the Greek troops which were at Salonika, have retired in the direction of Sorovich and Kozam in Greek Western Macedonia, while the Lancaza division has gone to Serres.

A Reuter's despatch from Athens states that the Bulgarian Minister has made public a reassuring statement dwelling upon the Bulgars friendly attitude toward Greece. The

The correspondent continues: "Re tente Powers are improving steadily King Constantine has announced his sian Legation on the occasion of Em-

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LONDON, Dec. 16 (official).—Last of which an enemy battle plane was driven down by one of our connais- Tigris. sance planes within our lines.

FRENCH

PARIS, Dec. 15 (official).-On Deember 12th engagements without result occurred in the San Jak and Her-

No Hun Flag On High Seas

LONDON, Dec. 15 .- "The German mercantile flag will not be permitted to appear upon the high seas until Germany has paid indemnity for several vessels of the Allies sunk by German submarines, or other vessels | sian control. of war. That is one of the peace terms which Great Britain and her Allies, intend to demand, and for which they will keep on fighting, no matter how long the war will last."

This statement was made to-day by a high Governmental source, and it ally pledged themselves to this con-

Carries Neutrality Too Far, says Critic

PARIS, Dec. 15 .- A despatch from Athens says that the Greek Government has ordered the 5th Greek army Corps to leave Salonika.

The military critic of the Temps calls attention to what he characteries as the singular situation in which the Greek army has been placed by the order of the Government that it shall not resist the Bulgars if they

This is carrying neutrality very fa

FAVOR VENIZELOS

Athens of the Paris Temps, criticizfavouring the intervention policy of Columbia. ex-premier Venizelos in favor of the

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The preliminary report of the Committe which is investigating labour trouble among the munition works in the Clyde district, was made public to-day by David Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions. The committee, consisting of Lord McCassey, finds that, while munition workers have certain substantial grounds for complaint, most of the differences really arise from minor local friction, exaggerated into importance by the delay in dealing with

The committee recommends alterations in the law to provide for prompt settlement of disputes and urges no employer should have the right to dismiss employees without

It demands the abolishment of prison sentence for non-payment of fines imposed by munition tribunals and asks for the appointment of some person experienced in industrial matters to act as special mediator in the Clyde district, where he would be accessible with a minimum of delay.

The committee declined to deal cases of Canadian workmen who were induced to come to the Clyde district on exaggerated representations of the amount of wages possible to earn, stating that such cases are un-

Official Report

LONDON, Dec 16 .- J. Austen Cham- tack the Entente Allies. Speculaberlain, Secretary for India, to-day tion, naturally, has to do with the received despatches from General Sir | Germans and their intentions. They John Nixon, commanding the Mesopo- are variously reported to be concentamia expedition, and communicated trated near Monastir and Doiran and their contents to the Commons. Gen- on the Roumanian border and to be eral Townsend, who is in charge of preparing for an attempt to drive the night the enemy exploded a mine the British forces which retreated Entente Allies from the Gallipoli south-east Ypres. The crater, how- from vicinity of Bagdad, reported Peninsula. All these reports lack ever, was occupied by our bombers, to General Nixon that there was heavy confirmation. One thing seems cerdrove off the attack. South of Mes- musketry fire for an hour on the Brit- tain to military observers that the sines we seized enemy barricades with ish North front on Dec. 12, but that Germans will have to keep a close trifling loss. To-day, our artillery the Turks did not attempt to advance. watch on the Roumanian side, not PARIS, Dec. 15.—The Greek parliahas been active and has done consid- A heavy attack made on a village on only because of the danger of that mentary elections have been fixed for erable damage to hostile trenches. the right bank of the Tigris was re country entering the war against Sunday next, says a Havas despatch Our aeroplanes raided Hervilly aero- pulsed on the 13th. All was quiet, ac- them, but to meet the threat of a Rus- from Salonika to-day. drome successfully. There have been cording to report; General Nixon's ten combats in the air in the course despatches added that British reinforcements continue to be sent up the

Russian Troops Near Swiss Front

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—Swedish papers, says the Overseas News agent, now express the opinion that the interruption of telegraphic service, between Sweden and Russia is connected with the concentration of Russian troops in Finland, near the Swedish frontier. Newspapers also consider that British willingness to submit to Anglo-Rus-

London Defense

was said that the Allies have practic- preparations for the protection of the country was absolutely convinced London from German raids, which have been undergoing radical changes in the last three months, are now completed. The plan of defence, worked out by Sir Percy Scott, is perfected to such an extent, that he has heen able to turn over the responsibility to the War Office.

> It is learned from an unquestioned authority that the reason Scott has retired is, that he has finished his work on the system, which he has inaugurated, and which is now in full-

STAND TO THEIR GUNS

VIENNA, Dec. 15 .- The Austro-Hungarian Admiralty is entirely opposed to any disavowal of the course of the submarine commander who was responsible for the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona. On the contrary it approves of his conduct fully.

GOES TO LONDON

VANCOUVER, Dec. 15 .- Sir Richard ing the country's neutrality which it McBride, Premier, resigns to go to says, should not be continued, and London as Agent-General of British

He is succeeded by Hon. W. Bowser, Attorney-General.

Labour Troubles On the Clyde SECOND PHASE OF BALKAN CAMPAIGN HAS NOW CLOSED

But they Lack Confirmation— Allies Are Now Well Prepared Large German Forces Are Concentrated in Belgium and Luxemburg

strongly fortified base at Salonika, been placed in a state of defence. the next movement.

Bulgarians do not intend to invade as soon as the ground permits of it. Greece, an action which would likely cause dissensions in that country, which already is uneasy over the Bulgar occupation of Monastir; also Sir John Nixon it is not believed the Austro-Germans have sufficient troops available to at-

Balfour of Burleigh, and Lynden C. Speculation Now Ripe as to What sian invasion through Roumania, Germany Intends Doing-Many which although nothing has been Reports of Contemplated Moves | said of it recently, has not been lost sight of. Wherever the Germans move they will find the Entente Allies prepared. Salonika is being made For all Attacks-Gallipoli Posi- stronger daily and has the backing of tion Has Been Strengthened- warships, as has also the Gallipoli Reports From Holland Say Peninsula, where the Entente positions have likewise been strengthen.

> The Russians are believed by military authorities to be able to cope with any army the Teutonic Powers LONDON, Dec. 16.—With the can collect on the Roumanian border Anglo-French forces safely across while Egypt, which is said to be anwhere reinforcements are daily ar- There are many persons who beliriving, the second phase of the Bal- eve the Germans propose to rest on kan campaign which opened with their laurels in the Near East for the the Teutonic invasion of Serbia and time being, and that they will make the defeat of her army, has closed, a bid for victory on the Western front. and the people of the belligerent Persistent reports come from Holcountries are anxiously waiting for land of the concentration of German armies in Belgium and Luxemburg, It seems fairly settled that the with the intention of striking a blow,

CARSON'S FINISH

LONDON, Dec. 15 .- Until now there leadership as a mere Colonial statesman, but his patriotic speech in Comto dissipate the old prejudice.

The entire press to-day hails him

ELECTION DEC. 18

RESULT OF DERBY'S RECRUITING SCHEME BE KNOWN NEXT WEEK

Earl Derby in House of Lords Refuse to Give Numbers in Advance of Asquith's Speech-Says We Were Snowed Under With Recruits Last Week

LONDON, Dec. 16.—In the House of Lords to-day Earl Derby, director demonstrations of a similar kind are of Recruiting, when questioned reprobable, this impression apparently garding the results of his recruiting having been caused by Sweden's un- campaign, declined to give any figures in advance of Premier Asquith's statement, which will be made public! next week. The Earl declared, however, that we were absolutely snowed under with recruits last week and Plan Perfected that the gross total of enrollments were very large.

He added that it would be impos-LONDON, Dec. 15.—The elaborate sible to call up married men until that single men had come forward to enlist to such an extent as to leave LONDON, Dec. 15 .- Capt. Smith, of only a negligible quantity unaccount- the Royal Flying Corps, was burned ed for. "We must keep faith to the to death to-day, while flying his aerus pledge the Premier gave the married plane at Farnborough. men," said the Earl. "Nobody can While in the air the aeroplane sudyet say whether or not single men denly burst into flames. The pilot have come forward in sufficient num- reached the ground, but sucumbed bers, that will be known on Tuesday." just before landing.

CASUALTY LIST

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DECEMBER 15, 1915 325-Private Henry Albert Butler, Kelligrews. Seriously ill Imtarafa Hospital, Malta, Dec. 11; enteric.

JOHN R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

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