ALLIES NOW HAMMERING AT GATES OF MONASTIR

MACKENSEN STILL RETREATING-BURNING AS HE GOES

WORTH PRICE OF ITS HOLDING; MUNUMENT TO GANADIAN VALOR

War Correspondent McKenzie Say. That Because of Sentimental, Technical and Moral Reasons It Could Not Be Surrendered to Germans.

BRAVE DEAD MAKE IT SACRED GROUND

Abandonment by British and Canadian Troops Would Have Exposed Brave Belgians to Crushing Attacks — Enemy Still Shelling Ruins of Once Prosperous City.

What advice did Canada's last minister of militia offer to the late Kitchener of Khartoum, British secretary of state for war, in regard to the wisdom of "hanging on" to the famous Ypres salient? And how did the gallant and revered Kitchener take this advice? This latter question may never be answered. In the following article our British representative, Mr. F. A. McKenzie, a nould war correspondent, who has recently returned from the British front, answers the question, "Was Ypres Worth While?" Mr. McKenzie has visited Ypres In various stages of its chaotic ruination by German shells, and is well fitted to answer the question. The article has been passed by the British censor at Army Headquarters in France.

(BY F. A. MCKENZIE.)

British Army Headquarters in Belgium, Nov. 3, 1916. Ypres is a closed chapter for Canada. Our forces today are fighting on the Somme. The fortunes of war may, it is true, take us back northwards again, but the record of Canada's army from February, 1915, to September, 1916, on the "bloody salient" stands by itself, a unique period of our history.

Now that the fierce days of our on us on three sides? Ought our sunorthern battles are only a memory, preme commanders to have put their men at home are, I am told, beginning pride in their pockets and fallen back? barely holding their own. To the north they were obliged to yield considerable Must Be Held. territory. Even at Hooge the miser-able little bit of useless soil which forms the village itself is no longer ics and doubters are wrong. No one within our lines. Further south our can live behind the shell-torn roads or in the hidden dug-outs without coming gained. Eighteen months of sacrifice—and what to show for it? Were the amateur critics right who declared it miles of land. From a military point

olly to hold a position such as this, of view alone it would be madness where the enemy could rain death down Continued on Page 11, Col. 4.

"The Rumanian report of the occu-

WHO CAUSED THE WAR'

Amsterdam, via London, Nov. 16 .- A

dispatch from Vienna says the German

performed a fortnight ago for an inter-

for a long time. Count Tschirsky has

sometimes been called "the man who

Count von Tschirsky had for many

ROYAL WONGRATS

[Canadian Press.]

London, Nov. 16 .- King George

today telegraphed congratulations

to Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, Brit-

France, upon the "great suc-

flecting credit on all ranks. Gen. Haig replied with a message of

thanks.

FOR GENERAL HAIG

[Canadian Press.]

pation of Bonasolo (Boasio) is an in-

SUDDEN DEATH OF "MAN

MACKENSEN PLIES TORCH AS RETREATS BEFORE ALLIES; FIERCE FIGHT ON BORDER

German-Bulgarian Army Continues To Fall Back Before Russ-Rumanian Forces—In Transvivanian Fighting Rumanians Are Compelled To Retire. Resisting Stubbornly.

[Canadian Press.]
Petrograd, Nov. 16.—Via London, 2:10 p.m.—The war office an

nounces that Field Marshal von Mackensen's army is in retreat in Dobrudja, burning villages as it falls back. On the Transylvanian front, region of Campulung, Rumania, fierce fighting is in progress. An artillery bombardment is proceeding all along the Russian front,

RUMANIANS RETIRED.

[Canadian Press.]

F. deharest, Nov. 16.—Via London, 2:30 p.m.—Rumania's forces operating a Southern Transylvania yesterday, retired towards Areful and Radacinesti in the Alt valley, and in the direction of Capacioasa, in the Jiul Valley, according to an official statement issued today by the Rumanian war department.

N. W. ROWELL, K.C., M.P.P., with his secretary, Main Johnston, standing in front of Rheims Cathedral during their visit to the front. With them are two French officers, who acted as their guides.

STUBBORN RESISTANCE. [Canadian Press.]

Berlin, Nov. 16 .- Via Sayville .- Ruseian troops in strong force attacked the Austro-German lines east of the Putna Valley, on the Western Moldalan border, the war office announced today in its statement on the campaign litless, the announcement declares. The Rumanians also attacked in Ditus Pass region but here also failed The Rumanians are offering stubbo n

vance along the pass roads into Wal-lachia. The invading forces, however, progress in the Rothenthurn and day afternoon from a minor operation Szurduk regions and captu ad yesterday more than 1,200 prisoners. nal disease from which he had suffered

THE GERMAN STATEMENT. [Canadian Press.]

Berlin, Nov. 16 .- Via Sayville .- The text of the German statement report-ing operations on the Transylvanian years been prominent in the German political world. He was appointed im-"Transylvanian east front: To the perial secretary for foreign affairs in

east of the Putna Valley strong Rus- succession to the late Baron Richthofen in 1906. He held the post for a year, North of Luita Austro-Hungarian when he took the post of ambassador detachments made a reconnoitering to Austria. 'Near Sosmezoe in the Oitus Pass

region, the Rumanian attacks were without success. "The activity north of Campulung in-

creased. Along the roads leading southward through Rothenthurn and Szur-duk Passes the Rumanians tenaciously efended their own territory. We made progress yesterday and captured five officers and more than 1,200 soldiers.'

IN DOBPUDJA

[Canadian Press.] -The section of the German offitions in the Rumanian province

obrudja says: rmy group of Field Marshal von en: In Dobrudja there were

FOR BRITISH IN RUSSIAN DUMA Tremendous Cheering When a

GREAT OVATION

Deputy Cries "Long Live England."

DENOUNCE PEACE MOVES

Those Working for Separate Arrangements Declared To Be Criminals.

WILL FIGHT TO FINISH

Little Satisfaction for Russian Pro-Germans in Opening of Russ House.

[Canadian Press.]

Petrograd, Nov. 16.-The Russian Parliament resumed its sitting on Tuesday. Throughout the country the opening session was eagerly awaited as a number of questions have arisen which urgently require discussion, and it was hoped the Duma would | e able to throw light on the present unplicated political situation. In both Houses strong, interesting speches were made, and there were dr natic ncidents which conditions of telegraphing prevent my describing in full. One thing is clear, the Germans will find no ground for satisfaction in Tuesday's Both Houses were emph in declaring the necessity of fighting the war to a victorious finish.
No Separate Peace,

The very severe criticism levelled against the Government was to remove to ask theselves if it was worth while. The very thought that the sacrifice against the Government was to remove may have been of little or no avail has fought on in and near the salient, added to the burden of grief of many devoting all its energies to the successful of the salient of the sacrifice against the Government was to remove may have been of little or no avail has added to the burden of grief of many devoting all its energies to the successful of the sacrifice against the Government was to remove may have been of little or no avail has added to the burden of grief of many devoting all its energies to the successful of the sacrifice against the Government was to remove the sacrifice against the Govern cessful prosecution of the war. One of the idea of a separate peace as state criminals

The state gave a most effective reply to the malicious statements recently circulated by pro-Germans against Rodsianko expressed gratitude and lova' to the Allies, one deputy cried: Long live England!" and a tremends ovation was given to Sir George whole House rose and cheered.

Government Criticized. a declaration of the Progressiv composed of a majority cause. The main theme of the system which would bring the Govinion. The most moderate criticism tionalist Leader Balashev who emhasized the lack of plan and unity on e part o the Government. The co. stant change of personnel,"

said, "the publication of ill considered and inconsistent measures, insufficient use of local government organs authority have created a situation ve fighting line, and extremely favorable to a display of predatory instincts." Weighty Statements

In a very weighty declaration the Progressive bloc pointed out that the action of the Government during the Canada is not immune from naval atlast year created serious impediments to a successful prosecution of the escaped attack, and have been saved struggle. The leader of the Constituremarkable and very powerful speech only, of the power and efficiency of which was listened to with the closest his majesty's navy. We toil and we attention by the whole Duma.

Of particular interest were those usual, in conscious-I might say not published in the report of the high seas keep ward and watch. day that cannot be forgotten, or lightly well as in summer's heat, they have military motor for the past two years. out to all the Allies.

Viscount Grev Is Invited To Enlist By Johnny Canuck

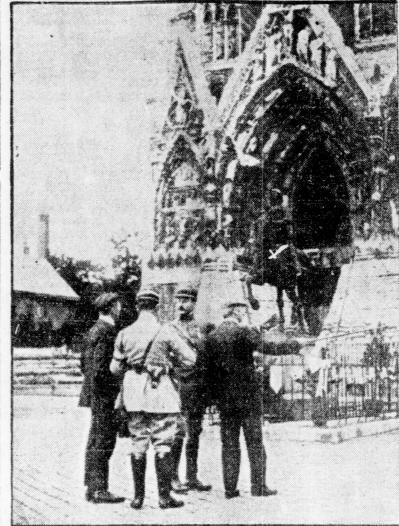
Corp. Ed. Penny Present at Funny Scene in London.

The following story is told by Cor-oral Ed. Penny, of No. 3 Stationary Hospital, and a former newspaperman of this city, in a recent letter to friends in the city. The incident occurred while on leave in London, England. "This morning one of our boys, here on leave also, was seated on a bench near Trafalgar Square, when he noticed a neatly dressed young man approaching. The following dialogue sued, and it's true-so help me. "Canuck (in loud voice): 'Say, that young feller would look nice in khaki.' A smile from the stranger, but westruck whisper from a nearby less than three thousand; and on the obby, 'S-h! Do you know who he is? trawlers and fishing vessels were t That's Viscount Grey."

INDIAN WHEAT FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

of 400,000 tons of wheat.

ONTARIO LIBERAL LEADER SEES EFFECTS OF HUNNISH VANDALISM



British Navy Has Doubled in Strength Since War's Start

the principal speakers of the Right Characterized those men who advocated Cof Francisco Revision Revis of Experiences in Europe -- Erings Optimistic and Appealing Messages From Front.

W. Rowell, K.C., M.P.P., at a joint luncheon of the Canadian and Rotary submarines. Clubs at noon today. He was equally emphatic in declaring that this hope creasing in strength and effectiveness uaily. Its numbers had doubled since ma, a special passage was devoted war broke out. New ships were being auded continually, and it was throtches was the necessity of a change ing of the blockage Mr. Rowell was emphatic in declaring that it was effective, and was bearing the results were expected. He paid a striking bute to the Canadians who were in air service of Great Britain, and stat that they were distinguishing them-selves as they had in other pranches

of the service.

There was a very large attendance of the members of both clubs, the ad-aress creating much interest. Rev. C. Lameron Waller presided. Following is the text of Mr. Row-

The recent presence of a German submarine off our Atlantic coast, torpeuoing merchant vessels sailing from New York, and German pattleships o our Pacific coast at the outbreak of the war, are forcible reminders tack or invasion. We have so far from the horrors of war within our ocrats. M. Hukoff, made a own borders by reason, and by reason sleep; we go about our daily tasks as

rnment and the Duma is a matter of homes and the guaruans of our liber- as a cricket. He is certainly taking his nighest interest, not only to Russia, ties we today extend our grateful hom- situation like a good sport. His call as When the war broke out our navy department over which he yesterday consisted of about 600 fighting samps ruled as chief shows that he has neither of all classes. According to published false pride nor sulkiness on the fact statements we had 70 battleships, 34 of events.

armored cruisers, 67 protected cruisers, 227 destroyers, 109 torpedo boats, and relative strength of the two navies, percentage of the cause there is such a large variation between ships of the same class; but it will give us some idea of the general cabinet rank, and given permanent part of Saillisei.

we also had certain important substitutes a substitute of the war the admiralty requisitioned a large part of the merchant marine. Not less than 3,000 that marine with a substitute of militia will be. They say that hundreds of thousands. They also took over trawlers and

knew the sea and were able to live upon it under all conditions of weather were called up, and we now have a jal rains have fallen, force manning these trawlers and fish-ing vessels larger in number than the

merchant ships brought into use as have been given up for lost

That Great Britain's great hope in auxiliary cruisers, for patrol purposes keynote of an address delivered by N. plies, and the 3,000 trawlers and fishing vessels, so invaluable as mine sweepers and for protection against

> The Tasks. What was the work of this navy What were the tasks committed to it? The first task was to keep the tier man battle fleet bottled up within the ventured forth. The second was to not renew his attempts against ou. Continued on Page 2. Col. 2.

SHORN OF WAR-GARB, GEN. HUGHES CALLS ON OLD COLLEAGUES

Appears To Be Cheery Under His Retirement.

LIKES PRIVATE LIFE

Hopes McCurdy Will Be Ele. vated To His Former Position.

passages in which he criticized the tendencies of Russian diplomacy during the last three months. His speech is sleep his majesty's sailors upon the was Gen. Sir Sam Hughes. He was In not in uniform, and arrived on foot at the night there was considerable enemy around the city of Ottawa assembled Wyandotte, a suburb of Detroit, were Duma sitting. Things were said Tues- storm and in calm, in winter's cold as the place to which he has rolled in a shelling of our battlefront north and this afternoon and began a two-days' shot and instantly killed late last night passed over, and the further development and the Duma is a matter of home and the past two years. Though shorn of war chariot and war office today. "Otherwise fence. To these protectors of our garb, Gen Hughes seemed as cheerful there is nothing to report."

> a humble civilian this morning at the Talks With McCurdy. Gen. Hughes first called upon one of submarines, manned by between his former secretaries, and after obtain-

50,00 and 160,000 sailors. Taking the ing some personal information, he drop-corresponding classes of ships, Germany ped in upon his temporary successor, F. had about 337. I do not know that a B. McCurdy. Gen. Hughes had a pleascomparison of numbers gives us the ant few minutes with the parliamentary relative strength of the two navies, be- military secretary, and expressed the aval situation.

We also had certain important ships

charge of the department. In leaving he expressed great satisfaction with private

merchant ships were taken over by the only Premier Borden knows, and most admiralty for the purposes of this war, of them add that even he does not know, with the crews running up into the been shelled and bombed."

SNOW IN CARPATHIANS;

BULGARSROLLEDBACKTO THE WALLS OF MONASTIR: ALLIES' SMASHING BLOW

Hun Pressmen Praise Great British Dash

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Nov. 16.-A news agency dispatch from Amsterdam today says: Correspondents for German newspapers stationed on the western front pag tribute to the dash and strategic sound ness of the British attacks in newspapers received here today.

The Tagesblatt cor espondent observer that the British have "shrewdly econo

British gains are inconsiderable, but it positions have been long fortified. The correspondent concludes that the gains only show that by wasting material deroyed positions are always conquer

FRENCH AGAIN IN POSSESSION OF PRESSOIRE

Village That Was Captured by Germans Quickly Won Back.

FIGHTING IS FEROCIOUS

Three Divisions of Foe Badly Cut Up in Wednesday Battle.

[Canadian Press.] Paris, Nov. 16 .- Noon-The French last night recaptured the portion of the vilage of Pressoire, on the Somme front, which the Germans occupied yesterday the war office announces.

"North of the Somme the enemy did

tack during the night against the eastern portion of Pressoire, which had war office today. According to the been occupied by the enemy. Here the statement the Bulgarians have fallen "In the Cerna bend letter the beautiful the control of the office today." energy, and thanks to this tenacity, coupled with the determination of our

"At the end of a ferocious fight under a bombardment of extreme vio ber 7 have been in all respects main tained. According to recent informa ward to take part in this attack forces belonging to three different li-visions, suffered very heavy losses as

"To the west of Rheims a surprise attack on the part of the enemy upon one of our trenches, following a pre paratory artillery fire, resulted in failure under our curtain of fire. There is nothing to report from the remainder of the front."

result of the serious check we pu

CONSIDERABLE SHELLING.

HUN AIR REPRISALS. [Canadian Press.] Berlin, Nov. 16.—Via Sayville Wire

ess.—The text of the German official statement issued today reporting oper Crown Prince Rupprecht: Separate represented. There were officers of the office. British attacks on the road of Nailly-Liberal associations of the ridings and Serre, further to the east and to the other representative party men.

Southwest of Beaumont, failed in a lit was amounced that there has hand grenade combat. Stronger at- no program prepared but the discussio tacks against Grandcourt broke down would be general. Tonight there will

line was unchanged. Thirty-nine Belgians were victims of a hostile air attack on Ostend. As reprisal against the bombing of peaceful Lorraine villages, Nancy, in the course of the last few days, has

"In the fighting yesterday in th

THE GERMAN REPORT. [Canadian Press.]

cold is intense. In Dobrudja torrent-ial rains have fallen.

Where the difficulty to the war office lives to the precautions taken by the announced today.

Strong British forces attacked Germans and the skill with which their

prisoners and five machine guns,

Serbs, With Co-operation of French and British, Crive Bulgarians to Within Four Miles of Macedonian Capital-Serbians Carry Several Strongly Fortified Positions at Cerna. While British Hammer Enemy Lines On Struma.

(Canadian Press.)

Paris, Nov. 16.—French and Russian troops on the Macedonian front are now within four miles of Monastir, it was announced officially. The war office says the pursuit of the defeated Bulgarians continues.

TOOK TWO VILLAGES.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Nov. 16.—1:35 a.m.—Capture by the Serbians of the vil lages of Tepavisi and Gniles, southeast of Monastir, is reported in a Reuter dispatch from Saloniki, which says the Serbians, in co-operation with the French, captured all the positions south of Tepavtsi after fierce fighting. German troops, which were defending the positions, sustained considerable losses, the survivors being captured or taking

The prisoners already counted, the correspondent says, are 800 soldiers, two officers and five cadets. Details in regard to the amount of war materials taken have not been received.

HOW BERLIN PUTS IT, [Canadian Press.]

Berlin, Nov. 16 .- Via Sayville, - The retirement of German-Bulgar ian troops in Macedonia to new positions prepared for them in the Cerna region, is announced today by the war office,

BRITISH WON THIS.

[Canadian Press.] Paris, Nov. 16.—On the eastern end of the line British troops have again umed the offensive, defeating the Bulgarians in the region of the River uma, and capturing the village of Karakaska.

During the night the Bulgarians abandoned their principal positions wes the Cert.a River. The French and Serbians took 400 prisoners and made rogress toward Yarashok, in the Cerna bend west of Monastir. South of Monastir the French and Russians are reported to be making subtantial progress. It is in this region to the north of Kenali, that they have dvanced to within four miles of Monastir.

WHOLE SYSTEM CAPTURED.

[Canadian Press.] London, Nov. 16.—1:44 p.m.—Telegraphing from the headquarters of the French army at Saloniki, under date of November 15, the corre-spondent of Reuter's Telegram Company says: "Yesterday the French, Russian and Italian forces operating to the west of the River Cerna attacked the enemy's lines during a rainstorn

defence around Kenall, which also fell into French hands 'Fighting at some places was very desperate, the men being up to their necks in water and mud. "During the night the enemy counter attacked, recovering a por

Despite strenuous opposition the French captured the whole system

tion of the trenches, but early this morning he abandoned the whole of his front line, retiring upon the Bistrica River.

back on a line four to six miles west took place, and the Bulgarian and Gerof Iven, the last town west of the man troops withdrew to positions north Cerna, reported captured by the Serb- of Tepavtsi and Chegel.

plain was subjected to a violent enemy Sofia, Nov. 16.—Via London, 9:25 s.m. artillery fire, especially east of the rall-way. Vigorous enemy attacks failed before the obstinate resistance of our forces in the Cerna bend under the troops, and the enemy, who penetrated assaults of the Servians is admitted in our lines at some points was annihilat-the official statement issued by the ed. We counted over 400 dead in front "In the Cerna bend heavy fighting

importance occurred elsewhere except The text of the statement follows: artillery activity near Turtukai and "All day our position in the Monastir Silistria."

OTTAWA DISTRICT LIBERALS GATHER AT CAPITAL RALLY

Three Hundred and Fifty Del- Bold Deed Laid to Foreigners. egates To Discuss the Political Question.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Nov. 16 .- Three hundred and Detroit, Mich., Nov. 16 .- Harry Paul [Canadian Press.] Ottawa, Nov. 16.—Three hundred and Detroit, Mich., Nov. 16.—Harry Paul London, Nov. 16, 12:10 p.m.—"During lifty Liberal delegates from ten counties and Morris Harris, fruit merchants of

Ottawa Reform Association, and he called it to order. The gathering consisted chiefly of members of the Federal Parliament Ontario Lorieletus and the called it to order. The gathering consisted chiefly of members of the Federal Lust what the matter and the fail. Parliament. Ontario Legislature and of "Western Theatre: Army group of frew, Dundas, Russell and Prescott were guite well-to-do, and in the pockets frew, Dundas, Russell and Prescott were guite well-to-do, and in the pockets of one was found \$500. A rifle was used

"In hard house-to-house fighting we with Sir Wilfrid, Hon. G. P. Graham wrested from the French the eastern and the Hon. Charles Murphy as the principal speakers.

of Ablaincourt-Pressoire the SUB CAPTAIN DENIES SHELLING THE LIFEBOATS

Berlin, Nov. 15.—By Wireless to the Associated Press, Via Sayville, Nov

16.-Assertions that the German submarine which sank the British ship Rowanmore on which there were sev-They also took over traveled le from the stranger, but an uck whisper from a nearby "ishing vessels to the number of not uck whisper from a nearby "S-h! Do you know who he is?"

Viscount Grey."

AN WHEAT FOR

ICanadian Press.]

Berlin. Nov. 16.—Via Sayville wire-less.—Attacks by British troops on the German lines along the road from Hally to Serre and also to the south-charest dispatch forwarded from Rome to the sub-more in those of military age. The men who knew the sea and were able to live falling in the Continuous of weather.

In Dobrudia Press.]

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Calcandian Press.]

London, Nov. 16.—Via Sayville wire-less.—Attacks by Elevance and Interest. Say the containing members of the crew and lines along the road fro THE ALLIED POWERS

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2 MERCHANTS SHOT TO DEATH WALKING IN DETROIT SUBURB

Who Are Placed Under Arrest.

[Canadian Press.]

while walking along a street in that The meeting assembled at the call of Mr. O. B. Rochester, president of the The victims were said to have be

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowe temperatures recorded in London duri the 24 hours previous to 25 hours previou the 24 hours previous to 3 o'clock last night: Highest, 26; lowest, 16. The official temperatures for the \$2

Highest, 22; lowest, 16. TOMORROW-FAIR AND MILDER. Forecasts.

Temperatures.

Canada, but some light local snowfalls have occurred in Ontario and Quebac