

# JOFFRE AND FRENCH MAKE CHANGE IN PLANS; CAMPAIGN SCHEDULED FOR SPRING UNDER WAY

### Occupy Line From West of Lombaertzyde to Farm of St. Georges — Battle Developing in West Galicia, where Germans Claim to Have Formed a Strong Offensive—Movement Result of Change in Campaign.

London, Dec. 15.—All along the battle line from Flanders to the Vosges the Allies began today to move forward with the immediate object of driving the Germans out of Belgium. The present onslaught against the German intrenchments is heavier than any offensive assumed by the French, British and Belgian forces since General Von Kluck was turned on the Aisne.

It is the result of a complete change of plan by General Joffre and French, and means that the campaign which was to have begun in the spring is now under way.

According to information from a highly placed personage in touch with the war office, the Kaiser's troops, if this new movement be successful, should be thrown back on their second line in Belgium from Bruges to Courtrai, within three weeks.

No word of this momentous hastening of the Allies' advance has been spoken in official communications, and in the announcements issued this evening by the London press bureau there is only the barest hint of the magnitude of the operations just begun. This announcement reads:

The long-expected attempt to advance by the allies seems to be under way in Belgium and if full credence is to be given to the reports, important gains have been made by the French, British and Belgians.

From Nieupoit, says the French official statement, the Franco-Belgian troops have debouched and occupied the line from the west of Lombaertzyde to the farm of Saint Georges. Lombaertzyde lies about one and one-half miles to the northeast of Nieupoit, and Saint Georges is about one mile southeast of Nieupoit.

This operation, therefore, has given them a line running virtually a mile to the east of Nieupoit, and extending almost north and south for a distance of about two miles.

Similarly, the French report a gain along a three mile line from Hollebeke to Wytshate, to the south of Ypres, against which city German attacks of a violent nature were being carried out almost incessantly a few days ago.

Further to the east there has been a gain of nearly a third of a mile in the direction of Klein Zillebeke.

But the French war office admits the success of the German infantry in gaining a foothold at Steinhilber, in Alsace, although declaring that the French still hold the heights overlooking that place.

In Russian Poland the Russians claim continued success in the Mlawa region, but report large forces of German reinforcements along the front. For two days there has been fierce fighting in the neighborhood of Lowicz, each side alternating in taking the aggressive.

Regarding these operations, Berlin announces that owing to the numerical superiority of the Russians the German column which had advanced from Soldau, East Prussia, by way of Mlawa, in the direction of Ciechanow has had to reoccupy its old positions.

That Warsaw, which has been held for weeks past, is not particularly disturbed over the outlook is indicated by despatches from the Polish capital, which describe the city as gaily decorated, crowded with shoppers and pervaded with the Christmas holiday spirit.

Though the Austrians have been forced to withdraw from Belgrade, and now occupy only a very small section of Serbia, they balance against a strong offensive in Western Galicia, which, they declare, has compelled the Russians to retreat, and resulted in the capture of thirty-one thousand prisoners.

Every casualty list carries the names of men of distinguished families who have fallen or are in the hands of the enemy. Word now comes that the son of the former French Premier, Louis Barthou, has died from wounds received at the front, and that a son of the Imperial German Chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, has been wounded, and is a prisoner among the Russians.

The converted German cruiser Corvus, which recently arrived at Guam, an American possession in the Pacific ocean, has interned there.

## BERLIN SAYS RUSSIANS STILL AGGRESSIVE IN WEST GALICIA

### Official Press Bureau Quotes Alleged Passage from English Naval Periodical Saying Prince Louis of Battenburg Would Have Cut off German Fleet in Norwegian Waters on Night of Aug. 2 but for Indecision of Cabinet.

Berlin, Dec. 15, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—Among the items given out today by the official press bureau were the following:

"The English naval periodical Nauticus reports that the former First Sea Lord, Prince Louis of Battenburg, planned to cut off the German fleet in Norwegian waters the night of the first to the second of August, but that the wavering of the British cabinet frustrated his plans.

"Two American steamers laden with grain for Italian buyers have been stopped by the English, and taken to Gibraltar.

"The Reichsbank's gold reserve is 2,019,000,000 marks (about \$504,750,000), which is 27,000,000 marks (about \$6,750,000) more than that of last week.

"Constantinople reports that the vanguard of the Senusi tribesmen (a Musselman Brotherhood of North Africa), has arrived at the Egyptian frontier.

"That the Prussians are still holding their positions in and around Mazurian Lake region, without molestation, apparently shows that the Russian force there has been weakened by the necessity of employing all the men available in North Poland, where the German attack is proceeding, probably against the Iwicz-Mroga line.

"The fact that quiet prevails in South Poland also appears to show that the enemy may have diverted his troops to the field farther north.

"The Russians, however, still are aggressive in West Galicia, but according to Vienna reports, the investing forces at Przemyel are making no attack on the fortress, and only rear guards are offering resistance in the Carpathians. The Servians also are avoiding the issue, and the Austrians are able to make new dispositions undisturbed.

"It is declared that the landing of Russian troops near Batum was without influence on the bombardment of that city by the Turkish fleet, which is continuing.

"Geneva reports that an examination of the verdict of the French court martial against German military surgeons and nurses has revealed irregularities in the trial, and new proceedings have been instituted against the nine persons sentenced to terms of imprisonment for alleged looting."

### HOPELESSLY INVOLVED AND BUSINESS GROWS WORSE EVERY DAY

Application Made for Winding Up of World Printing and Publishing Co. at Vancouver.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 15.—An application on behalf of Mr. Wintemute, receiver for the debenture holders to wind up the World Printing and Publishing Company, was made before Chief Justice Hunter in the Supreme Court this morning, and adjourned for final argument until Friday.

"The business is hopelessly insolvent. The receiver owes \$50,000 and the business gets worse each day. It is quite hopeless," said Mr. Douglas Armour, who appeared for the receiver and other debenture holders, in objecting to any delay in the winding up.

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## OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

### FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 15.—The following official communication was issued tonight by the French War Office:

"In Belgium the Franco-Belgian troops have debouched from Nieupoit, and occupied the line from the outskirts west of Lombaertzyde to the farm of Saint Georges.

"To the south of Ypres we made an attack in the direction of Klein Zillebeke, and gained 500 metres (550 yards).

"In Alsace we continue to hold the heights which dominate Steinhilber.

"On the rest of the front there is nothing to report."

### GERMANY

Berlin, Dec. 15.—The German official press bureau today issued the following statement:

"It is officially reported from Vienna that the pursuit of the Russians in Western Galicia is being continued, and has reached the Plains of Allenthal, after some important engagements. The Austrian report adds:

"The Carpathians our successful troops have advanced incessantly. Yesterday more than two thousand Russians were captured.

"The Russians in Poland continue to retire in front of the German-Austrian offensive, and the position of their main forces become more and more untenable. Heavy fighting is expected to take place near the St. next week."

"In East Prussia there is nothing new.

"In the neighborhood of Alliy and Apremont, south of St. Mihiel the French tried four times to storm our positions, but in vain.

### AUSTRIA

"Our offensive in Western Galicia has compelled the enemy to retreat, and caused his front in South Poland to waver. Our troops, advancing indefatigably from the south, yesterday reached Jaslo and Rajbrok. In this advance, the personnel which we took thirty one thousand Russian prisoners.

"Today news is at hand that the enemy is retiring along the entire front of Rajbrok, Niepocze, Wolbrun, Radomsko and Piotrkow.

"In the Carpathians measures have been taken to meet the enemy's forces advancing on Latorczal."

## BR. CRUISER IN PURSUIT OF DRESDEN

Bulletin—Santiago, Chile, Dec. 15.—An official communication received here from Punta Arenas announces that the German cruiser Dresden left there yesterday evening (Sunday).

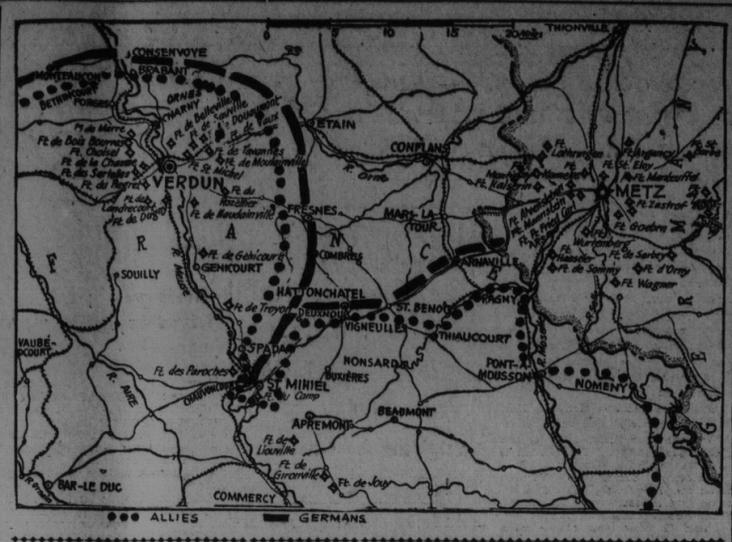
The communication adds that the British cruiser Bristol arrived at Punta Arenas Monday, but left there immediately.

Lima, Peru, Dec. 15.—The Dresden left Punta Arenas without taking on coal. The British cruiser Bristol has been in pursuit.

## THE MARITIME FORWARD MOVEMENT.

R. E. Armstrong, secretary of the local Board of Trade, left last evening for Amherst, where he will attend the Maritime Forward Movement convention on Thursday. This convention, which aims at the co-operation of all persons interested in the progress of the Maritime Provinces, promises to be a huge success and delegates from all parts of the three provinces will be in attendance. A large party will go to St. John.

Sir R. L. Borden, Premier of Canada, will attend and address the meetings. Other speakers prominent in the commercial life of the provinces will be present and deliver addresses. The St. John delegates expect to go to Amherst on the late train tonight. The first session of the convention opens Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.



GERMANS ON THE MEUSE LOSE DIRECT LINE OF COMMUNICATION WITH METZ.

French official reports state that their artillery has demolished at Deuxnois, to the west of Vignoulles, two German batteries and that they have blown up a blockhouse and destroyed several trenches in the same region. Vignoulles is north of the road which forms the last line of direct communications between the fortress of Metz and the Germans on the Meuse at St. Mihiel. If the French command this road the Germans at the latter place are almost isolated.

## MOBILIZATION DETAILS FOR CANADIAN SOLDIERS

### Allocation of the 50,000 Troops recently ordered recruited announced by Prime Minister — Calls for four Battalions of extra Divisional Infantry.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The details of the allocation and mobilization scheme of the 50,000 troops which were recently ordered to be recruited over and above the first overseas contingent were made known by the Prime Minister today. The troops are classified as follows:

- 1—Troops forming the second Canadian division.
- 2—Line of communication units.
- 3—Regiments of mounted rifles.
- 4—Battalions of extra-divisional infantry.

The second division consist of three infantry brigades one of which is in England, two companies of cyclists, 3 brigades of field artillery, one heavy battery, one ammunition column, two field companies of engineers, one divisional train and three field ambulances.

The line of communication units included in the second contingent are provided by the army service corps with the exception of a general hospital, the personnel of which will be drawn from McGill University.

Some of the A. S. C. units are being mobilized at Toronto, others at Montreal. A remount depot will probably be added. In all there are 15 regiments of mounted rifles, grouped in brigades of three regiments each, Manitoba and Saskatchewan will supply one regiment and British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, one each. The remainder are all old provisionally as follows:

Ontario, 2 regiments; Manitoba and Saskatchewan, 2; British Columbia, 1, and Alberta, 2.

Of the battalions of extra-divisional infantry which are expected to make up overseas contingents after the second has sailed, seven have been for some time in process of mobilization at Toronto, Montreal and Quebec, Halifax, Winnipeg, Calgary and Victoria.

In addition there are 19 battalions, the mobilization of which has just commenced and will be carried on with expedition. Seven of these battalions will be raised in Ontario, two in the London district, three in the Toronto district and two in the Kingston district. Two will be raised in Quebec, one at Montreal and the other at Quebec, the latter being a French-Canadian battalion, one in the Maritime Provinces, probably at St. John, one in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, one in British Columbia, and one in Alberta.

and did not have in any case the stinging qualities of houses built of stone or brick.

Generally speaking the soil of this country was overmined. In the United States 13 1/2 bushels of grain per acre was raised, against 27 in older countries, and the tendency to lower productivity was very pronounced in Canada also. He also spoke of the great waste of animal and bird life on this continent.

The speaker carried his subject into the domain of the spiritual life and dealt with the waste and need of conservation there.

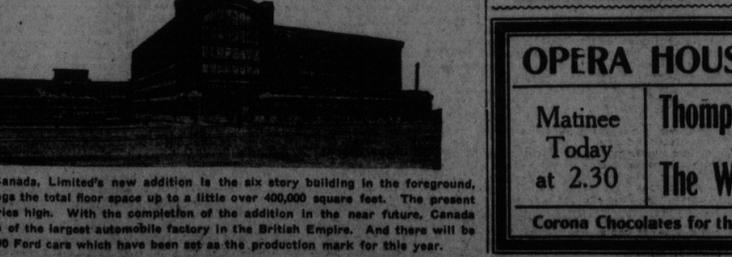
A hearty vote of thanks proposed by H. M. Stout and seconded by David Linton, Jr., was tendered the lecturer of the evening.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 15.—Alex Boudreau, aged twenty-five, one of the crew of the government steamer Cartier was struck by a tram car on Campbell Road at midnight tonight and instantly killed. He stepped off a northbound car and was struck by a car coming in the opposite direction. He belonged to Quebec.

## CONSERVATION OF COUNTRY'S RESOURCES SUBJECT OF LECTURE

At a largely attended meeting of the Fairville Brotherhood, held last evening, with Rev. Gilbert Earle in the chair, Rev. M. E. Conron of the Portland Methodist church, delivered an interesting address on the conservation of resources natural and social. He pointed out that in North America the idea prevailed that natural resources were inexhaustible and that consequently there was little interest in conservation by over-exploitation, fires and neglect generally. We had to pay more than was necessary for building homes, because many houses were of wood, many of which burned down.

## FACTORY OF FORD MOTOR CO., OF CANADA, LTD., FORD, ONT. \$300,000 FORD ADDITION WILL BE COMPLETED IN EARLY SPRING



## PRIME MINISTER AND THREE PREMIERS AMONG SPEAKERS

A very large attendance from all over the Maritime Provinces is confidently looked for at the Maritime Forward Conference to be held in Amherst, Thursday, December 17th. All intending to be present at this important gathering are urged to arrive in Amherst on the evening of the 16th so that they will be able to attend the entire sittings of the Conference which opens at 10 a. m. sharp. Half-fare rates on the Railways within a radius of eighty miles from Amherst. Over eighty miles, delegates and others attending must secure Standard Certificates. With an excellent programme, the Conference promises to be attractive, formative, and educational in its character.

The Prime Minister of Canada and the three Premiers of the Maritime Provinces will be present, as well as a large number of men prominent in the public, commercial, manufacturing, agricultural and general business life of the Maritime Provinces.

The Conference is open to all citizens interested in Maritime development.

Secretary Garrison to comply with the request of Brig.-Gen. T. H. Bliss, at Naco, Arizona, for reinforcements to handle a possible emergency situation. Three regiments of infantry and three batteries of artillery were ordered to Naco.

Reinforcements ordered today will bring the total force of the American army at Naco to about five thousand men.

## MARCONI TO BE MADE SENATOR

Rome, Dec. 15.—It is announced that William Marconi is among those who will be appointed Senators New Year's Day by King Victor Emmanuel.

## ARTILLERY DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN TO BE ISSUED WITH KHAKI UNIFORM AT ONCE.

Khaki uniform will be issued to all men who have enlisted with the Artillery Divisional Ammunition Column from the Schofield Paper Company's old warehouse, No. 26 Prince William street, on Wednesday, the 16th instant from 1 to 5 and 7 to 10 p. m., and on Thursday, the 17th instant from 9 to 12 a. m., and 1 to 5 and 7 to 10 p. m.

W. H. HARRISON, Major, O. C. Divisional Ammunition Column.

## To Have Smooth, White Soft Skin All Winter

Does your skin chap or roughen easily in the winter? Let me tell you a quick, easy way to overcome this trouble and keep your complexion beautifully white, smooth and soft the winter long. Just get a ounce of ordinary macerated wax at the nearest druggists and use a little before retiring, or at night, on a clean face. Upon arising, remove the coating with soapy water. It is known for weathering, aged, muddy, freckled, pimpled and all unbecoming complexion.

Some skin wrinkles easily in winter. There's an excellent remedy in a harmless wax lotion made by dissolving 1 oz powdered saffron in 1/2 pint white hazel. This will quickly eradicate every line.—The Women's Beautiful.

## TWO SHOWS AFTERNOON IMPERIAL ONLY ONE SHOW TONIGHT

Jesse L. Lasky Presents the Thrilling Play of the Canadian Trackless Woods

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Thompson's Musical Comedy Co. PRESENTING The Wizard of Wiseland

Corona Chocolates for the Ladies Today's Matinee

## GERMAN COLUMN MILWAUKEE RUSSIAN ENEMY ONERS.

Petrograd, Dec. 15.—The German column repulsed by the Russian forces here from the front, succeeded in capturing a hundred prisoners. During the last three days of heavy fighting in the Prussian front, the Russian forces have captured a large number of German soldiers, including a Russian officer, a Russian sergeant, and a Russian soldier.

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## ACCUSE GERMAN SENDS

Washington, Dec. 15.—The German embassy in London has accused the British of sending a German spy to the front.

## SINKING OF WAS NOT HOS

London, Dec. 15.—The British battleship destroyed by an explosion on the 26th, while lying at anchor, was not sunk by a German submarine.

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Where there is constipation, the bowels are not properly cleaned, and the result is a general feeling of uneasiness and discomfort. Constipation is one of the greatest sources of disease and suffering. By using one of the best of all remedies, Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, the bowels are kept regular and the system is kept in good health.

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