

GERMANS DRIVEN FROM MITAU READY TO ABANDON ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE RIGA AND THE DVINSK LINE

POLITICAL PEACE OR WAR RESTS WITH OPPOSITION

Laurier Made No Offer to the Government Regarding Extension of Parliament—The True Facts About the Matter.

BILL TO KEEP DOWN RENTS DURING WAR

Introduced in British Commons Yesterday — Measure Also Calls in Mortgages on Small Dwellings in Certain Districts

London, Nov. 25.—A bill was introduced in the House of Commons today to restrict, during the war, increases in rents and the calling in of mortgages on small dwelling houses in certain areas. The proposed measure applies mainly to districts in which war munitions are manufactured, where much bitterness has been aroused by attempts of landlords to exploit the unusual demand for dwellings.

ENEMY AEROPLANE FALLS INTO TRAP SET BY RUSSIANS

Permitted to Cross Russian Line Where it was Forced to Descend—Pilot and Observer Found Frozen to Death.

Petrograd, Nov. 25, via London.—The bodies of two German aeronauts, pilot and observer of an aeroplane of the Albatross type, were discovered today in a marsh near Dvinsk. The men had been frozen to death. The aeroplane was permitted to cross the Russian lines. Its escape was then cut off by a fleet of Russian aircraft. The German machine circled about frantically for half an hour and then, when it was seen there was no chance of escape, it descended to the marsh. Cosacks on bicycles started in pursuit, but did not discover the landing place until the Germans had met death. The aeroplane was undamaged.

The 69th Entrained at Montreal for St. John

Montreal, Nov. 25.—Looking fit and ready, the men of the 69th French Canadian Battalion, under command of Lieut.-Col. Danereseau, marched from their barracks on Guy street to the Bonaventure station and boarded two trains for St. John, N. B. The first section of the battalion

SAYS HE HAS PROOF VON MACKENZEN SUED FOR PEACE WITH SERBIA

London, Nov. 26, (S. A. M.)—The Daily Telegraph's Saloniki correspondent claims to be able to confirm the statement that Gen. Mackensen, under a flag of truce, sent a message through the Serbian lines to the Serbian crown prince, seeking a separate peace with

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Nov. 6.—Statements appearing in a section of the press today to the effect that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has offered on behalf of the Liberal party to agree to an extension of one year of the present parliamentary term, but that the government had refused to accept the offer, are entirely without foundation. The fact is that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has made no offer to the government at all. On the other hand Sir Robert Borden on behalf of the government made a definite alternative offer to the leaders of the Opposition. The Prime Minister suggested the extension of the present parliamentary term to one year after its expiration and if it were found that that extended period did not cover the war period, or if it was deemed advisable, a further extension could be made.

The Alternative. The alternative was that there should be an extension of the parliamentary term to one year after the conclusion of peace. Part of the proposal of the government was that by-elections should not be contested and that the candidates of the parties which held the seats on the vacancy being declared should be returned by acclamation. To this proposal Sir Wilfrid Laurier has not made any definite answer. It is true that he has replied but the reply is so vague and temporizing that at the present moment it looks as if it would be difficult to reach an agreement between the two political parties.

The only direct portion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's reply, it is understood, is in connection with the vacancies. He refuses to agree to acclamations in all the by-elections. It is hinted in usually well informed circles that some of the statements in the correspondence which has passed between the two leaders are of a somewhat startling character.

A SAMPLE OF GERMAN PRESS AGENT'S WORK

London, Nov. 25.—According to a Berlin wireless despatch the Frankfurter Zeitung publishes an assertion from its Constantinople correspondent that "Kitchener's mission at Athens has been fruitless." The correspondent adds, "that every moment an ultimatum and the recall of the Entente ministers is expected."

Football Player Fatally Injured

Williamsport, Pa., Nov. 25.—Fred McGough, a member of the Dickinson College freshman football team, received injuries in the game with Williamsport high school today from which he died, a few hours later. In attempting to make a tackle, McGough was blocked off by a Williamsport player and struck from behind by the head of his own team. He fell on his head, sustaining injuries at the base of the brain.

Unable to Dig In and Threatened With Envelopment at Several Points Hun Forces Face Serious Situation—Greek Affair Settled Interest Centres on Roumania—Berlin Views With Alarm Concentration of Large Russian Army—Serbians Bravely Cling to Monastir.

CLEANING OUT LONDON'S UNDERWORLD

Police Inaugurate Campaign Against Alien Undesirables—Usurers Have Been Reaping Harvest.

London, Nov. 25.—The British police are enforcing with a strong and fresh hand their power of deporting undesirable aliens. While they have at ways had this power, war conditions have made its use more desirable than in ordinary times and the defence of the realm act has given them more ironclad authority.

No reason need be given those deported, they are considered undesirable. London, like all big cities, has had its own shady world of people living by their wits, but managing most of the time, to evade criminal charges. This underworld contingent is now undergoing a clean sweep, and several of its members have been deported during the past month.

The case attracting the most attention is that of Tod Sloan, the former American jockey, who was arrested a day or two ago on a deportation order from the Home Secretary and will be sent back to the United States on the ground of being an undesirable alien, inasmuch as he had been maintaining a gambling house.

Many Leaders Reaping Harvest. In the metropolis there is a constantly changing, but always large, group of young officers, some home from fighting at the front in France, on short leave some from the camps in the provinces. Naturally they are anxious to crowd as much city life as they can into the few hours of freedom accorded them; hence numbers who are strangers in London are willing to make friends, and have fallen victims to birds of prey of both sexes. Gamblers and money lenders have also been in part responsible for the troubles of young men who, under normal circumstances, would have been invulnerable to approaches from these classes.

One of the favorite games has been an invitation to dinner or supper, followed by small hands at cards, in which the invited guests invariably lost, sometimes through drugged drinks after which he was obliged to give a check, or if left without money, found an obliging money lender close at hand who was eager to take an officer's promise to pay.

Every steamer to America, and most of those to the continent, take away some "undesirable," and the large community of perverts who lived flashily without visible means of support is rapidly being eradicated.

London, Nov. 25.—A Petrograd despatch to the Morning Post says: "The Germans have commenced the evacuation of Mitau, their forward base in the Riga-Dvina region, and are preparing to withdraw from the now hopeless task of capturing Riga and the Dvina line."

Janopol, one of the points where the Germans had reached the Dvina and whence they had made attempts to cross, has been captured by the Russians. A good deal of the fighting which has occurred lately in the northern war theatre has been directed towards securing a better line for the Germans permanent winter fortification.

The Russians continue to press on various points to prevent the realization of this objective, and the German line, as now constituted, is far from satisfactory for anything more than brief defensive operations, inasmuch as the Russians threaten the flanks of the various positions. "The Germans are constructing a strong four-fold line of trenches in their rear, with a formidable series of wire entanglements extending scores of miles. In the extreme rear the Germans are busy completing field railways to the interior of Germany and Hungary."

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IN ITALY

Hear Report of Greece Affair and Outline of Premier Salandra's Statement to be Made When Parliament Reopens.

Rome, Nov. 25.—A council of ministers held today lasted four hours. The ministers were occupied mostly in listening to a full report made by Baron Spadolini, the foreign minister, on the international situation generally, and especially regarding the attitude of Greece and the concessions obtained from her by the Entente Allies. Baron Sonnino also spoke of the preparations that had been made by Italy for co-operation with her other allies in the campaign in the Balkans.

At the council Premier Salandra gave an outline of the statement that he will make, in the name of the government, at the re-opening of parliament next week.

PROHIBITION WINS IN N.F.L.D. BY 404 VOTES

St. John's, Nfld., Nov. 25.—Belated returns from St. Barbe district, in the recent prohibition election received tonight show 1,069 for prohibition and 437 against. This carries prohibition for the whole island by 404 votes.

FOUR MASTER LOST WITH CREW OF 25

Tacoma, Wn., Nov. 25.—Special advices to the Ledger tonight from Victoria, B. C., stated that the Chilean full-rigged four-masted iron ship Carol Mapu had been lost with all hands, numbering about twenty-five.

TEN TORONTO HOTELS FIND TIMES HARD

Toronto, Nov. 25.—It was learned today from authoritative trade sources that no less than ten of the Toronto hotel licenses renewed last May have proved unprofitable. Three hotels, the Palmer, House, Dunning and the Woodbine Hotel, have closed their doors, and seven other downtown hotels have either assigned or been compelled to make arrangements to avoid going into liquidation.

TURKS BEATEN BACK IN DARDANELLES FIGHTING

Strong Offensive Inaugurated Against Allied Front Checked by Deadly Work of British and French Artillery—Railway Between Turkish Capital and Dedeagatch Bombarded by Allied Aviators.

Paris, Nov. 25.—Heavy fighting has been in progress the last few days in Gallipoli, where the Turks undertook a strong offensive movement, but were repulsed by the combined fire of the British and French guns. Allied aeroplanes have bombarded the railway between Constantinople and Dedeagatch, damaging the bridges, and warships have bombarded the coast of Asia Minor. This information is contained in the official communication issued tonight by the French war office, which also reports quiet on the western front. The text of the communication follows:

"There is no important occurrence (in the western theatre) to report. "The Belgians official communication reads: "Except for a short bombardment of Noordchoote, the calm along the front has been almost complete. Our batteries dispersed enemy groups to the southeast of the Chateau De Vicoigne, in the direction of Drel Grachten and towards Luchem."

"Army of the east: On November 23rd our troops had an engagement near Brusnik, to the east of Krivolak, with the Bulgarian forces. These were repulsed. "Expeditionary corps of the Dardanelles: The enemy has displayed, during the last few days, an increasing activity. On the 21st after a violent bombardment, he attempted three successive attacks against the British forces for the purpose of recapturing the trenches lost on the 15th. His efforts were everywhere checked, and cut down by the fire of the British infantry and artillery, to which had been joined the artillery and machine guns of the neighboring French forces. He retired, leaving on the field numbers of dead.

On both sides the submarine warfare continues with the same activity. On the 21st we successfully exploded a camouflet. On the 22nd our sappers came upon a Turkish branch tunnel, and put to flight the enemy workers. We immediately prepared and exploded a mine which shattered the enemy work.

The entire day of the 23rd, was marked by rifle fire, an intense bombardment and a stream of grenades from the side of the Turks, who, although replenished with munitions, displayed nervousness, harassed as they were by our aeroplanes, which bombarded the railway between Constantinople and Dedeagatch and damaged the engineering works, and by the monitors and smaller war craft, which frequently bombarded the coast of Asia. They are, without cessation, kept on the alert, and are obliged to oppose against us important forces."

Thanks to Kitchener and French Minister Cochlin. Athens, Nov. 25, via London, Nov. 25.—According to the latest news from Saloniki the French line is still unbroken, the report that the Bulgarians have occupied Krivolak being unfounded. On the contrary, all their attacks have been repulsed.

The happy turn of events between the Entente Powers and the Greek government is generally attributed here to the visits of Lord Kitchener and Denys Cochlin. The joint note of the powers to the Greek government was only on general lines, and now that the Allies proposals have been accepted in principle, the details will be settled in further special negotiations.

Swiss Frontier Again Closed. Geneva, via Paris, Nov. 25.—Germany has again closed the Swiss frontier from Basle to Constance. It will probably remain closed for a week. The reason for this action is unknown. Gen Pau Going to Russia on Important Mission.

Paris, Nov. 25.—At a meeting of the cabinet today, presided over by Raymond Poincare, president of the French republic, General Gerald Pau was charged with a mission to Russia to confer on Gen. Michael V. Alexiev, chief of the Russian general staff, the cross of Grand Officer of the Legion of Honor.

THREE DEAD SEVERAL HURT IN TORNADO

Southeastern Coast of Hot Springs, Ark., Storm-swept—Death List Likely to be Large.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 25.—Three persons are known to be dead and six or seven injured as the result of a tornado that swept the southeastern coast of Hot Springs, Ark., late today, according to passengers on an Iron Mountain train that reached here at 7.50 tonight. Several buildings were demolished and others unroofed. It is believed that the death list will be increased.

NOT GUILTY OF MURDER OF HUSBAND

Jury Acquits New Hampshire Woman Charged with Putting Poison in Husband's Liquor.

Portsmouth, N. H., Nov. 25.—Mrs. Mary A. Burns tonight was found not guilty of the murder of her husband, Frank A. Burns. She was charged with mixing a powerful poison with liquor which he drank at their home in Nottingham, December 22, 1914. The trial began November 15.

GERMAN CROWN PRINCESS HEADS CRUSADE AGAINST FRENCH FASHIONS

Berlin, via London, Nov. 25.—A well attended meeting called by women reformers of fashion was held last evening under the patronage of the Crown Princess. The purpose of the meeting was to appeal to the patriotic women of Germany to cast off French and other "fashions, and to wear hereafter only a truly German style of dress of which, it was stated, should be at the same time beautiful and dignified, but free from frumpiness."

The speakers at the meeting illustrated the proposed fashions and condemned high heeled shoes and pumps, gauzy stockings, foreign fabrics and cosmetics. Space had been reserved in the programme of the evening for an opposition speaker, who produced a number of the latest models of gowns, which ran counter to most of the patriotic theories the reformers had expounded. The dismayed reformers soon found that a majority of the audience had deserted them and were applauding enthusiastically each new gown and drowsing out the disapprover of Grand Officer of the Legion of Honor.