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## REICHSTAG VOTES BIG WAR CREDIT

Only One Dissenting Vote Against the Huge Budget of One Thousand Million Dollars Presented

Berlin, Dec. 2.—The Reichstag today voted war credit to the amount of \$1,000,000,000. The vote passed with only one dissenting voice, that of Herr Liebknecht (Socialist).

The President of the Chamber at the opening sitting dwelt on the unity and patriotism of the German people, and commented appreciatively on the large number of members of the Reichstag who are now serving their country at the front.

In the course of his exposition of the progress of the war, the president said—"Japan joined our enemies from a desire to seize as booty a monument to German culture in the Far East."

"On the other hand, we have found an ally in Turkey, as all Moslem peoples wish to throw off the British yoke and shatter the foundations of Britain's colonial power. Under our banner our army and our fleet will continue to conquer.

The Imperial Chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, attended the session dressed in a gray service uniform of a general. All the secretaries of State and Prussian Ministers also were present. Many members of the Chamber were in uniform and wore Iron Crosses.

## Trainloads Of German Wounded

One Hundred Thousand German Injured Passed Through Ghent in One Day

London, Dec. 1.—People arriving at Folkestone able to give reliable accounts tell remarkable stories with regard to the numbers of German wounded. The total is so large that the Germans are unable to deal with them all, and many have to be left where they fall to die.

A gentleman in business in Ghent as a nurseman who arrived at Folkestone by the Flushing boat on Saturday night gave a circumstantial account. He said there was an endless procession of trains filled with wounded Germans from the firing line through Ghent—which was already full of sick and maimed invaders—on their way to Brussels.

He counted five trains a day for ten days, and some of the trains consisted of as many as forty carriages, three or four engines being attached to haul them along. The wounded were packed very closely, and some of the carriages contained sixty. He estimated that during the ten days well over 100,000 Germans were conveyed through Ghent.

A British naval officer arriving from the front via Boulogne also spoke of the enormous number of German wounded. Every house in Ostend, he said, was full of men who were hors de combat.

## Will Define The Attitude Of Italians

Premier of Italy to Make an Important Pronouncement When Parliament Opens Today.

Rome, Dec. 3.—The Italian Parliament reassembles today and its deliberations are awaited with anxiety, as this is considered the gravest moment for Italy since its unification.

Premier Salandra in presenting the new cabinet policy and an especially interesting passage will deal with the attitude of Italy with reference to the present European War.

The Premier will explain reasons that actuated Italy throughout in maintaining "armed and watchful neutrality."

The s.s. Stephano left New York at 3 p.m. yesterday.

## WEDNESDAY RATHER UNEVENTFUL SAYS FRENCH OFFICIAL REPORT

All German Attacks in the West Repulsed—Russian Offensive is Successful—Servians Claim a Victory Over the Servians

French Official Bulletin.—Paris, Dec. 2.—In the district south of Ypres at Saint Eloi, a German attack directed against a trench captured by our troops during the day was repulsed.

Our artillery damaged a group of three heavy calibre batteries at Vermelles. The Castle and Park with two houses of the village and several trenches were brilliantly taken by our troops.

Sharp Cannonading.—Rather sharp cannonading is reported in the neighbourhood of Fay to the south-west of Peronne.

In Vendresse, Craonne region, a violent bombardment occurred, to which our artillery replied successfully, destroying a battery.

In Argonne a German attack against Fontaine Madame has been repulsed, and we have gained the following advantages: the capture of a trench in Courtes Chaussees Woods and some small defence works at St. Hubert.

On the Meuse heights and in the Vosges there is nothing to report.

Dislodged the Turks.

Petrograd.—The Caucasian army operating on the 27th in the Euphrates Valley against a Turkish column, succeeded in dislodging the latter from their position, put them to flight, and captured a number of prisoners and two cannons.

On the left bank of the Vistula in the Lowitz district, action continues to develop, the enemy's attacks bearing especially on the Bieleza-Sobotka front.

North of Lowitz our offensive has been quite successful.

In Lodz district a violent artillery duel is in progress.

Important Concentration.

To the left wing, scouting reports an important concentration. From Kalisz towards Sieradz the enemy assumed the offensive on the 30th from Sieradz, and our advance guards are now engaged.

We have taken possession of Szczerzow, after an engagement during which a brigade of Prussian Guards and five batteries were dislodged.

No change on remainder of front. Nish.—On the Maljen-Lug-Lazarevatz front the enemy has violently attacked, but every one of their attacks failed, with heavy losses for them. During the 27th, 1500 soldiers and 20 officers were taken prisoners.

## Irish Police Raid The Office Of Disloyal Paper

Monthly Publication Was Opposing Enlistment and Expressing Pro-German Sentiments.

Dublin, Dec. 3.—The police have raided the office of the Irish Freedom, a monthly newspaper, which has been opposing enlistment and expressing pro-German sentiments.

The police have also prevented the distribution of another newspaper of similar tendencies.

## German Prisoners At Detention Camps Fail to Make Escape

Lancaster, Eng., Dec. 3.—An attempt to escape, made last night by a thousand prisoners in the Concentration Camp here, was thwarted by the guards who charged with fixed bayonets, wounding several.

## U.S. Representation Secures the Release Of a British Officer

Washington, Dec. 3.—On personal representations from President Wilson through Ambassador Gerard, Germany has released Admiral Neard, retired, of the British navy, and his wife, who were held military prisoners at a German health resort.

## DUTCH STEAMER WAS RUN ASHORE AFTER COLLISION

Deal, Dec. 3.—During one of the fiercest gales on record, the Dutch steamer Batjam, from Java, went ashore last night on Goodwin Sands after a collision with an unidentified steamer. The crew was rescued.

The Capt. believes that the colliding steamer sank with all on board.

## Germans Claim Army Strength Of 4,000,000

Berlin Says There Are 98 Army Corps of the Kaiser's in the Field Mostly in the West

London, Nov. 30.—The official Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung publishes a list of army corps and military sections, which shows the strength of the German armies now in the fields of battle.

Apart from the railway service, the marines and garrisons in Belgium, there are 98 army corps. If 40,000 men are taken as a fair average for a German army corps, this gives a total strength of nearly 4,000,000 in arms.

According to a French bulletin, 50 army corps are fighting against the allies in Belgium and France. This would leave 48 army corps for the eastern theatre.

Germany has more than 2,000,000 men in the West and about the same number in the local Landsturm in East Prussia and Poland.

## Change Color Of The French Army Uniform

Conspicuous Red Trousers and Blue Tunic Abandoned for Blue-Grey Materials.

Calais, Nov. 30.—Trains have been coming through Calais full of soldiers in an unfamiliar uniform of light blue-grey color. This is the new French field service uniform which is beginning to make its appearance. It is being issued to the class of 1914 and some of the older troops who are being re-equipped.

To make up for the blow to the sensibilities of French patriots which the disappearance of the old red trousers and blue tunic will naturally cause, red and white threads are woven into the blue, and the cloth is called tricolor. The blue-grey is an excellent shade for escaping notice, and will blend particularly well with the grey winter landscapes in which the troops are now fighting.

## Irish Grandmaster Of The L.O.A. is Dead

London, Dec. 3.—Sir John Henry Crichton, Fourth Earl of Erne and Grand Master of the Orangemen in Ireland, died today.

## Alsace Towns Taken By Allies

Enemy Violently Bombeds Belgian Town—Blows Up Salient Points in Argonne Region

Paris, Dec. 2.—In Belgium a violent bombardment of Lamberphen to the west of Dixmude has taken place. In the Argonne region the enemy has blown up by mines the salient points to the north-west of the forest of La Gurie.

In Alsace our troops have taken the towns of Aspach Le Hant, and Aspach Le Bas. On the rest of the front there is nothing to report.

## Herring Plentiful

Messages were received from Bay of Islands to-day that herring are plentiful in North Arm.

## GENERAL DeWET BOER REBEL LEADER IS TAKEN PRISONER.

London, Dec. 2.—General Christian DeWet, leader of the rebellion in the Union of South Africa, has been captured, according to a Pretoria official despatch to Reuter's Telegram Co.

## European War Will Add \$50,000,000 To Trade of the U.S.

Washington, Dec. 3.—That one year of war in Europe will add \$50,000,000 to the foreign commerce of the United States is estimated by Ed. E. Pratt, Chief of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

The increase would be chiefly in machine, tools and other manufactured products.

## ARRESTED SPIES ARMED WITH POISON

London, Ont., Nov. 30.—Sensational reports say that bottles, said by the owners to contain poison, really containing poison, as labelled, that further arrests have been made by the military police, and that a plot to destroy the 18th Battalion has been foiled.

The only statement given out at the barracks is that the men arrested are on remand, and nothing could be said of the possible developments in the case.

## Males in Britain Of Military Age Total 3,500,000

London, Dec. 3.—The total male population of England and Wales available for military purposes is estimated at 3,500,000 in the annual report of the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

## BRING PRISONERS TO RUSSIAN TOWN

Kiev, Dec. 3.—One hundred and twenty German and Austrian officials have been brought here as prisoners. Among them are two Generals, six Colonels and 13 Majors.

## Fresh Attack Was Repulsed

Germans Fail in Desperate Attempt to Carry Entrenchments by Assault

Paris, Dec. 2.—The French war office gave out an official announcement this afternoon as follows: "In the region to the South of Ypres and St. Cloy an attack of the enemy against an entrenchment taken by our troops during the day was repulsed by us."

Our artillery inflicted damage on a group of three batteries of heavy artillery of the enemy at Vermelles Chateau and the Park surrounding it. Two houses in the village and some trenches were brilliantly occupied by our forces.

There has been a spirited artillery exchange in the vicinity of Fay to the Southeast of Peronne.

In the region between Vandresse Craonne there has been a violent bombardment to which French artillery replied with success, accomplishing the destruction of a battery.

In the Argonne a German attack against Fontaine Madame was repulsed and we made some progress in the occupation of a trench in the Forest of Curtes Chaussees.

The Fogota left Musgrave at 7.30 a.m.

## AUSTRIAN ARMY OCCUPIES BELGRADE SERBIA'S CAPITAL.

Vienna, Dec. 2.—Austrian troops today occupied Belgrade.

## AUSTRIAN DEFENDERS OF CRACOW ARE DEFEATED BY THE RUSSIANS

Russians Effectively Check All Attempts of Germans at Any Forward Movement—German Guard Suffers Serious Defeat

Petrograd, Dec. 2.—The Army Messenger in its review of the fighting during the period from Nov. 28th to the 30th, says: "On the Russo-Prussian frontier the Germans have maintained their fortified positions, and have been making attacks of little importance. These operations were without success, and our army corps have kept their positions."

The German offensive in the region of Lovitz was repulsed by the advance guard and cavalry, who inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. The same fate befell the German offensive at Dombrovo and Schutzoff on the Thorn-Cracow front. The German Guard which attempted an offensive, suffered a serious defeat.

In Trzbitz and Hogomiloff district our troops have taken a large number of prisoners, since they assumed the offensive and captured several important points. Counter attacks of the enemy were repulsed.

The Austrian troops defending the approaches to Cracow have been defeated and are falling back in disorder. On the Galician front we are advancing with even increasing success.

## Bishop to Preach

His Lordship Bishop Jones will preach at St. Michael's Mission Church on Sunday evening at 6.30.

## Prussian Guard Again Dislodged From Their Lines

Famous German Regiment With Five Batteries is Driven Back in Disorderly Rout.

(British Press Bureau.) London, Dec. 2.—In France and Belgium the enemy showed activity to the north of Arras, and endeavor, without success, to come out of the trenches south of Bixschote.

Between Bethune and Lens the French carried the Chateau and part of Vermelles by assault, after a somewhat hot encounter.

Russian official reports state that the Russian offensive has been successful north of Lovitz.

German reinforcements from Kalisz have been engaged near Lasha, where desperate fighting took place.

In the south a brigade of infantry of the Prussian Guard, with five batteries, were dislodged and forced back in disorderly flight.

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## MEXICO GETS NEW PRESIDENT

Washington, Dec. 2.—Provisional President Gutierrez will enter Mexico city to-morrow, and be installed in the National Palace there, according to an official telegram to the State Department to-day.

The s.s. Portia left Channel at 2 a.m. going north.

## German Trick Was Detected

Uruguay Prevents German Steamer From Taking Out Supplies To Enemy's Warships.

Montevideo, Uruguay, Dec. 2.—The port authorities to-day prevented the German steamship Mera from taking on coal, beyond the capacity of her bunkers.

The restriction is placed upon the vessel's coal supply, because it is alleged by Montevideo officials that the Mera's crew attempted to smuggle coal through the bunkers into the ship's hold.

The Mera is one of the three German vessels coaling and provisioning at this port, and the presence of the steamers is generally believed to be connected with the reported arrival of the German Pacific squadron in the Southern Atlantic.

## 6 MEN KILLED IN EXPLOSION OF LYDDITE

Bradford, England, Dec. 2.—A large stock of lyddite exploded with a roar to-day in the chemical works near this city. Six men were killed and many injured.

Hundreds of windows in Bradford and nearby villages were broken.

The people were in great alarm, some believing the noise was the roar of the guns of an invading German army.

## Colonials Change Their Camp Location

Rearrangement of Quarters on Salisbury Plain—Some Diversions Of Overseas Forces

Salisbury Plain, Nov. 23.—The Newfoundlanders and the 17th (Nova Scotia) battalion have removed to the quarters formerly occupied by the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry which has gone to Winchester to join the brigade of which they are to form part.

The second battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force has, under the editorship of Signaller Charles Ocean, published a highly attractive bulletin commemorative of the voyage across the Atlantic. The bulletin contains some lively items, including poetry after the Kipling style—a long time after, as the writers would doubtless readily admit. Here's a sample:

"Onward, Royal Canadians, marching to the range; Nothing for your breakfast—this is nothing strange; Onward Royal Canadians, wash your dirty clothes; Where the soap is comin' from, the ordly sergeant knows."

Since leave began to be granted pretty freely, the number of telegrams arriving in camp informing members that their relatives are sick in various parts of England is perfectly amazing.

## End of the War Speculations

Lloyd's Taking Odds Against War Being Over By March—Rates On Property Go Up.

London, Nov. 24.—Brisk business has been done at Lloyd's in "end of the war speculations," that the war would be over by March. There is a certain volume of opinion there that thinks the chances good. Enquiries in the city show that while 75 guineas per cent was quoted for a policy under which the total loss would be paid in the event of the war not being over by the end of next March, the rate has fallen to 60 guineas.

On the other hand there has been an increase of 5s to 7s 6d and even 10s in the full war risk rates of insurance of private house property on the east coast. For big works such as the Tyne yards the rate has advanced from 10s to £1.

What is in the minds of a few underwriters who are speculating on the duration of war is a secret, but the question of Germany's supplies is being much talked about in the city.

## None Missing

The rumor that some of the Newfoundland soldiers on Salisbury Plain were missing is not correct.

A cablegram was received Tuesday night that the boys are safe in camp.

Schr. Nellie Louise, Capt. Burke, sailed yesterday for Pernambuco with a cargo of codfish from Bowring Bros.

## WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Showery today. Friday—Fresh to strong N. W. to W. winds and becoming colder.

## KING GEORGE GETS OVATION AT THE FRONT

His Majesty Spent a Whole Day With the British Troops—Met French President and Premier

Paris, Dec. 2.—President Poincare accompanied by Premier Viviani and General Joffre, met King George yesterday morning at the British Headquarters. After long conversation the King and President departed in an open auto for a tour of inspection behind the British lines.

They received a great ovation, being cheered enthusiastically by the troops and inhabitants of the villages through which they passed. The day was passed with the British troops.

In the evening King George gave a dinner at the Headquarters of the President, the Premier, General French, the Prince of Wales, General Dupage and Col. Hughuet and Pine-ton.

General Joffre was compelled to return to his headquarters before dinner.

## Not at the Front

It is currently reported that the 1st Nfld. Contingent has been sent to the front. This is not correct as they were at Salisbury Plain on Tuesday.

## Berlin Kept In Ignorance Of Situation

Military Authorities Hold Back News of Reverses to the Kaiser's Armies

London, Nov. 30.—W. M. Dickworth, the Daily News correspondent telegraph from Copenhagen: "The great German general staff, with the Kaiser's connivance, is exploiting past victories in East Prussia to allay the fast growing depression in Berlin, by adroitly mixing up official reports. The General Staff is able, for the moment, to make Berlin believe the Russians are being prevented from marching towards German territory."

"And now news comes that Field Marshal von Hindenburg has issued a new army order containing another encouraging telegram from the Kaiser but the exact events over which the people are now rejoicing happened more than a week ago."

"They have no knowledge of the Russian victories that have happened since."

## Vagrant Arrested

The young man Saunders of Titling was arrested again last evening for larceny, the fourth time in a week.

## Fresh Troops Being Rushed 'Cross Channel

Steady Stream of Transports From England to Havre, France—Two Hundred Ships in One Flotilla.

Havre, France, Nov. 22.—Directly following Lord Kitchener's speech at the lord mayor's banquet in London, in which he said he had 1,250,000 men ready to land in France, there has been a steady stream of transports from England to Havre.

As many as two hundred ships of various sizes have been lying outside the harbor at one time. Men are being landed as fast as the ships can find berths.

The troops are mostly Territorials, but well seasoned. After a march from the docks through the streets of Havre, cheering, and being cheered, they disappeared.

The incoming troops seem in high spirits and sang and whistle on the march.