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FRENCH MAKE ADVANCE IN ACTION NORTH OF MONASTIR Rumanians Engage Germans in Violent Battle Near Ploechti

FRENCH THROW LINE FORWARD IN MACEDONIA Battle Results in Half Mile Advance North of Monastir.

FOE DEFENDS PEAK Allies Encounter Desperate Resistance From Bulgarians and Germans.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. London, Dec. 11.—Fighting their way onward in winter weather in the hills of Macedonia, the French troops engaged north of Monastir...

BOY MEETS HIS DEATH AS HE STEPS IN CAR'S PATH

Ten-Year-Old Bert Crawford is Struck When Crossing Intersection.

Ten-year-old Bert Crawford, 152 Euclid avenue, was fatally injured about six o'clock last night when struck by a motor car, owned and driven by Chas. L. Bickell...

According to the police the boy was running south across the intersection and stepped in front of the car, the mudguard of which struck him on the forehead and felled him to the pavement...

FOE BREAKS PLEDGE TO UNITED STATES

Sinking of Marina Proves Clear Violation of Kaiser's Promise.

ADMITS TORPEDOING

Germany Will Be Notified by Washington of Disapproval.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Information assembled at the state department by some officials and believed to present a clear-cut violation of German pledges...

It was announced at the department today that the evidence had been sent as a matter of courtesy to allow the imperial government to offer any other facts it may have before the United States takes its next step.

The French official communication of tonight says: "Army of the east: On Dec. 10 attacks by the allied troops in the sector north of Monastir were hampered by heavy weather..."

LIBERALS TO VALIDATE LEGISLATION IN B. C.

Will Ask Imperial Government to Pass Bill Authorizing Extension.

Vancouver, Dec. 11.—For the purpose of validating certain legislation passed by the provincial government subsequent to March 4, 1916...

KILLED BY CAR

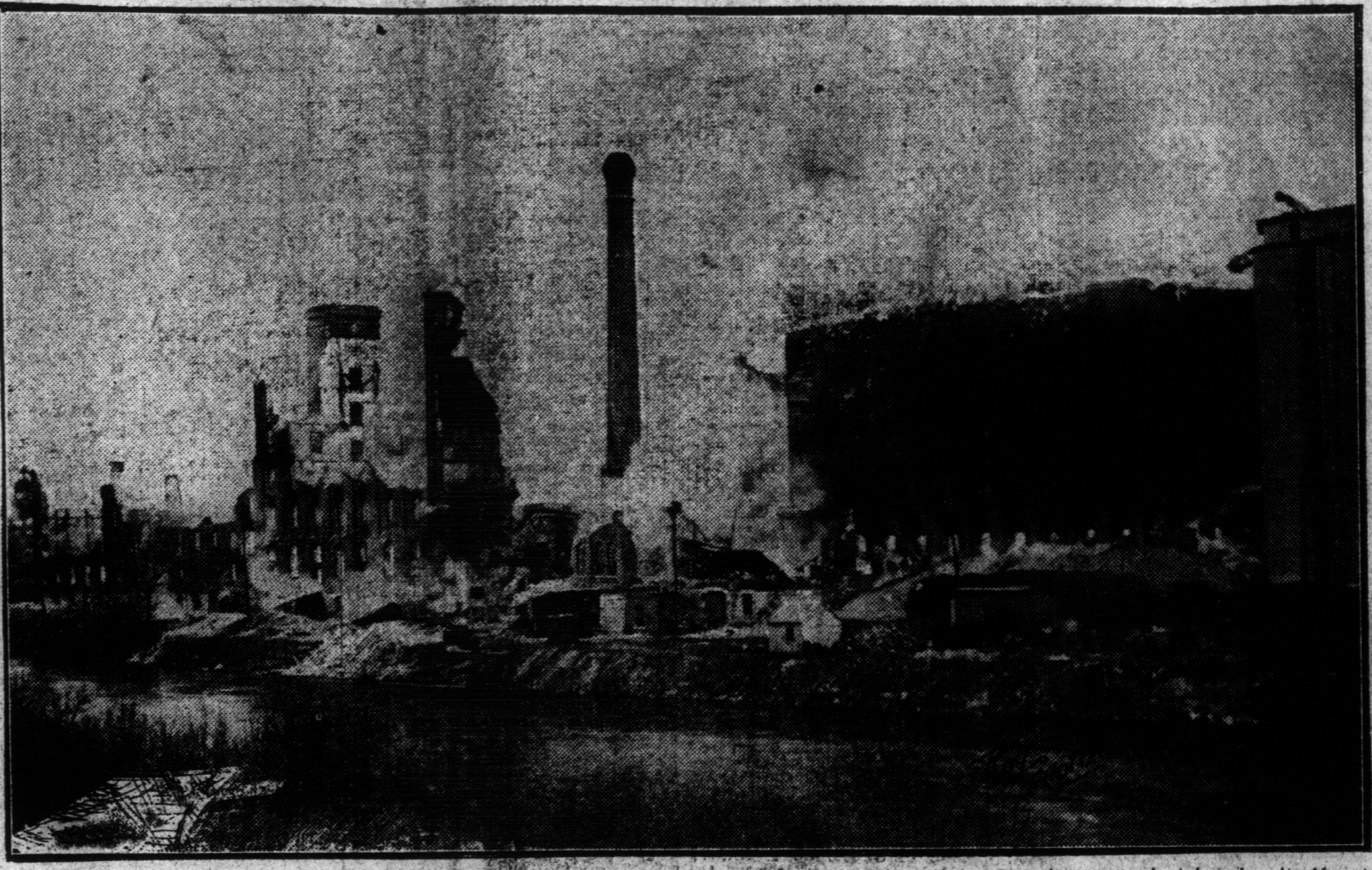
Windsor, Ont., Dec. 11.—Ernest Pastorius, of this city, was struck and instantly killed early this morning by a Walkerville car as he was crossing the street to board a car for Amherstburg.

WAR SUMMARY THE DAYS' EVENTS REVIEWED

IN spite of King Constantine's menace to the allies at Salonica, General Sarrail is carrying on his offensive in northern Macedonia with great vigor, and he reported last night that the French war office that French troops made an advance of about half a mile in the region of Vlaklar...

This front north of Salonica is apparently the region where the Allies plan to continue the campaign during the winter, altho it was held at first to be planned to proceed no further than Monastir...

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MILLION DOLLAR FIRE AT PETERBORO MONDAY



This picture was taken while the fire which destroyed the plant of the Quaker Oats Company at Peterboro was just burning itself out. Sixteen employees were burned to death and fifteen injured, five seriously.

LOYD GEORGE IS RECOVERING

Illness, Which Kept Him From Buckingham Palace, Not Serious.

ASQUITH IS ALSO ILL

New Premier Sends Stirring Message to Members of House.

London, Dec. 11.—It was announced tonight that the condition of Premier Lloyd George is improving and that he expects to be out in a day or two.

Herbert H. Asquith is suffering from influenza and will be unable to leave his house for a few days.

An earlier statement said the new premier was suffering from a severe chill which prevented his going to Buckingham Palace today with the members of his cabinet to receive the seals of office from King George.

Premier Lloyd George sent the following message to all members of the house of commons: "The King has entrusted me with the task of forming a government. I have carried out the command. I had hoped to make a statement to the house on Tuesday, but I now find it to be impossible..."

FRESH DRIVE IN WEST APPREHENDED BY FOE

Anglo-French Efforts to Break Thru Not Likely to Slacken.

Berlin, Dec. 11.—A correspondent of The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung with the German army in France is quoted by the Overseas News Agency as saying that new attempts to break thru the German line must be expected. "British officers, who have been taken prisoner," says the correspondent, "have declared that the chief command will continue their attack until they do break thru..."

FRENCH WAR MINISTRY TO BE KNOWN TODAY

Negotiations Connected With Changes in Government Probably Completed.

Paris, Dec. 11.—The Temps says the negotiations connected with the intended changes in the government probably will be finished this evening and the personnel of the new cabinet announced tomorrow.

SIXTEEN BELIEVED LOST IN BIG PETERBORO FIRE

Twelve Employees of Quaker Oats Company Missing and Fifteen Injured or Burned, Several Seriously—Loss Estimated at Million Dollars.

Special to The Toronto World. Peterboro, Ont., Dec. 11.—Sixteen persons are believed to have lost their lives, while fifteen others were injured or burned, five of them seriously, in a fire which, following an explosion at 10.30 a.m. today, destroyed the plant of the Quaker Oats Company and a portion of the court house here.

The badly injured or burned are: R. Healy, fractured skull; J. Houllhan, not expected to live; J. W. Tetreau, badly burned, and C. Nicola, badly burned.

The known dead are Edwin Howley, killed by explosion; Vincent Fornale, Dominick Martino and Fred Holden, who died on reaching the hospital.

The missing are: William Lesley, James W. Gordon, James Foster, Ernest Staunton, Denis O'Brien, Alexander McGee, William Hogan, Thomas Parsons, William Miles, Daniel Nichols, John Conway and Wilbert Kemp.

In addition to the complete destruction of the splendid plant of the Quaker Oats Co., the loss of the plant is estimated tonight that the damage caused by the fire will approach one million dollars, largely covered by insurance.

POST FOR JOFFRE ON WAR COUNCIL

Gen. Nivelle Regarded as Likely to Get Supreme Command.

London, Thursday, Dec. 12.—The Tribune this morning says: Paris, Dec. 11.—Joffre, the idol of France and its armies, must make way for new blood. This is the great and almost tragic result of the recent ferment.

France is house cleaning because the French want to get on with the war. The people no longer care for personalities; winning the war is the only thing that counts. The lessons of Rumania and Greece have made a big impression on the public—so big that the French people demand a change in the high command.

The changes in the ministry are of minor importance, merely the eddies of a great wave of public opinion sweeping over the military command. The radical Socialists are using it to get a stronger representation in the government, but the soldier is the only man who counts now.

RED CROSS HANDLES FLOOD OF PARCELS

Christmas Cheer for Canadian Wounded is on Generous Scale.

DELIVERY IS EXCELLENT

Gifts Sent to Prisoners in Germany Reach Their Destination.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, Dec. 11.—Twenty thousand letter cases are going to Canadian wounded thru the Red Cross as Christmas gifts. Eighteen thousand Christmas stockings have been received from Montreal, and extra parcels for prisoners in Germany, containing plum pudding, mince tarts, fruit cake and chocolate, were despatched in November to ensure delivery by Christmas.

The privilege much appreciated by Australian soldiers in hospital, which so far applies to them alone, is that they may send unstamped letters to France, also their unstamped letters to addresses in the United Kingdom are charged at single rate of postage, which is equivalent to recipient himself paying postage.

BRITISH KEEP UP RAIDS ON GERMAN POSITIONS

Carry Out Successful Attempts Near Neuville-St. Vaast and Armentieres.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. London, Dec. 11.—The British front is marked again by a continuance of the raiding policy, successful attempts of this sort being carried out east of Neuville St. Vaast and southeast of Armentieres, according to the British official communication, issued tonight. Machine gun emplacements were destroyed and prisoners were taken. The Germans tried to retaliate by a raid east of La Bouteillerie, but they failed.

The French experienced violent artillery fighting in the region of Villars Bois, northwest of Theux, and the Douaumont sector. The German trenches in Le Frette Wood, west of Pont-a-Mousson, were successfully attacked. Four German aeroplanes have been brought down, two at Verdun and two in the Champagne.

DUCHESS PAYS VISIT.

London, Dec. 11.—The Duchess of Connaught visited the offices of the war contingent today and was received by Lady Fenley. Later her highness hopes to visit the Canadian hospital at Shorncliffe, maintained by the association. All beds have been fully occupied for some time.

RUMANIANS ON ATTACK CHECK FOE'S ADVANCE

Big Engagement Develops With Invaders of Wallachia Near Ploechti.

SMASH TEUTON FLANK

Apparent Enveloping Movement Begins in Conjunction With Russian Drive.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. London, Dec. 11.—By counter-attacking and driving back the Germans on the Ploechti-Mizil high road, the Rumanians have begun another big engagement with the invaders, according to the official communication issued by Petrograd today.

The Rumanians are attacking the German left flank in a threatened enveloping movement. The Germans, after the check to their advance, moved more troops in the night, but reinforcements came up and retook a vantage point from the Rumanians. These rallied and they regained their lost ground in brisk fighting.

The Rumanians also made progress in their advance in the region of Vale Putna Village and in the Trotus Valley, in despite of strenuous resistance from the enemy. The Germans met their advance by a violent fire and by counter-attacks, but they were unable to regain their lost ground.

A deep snowfall in the mountains has greatly hampered operations. Fight Delaying Battle. It is reported unofficially that the Rumanian action east of Ploechti is a delaying battle for the purpose of giving the Russians time to complete their mastery of the passes in the Carpathians, so as to invade Transylvania and imperil the position of Von Mackensen in Rumania.

The Bulgarians crossed the Danube near Turtukai, according to Sofia. This crossing was only made possible by the withdrawal of the Rumanian forces on the Danube eastward. The Germans did not admit their check east of Ploechti, but they claim that in Transylvania strong Russian attacks failed and were without influence on the rapid Teuton advance in Wallachia.

A Rome wireless despatch says that the stand made by the Rumanians east of Ploechti resulted in the driving back of the enemy a distance of several kilometers. Two German squadrons of cavalry which got in the way were wiped out by the Rumanian attack.

Foe Levies War Tax

Telegraphing from Jassy, the new capital of Rumania, under date of December 9, The Times correspondent says: "The Germans have levied a heavy war tax on Bucharest. An edict has been issued forbidding the circulation of paper money unless it is marked as German, for which 30 per cent of the value of the notes is demanded. A similar contribution of 15 per cent, amounting to 2,200,000 sterling has been exacted from Craiova."

Big Air Raids in Belgium Effected by Entente Allies

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 11.—The Telegraph reports that the entente allies have made important air raids on various parts of Belgium. The newspaper says that a dozen airplanes reached Zebrugge, where anti-aircraft guns replied to them vigorously. British airplanes also attacked the military works at Brussels, Oudenard and Louvain. Train traffic has been impeded as a result of the air raids.

DINEEN'S CHRISTMAS FURS.

Dineen's furs offer exceptional opportunities for selections for Christmas giving. Every piece of fur bearing the Dineen label carries the stamp of quality. Make your selection early before the very busy Christmas shopping days arrive. There is an ample stock from which every taste and fancy in furs may be exactly suited. Dineen's, 140 Yonge street, and in Hamilton, 20-22 King street west.

Advertisements for clothing and goods: "RE", "Gloves, wool lined, strong sewn seams, Monday, 1.00", "Wool lined, strong sewn seams, Monday, .85", "Gloves, silk lined, heavy weight, pique sewn seam, grey and tan, 1.75 and 2.00", "Gloves, warm fleece lining, 8 to 12 years, .59", "Food Market, aide 6100", "Special Sale", "Dinnerware", "Dineen's Christmas Furs".