

EGYPT PROCLAIMED BRITISH PROTECTORATE THE END OF TURKISH SUZERAINTY THERE

Placed Under Martial Law on Nov. 3 — Khedive Exiled for Pro-Turkish Attitude — Reported He Had Been Preparing to Lead Army to Wrest Control of Country From the British.

London, Dec. 17.—Egypt has been proclaimed a British protectorate. The proclamation of Egypt as a British protectorate was fore-shadowed in recent despatches. On November 3, Egypt was placed under martial law, and Major General Sir John Grenfell Maxwell, commander of the forces in Egypt, was placed in military control of the country.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 17.—The following official communication was issued by the War Office tonight:

"In Belgium our troops have gained ground to the north of the road from Ypres to Menin, and also on that to the south and south-east of Bixchoote.

"We have debouched to the northeast of Arras, and have reached the first houses of St. Laurent Blangy.

"Appreciable progress has been made at Ouliers-La-Boisselle, Mammetz and Maricourt in the region of Bapaume and Peronne.

"From the Somme to the Vosges there is nothing to report."

RUSSIA

Petrograd, Dec. 17.—The following statement from the general staff of the Russian command-in-chief was made public tonight:

"In the direction of Mlawa our cavalry and vanguard troops are chasing the beaten Germans.

"Several of their corps already have crossed the frontier, and captured prisoners, guns and war material."

AUSTRIA

Vienna (via Amsterdam to London, Dec. 17).—The following official communication was issued today:

"The latest news permits of no further doubt that the resistance of the Russian main force has been shattered. After the defeat of the southern wing in the battle of Limanovo, which lasted several days, our allies also gained a victory near Lodz.

"The Russians are now completely routed on the River Buzur.

"Threatened by our advance across the Carpathians from the south, the enemy began a general retreat, which they are trying to cover by stubborn fighting in the regions before the Carpathians.

"Our troops are attacking on the line of Grodno-Zakliczyu.

"Along the other parts of the front the pursuit has begun."

AN AUSTRIAN TRAINING SHIP SUNK BY MINE

London, Dec. 17.—In a despatch from Rome the correspondent of the Central News says:

"A Trieste official has announced the blowing up of a mine, and the sinking of the Austrian training ship Beethoven, with the loss of the crew and all the cadets on board."

None of the standard naval reference books has mention of a training ship named Beethoven belonging to Austria-Hungary. The Dual Monarchy has four or five ships devoted to the training of cadets, and it is possible since the outbreak of hostilities other vessels have been used for this purpose.

When a ship is assigned for training purposes her name is often changed.

WORST YET TO COME, SAYS VON BUELOW

Rome, Dec. 17 (8:55 p.m.)—On his arrival at Rome, Prince Von Buelow, the former Imperial German Chancellor and now Ambassador to Italy, was informed of the bombardment of the English coast by German ships, but showed no surprise. He said that this achievement had been arranged for prior to his departure from Berlin. He added:

"This is simply the prelude to what the German fleet is going to undertake, which may astonish the world."

ON THE BARREN SAND DUNES WITH THE WATCHFUL BELGIANS



GERMAN FLEET ON WAY TO TAKE FALKLANDS WHEN ENGAGED BY STURDEE

Story of Sea Fight in South Atlantic Described by Passengers on Steamer Arriving at Punta Arenas — Eight British Warships in Fight — Germans Saw Only One Warship and Opened Fire — Other British Ships Ap- peared on Scene Unexpectedly and Sent Von Spee's Squadron to Bottom.

Buenos Ayres, Argentina, Dec. 17.—The first detailed accounts of the naval battle on December 8, when four German cruisers were sent to the bottom reached here today from Puerto Gallegos, Patagonia.

According to these accounts the Germans were on their way to seize the Falkland Islands, British possessions, when they came unexpectedly upon a long British warship. The other members of the British fleet were taking on supplies from neighboring islands at the time. Before the strength of their opponents, these ships closed in on them and the fate of Admiral Von Spee's squadron was soon sealed.

Eight British Warships in the Fight

The story of the battle was told by passengers on the British steamer Orissa, which arrived at Punta Arenas from the Falkland Islands, and the crews of the British were placed at eight men.

It was a formidable British squadron which faced the Germans. In addition to the battleship Canopus, the battle cruisers Invincible and Indefatigable and the cruisers Kent, Cornwall, Carnarvon, Bristol and Glasgow. It far outnumbered the German squadron, consisting of the five cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Leipzig, Nurnberg and Dresden.

The British squadron arrived at Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, on December 7 to take on supplies. The next morning the Canopus, which was guarding the entrance to the port, sighted a hostile warship. Four others quickly came into view and were recognized as the squadron of Admiral Von Spee. The German warships had left the Chilean Islands off Guano Fernandez on November 15 for the Falkland Islands, to take possession of the islands and destroy the wireless station.

Only the Canopus was visible at first to the Germans, who steamed straight at her. The Canopus opened fire and the other British warships rushed to her assistance.

The Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig formed in battle line. The Nurnberg and Dresden, however, dropped back from the firing line.

The British warships concentrated their fire on the Scharnhorst, which sank after an hour's fighting. When it became evident that the Scharnhorst, Admiral Von Spee's flagship, was doomed her crew assembled on the forward deck. The Scharnhorst refused to surrender and soon plunged beneath the waves. The crew preserved its formation as the ship went down and cheered as the waters closed about them.

THE BRITISH LUMBER MARKET CONDITIONS

Farnworth and Jardine's wood circular, dated, Liverpool, 1st December, 1914, says:

There is little change to report in the business of the past month; deliveries about kept pace with the moderate arrivals, but the demand is generally quiet, excepting for special woods required for government purposes. Stocks are comparatively light and values are firmer. Ocean freights are very high, and tonnage almost unobtainable.

Canada. Woods—Pine Timber—Imports during the past month were on a moderate scale, but the demands continue quiet; values are firm; stocks sufficient. Many Pine—First class: The arrivals, again entirely to Manchester, were on importers' account; the demand continues slow; deliveries disappointing; stocks are adequate; values firm. Second class: There is only a limited enquiry. Square Pine—The demand is very limited. Red Pine—Seldom enquired for. Oak—Imports were light, and chiefly on Merchants' account for special railway work; the demand, however, is very quiet, but stocks are not too large; values steady. Elm—About 3,000 feet imported; deliveries from Manchester imports were satisfactory, but they more than represent the actual consumption, a portion being forwarded to other centres; stocks are adequate; values are firm. Pine Deals arrived more moderately; there has been a little more enquiry, and the deliveries show improvement, but stocks are sufficient; values steady. Red Pine Deals—There is little improvement in the demand to report; stocks are light, and values firm.

New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Spruce and Pine Deals.—The import to the Mersey (including Manchester) during the past month amounted to 3,960 stds., against 1,520 stds. during the corresponding month last year; the demand was steady; deliveries satisfactory, and stocks are considerably reduced; prices continue to advance, and now rule very high. Ocean Deal tonnage is very difficult to obtain. Pine Deals are in fair request; stocks are light, and prices steady.

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

Notwithstanding the many demands which have recently been made upon the generous impulses of citizens of St. John the number of gifts coming into the Church of England Institute rooms for distribution among the outlying parishes of the Diocese of Fredericton in connection with what is known as the children's festival is well up to the average of previous years. For years past the Church of England Institute in this city has made a practice of collecting Christmas gifts of various kinds, including candles, toys, etc., and sending them in boxes to outlying parishes, where they are displayed on Christmas trees in various parish missions and later presented to the children.

This year it was thought that owing to the demands made upon the citizens of St. John by the war and the Belgium relief committees the gifts for this purpose would not be as numerous as in previous years. But when a reporter called at the Church of England Institute on Princess street yesterday he was told that gifts were coming in in a very gratifying manner, though it was stated it was hoped everybody who has contributed in this purpose in the past would send in their usual contributions as all the gifts offered could be disposed of.

THE PREMIER APPRECIATES LOYAL ACTION

Thanks Civil Servants for Volunteering for Foreign Service — Donation To Patriotic Fund.

The loyalty shown by the civil servants throughout the Dominion in volunteering for active service has been the subject of much favorable comment. The following correspondence between the Rt. Hon. Sir R. L. Borden and F. G. Grierson, secretary of the Civil Service Federation of Canada, will be of interest:

December 8th, 1914.

The Right Honourable
Sir Robert Borden, P.C., G.C.M.G., Prime Minister.

Sir,—I have the honor to hand you herewith lists containing names of four hundred civil servants of Ottawa, of both the outside and the inside divisions, who have offered their services to the government in a military capacity; placing themselves in that behalf at the absolute disposal of the government.

These lists were but casually submitted to the service and hundreds of other names can be procured.

This act on the part of civil servants emphasizes their attachment to the Crown and their fervor in the cause of the Empire.

I respectfully beg to express the hope that the enthusiasm displayed by those who have signed this roll may not be in vain, but that the government will, at an early date, endeavor to take advantage of this offer of military service by organizing this body as a distinct unit.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) F. GRIERSON,
Secretary,
Civil Service Federation of Canada.

Prime Minister's Office,
Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 10th, 1914.

Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 8th inst., enclosing lists containing names of 400 civil servants of Ottawa, of both the outside and inside divisions, who have offered their services to the government in a military capacity.

My colleagues and I appreciate very sincerely the earnest patriotism of the gentlemen who have thus volunteered to serve their country, and I hope that you will convey to them an expression of this appreciation.

The lists as well as a copy of your letter have been transmitted to the Department of Militia and Defence, to whose consideration and attention the offer is being commended.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) R. L. BORDEN,
F. Grierson, Esq., Secretary,
Civil Service Federation of Canada,
Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 12th, 1914.

My Dear Mr. Grierson,—

In my previous letter of today I omitted to express my appreciation of the splendid contribution which the members of the civil service have made to the Patriotic Fund. The fine spirit of patriotism thus displayed by the service will commend itself most warmly to the Canadian people.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) R. L. BORDEN,
F. Grierson, Esq., Secretary,
Civil Service Federation of Canada,
P. O. Box 484, Ottawa, Ont.

NEW BREAKWATER BADLY DAMAGED BY HEAVY GALES

Hundred Feet of Break- water at Comeau's Cove Carried Away and Other Damage Caused.

Special to The Standard
Yarmouth, N. S., Dec. 17.—The new breakwater at Comeau's Cove on St. Mary's Bay has been seriously damaged in this week's gales. About a hundred feet of the cap have gone, large strings broken, the flooring broken in and the fenders washed away. This work was constructed this year at a cost of \$16,000.

The tern schr G. M. Cochran was floated today, undamaged, but the fishing schr James R. Clark which was driven high up on the beach will have to be dug out, the tugs being powerless to move her.

THROWN FROM HORSE AT SALISBURY PLAINS AND BADLY INJURED

London, Ont., Dec. 17.—Word was received here today to the effect that Lieut. Col. A. H. MacDonnell, General Staff Officer of the First Division and now on the Headquarters Staff of the first contingent, has been seriously injured at Salisbury Plains by being thrown by his mount.

Col. MacDonnell, who is a brother of Canada MacDonnell, M. P., of Toronto, had a distinguished career in the South African war.

MARRIED.

CHOWN-FLEMING—At St. James' Church Rectory, Tuesday night, Dec. 15th, Harry Chown and Miss Nellie Fleming, both of St. John, were united in marriage by Rev. H. A. Cady.

SLOCUM-JEFFERY—At the home of Mrs. George Carvell, 151 Victoria Road, Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 16th, Daniel F. Slocum and Miss Alice D. Jeffery, both of Young's Cove, were united in marriage by Rev. H. A. Cady.

DIED.

BANKS—At her late residence, 170 Millidge Avenue, at 5 p. m., on Wednesday, December 16, Esther, wife of J. W. Banks.

Funeral at 2:30 p. m. on Friday, no flowers, by request.

KELLY—Suddenly in this city, on 16th inst., Elizabeth, widow of John Kelly, leaving one son and daughter to mourn.

Funeral from her late residence, 405 Union street, Friday morning at 8:30, to the Cathedral for high mass of Requiem. Friends are invited to attend.

McALLISTER—In this city, on December 17th, James McAllister, in the 75th year of his age, leaving a wife, seven sons and two daughters.

Funeral on Sunday, the 20th inst., from his late residence, 341 City Road. Service begins at 2:30 o'clock.

DRISCOLL—In this city, on 17th inst., Gertrude E. Driscoll, in the 30th year of her age.

Funeral from the residence of her uncle, Mr. John McIlhenny, 55 Sheffield street, on Saturday morning, at 8:30, to St. John the Baptist Church for High Mass of Requiem. Friends are invited to attend.

German Wedge Warsaw — Re- Drives So- Russians

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EGYPT HAS

London, Dec. 17.—It
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used the following sta-
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Secretary of State for
gives notice that in vi-
war arising out of the
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tection of His Majesty

COL. WEDDERBURN

PRESIDENT OF
COUNCIL OF B.

Special to The Standard
Fredericton, N. B.,
provincial council of
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session and elected the
cers: President, Col.
burn, St. John; Vice-
Bilas, Fredericton; A.
town; J. H. Harris,
town; Rev. Donald M.
John; Rev. treasurer, J.

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province where troops
have been organized.
St. John and Bishop
were elected to the
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Treasurer Skelton was
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TO THOSE WHO TO HELP THE

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of goods from a loca-
Yours
JAS. C.
P. O. Box 204."

TWO BIG FEATURES AT THE IMPERIAL TODAY!

"The Trey O' Hearts" THIRTEENTH EPISODE. Watch for the Great Surprise! Things are Growing Very Interest- ing and Exciting. ONLY TWO MORE CHAPTERS. How Will It End? Treat for the Kiddies. "ST. NICK IN SHADOWLAND"	German Intrigue POWERFUL DRAMA Don't Miss Seeing Francis Bush- man in "Under Royal Patron- age." TWO-PART ESSAY. Kaiser Outwitted! Santa Claus Bring the Little Ones TO SEE THE FUNNY FOLKS
"THE PLUMBER'S PICNIC" A Biograph Scream of Fun.	"MUSCLE-BOUND HICKS" A Rural Burlesque.

THE MENDELSSOHN FOUR AND THE ORCHESTRA

OPERA HOUSE

TONIGHT
And All This Week

Matinee
Saturday
at 2.30

Thompson's
Musical
Comedy Co.
—PRESENTING—
The Wizard of Wiseland

Next Week—MRS. TEMPLE'S TELEGRAM

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