HISTORY OF THE YEAR

UNEXPECTED EVENTS HAVE FURNISHED SURPRISES.

It Was Hoped That War Would End | 23. in 1917, but the Russian Revolution Upset the Calculations of the Allies-Important Changes Have Taken Place in Canada.

T must be admitted that the past year was in many ways disappointing to the Allies. Last January it was confidently stated that the war would be over by Christmas, and now there are men who believe that it may last two years longer. This change was mainly due to the revolution in Russia, which added one more democracy to the brotherhood of nations, campaign of piracy. For many Unfortunately for the Allies, however, the revolution and the reaction from autocracy to democracy have combined to cause a radical wave to! sweep over the Slavs. Revolution has followed revolution, and the end of the year finds the extreme radicals in control. It will be some years before Russia becomes normal with a moderate and progressive government In the meantime the Germans nave profited by the collapse of United States, but the war lords be-Russia. They have been enabled to lieved that they could bring the war secure fresh troops for the French to an end before the Americans and Italian fronts. Military experts could be ready to give the Allies any believe that the Allies must now face the most important crisis of the war. They will have to hold back the action of the United States during overwhelming forces of the Teutons February and March, and were ably until the American army is ready to assisted by the pro-German politi-take the field. Then the deferred clans in the United States. Their victory will come.

When the Germans decided to resume their ruthless submarine campaign, they took a step that brought the United States into the war. The lords believed that the U-boats would bring the Allies to their knees before Uncle Sam could give them any aid, so the Kaiser risked this powerful addition to his enemies. The submarines did not accomplish what the Germans expected, and the British now have the U-boat menace well in hand, one of the great triumphs of the year. The United States entered the war, and will shortly be ready to give valuable assistance. The coming together of the three great democracies, Great Britain, France, and the United States, will probably be one of the most important events in the history of the world. The friendship cemented in war should alter the entire future of our civilization. The great branches of the Anglo-Saxon family completely reconciled. That is most significant happening of 1917, and it offsets the many disap-

pointments of the year. Rven without the assistance of uspia, the Allies made steady advances all summer. Their outstand-The Germans, having used pacifist propaganda to weaken the morale of the Italian troops, launched a great osive, and are now invading Italy. In other fields the Allies have made important gains. The British now occupy Bagdad and Jerusalem, thus dominating Mesopetamia and Palestine, and late in the year they cleared the final handful of defenders out of German East Africa, the last of the Hun colonies. On the Western front, with the exeption of the defeat at Cambrai. the Allies have been invariably suc-

cessful Canada has voiced its determination to have conscription and to stay in the war to the finish. The adoption of the Union Government idea may alter the whole face of our politics, and by process of evolution that system of governing the country will possibly lead to important changes in our national life. The chief danger and problem in this country is the bitter race hatred that has been fomented this year. At the present moment Quebec is lined up solidly against the English portion of the Dominion. The situation may yet lead to an acute crisis, and 26. The United States Government Canada, as a nation, must face and solve this difficulty in the future.

JANUARY. 4. The Russians announced the evacuation of the Roumanian Province of Dobrudja.

5. The Germans occupied Braila. 7. The French forces left Piraeus in Greece on account of the de-monstration of the royalists against the democratic allies. Sir Frederick Borden, former Minister of Militia in the Laurier Cabinet, died at Canning, Capt. Fred Selous, the famous big game hunter, was killed in

8. The Allied Governments sent an ultimatum to Greece regarding the pro-German attitude of King Constantine and his advisers. The Germans occupied Fokshani. den Cabinet.

Speaker Sevigny joined the Bor-Portuguese soldiers arrived on the French front and began to take an active part in the war against Germany. 10. Premier Trepoff of Russia re-

11. Greece accepted the Allied ultimatum, though it later turned out that the acceptance was in-

12. The Allied Governments answer ed the peace note issued by President Wilson shortly before the end of the year. They declared that the war would have to con-tinue until the Central Powers relinquished their purpose to dominate the world by brute Anzac troops destroyed the

Turkish position at Rafa in The Allies issued their final

warning to Greece.
15. All neutral diplomats were ordered to leave Bucharest.

16. Admiral Dewey, the United States seaman, the hero of

Manila Bay, died in his 80th

Canadians were interested a was born in the Dominion durmy the days of political storm and stress when responsible government was being establish-

ed here. Two small naval engagements took place in the North Several German war vessels were destroyed while attempting to leave Zeebrugge on account of

Earl of Cromer, one of the greatest of British statesmen, who made his fame by his handling of the Egyptian situation, died

The Kaiser hoisted the black flag. It was officially announced by the German Government that the ruthless submarine campaign would be resumed at once.

The most important incident in the month of January was the announcement of Germany's return to the months the brutal element in the Hun Government had been advocating the adoption of this form of warfare. They promised that it would starve England and end the war before the end of June. At last the more humane and progressive German statesmen were defeated and the war lords got control. It was generally recognized even in Germany that the ruthless warfare might cause a minture with the effective assistance. Their diplomats did everything possible to delay the prophecy that the submarine warfare would end the war before midsummer has miscarried, and they also woefully miscalculated regarding the United States.

FEBRUARY.

3. The United States broke off di- cute the leaders. The leaders of the many on account of the ruthless U-boat campaign.

Seven survivors of Sir Ernest Shackleton's South Pole expedition reached Wellington, N.Z. The Turks evacuated the south bank of the Tigris following a successful British offensive.

Germans evacuated Grandcourt. which was occupied by the British troops. General Haig's troops captured Sailly-Saillisel Hill on the Som-

The British army in Mesopotamia reached the outskirts of Kut-el-Amara. The Duke of Norfolk, the ranking member of the British nobility and the foremost member of the Roman Church in

me front.

England died in London 13. The United States Government urged all Americans to leave China made the official threat to sever diplomatic relations with

A revolution that Germany had fomented in Cuba burst into flame, but it was suppressed in less than a month. The British troops advanced on

the Ancre. The Turks were defeated by the British near Kut-el-Amara. Major-General Frederick Funston, who commanded the American standing army, died sud-

denly. Sir Robert Borden reached England to take part in the Imperial Conference.

The Germans retired three miles on the Ancre, making the greatest retreat in two years, under cover of a fog. This retirement was the result of the battle of the Somme, and definitely stamped that great offensive carried on by the British during the summer of 1916 as a victory for General Haig's

The New Brunswick Government met defeat at the polls. voted \$100,000,000 for war pur-

poses. The British occupied Kut-el-Amara after a sweeping victory over the Turks. Thus did General Maude avenge the great disaster that the British suffered at this spot during the first year of the war.

The Provincial Legislature of Ontario gave votes to the women of the province. It was discovered that Germany had proposed to Mexico and

Japan that these two countries should attack the United States before that nation could be Gommecourt, on the western front in France, was captured by the British.

MARCH.

1. President Wilson was empowered by Congress to arm American ships to fight the submarines The Germans settled down in new positions after their great retreat, and the Hindenburg line was first heard about. The British announced that 185,-000 slaves in German East

Africa had been given their free-4. The United States Congress expired without taking any decisive action against Germany This was the result of a handful of traitors, described by President Wilson as a "little group of wilful men."

British took over the entire 15 Somme front to defend. Count Zeppelin died suddenry. The failure of his great plan to use the zeppelins to destroy England broke his heart.

The British inder, General Maude captured Bagdad from the Turks. This success was particularly interesting to Cana dians because General Mauli was aide-de-camp to Lord Minto and became widely known i the Deminion.

18. Earl of Eigin died in Scotland 12. French made an advance in the Champagne district.

14. The Germans evacuated Ba

> The Duchess of Connaught died in London. A revolution took place in 15 Petrograd. The Czar abdicated

and the Romanoff dynasty came to an end. The British and French made a tremendous drive against the 17. The Italians captured Duino Germans, capturing 900 square miles of territory, including Peronne and other towns.

The Russians routed the Turks in Armenia, and the British scored another success in Mesopotamia.

Three United States ships were sunk by German U-boats. The Germans torpedoed the British hospital ship Asturias. Berlin offered a separate peace to the Russian revolutionists.

Germany refused to modify the

II-boat warfare to meet the demands of the United States. The month of March will always be remembered on account of the revolution that shattered the autocracy of Russia. During the first years of the war the Russian autocrate had been playing a treacherous game to establish themselves more firmly in power. The pro-German party, headed by the Czarina and the monk Rasputin, had leading Russian statesmen working to betray the peo- 29. More than once treachery enabled the Germans to massacre the Russian army. The pro-German autourats had decided on a separate peace, but they feared the people. There were many signs of a coming revolution, and the Czarina's party decided to use them to accomplish their ends. Their plan was to foment an uprising. The Russian soldiers were to be called in to crush it, and the assistance of the German army also secured to defend the sacred (?) person of the Czar. This revolution was to form an excuse for a separate peace. It would also give the autocrats a chance to crush the democratic movement and exe-

plomatic relations with Ger- Duma feared to take a strong stand against the autocratic government. They foresaw some treacherous scheme. Conditions in Petrograd went from bad to worse, as the autocrats planned, and at last the revolution started. The army was called in to massacre the people, but, the soldiers joined with the civilians and

turned on the autocrats. The leaders of the Duma joined them immedlately, and the revolution became a success. Czar Nicholas abdicated. and the autocracy and the dark forces of Russia were crushed. The pro-Germans and the aristocrats of Russia had been hoisted on their own APRIL.

meeting of Congress. A Brazilian ship was sunk by a II-boat The United States seized 91 German shins in the various harbors of the country.

2. The United States declared war

against Germany at a special

The Canadians captured Vimy Ridge, with 11,000 prisoners and 100 guns. This was one of the most glorious pages in the history of the Canadian army. Labor deputies failed in an at-10 tempt to upset the new Russian Government and establish a separate peace with Germany.

Brazil severed diplomatic relations with the Central Powers. British troops captured Monchy It was decided that an Allied council would meet at Washington, with Mr. Balfour representing England, and Viviani and General Joffre representing

France. The Dominion Government placed wheat on the list of free importations. French captured Auberne.

Germans burned a number of Roumanian towns. French won a battle in the Champagne. Hon. Arthur J. Balfour arrived

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at Halifax on his way to Washington. A fight occurred in the English channel. The sailors on the British warship boarded the German vessel and fought its defenders hand to hand. 'It was one of the most picturesque incidents of the war.

The Canadians captured Arleux from the Germans. The Germans were pushed back in the Champagne by General Nivelle's troops.

MAY. Carranza took oath of office as the first constitutional president of Mexico.

The Canadians captured Fresnoy. Village of Craonne was taken by the French, who dislodged the enemy from their last position on Ladies' Walk. Bishop Mills of the Anglican Diocese of Ontario died at King-

Venezilist Greeks clashed with the Bulgarians The National Coalition Ministry was returned to power in Australia with majorities in both the House of Representatives and

General Ruszky was removed from the command of the Russian troops. 12. General Viviani was received at Ottawa by a joint session of the House of Commons and the

14. Premier Borden reached Quebec on his way back from the Imperial Conference. British occupy all of Roeux. German Chancellor refused to

discuss the peace terms of the General Petain was appointed commander - in - chief of the French armies in place of General Nivelle. 16. Hon. Joseph Choate, formerly

United States Ambassador to Creat Brita n, died in New York. Britis. Prime Minister made a regarding Irish to Rule to the leaders of the of parties. This was the first

of a series of moves in connection with this troubled question that finally led to the meeting of the Irish Convention, which may be remembered as one of the most important events of the year if it finds a peaceful solu-tion for the old problem. The British announced that all German colonies are to be retained after the war.

from the Austrians.

the capture of Bullecourt. Sir Robert Borden announced in he House of Commons that he intended to conscript the manpower of Canada. President Wilson announced hat an expeditionary force of 28,000 men would go to France at once under the command of General Pershing. The President also declined to authorize Colonel Roosevelt's volunteer

General Haig's troops completed

food administrator of the United Brazil decided to enter the war against Germany. The Italians smashed the Austrian lines in the Carso. Hon. A. J. Balfour said farewell to the United States.

19. Herbert C. Hoover was appointed

Hon. A. J. Balfour arrived in Canada. Premier Borden conferred with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and made an effort to organize a national government in Canada.

JUNE. General Brussiloff was appointed the new commander-in-chief of the Russian army. British and German air squad rons battled over the Thames, and eight of the raiders were brought down. German destroyers were sunk in a fight off Zeebrugge. Cossacks condemned the

idea of a separate peace with Germany Sir Wilfrid Laurier definitely rejected the coalition proposals made by Premier Borden. Lord Northeliffe was chosen head of the British War Mission.

The Stockholm Socialist Congress was called off, as the reprentative socialists from several blood-stained Germans. General Pershing, commander of the United States Expeditionary Force, arrived in England. Russians rejected the German

The Italians seized Janina in The Conscription Bill was introduced into the Canadian House of Commons. The Italians captured Aguello

12. King Constantine of Greece abdicated, under pressure exerted the Allies. The Crown Prince was passed over on account of his pro-German feelings, and Prince Alexander became King of Greece.

14. General Byng retired from com-

mand of the Canadian army in 18. It was announced that the crisis in Spain, which had threatened to end in a revolution, was definitely passed.

19. Hon. W. J. Hanna was appointed food controller for the Dominion of Canada. Sir Arthur Currie assumed command of the Canadian Overseas Forces in France

20. Venizelos arrived in Athens. Veniselos became Premier of 25. Greece. The report of the Mesopotamia Commission was published, fixing the blame of the Kut-el-

Amara disaster. The Liberal Government in Sas 27 katchewan was returned to power with a large majority. General Allenby took control of the British forces in the Holy Land, as successor of Sir Avchibald Murray.

JULY. The Jubilee of Confederation was celebrated throughout the Dominion. The Russians won a big battle

against the Germans. Kerensky led the armies into action in Sir Herbert Tree, the famous actor, died suddenly at his home

in London. Li Yuan Hung, the Chinese Pre-sident, escaped from the revolutionists who weer endeavoring to establish the old regime in

The Military Service Act passed the Canadian House of Commons with a majority of 63. The Russians assumed the offen-

sive in Galicia. The restored emperor of China had a short reign. Nsuan Ting abdicated for the second time after a few days on the throne.
The Krupp Works at Essen 10. British airmen raided Constan-

The Cabinet crisis occurred in Berlin The Arab king of Hejas sezzed the Turkish posts on the Red

Hon. J. Austen Chamberlain re signed from the British Cabinet on account of the report criticising the Mesopotamia campaign. Chancellor von Bethmann-Hellweg of Germany resigned. He was said to be formulating peace terms when the war lords forced him out of office. The incident was a distinct triumph for the

Dr. Michaelis, a nonentity and stop-gap, became the Imperial Chancellor. Sir Edward Carson joined the 17. British War Cabinet. Russians retired from

Premier Borden had to withdraw the motion extending the term of the Dominion Parliament, as a large number of anti-conscriptionist Liberals were opposed to the extension. The general elec-

20. Sir Eric Geddes, the new Mrs. Lord of the British Admiralty, ed a seat in Parliament 22. Siam declared war against Ger-many and Austria.

23. Alexander F. Kerensky became virtually dictator of Russia. The Military Service Act pa its final reading with a majority

Great Britain passed a new war credit of £650,000,000 26. The Greek Parliament opened without the presence of the king, a sign of the end of autocracy in another country.

General Korniloff's loyal troops made a stand against the Austro-Sensation was caused through out the Dominion of Canada by the publication of the O'Connor report on the high cost of food stuffs. It convinced Canadians that profiteers had been allowed to make fortunes out of the war. Legislation was passed at Ottawa creating an advisory council of scientists to help develop the natural resources of Canada.

The British started a big offensive, capturing many villages, including St. Juliens and Hooge, which are well known to Canadians on account of the battles in which so many of our boys were killed in the spring of 1915. AUGUST.

German armies again, assumed Mensive against the Russians. General Korniloff was appointed commander-in-chief of the Russian forces.

British completed the re-capture of St. Juliens. The Military Governor of Petrograd was assassinated. Premier Kerensky of Russia resigned but subsequently consented to resume office. The Canadian Senate endorsed

conscription. The British captured Hollebeke. Sir Richard McBride, formerly Premier of British Columbia, died suddenly in London. A Cabinet of moderates was formed to control the affairs of

British scored a success in Belgium, off-setting the German victory on the dunes.

Hon. Arthur Henderson resigned from the British War Cabinet. He was the representative of the Socialists and Laborites, an was in favor of permitting of gates to attend the Socialistic congress in Stockholm. Over that issue he split with Premier Lloyd George. German aeroplanes bombarded

Sebastopol. Sir William Mortimer Clarke, formerly Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, died. Pope Benedict made a proposal of peace to the warring nations.

15. The Canadian troops captured The Chinese Government definitely stated that their republic was at war with Germany.

19. The Italians started an offensive against the Austrians.

Hon. Robert Rogers left 'the Borden Cabinet. 21. The Vatican denied that Aus trian influence was responsible

for the peace note. British defeated the Turks north-east of Bagdad. King George conferred the Grand Order of the Bath on James W. Gerard, the United States Ambassador to Berlin for his services on behalf of British

The Russians evacuated portions of the Riga section without striking a blow in its defence. Italians scored a great victory

over the Austrians, capturing 20,000 men and 60 cannon. The Russian State Council opened and Kerensky was greeted with great enthusiasm. President Wilson rejected the

Pope's peace offer, and his reply was used to express the stand of all the Allies. He declared that no peace would be made with the Hohenzollerns. The Governor-General signed the Military Service Act. 29.

The Italians stormed and captured San Gabriele. Earl Grey, former Governor-General of Canada and always a warm friend of the Dominion, died in England. SEPTEMBER.

Four German warships were sunk by the British mosquito fleet off Jutland. The Germans crossed the Dvina, and started an offensive with

Riga as its object. The Russians evacuated Riga without striking a blow, and the Germans entered the city. This incident indicated to the Allies the existence of treachery United States sailors were mob-

bed by Sinn Feiners in Cork. because the Americans were Allies of the British. German fleet arrived at the en trance to the Guif of Finland.
The discovery that the Swedish legation in the Argentine had been used for the sending of of-

ficial cipher messages to Berlin

almost caused a breach between the United States and Sweden. General Korniloff started a re volution against Kerensky. Premier Kerensky of Russia defeated and captured Korniloff. A mob in Buenos Ayres fired the German business houses in that city, and the sinister Count Luxburg was ordered to leave

een Eleanor of Bulgaria died. Russia declared a republican 20. The Argentine decided to sever diplomatic relations with Ger-The Quebec Bridge was com-

the Argentine.

pleted. 11. British made terrible smash in the Ypres sector. Germans took Ja 22 other cities on the Dvina.

30. The British scored a great vic tory near Bagdad. Maude bagged a whole Turkish Japan proclaimed a Monroe Doc-

trine in the Far East, and in future will safeguard the interests of China.

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Soldiers had to quell a great peace riot in Essen. General Falkenhayn took com-

maud of the Turkish troops. Two Liberals, Hon. Hugh Guthrie and Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, entered the Borden Cabinet. Arabs in revolt against the Turks joined the British in Pal-

estine. Peru and Uruguay severed relations with Germany, adding two more nations to the enemies of the Central Powers.
Pope Benedict called on the

Teutons to cease raiding open cities. General Korniloff was fully vindicated when tried for rebellion against the Russian Previsional

Government. A Union Government was formed at Ottawa by Premier Borden. The Russians defeated

Kurds. Vice-Admiral von Capelle signed on account of a mutiny in the German navy. Germans seized an island in the Riga Gulf.

The famous female German spy, "Eye of the Morning" was shot in Paris. The Germans seized Moon Island from the Russians.

The Russian fleet sailed from Moon Sound, and the Germans occupied Dago Island. German zeppelins raided Hazland, and on their way back the

French aviators brought down six of them. Petain's troops smashed the German lines on the Aisne, taking 25 cannon and 7,500 prisoners. The Italian Government resigned office when a vote of confidence in the Chamber of De-

puties failed to carry. Defeat of Italian troops by the Germans and Austrians developed into one of the greatest disasters of the war. The line was shaken from the Adriatic Sea to the Julian Alps. The Canadians captured Belle-

vue spur. American troops captured their first German prisoner on the French front. Canadians advanced to the out-

skirts of Passchendaele Flanders. NOVEMBER. 1. British occupied Beersheba.

Count von Hertling became Chancellor of Germany, succeeding Dr. Michaelis who resigned after a short and futile term in office. Germans started a revolt in Berlin.

British destroyed the Gates of Gaza. First Americans captured Germans in France. Rev. Dr. Carman, for many years leader of Methodism in Canada,

died 6 Canadians captured Passchendaele, the last of the remaining German defences on the famous Another revolution occurred in Russia. Petrograd was seized by the Bolsheviki, giving Lenine

and Trotsky control. Premier Kerensky escaped from Petrograd. General Maude occupied Tekrit. A new combination of French, British, and Italian strategists took control of the Italian army. replacing General Cadorna. The Bolskeviki proposed a threemonth armistice so that an attempt might be made to arrange

peace.

General Allenby captured Aska-The Italian army, thoroughly reorganized, settled down to defend a new line on the Piave. Clemenceau became premier of France, succeeding Painleve, who was forced to resign when M. Thomas, the leader of the Socialist wing, efused to support his Cabinet on account of the imperialistic tendencies of certain of its members. The British occupied Jaffa, the

General Byng made a great thrust at Cambrai, advancing over five miles the biggest success of the year. Sir Leander Starr Jameson, remembered for the famous Jame-

son raid, died in South Africa.

port of Jerusalem.

DECEMBER. 2. The Germans made counterattacks at Cambrai, and retook a part of the ground. It was the most serious defeat that the British had suffered at the hands of the Germans since the spring

of 1915. 3. East Africa was announced to be completely cleared of Germans, so that the last of the Kaiser's colonies—with the exception of Bulgaria and Austria became a British possession.

. An ammunition ship - collided with another boat in Halifax Harbor, causing an explosion that wrecked the city, causing the death of over a thousand. This was the most serious disaster in the history of Canada. General Allenby occupied Heb-

The United States declared was against Austria. The Cossacks started a revoluagainst the Bolsheviki. 10. The British captured Jerusalem.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell, a former Premier of Canada, died at Belleville. An armistice was signed tween the Russians and the Germans, and peace negotiations will continue until January 12

17. The Union Government of Casada was returned to power by large majority.

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