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BULGARS FEAR GREECE; RETIRE FROM MONASTIR Kaiser's Demands Open Breach in Relations With Austria

Signs of the Times

ATORONTO firm that does a large mail order business thruout Canada received in cash for one day's business this week no less a sum than \$125,000.

Toronto bank clearings for the month of November were \$18,554,000 more than for October, and \$56,000,000 more than for September. It is probable that the bank clearings for the week, to be published today, will be \$5,000,000 more than for last week.

Railway earnings, which, with bank clearings, indicate the increase in business of the country, show increases of 50 per cent. every week.

Toronto customs revenue for November was the highest on record, showing an increase of \$1,001,405.79. Customs revenue for the whole of Canada for November showed an increase of \$4,157,000.

The Dominion of Canada war loan of \$50,000,000 was over-subscribed by \$60,000,000.

Total revenue from the Dominion of Canada for November amounted to \$17,072,456.76, an increase of \$7,576,920.46, and the largest for any month in the history of the Dominion.

There was an increase of building permits in Toronto in November over the same month last year of \$61,322.

Trust and mortgage companies report that there has been a marked improvement in their business. People are meeting their obligations freely and promptly.

Ask any employer of labor what are the conditions in Toronto today, and he will tell you labor is well employed. Good men are hard to get. Men who want work have no real difficulty in finding it.

The man on the street can see the difference for himself. Conditions that prevailed last winter no longer exist. Appeals for charity have diminished remarkably.

Conditions in the three prairie provinces show a decided change for the better. Business men are buying heavily, and a great deal of land is being sold to new settlers.

The western crop is growing every day. An immense load of debt is being lifted, and farmers are paying both interest and principal on their mortgages. The great crop has put millions in money into the hands of the western farmers. The millions of bushels of grain still in farmers' hands and yet to be marketed mean that there is still in the country vast stores of unrealized wealth.

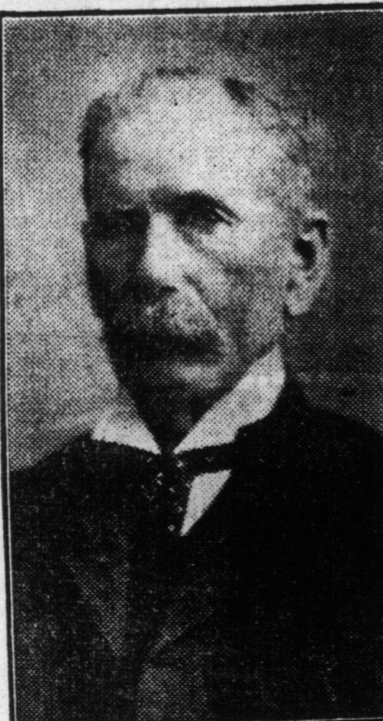
The farmers have the money. They are meeting their obligations and paying off old scores. They are buying from the merchant and the manufacturer. All classes in their wealth benefit by the outflow of new wealth.

These are facts that carry their own convincing story. This new condition means much to Canada, not alone in its effect on present business conditions, but as an evidence of what can be done. So long as Canada depends for its wealth on its productivity, it need never know hard times.

FOUR VACANCIES IN SENATE ARE FILLED BY GOVERNMENT

Hon. Dr. Sproule, Chas. P. Beaubien, John Milne, and Hon. John McLean Are Appointed.

GOES TO THE SENATE



HON. DR. T. S. SPROULE

Speaker of the house of commons, who has been appointed to the senate.

By a Staff Reporter.
OTTAWA, Dec. 1.—Four of the vacancies in the senate are about to be filled by the government, and the men who have been selected are: Hon. T. S. Sproule, Speaker of the house of commons; Charles P. Beaubien, K.C., of Montreal; John Milne of Hamilton and Hon. John McLean, one of the ablest colleagues of Premier Massey in the government of Prince Edward Island. Hon. Dr. Sproule's successor as Speaker of the house of commons will probably be Albert Savigny, M.P. for Dorchester, who has been deputy speaker since Hon. P. E. Blondin was taken into the cabinet a year ago. Other appointments to the senate may be expected soon, as there are eight more vacancies to be filled.

SAVED SEVENTEEN FROM NEWFOUNDLAND BOAT

Norwegian Ship Lands Survivors of Swallow at Stornoway.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The Norwegian steamer Hercules, bound from New York for Bergen, has landed at Stornoway, six members of the crew and eleven passengers of the Newfoundland schooner Swallow. The Swallow was wrecked in a storm while bound from Labrador to Newfoundland.

Athens Situation Remaining Tense

Kitchener and Cochin Expected, However, to Remove Complications.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—In a despatch from Athens, Reuter's correspondent says the situation in the Greek capital is still tense. He adds, however, that The Embros, which usually reflects authoritative opinion, puts forth the hope that on the arrival in London and Paris respectively of Earl Kitchener and Denis Cochin, who are declared to have expressed in Athens views approaching those held by the Greek Government, they may prove instrumental in clearing the complicated situation.

NEW GOVERNMENT HOUSE READY FOR OCCUPANCY



Two photographs of the entrance hall and grand stairway of Government House, into which Sir John Hendrie and his family will move in a few days.

BULGARS FEAR TO CONTINUE CAMPAIGN AGAINST SERBIA

King Ferdinand Apprehending Clash With Greece, Abandons Hope of Occupying Monastir—Campaign Brought to Close With Prisrend's Capture.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Like Germany, and no official news that there has been any change there has been received since the capture of Prisrend her campaign against Serbia has come to an end, which seems to support the suggestion that to avoid a dispute with Greece, King Ferdinand of Bulgaria has decided against the occupation of Monastir, the only town of any importance remaining in Serbian hands. Monastir was still in the hands of the Serbians until late Monday night.

AUSTRO-GERMAN RELATIONS BECOMING BADLY STRAINED?

Kaiser Reported to Be Trying to Force Austria into German Customs Union.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Emperor William's visit to Vienna, which coincided with the resignation of three of the Austrian cabinet ministers, is the cause of much speculation. The two events are variously assumed to be connected with the reported effort of Germany to force Austria into a German Zollverein (customs union), a desire of Emperor Francis Joseph to secure a separate peace thru the intervention of Pope Benedict, and a rumored dispute between Austria and Bulgaria over the division of Serbian territory.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS DEMAND OUTLINING OF PEACE TERMS

Clear Answer From Government Will Be Insisted Upon Says Vorwaerts—Pertinent Queries by Liebknecht.

BERLIN, Dec. 2, via London.—The Vorwaerts, the organ of the Social Democratic party, announces that the Social Democrats in the reichstag have determined to put the following interpellation in a body at the next session: "Is the imperial chancellor ready to give information as to the conditions under which he would be willing to enter into peace negotiations?" Herr Scheidemann, the leader of the party, will put the question and Herr Landsberg has been chosen to debate. A more detailed and searching inquiry as to the government's attitude respecting peace was defeated by the Social Democrats by a vote of 88 to 42. The Vorwaerts, in commenting on the subject, says: "What we demand is a definite expression on the Social Democrats' peace demands and a clear answer from the government."

LIEBKNECHT'S QUERIES.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 2. 2.26 a. m.—The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger

AUSTRIA MUST BOW TO KAISER

London Post Says Resignation of Cabinet Ministers Tells Story.

SEE ECONOMIC PERIL

Demand for Tariff Union is Warning to Austria-Hungary.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The Morning Post's Hungarian correspondence, in a despatch printed this morning, says: "The resignation of the three Austrian cabinet ministers is a protest against Germany's attempt to force a Zollverein on Austria and Hungary and a warning to the people of Austria-Hungary that there is economic danger ahead."

"Germany's Zollverein policy already has aroused bitter opposition in both Austria and Hungarian Governments. There is little doubt that the conference between the two emperors had reference to a tariff union and the ministers who opposed it had to resign. Rudolph Schuster von Bonnot, minister of commerce, who was among those to resign, in a recent speech opposed the German scheme. He is a shining light in the circles that fear that after the war Germany, cut off from exploiting the entente countries, is preparing to swallow Austria-Hungary under the guise of a customs union."

FELL AND BROKE ANKLE.

Mamie Rist, 171 Lippincott street, sustained a broken ankle last evening when she fell from a Bloor street car at the corner of College street and Spadina avenue. She was attended by Dr. Silverthorne, 286 College street, and was removed to her home.

BREACH WAS OPENED IN THE ENEMIES FORT

Gap Hundred Feet Wide Torn in Redoubt by Allied Batteries.

FOE'S CONVOY SHELLED

Armored Train Driven to Cover in Engagement Near Roye.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.
PARIS, Dec. 1.—A breach of 100 feet was opened in one German redoubt at a point east of Boesinghe in Belgium by French and British artillery and other important damage was done in the same bombardment to the German defensive organization in the same district, the French official communique said tonight.

The entire operations of the day consisted of work by artillery and this proved very effective against the Germans. A spirited cannonade took place on the sunken road from Arras and the road from Bethune, north of Bois-en-Hache, Artois, and further to the southeast the Germans violently bombarded the French positions between the Somme and the Oise, in the Roye region. The French batteries worked great havoc in replying to the Germans. They caught in a storm of fire a German armored train on the road between Chaumes and Roye and forced it to turn back and they shelled a German convoy in the Roye district with apparent effect. Northeast of Soissons a German column of Infantry was dispersed by artillery fire.

The Belgians report the throwing of projectiles by the enemy on various towns in their zone of occupation and a vigorous counter-reply from their guns.

WILL OBSERVE LAWS IN FIGHT WITH GERMANY

Britain to Keep Within International Code in Dealings With Neutrals.

READY TO ARBITRATE

Disputes Arising From Blockade of Enemy to Be Settled After War.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—"The declaration of London has no international validity, and adoption of the declaration by an order in council does not involve the creation of an international tribunal," said the Marquis of Lansdowne, minister without portfolio in the British Cabinet, in answer to a series of questions put by the Earl of Portsmouth in the house of lords today. "We have adopted the declaration only with very considerable and important modifications, and we adopted it only partially and for the guidance of our own courts."

TURKS BADLY BEATEN SOUTH OF LAKE VAN

Russians in Pursuit of Enemy After Capture of Positions.

PETROGRAD, via London, Dec. 1.—The following official communication was issued today: "There is no change in the situation on the western (Russian) front. In the Caucasus, south of Lake Van, the Turks, after two days of fighting near the village of Yankouk, were dislodged from two fortified positions and retired precipitately in a westerly direction pursued by our troops."

GREECE AND ROUMANIA STILL HOLDING ALOOF

Final Settlement of Difficulties With Greece Not Yet in Sight.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The attitude of Roumania is still uncertain. The latest reports say that she, like Greece, is trying to remain neutral, but with two belligerent armies on her borders, this, it is believed, may prove difficult.

Greece, in her reply to the latest note of the entente allies, insists upon the maintenance of her neutrality and independence, and a final settlement of the points at issue between the Hellenic kingdom and the entente powers is not yet in sight. Greece objects, according to the despatches from Athens, to the evacuation of Saloniki by her troops, the handing over of the railways to the entente allies, and the policing by the navies of the entente powers of her coastal waters to circumvent the activities of the German submarines.

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