

**MAYOR, CONTROLLERS AND ALDERMEN ELECTED FOR YEAR 1917**

Mayor: T. L. CHURCH (Accl.)

Controllers: CAMERON O'NEILL, FOSTER, SHAW

Aldermen: Ward 1: ROBBINS, HILTZ, FENWICK; Ward 2: BEAMISH, BALL, RISK; Ward 3: MAGUIRE, RAMSDEN, BURGESS; Ward 4: NESBITT, McMULKIN, SINGER; Ward 5: GRAHAM, ARCHIBALD, DUNN; Ward 6: MACGREGOR, McBRIEN, GIBBONS; Ward 7: RYDING, WHETTER

**FIERCE ACTION CONTINUES ON ROMANIAN LINE**

**Russians Take Up New Positions Near Braila—Beat Off Foes.**

**ENEMY ENTRENCHES**

**Allies Continue to Hold Steadily on Moldavian Mountain Frontier.**

Special Cable to The Toronto World. London, Jan. 1.—The Teutonic forces continue their attacks in Rumania, and under their insistent battering both the Russians and Rumanians were pressed back a little distance, according to an official report issued at Petrograd today.

The Germans, after being beaten back by the Russian rifle fire in the Comanula region, 10 miles west of Braila, have begun to entrench themselves in positions 800 to 1000 feet from the Russian line.

The Rumanians, who were holding lines near the sources of the River Rimna, were pressed back under the weight of the Teuton onset, as far as the region of Patrouani, 14 miles west of Fokshany.

In the region of Fokshany, and farther to the southeast, down to the Danube, the Russian forces have taken up new positions in a night withdrawal, without being molested by the enemy. The following morning the Teutons began to launch attacks on the Buzeu River, and along the Suceu-Braila Railway, but their efforts were frustrated by the Russian rifle and artillery fire.

On the Moldavian frontier the Russians have held up the advance of the enemy.

About 23 battalions of the foe attacked the Russian center and pressed it back to the next line of defenses in the Dobruja.

Berlin Makes Big Claims. A Berlin despatch says: On the Moldavian front yesterday the Austro-Germans, after a day of fighting, (Concluded on Page 11, Column 4).

**HAMILTON DEFEATS HYDRO RADIAL BYLAW—RIOTS AND BLOODSHED IN KITCHENER**

**HYDRO STRONGLY ENFORCED EXCEPT IN HAMILTON CITY**

**Radial Bylaw is Defeated There and in Two or Three Minor Places—Power Bylaws Carried All Over the Province.**

With one outstanding exception, that of Hamilton, the hydro radial project was endorsed by the municipalities yesterday. In St. Catharines, where there had been marked opposition, the bylaw was carried by 700 majority. One or two other places, such as Nelson Township, also went against the project. The majority, however, voted enthusiastically for the scheme.

In the southern part of the province, where a power bylaw similar to that put to the vote of the citizens of Toronto as to whether the people favored the municipalizing of the Chippawa Creek development scheme, the only important opposition came from Goderich. Most of the municipalities voted up majorities similar to that of Toronto. Even Hamilton supported it. The northern municipalities without a single exception favored by large majorities the hydro scheme in large parts of the country. Collingwood rolled up a 700 majority, and other places in that district, Barrie, Midland, Penetang, etc., were equally emphatic.

**HAMILTON DEFEATS BYLAW.**

**Bitter Fight Against Sir Adam Beck Results in Adverse Majority.**

By Staff Reporter. Hamilton, Jan. 2.—Hamiltonians turned down the hydro radial bylaw, which called for an expenditure of \$6,000,000, with a view towards linking up Toronto with Niagara Falls, via Hamilton and St. Catharines. Owing to the fact that the bylaw was being tabulated no official figures could be obtained, so the city returning officers stated that the Sir Adam Beck's scheme had only a narrow majority of about 600. The result was a surprise, owing to the fact that great enthusiasm had been shown at all meetings held by hydro commissioners last week. It was property their vote and the well advertised threat that if the bylaw passed the householders would be obliged to mortgage their homes to accomplish it. The board of trade conducted a very aggressive campaign against the bylaw, and carried huge advertisements daily in the press.

**May Vote Again.**

In the surrounding vicinity the result was the opposite, as the majority of the towns and villages endorsed the scheme. It is likely that the bylaw will be again discussed by the council, and preventing until the people vote upon, as even the people's opponents of the scheme state that it would have passed if the particulars had been given to the ratepayers earlier.

The question as to whether the government should go forward with the Chippawa Creek development scheme carried by a substantial majority, the like of the hydro radial bylaw, no official figures could be obtained, as no vote was taken. By voting in favor of the scheme the government will spend \$15,000,000, but the profits will go to the municipalities.

**FOUGHT FOR HYDRO.**

**Strenuous Contest at St. Catharines, But Opposition Loss.**

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**DINEEN'S BIG FUR SALE.**

Dineen's annual fur sale was resumed today in full activity. Although last week was the "twelve hole" time, the sale was most popular. Every article of Dineen's regular stock of furs is reduced to make a complete clearance, and the season's bargain offered that usually mark the end of the season. W. & D. Dineen Company, Limited, 140 Yonge Street, corner Temperance.

**CRITICISM IN BRUCE REPORT NOT JUSTIFIED**

**Canadian Sick and Wounded Well Cared for Say Investigators.**

**SEGREGATION OPPOSED**

**Treatment of Canadians in British Hospitals Works Out Well.**

Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, Jan. 1.—George Perley, minister of militia overseas, handed the Canadian Associated Press today a report of the board of inquiry into the Canadian medical services. Surgeon-General Bapiste was president and other members were Col. Ashton, commandant of the Canadian division at Shorncliffe; Col. J. T. Fotheringham, Col. A. E. Ross, and Lieut.-Col. J. M. Elder. The board was thus composed of eminent officers of wide experience and the highest professional standing, who had actual experience and intimate personal knowledge of the requirements of the medical service board. They sat continuously for four weeks hearing evidence and visiting a number of hospitals that were the subject of criticism in the Bruce report. The evidence of both Col. Bruce and Surgeon-General Bapiste was taken at great length as well as that of Surgeon-General Durovren, chief medical officer at Southampton; Lord Chilton, director of the V. A. D. hospitals in Kent; and a number of prominent officials of the war office.

**Anxiety Dispelled.**

The people of Canada will above all be much pleased and relieved to know that the board, relying on its own observations and the evidence before it, is abundantly satisfied that the Canadian sick and wounded have been thoroughly well cared for. The report agrees that large numbers of soldiers continue to come from Canada who are unfit for active service. This is to some extent inevitable under the circumstances of missing the Canadian force and was partly due to the inexperience of the examining medical officers.

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**ALLIES' FLAT REFUSAL DEPLORED BY BERLIN**

**Hypocritical Concern for Suffering Neutrals is Professed by Enemy.**

Berlin, Jan. 1, via Sayville.—"The text of the entente note replying to the peace offer of the central powers," says the semi-official Overseas News Agency, "reached Berlin as transmitted from Paris by the Havas News Agency. The general impression is that the entente answer, notwithstanding its not infrequent use of the word 'neutrals,' is not intended to end the work of the neutral countries suffering from the consequences of the war. It is pointed out as especially remarkable that the entente note mentions the right of nationalities, also one of the avowed war purposes of the entente is the conquest of Constantinople and the Straits."

**LOSSES OF BRITISH NOTABLY LESSEN**

**Reported Casualties in December Total Thirty-Seven Thousand.**

**DROP FROM SOMME**

**Cessation of Offensive Brings Considerable Diminution in Figures.**

London, Jan. 1.—The total of British casualties reported in the published lists from Dec. 1 to Dec 31 was: Officers, 815; men, 36,350. No lists were published during the holidays.

The effect of cessation of the Somme offensive with the advent of unfavorable weather conditions is shown in these figures, which give a daily average of 3548 casualties for the 24 days covered by the report. In November the daily average was 2488 and in October 3152. The losses reported in December bring up the total British casualties since the beginning of the Somme offensive to 520,917.

**CALLED ON THE SOLDIERS.**

The premier, with Mrs. Hearst, visited the convalescent home on College Street and that at Old Knox College on Spadina avenue yesterday. They were received in the former by Capt. Hughes and in the latter by Captain Ogden. They took the occasion to wish the inmates of the home the compliments of the season.

**BRITONS OPEN YEAR BY DONNING KHAKI**

**Thousands of Men of Military Age Are Called to Colors.**

**NEW FARES IN FORCE**

**Bakers, Except in Scotland, Commence to Make Standard Bread.**

London, Jan. 1.—New Year's Day was eventful in the lives of many Britons. Thousands of men of military age who had been granted temporary leave or other arrangements for the carrying on of their business were called to the colors, while others who had been doing work of national importance and whose places have now been taken by women or by men over the military age, donned khaki for the first time.

There was a rush at all the recruiting offices and all day long columns of men, after having complied with the formalities, were marched off to the depots to commence training.

The new railway time-tables and fares also came into effect. Numerous trains were cancelled, stations were closed and travellers were called upon to pay a 50 per cent increase in fares.

Except in Scotland, where there is another week's supply of white flour, bakers today, under the new order of things, started to bake excessively whole wheat or standard bread.

**KING GEORGE TOUCHED BY CANADA'S MESSAGE**

**His Majesty Hopes for Triumphant Outcome Before Year Ends.**

Ottawa, Jan. 1.—The following message from His Majesty the King was received by the governor-general tonight:

"I thank you warmly for the message you have conveyed to me on behalf of the Dominion of Canada. It is with the fullest confidence in the ultimate success of this great struggle that I heartily reciprocate the hopes of the Canadian people that our victory will secure an abiding peace to my whole empire. I am deeply sensible of Canadian self-sacrifice and firm resolution to crown the success of the allied arms with God's blessing, and pray that the new year will prove the vindication of our righteous cause."

**EARL GRANVILLE APPOINTED BRITISH AGENT AT SALONICA**

London, Jan. 1.—It is officially announced that Earl Granville, counselor of the British Embassy in Paris, has been appointed representative of the British Government to the provisional government of Eleutherios Venizelos at Salonica with the title of diplomatic agent.

**WAR SUMMARY**

**THE DAYS EVENTS REVIEWED**

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**GALT CUSTOMS RETURNS LESS.**

Special to The Toronto World. Galt, Jan. 1.—Galt customs returns for December show a decrease of \$10,000, which is accounted for by less wool being imported and short-ages of bituminous coal. During December, 1916, customs returns totaled \$52,085.10 in comparison with \$61,788.09 for the same month in 1915; decrease of \$9,702.99.

**RIOT AND BLOODSHED IN KITCHENER WHEN ELECTION RESULTS ARE KNOWN**

**Citizens' League, Which Does Not Favor the Name of Kitchener, But Wants to Go Back to Berlin, Elects Mayor and Fifteen Aldermen—Crowd wrecks Newspaper Office and Injures Spectators—Insult to British Flag Starts Riot—Martial Law Proclaimed and Militia Called Out.**

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The issue was fought on the question of endorsing the aldermen of the city council who favored the recent bylaw to change the name of the city. These aldermen were all defeated with the other candidates of the British League. At about nine o'clock, when news of the returns indicated a victory for the Citizens' League, which has been dubbed the "Pro-German League," a crowd started down King street towards the News-Record office, which supported the Citizens' League, carrying the Union Jack before them. In front of the News-Record office the flag started the riot. H. M. Bowman, one of the Citizens' League candidates for the city council, who was in the News-Record office at the time, was hit on the head by a chair and perhaps fatally injured.

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