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IRISH REGIMENT SAVES ARMY WHILE IN RETREAT

British Lose 1500 Men and 8 Guns

GREECE WILL NOT OBSTRUCT ALLIES' DEFENCE OF SALONIKI

WOULD AVOID AN ELECTION DURING WAR

Government Has Made Plain and Direct Proposal to Opposition.

SUGGEST AN EXTENSION

Would Prolong Present Term of Parliament for One Year.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—The approaching session of Parliament has been called for the purpose of avoiding if possible an election during the war. The government has made a plain and direct proposal for that purpose. Their proposal is that there should be the same extension in Canada as in Great Britain, namely, for one year.

If this proposal is agreed to the session will be utilized for the ordinary business of parliament. In that case the government does not intend to introduce any measures except those relating to the war or rendered necessary by war conditions. There will be no railway subsidies and no bond guarantees.

FORD PARTY'S MISSION SATIRIZED BY ROSEBERY

Earl Hopes Passengers Will Enjoy Trip and Do No Mischief.

EDINBURGH, Dec. 12.—“At this moment there is coming over a vessel fraught with peace,” said the Earl of Rosebery, the former prime minister, in a speech here last night. “It is propelled apparently by a gentleman named Ford, who makes, I think, perambulators. He is coming over to pour oil on troubled waters at the instigation of a Dr. Aked, of whom we know something here, and who, by voice more potent than that of any mortal heard in this world, is going to call the soldiers from the trenches and bid the warriors be still.”

FRENCH WERE HEAVILY BOMBARDED BY TURKS

Enemy Used Guns of All Calibres—Mine Warfare Resumed.

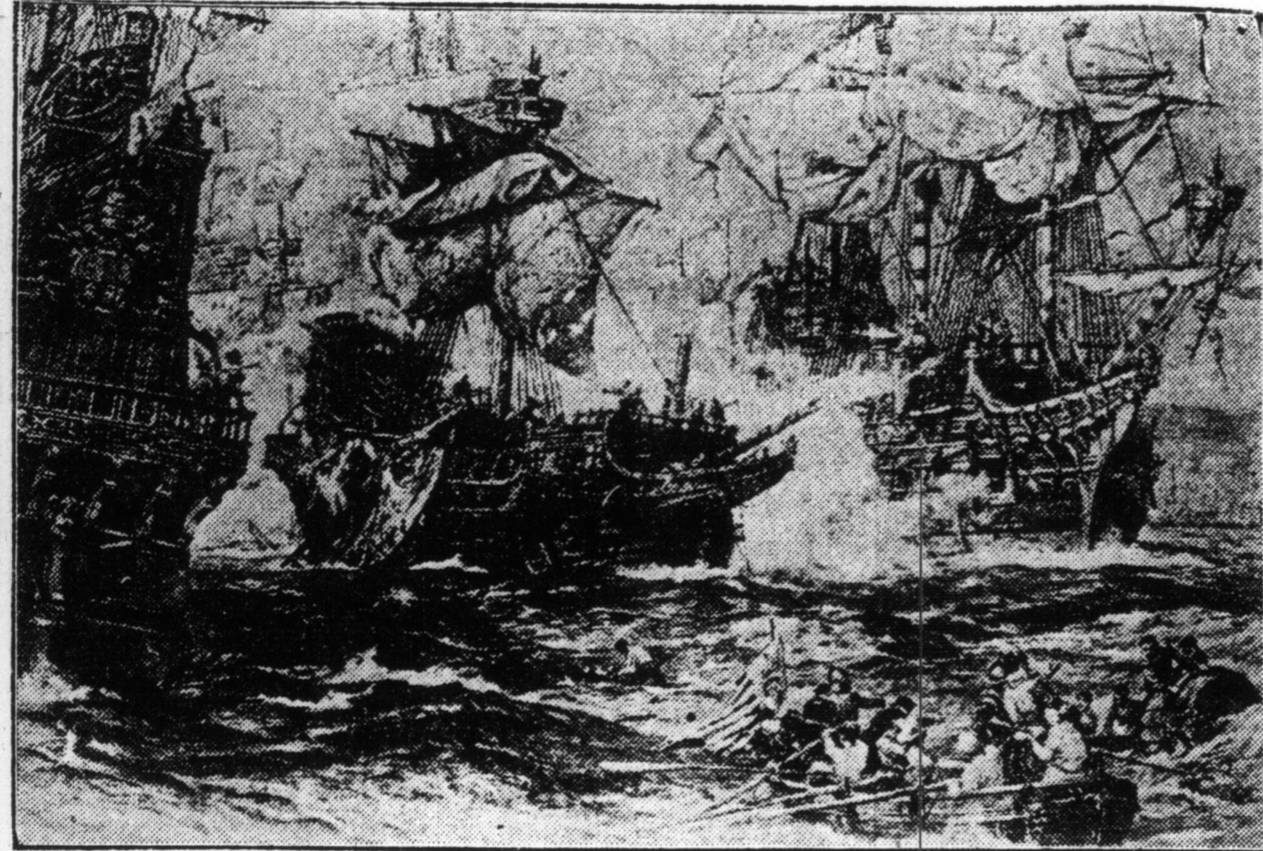
PARIS, Dec. 12.—An official statement on operations in the Dardanelles says: “During the days of Dec. 7, 8 and 9, there was an increasing intensity of the Turkish artillery fire, which bombarded very violently our first lines with guns of all calibres, particularly on extreme right, in the direction of the mouth of the Koroves Dere. “On both sides the mine warfare has been resumed with increasing activity. On Dec. 8 a Turkish aeroplane bombarded our divisions at Seddul-Bahr, but without success.”

GREY AND KITCHENER RETURNED TO LONDON

PARIS, Dec. 11.—Foreign Secretary Grey and Earl Kitchener at the conclusion of the Anglo-French conference left for London this afternoon.

Men's Warm Wraps at Little Cost.—The W. & D. Dineen Co., Limited, 140 Yonge street, are placing on sale today the largest showing of men's outer apparel that has ever been offered in Toronto, value and positive exclusiveness in style considered. The cloth overcoats are exceptional in every sense of the word. You simply must see them if you have not got the new coat yet. Coonskin coats at very low prices and in the very best quality obtainable. Men's fur lined caps in a variety and at prices that are simply unbeatable. Cloth and fur hats very necessary now to keep the ears warm and the head comfortable. Come in and visit this store, you will find a wealth of good things to wear, 140 Yonge street.

KING GEORGE'S CHRISTMAS CARD



Photograph of the card being distributed by King George, bearing his Christmas greetings. The painting is by Bernard F. Gribble, and its title "A Glorious Chapter in Britain's History," the defeat of the Spanish Armada.

SOLDIERS WHO DRINK UNJUSTLY CRITICIZED

Sir Sam Hughes Objects to Discrimination in Civilians' Favor.

REBUKE TO SLACKERS

Men Who Merely Sing "Rule Britannia" Are Useless.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—Major-General Sir Sam Hughes, in addressing the Sportsmen's Patriotic Association last night, defended the soldiers from discrimination in the matter of drinking. “I do not believe in drinking,” said Sir Sam, “but much has been said about the boys drinking. It must be remembered they come from all over the world, from mines and from fields and from factories—rolling stones. But everyone has a true and loyal heart. I don't see why the boys should be debarred from getting 'tight' when the best citizens can do so. I don't see why it should be condemned in one and not the other. The boys are away from home. It is a lonely life.”

Best Marksmen.—General Hughes said the Canadians were the best shooting divisions in the war, and dwelt on the need of training. Many people went around singing “Rule Britannia,” etc., and puffed their chests and said how loyal they were. That type was a menace to the country. The man who could handle a rifle and a bayonet was what we wanted. There is not ten per cent of you men in the audience trained to prevent us becoming slaves,” he asserted, “but the country is full of the dear good fellows who sing so loudly.”

AUSTRIAN SEAPLANES BOMBARDED ANCONA

Railway Station, Electric Works and Other Points Under Attack.

VIENNA, Dec. 11, via London, Dec. 12.—An Austrian seaplane squadron bombarded the railway station, the electric works and points of military importance at Ancona (on the Adriatic coast of Italy) and returned unharmed in the face of a heavy fire, according to the official statement issued today at the war office.

NEW POST IN CANADA CREATED BY SWEDEN

Dr. David Bergstrom, Former War Minister, Appointed Consul-General.

STOCKHOLM, via London, Dec. 12.—Dr. David K. Bergstrom, the former minister of war, has been appointed consul general to Canada. This is a newly created office.

PATROL PARTIES OF CANADIANS DO GOOD WORK

Penetrate German Trenches and Bomb Groups of Teutons.

GROUND VERY SWAMPY

Artillery Proves Superior in Weight to Guns of Enemy.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—Major-General Sir Sam Hughes has received the following communique from the Canadian general representative in France: “Canadian General Headquarters, Dec. 12.—During the week Dec. 3-10, there has been no material change in the general situation on the Canadian front. The weather has continued warm and there has been much rain. On the afternoon of Dec. 7, the enemy bombarded some of our trenches and positions mostly with high explosive shells. Very little material damage was done. In retaliation the enemy's front and communicating trenches were heavily shelled by our artillery. With this exception the enemy's artillery has been less aggressive than in the past.”

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RUSSIANS BEAT TURKS IN FIGHT IN CAUCASUS

Important Fortified Positions Occupied and Advance Begun on Hamadian.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 12.—Defeating a Turkish force on the roads to Hamadian in the Caucasus, the Russians pushed on and captured the fortified positions of the Turks on the Sultan-Bula ridge and Turk attempts to advance were checked southeast of Khopa on the coastal region of the Black Sea. The Russians are now advancing along the Hamadian roads and are within striking distance of the Sultan Bula Pass.

MAPLE SUGAR ADULTERATION.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—Inspections made of maple sugar offered for sale since the new law came into effect prohibiting the use of the word “maple” unless it was the pure article, show that in 204 out of 234 cases, the maple sugar was genuine. In five cases, it met legal requirements while in 25 cases it was found adulterated.

BRAMPTON PHYSICIAN RETURNS FROM SERBIA

Dr. William D. Sharpe in Belgrade Before Austro-German Attacks Began.

SEVERE BOMBARDMENT

Lack of Munitions and Food Handicapped Serbs, Who Retreated in Good Order.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Dr. William D. Sharpe of Brampton, Ont., who said he was in charge of the British military hospital in Belgrade for three months previous to the occupation of the Serbian capital by the Austro-German forces, arrived here today on the steamship Cymric from Liverpool.

Dr. Sharpe said that for three days previous to its evacuation by the Serbs the city was subjected to a severe bombardment, which caused a large number of casualties among the civilian population. He left Belgrade Oct. 7 for Saloniki. The roads leading toward the Greek frontier, he added, were crowded with thousands of refugees. “The Serbian army was frightfully handicapped through lack of munitions and food supplies,” Dr. Sharpe said. “Its retreat was a marvel of military skill. While the Serbians abandoned many big guns in their flight, most of them had been previously captured from the Austrians.” Dr. Arthur H. Burling of San Mateo, Calif., was another passenger on the Cymric. Dr. Burling was wounded during a battle on the Aisne, when, with his company, he was ambushed in a supply train. He is a native of Eastern Ontario. Dr. Burling was recently married to a British Red Cross Nurse, who accompanied him to America.

Dr. Sharpe has been engaged in active practice in the Town of Brampton for the past eight or ten years, and he is entitled shortly after the breaking out of the war. He is a native of Eastern Ontario and about 42 years of age. While not aware of his arrival in New York, Mrs. Sharpe stated last night that she had anticipated his arrival within the next day or two.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN OFF FOR SHORT VACATION

Prime Minister and Lady Borden Leave Ottawa for New York.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—Sir Robert Borden left for New York this afternoon, accompanied by Lady Borden. It is believed that the prime minister will take a short holiday at Hot Springs, Virginia, and on his way back to Ottawa, address the New England Society and Pilgrims' Society in New York on Dec. 22 and 23.

This is the first rest that Sir Robert has taken since his return from England. On his return here the session will be only a fortnight off and the seasonal program will require his constant attention.

HEAVY BULGAR ATTACKS MADE LITTLE HEADWAY

Enemy Unable to Hinder Allies' Well Ordered Retreat Toward Greek Border—Fierce Fighting on Vardar River.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—(5.27 p.m.)—A despatch to The Temps from Saloniki under date of Dec. 11 says: “Again yesterday almost the entire French and British front was attacked. The enemy, however, was unable to hinder the allies' retreat toward the Greek frontier. At the end of the day the French and British front remained virtually what it was on Dec. 9 after the retreat.

“Bulgarian attacks on Dec. 10 were particularly violent on the west bank of the Vardar, in the region of Petrovo, as well as on the east bank of the Vardar, from the mouth of the Bojmitia, as far as Cernica, and in the vicinity of Dedeli.”

IRISH REGIMENTS FOUGHT FINE REAR-GUARD ACTION

British Tenth Division in Retiring Before Overwhelming Forces in Southern Serbia Lost Fifteen Hundred Men and Eight Guns.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Casualties aggregating 1500 and the loss of eight field guns, which they were unable to remove from emplacements, are told of in an official communication issued this evening, dealing with the retreat of the British Tenth Division from Lake Doiran, Serbia, in conjunction with the French. Special mention is made of the gallantry of the Connaught Rangers, Munster Fusiliers and Dublin Fusiliers during the battle. The communication says:

“Overpowering odds. After sustaining violent attacks delivered by the enemy in numbers, the Tenth Division succeeded, with the help of reinforcements, in retiring to a strong position from Lake Doiran westward, toward the valley of the Vardar, in conjunction with our allies. The division is reported to have fought well against very heavy odds, and it was largely due to the gallantry of the troops, especially the Connaught Rangers, the Munster Fusiliers, and the Dublin Fusiliers that the withdrawal was successfully accomplished.

“Owing to the mountainous nature of the country it had been necessary to place the field guns in positions from which it was impossible to withdraw them when the retreat took place. “Our casualties amounted to 1500 men.”

GERMAN FAILURE IN RUSSIA COMPELS RETREAT TO BUG

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Despatches from Petrograd indicate that the Germans are withdrawing their centre to what is known as the Bug River line, which, however, at many places is considerably north of that river. This withdrawal is due to their inability to secure complete control of the Lida-Baronovitchi-Rovno Railway, which is necessary for the successful holding of the advanced position which they reached after their great drive of last summer. They have evacuated Slonim, lying to the west, and Baronovitchi and Kobryn, just to the east.

This withdrawal apparently indicates that the Germans have given up the project of proceeding with the invasion of Russia.

BRITISH UNDER DEADLY FIRE SAVED SITUATION FOR ALLIES

LONDON, Dec. 12.—1.12 a.m.—Reuters Telegram Company claims to have authentic information that the allies have decided not to withdraw from Saloniki.

Denial is contained in a despatch to London from Athens that the Greek Government is seeking to negotiate an advance from the German Government. “The special correspondent of Reuters, with the British headquarters staff in the Balkans, thus describes the retreat of the allies: “Last week Gen. Sarrahl had already prepared to evacuate advanced positions along the Cerna front. On Saturday Krivolak was abandoned, and after establishing a first bridgehead at Demir-Kapu the French made a second bridgehead at Grabec, after withdrawing all stores and destroying tunnels and bridges on the railway. Meanwhile the Bulgarians and Germans in constantly increasing strength began to bear heavily on the point of junction of the Franco-British lines, especially threatening the Strumitza road, which forms the main artery of our position.

Bulgars Attacking Anglo-French Front Fiercely—Fresh British Forces Are Landing Daily and Hard Fighting in Greek Territory is Imminent.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The Anglo-French troops, who last week began their retirement from their advanced positions in southern Serbia, are now approaching, if they have not crossed, the Greek frontier, and the attitude of Greece will adopt becomes more and more important.

Despatches from Athens and news available in London indicate that the matter, which was left to the Greek and allied military authorities at Saloniki, is being amicably arranged and that the allies will be allowed to retire to that city without any interruption on the part of the Greeks and will be permitted to remain there.

According to information received at Paris from Athens today, the Greek Government has agreed to withdraw its troops from Saloniki. A despatch to the Havas Agency of Paris, from Saloniki, dated Sunday, says: “An intense action continues along the entente allied fronts, the Bulgarians attacking in dense mass formations. The allies' retreat continues methodically. “The situation of the British north of Doiran has noticeably improved, thanks to the arrival of reinforcements from Saloniki. “Fresh British troops are landing daily. “A despatch to Reuters' Telegram Co. from Saloniki, dated Friday, Dec. 10, says: “Our casualties among British troops were landed today. “Fog, which is most unusual here continues to prevail at Saloniki and its environs. “Object Lesson to Greeks. Questions which are seriously occupying the Greek government have to do with the use of the railways, which are needed for the Greek troops, and the damage that might be done to them with the object of impeding Bulgarian pursuit should the Sofia government decide that the British and French are to be followed into Greek territory. The Greek government has good evidence of the effective manner with which the French engineers destroy railways in the work done, although north of the Greek frontier. So well was this accomplished that the Bulgarians were generally believed to have had to have to use roads covered with snow, with the result that the French escaped almost unscathed.

The British who had advanced further from the railway to the northeast of Lake Doiran had to move a difficult feat to accomplish when retirement was decided on and suffered greatly. They were faced by a greatly superior force of Bulgarian troops, their successful withdrawal to a position extending from the mouth of the Vardar valley was largely due to the gallantry of the Connaught Rangers, the Munster Fusiliers and the Dublin Fusiliers.

The British casualties are estimated at 1500, while they were forced to leave behind eight field guns, which had been placed in position to cover the retreat and could not be recovered.

Landing at Kavala?

What the next move will be is known only to the allied staffs, but it is generally believed that the Anglo-French forces will fall right back to Saloniki, where reinforcements are arriving, and which will be fortified. There are also reports that the allies have landed a division at Kavala, 90 miles along the coast from Saloniki and near the Bulgarian frontier, but there is no confirmation of this. If it is true, the object doubtless is to secure the railway and prevent the Bulgarians from sending troops westward into Greece.

The Anglo-French troops continue their attacks on the Serbians in the Albanian mountains and on the Montenegrins in their hills, but apparently their advance is much slower than it was in Serbia, the positions being easier to defend.

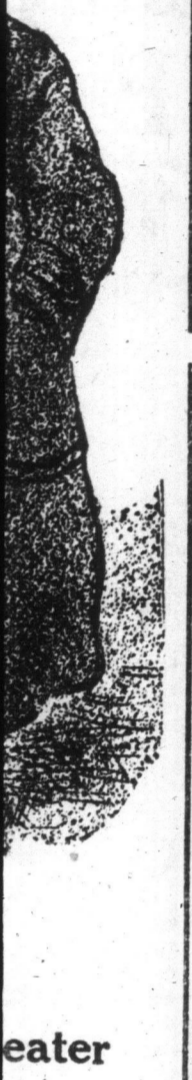
Retreat Well Executed.

“Continuing their withdrawal movement, our troops during the night of Dec. 10-11, retired without firing on the Smokio-Lake Doiran line. In the course of the day, Dec. 11 several Bulgarian attacks were repulsed. “Saturday night's French official statement says: “On Dec. 10 the Bulgarians attacked along nearly the entire French front, their principal effort being directed against our left. All the enemy attacks were checked. “Gievghi Heavily Shelled. Gievghi, in southern Serbia, close to the Greek border, is being bombarded by Bulgarian and German artillery. Their forces having pushed to within four miles of the town, according to the Havas Agency of Paris despatch.

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