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NEW LEADER FOR BRITISH FORCES IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM

General Sir Douglas Haig Appointed to Succeed Sir John French—Has a Brilliant Military Record and Served in Both Sudan and South African Wars—Won Special Mention in the Retreat From Mons

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Sir Douglas Haig has been appointed to succeed Sir John French as General, Commanding the British troops in France and Flanders.

General French reports enemy trenches bombarded at Givenchy and Le Mesnil. Hostile artillery was active near Ypres.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—General Sir Douglas Haig, who in November, 1914, was raised from the rank of Lieutenant-General to that of distinguished service in the field is to be commander in chief of the British forces in France and Belgium.

General Haig has been appointed to succeed Field-Marshal French, who has headed the Expeditionary force on the Continent since the war began.

General Sir Douglas Haig, who will succeed Field-Marshal Sir John French as commander of the British forces in France and Belgium, is 54 years of age.

Member of last year Sir Douglas, then Lieut.-General, was promoted to the rank of General for distinguished service in the field.

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SOCIALIST MEMBER OF REICHSTAG KEEPS AFTER VON HOLLWEG

Liebknecht Wanted Government to Produce Official Material Relating to Diplomatic Preliminary of War—Also Gets After the Food Question

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The sitting of the Reichstag at Berlin, yesterday, was a stormy one, owing to the refusal of the Government to answer questions put by Dr. Liebknecht, the Socialist deputy.

India Will Give Seven More Planes

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A special despatch from Simla, India, says that subscriptions for seven aeroplanes to be named after the big rivers of the Punjab, are swelling excellently.

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

Resurrected Again This Time Torpedoed

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The correspondent at Athens of the Milon Secolo says that a German submarine has been sunk in the Black Sea off the Bulgarian port of Varna.

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

PARIS, Dec. 15.—A despatch to the Temps from Salonika says that the Austro-Hungarian consulate has advised Austro-Hungarians to leave that city.

NO BULGAR INCURSION ON GREECE

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

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Reuter's correspondent at Salonika says that virtually all Greek Eastern Macedonia has now been abandoned by French and British forces.

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 correspondent continues: "Relations between Greece and the Entente Powers are improving steadily.

OFFICIAL

BRITISH LONDON, Dec. 16 (official).—Last night the enemy exploded a mine south-east Ypres.

OFFICIAL

PARIS, Dec. 15 (official).—On December 12th engagements without result occurred in the San Jak and Herzegovina fronts.

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.

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.

FAVOR VENIZELOS

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The Greek Socialists have issued a manifesto to the people saying the correspondent at Athens of the Paris Temps, criticizing the country's neutrality which it says, should not be continued.

Labour Troubles On the Clyde

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The preliminary report of the Committee 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 Balfour of Burleigh, and Lynden C. 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 it.

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 cause.

It demands the abolition of the 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.

The committee declined to deal with cases of Canadian workmen who were induced to come to the Clyde district on exaggerated representations of the amount of wages possible to earn.

Official Report Sir John Nixon

LONDON, Dec. 16.—J. Austen Chamberlain, Secretary for India, to-day received despatches from General Sir John Nixon, commanding the Mesopotamia expedition, and communicated their contents to the Commons.

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.

London Defense Plan Perfected

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The elaborate preparations for the protection of London from German raids, which have been undergoing radical changes in the last three months, are now completed.

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 swing.

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.

GOES TO LONDON

VANCOUVER, Dec. 15.—Sir Richard McBride, Premier, resigns to go to London as Agent-General of British Columbia.

SECOND PHASE OF BALKAN CAMPAIGN HAS NOW CLOSED

Speculation Now Ripe as to What Germany Intends Doing—Many Reports of Contemplated Moves But they Lack Confirmation—Allies Are Now Well Prepared For all Attacks—Gallipoli Position Has Been Strengthened—Reports From Holland Say Large German Forces Are Concentrated in Belgium and Luxemburg

LONDON, Dec. 16.—With the Anglo-French forces safely across the Greek frontier and close to their strongly fortified base at Salonika, where reinforcements are daily arriving, the second phase of the Balkan campaign which opened with the Teutonic invasion of Serbia and the defeat of her army, has closed.

It seems fairly settled that the Bulgarians do not intend to invade Greece, an action which would likely cause dissensions in that country.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Until now there has been some prejudice in the Unionist circles against Bonar Law's leadership as a mere Colonial statesman, but his patriotic speech in Commons last night has done a good deal to dissipate the old prejudice.

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 of Recruiting, when questioned regarding the results of his recruiting campaign, declined to give any figures in advance of Premier Asquith's statement, which will be made public next week.

He added that it would be impossible to call up married men until the country was absolutely convinced that single men had come forward to enlist to such an extent—as to leave only a negligible quantity unaccounted for.

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speculation through Rumania, which although nothing has been said of recently, has not been lost sight of.

The Russians are believed by military authorities to be able to cope with any army the Teutonic Powers can collect on the Rumanian border while Egypt, which is said to be another of their objectives, has also been placed in a state of defence.

There are many persons who believe the Germans propose to rest on their laurels in the Near East for the time being, and that they will make a bid for victory on the Western front.

CARSON'S FINISH

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ELECTION DEC. 18

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The Greek parliamentary elections have been fixed for Sunday next, says a Havas despatch from Salonika to-day.

OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT DECEMBER 15, 1915

325—Private Henry Albert Butler, Kelligrews. Seriously ill Intarafa Hospital, Malta, Dec. 11; enteric.

TRAGIC DEATH

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Capt. Smith, of the Royal Flying Corps, was burned to death to-day, while flying his aeroplane at Farnborough.

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