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## RUSSIANS NOW WITHIN FIRING DISTANCE OF CRACOW; ITS FALL WILL OPEN THE ROADS TO BERLIN AND VIENNA

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#### Fall of This Stronghold Would Open Roads to Vienna, Breslau and Berlin

#### Interest in the War Just at Present is Centered in Operations in the East—Battles Going On There Must Continue for Days Yet is Opinion of Experts.

London, Dec. 3, 10 p. m.—With the lull in the battle in the west which has assumed the proportions of a heavy cannonading at widely separated points, with only occasional infantry attacks, interest is now almost entirely centered in the struggle between the Russian and German armies in the east.

At last the Russians have approached within firing distance of Cracow, their steady advance from Przemyśl having proceeded without any real check. They were reported today to be mounting heavy batteries around the town of Wieliczka, which they occupied yesterday, and from which the outer forts of Cracow can be reached.

Important as this is for the fall of Cracow would lay open the roads to Vienna, Breslau and Berlin—the main interest in the east continues to rest with the operation on the irregular front from Czestochowa through Lodz and Lwow to the east Prussian border. Official pronouncements as to the progress here are guarded and indefinite, and it is thus difficult to arrive at a conclusion with regard to the course of events. It is apparent, however, that a new battle has developed to the southwest of Lodz, where the Germans have formed a new line with fresh forces brought from Kalisz, and are again trying to penetrate the Russian center. The Russians, too, here had plans to straighten out their line, and in the eyes of the Allies another battle following so closely that just concluded in this region must help them in the long run, in its aspect, who or how the Germans must be further weakened, and, in addition, will soon have to turn their attention to the Russian offensive against Silesia and around Cracow.

On the other hand, German experts believe that defeat for the Russians would enable the German generals to unite all their forces for another blow against the Allies in the west.

#### Must Continue for Days.

However, the battle must last for some days, and the opposing troops may be counted upon to fight with the same intensity as they did in the previous conflict, when the losses in killed, wounded and missing reached enormous numbers.

There has been no news for some days of the fighting in the Caucasus or in Egypt, but throughout the whole of Africa more liveliness is anticipated, now that General Christian DeWet has been captured, and General Louis Botha can carry out his original plan of moving against German Southwest Africa. The first Australian and New Zealand contingents have been landed in Egypt for operations against the Turks, and Portuguese reinforcements have reached Angola to take the offensive against the Germans on their African borders.

The political event of the day was the announcement by the Premier of Italy that nothing had intervened to prompt Italy to alter her policy of neutrality.

#### Official Statements from Paris, Berlin and Petrograd

Paris, Nov. 8, 10.50 p. m.—The following communication was issued by the war office tonight:

"The only interesting news relates to our right wing and to the day of Dec. 2. On the right bank of the River Moselle we have occupied Lomsels and the Signal of Xon.

"In the Vosges our troops have captured the Tete-De-Faux, to the south of the village of Bonhomme, which dominates the range of hills forming the frontier, and has served as an observation post for the Germans.

"In Alsace the station of Burschpach has been occupied, and we have established ourselves on a line connecting Aspach, the bridge of Aspach and Burschpach."

Petrograd, Dec. 2.—The following official statement was issued tonight from general headquarters:

"Fighting continues in certain districts along the front in the region of Lwow. Important forces of the enemy, chiefly the troops transported in November from the German west front, opened an offensive on Dec. 2 and in the region of Lwow and Szeszow.

"On the rest of the front, on the left bank of the Vistula, there is no particular modification in the situation.

"Beyond the Carpathians our troops have taken Bartfeld, capturing eight officers, 1,200 men and six machine guns."

Berlin, Dec. 2.—(By wireless to St. John, N. B.)—The following information was given out by the official news bureau today:

"Unofficial advice from Alsace says that the fighting is progressing actively in this minor theatre. A heavy cannonading is going on in Sundgau. The Germans are making advances against Belfort.

"The Austrians report officially a repulse to the besiegers of Przemyśl, Galicia. The garrison made a sortie against the Russians, and drove the latter back from the outer fortifications.

"Fighting continues in the Carpathian basin.

"Although no news is being received concerning operations about Lwow, Russian Poland, it is said that the German attempts to flank the Russians fight wing are continuing. The great value of such a move would consist in forcing the Russians southward, away

### TWO VIEWS AT SALISBURY WHERE CANADIANS ARE TRAINING



The upper picture shows Tidworth Barracks on Salisbury Plain close to the front Canadian Contingent in tents and huts. The lower picture is that of Salisbury Cathedral which is situated in the town seven miles from the camp. The town is a very ancient one, built in a circle with entrance through gateways. The pictures were supplied by Staff-Serjeant Leslie Burns, of Toronto, civil engineer with the Transport Corps of the first contingent and son of J. W. Burns of the Board of Education.

### KING'S VISIT CAUSES WILD ENTHUSIASM AMONG TROOPS

London, Dec. 4, 2.50 a. m.—Such enthusiasm has been aroused among the Allied troops by the visit of King George to the battlefield that his stay in France may possibly be extended considerably. On Wednesday, according to a despatch to the Daily Mail, there was a meeting of the Kings of Great Britain and Belgium, President Poincare of France, General Joffre, commander-in-chief of the French forces; Field Marshal Earl Kitchener, British secretary of state for war; General French, commander-in-chief of the British forces, and Abbe Lemaire, the famous mayor of Hazebrouk. The meeting was in the region where the three allied armies were nearest together. General Joffre came from a point in the battle line 200 miles distant by special train. Abbe Lemaire met him and acted as guide for the distinguished group. Yesterday King George inspected the British troops. He traveled along the lines in a motor car. At several points he visited the trenches and talked with the officers and men. A desultory German cannonade meantime was progressing.

### ITALY WATCHFUL, POWERFUL AND READY FOR ANY EVENTUALITY

#### Will Not Allow Her Interests to Suffer

#### Premier Declares She Tried to Avert War, and in View of What Has Taken Place People Must Be Prepared to Make Sacrifices.

Rome, Dec. 3, 2.25 p. m.—The Italian parliament opened today. The sitting of both the chamber of deputies and the senate were witnessed by a large gathering of deeply interested spectators. Among these were present was former Premier Giolitti, Lanzetta and Pelloux.

The diplomatic tribune was overcrowded. Premier Salandra made a statement in which he explained the situation of Italy, and advised that she maintain an attitude of loyal but watchful and armed neutrality. He was frequently applauded.

When Premier Salandra alluded to what he termed the just aspirations of Italy, the whole extreme left arose, crying "Viva Trent, Viva Trieste."

The demonstration. The spectators in the tribune joined in the demonstration. The premier's statement was interrupted frequently with applause. It was noticed that former Premier Giolitti joined with the deputies in their expressions of approval.

As the session was about to adjourn Deputy Communalist said that he wished to ask the chamber to send greetings to "Heroic and unfortunate Belgium."

The whole chamber, including the president, the ministers and the people in the tribunes, arose and shouted "Hurrah, Belgium!"

Treacher Salandra said in his statement that the European conflict broke out suddenly without involving Italy directly and in spite of her efforts to avert the war for the sake of peace and civilization, a careful study of her treaty obligations, and the causes of the conflict convinced the government that Italy was not called upon to participate, and she accordingly declared her neutrality.

#### Kaiser Visits Austria.

Berlin, Dec. 3, via The Hague and London, Dec. 4, 1.38 a. m.—Emperor William of Germany today visited a part of the Austrian and German troops which are fighting in the region of Czestochowa.

### CLEAN GOVERNMENT IS THE KEY-NOTE AT CARVELL-DUGAL DINNER

#### Banquet Was a Ringing Success—Speeches Presage Strong Movement For Reform in New Brunswick—Contractor Corbett Wants That \$10,000 Back From Flemming—How a Million Was Saved for the Province—Fresh Revelations in Carvell's Speech—Hon. C. W. Robinson Outlines Reforms—Some Striking Utterances.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 3.—That a revolution in the interests of good government in this province is coming was made abundantly clear this evening with the gathering of men of both parties in the interests of reform, at a banquet in the Y. M. C. A. hall, presided over by E. P. Carvell, K.C., M.P., and Lord A. Dugal, M.P., the men who were acclaimed as responsible for the exposure of an appalling system of extortion in connection with the administration of the crown lands of the province, and the bringing to light of grave scandals in connection with the Valley Railway.

Young men predominated in the gathering, although the stalwarts of the Liberal party and recent converts from Conservatism were present, and it was evident that the new party, which will be called into being to retrieve the desperate political situation in New Brunswick, will have in its ranks the best of the thoughtful, earnest men of the province.

#### A Great Gathering.

Every county was represented by a large delegation, and the crowd was so large that the tables in the main dining hall were over-filled, and overflow tables were set in adjoining rooms. Enthusiasm reigned throughout, and the speakers were given an attentive hearing. The names of Mr. Dugal and Mr. Carvell were received with outbursts of cheering and references to the organization of a new party and the sweeping from Conservatism the collection of the timber grant fund, and declared that within three weeks in his capacity as a legal man he would have returned to him \$30,000 more of the grant fund to go back to the men from whom it was filched. To him it appeared a greater crime to devote this fund to corrupting the electorate than to divide it among the premier and a few chosen friends, as he believed was the intention.

Mr. Carvell went very fully into Valley Railway finances, and pointed out that the investigation, besides revealing many improper charges, would prevent further waste of public money amounting to almost \$100,000.

#### Flemming's Nomination.

Referring to the nomination of Mr. Flemming, Mr. Carvell said: "I am informed tonight that a Tory convention this afternoon at Woodstock nominated Mr. Flemming as their candidate at the next general federal election for the constituency of Carleton-Victoria. My only comment is that if a man who has been found guilty of extortion of such a flagrant character by a royal commission of his own choosing and thereby compelled to retire from the premiership of New Brunswick, is good enough a candidate for Sir Robert Borden and Mr. Haasen, the Liberal party of that constituency welcomes the fight, and when the proper time arrives will deal with this alleged politician."

Mr. Carvell, in the course of his speech, stated, without modification, that A. R. Gould had paid Mr. Flemming \$100,000 and got premier's receipts, and that James H. Corbett paid Mr. Flemming \$10,000, and that the Valley Railway books, if produced in court, would show large amounts paid to Flemming and other Tory politicians of New Brunswick.

"If we had Berry in court, if we had the books produced, we would drive these men not only from public life, but from New Brunswick forever."

Mr. Carvell's words, in which he denounced Attorney General Clarke as unworthy of his office and "revelated to the silk he wears," if he did not arrest Berry on charges of embezzlement, and characterized the ring of politicians who had benefited from the grant already

classified as a "set of moral degenerates" made a deep impression.

Other speakers included Mr. Dugal, who was heard in both French and English; Hon. Dr. Pugsley, who was given an ovation by many of his supporters at the banquet; Hon. C. W. Robinson, Premier; E. S. Carter, E. J. Veniot, P. Hughes, J. M. Stevens, K.C., A. B. Copp, D. Turgeon, M.P.P.

Those Present.

Among those present were: A. P. Barnhill, K.C., W. J. Mahoney, Fred J. Donohue, Frank Hamlin, W. S. Anderson, Joe Dyer, Hon. Wm. Pugsley, S. A. M. Schuler, Geo. C. Amund, A. McRowan, E. C. Prime, Jos. O'Brien, McCallough, Chas. Germs, S. Carter, Meeney, Jas. Smith, M.D., and W. E. Foster, A. M. Belding, F. C. Smith and R. T. Hayes, St. John; George H. King, R. D. Richardson of Chipman, and Hon. L. P. Farris, A. M. Gunter and H. A. Farris of Queens county; Dr. E. A. Smith, Jas. McQueen and Alphonse LeBlanc, of Sherbrooke; R. Legere and John Fraser, of Richibucto; A. B. Copp, Hon. C. W. Robinson, Frank Robinson, of Moncton; H. F. E. Hayes, Fred Magee, Reid McManus and I. N. Killam, from Westmorland county; Hon. C. J. Osman and S. S. Ryan, from Albert county; E. Allen Scholten, A. S. Carter and J. I. Palmer, from Kings county; D. W. Merseman and William Murphy, from Sunbury county; Tyler Barges, J. B. Barges, F. J. Hughes, Asa Vanwart, Geo. F. Burden, Elwood Burt, Dr. Weaver, E. C. Atkinson, M. Atkinson, John E. Hawthorn, W. S. McClellan, Mayor Mitchell, W. J. Osborne, J. H. Hawthorn, Geo. W. Hodge, D. J. Shea, Wm. Vanwart, Wm. P. Lawson, Capt. Reid, Clarence Goodwin, W. S. Murray, Edward Moore, R. Senator Caffrey, E. H. Allen, John Kilburn, J. F. VanBerkelaer, W. J. Clark, J. J. F. Windlow, J. E. Merrithew, R. D. Hoyt, Robt. Allen, Hon. Wm. McClellan, Wm. Sterens, Pius Michaud, J. E. Michaud, from Madawaska county; Hon. W. F. Jones, Matthew Bohan, Mathias Blais, John J. Fleming, R. H. F. Jones, Sol. Perley, Bernard Perley, Wm. Bohan, H. P. Carvell, F. H. Stevens, Alphonse Foster, A. L. Theriault, J. S. LeBlanc, John Holmes, from Carleton county; P. J. Veniot, O. Turgeon, C. H. LaBillette, Jas. Reid, A. T. LaBlanc, E. J. Grant, from Gloucester, Ebebeck, Wm. and Northumberland counties; Geo. B. McLaughlin, John M. Keefe, M. J. Powers, F. B. Wilson of Victoria county; Wm. F. Todd, J. E. Hayes, Desha, from Charlotte county; John Holmes, Centreville; A. Myles, St. Marys; J. E. Porter, C. C. Crockett, Senator Douglas, Victoria; H. E. Gilmore, St. Martins; P. P. Melanson, Kent; W. H. Phillips, Geo. Upham, C. L. Smith, J. A. Haydon, A. H. Currie, M. E. Jones, K.C., Hon. Murray, Edward Moore, R. Senator Thompson, A. J. Thomson, W. E. Seery, Alphonse Staples, Daniel Elliott, Donald Fraser, Arthur Foster, Fredericton, W. A. Hay, John Holmes; Colin Hewitt, George M. Byron, Henry Hill, Charlotte; W. F. Thornton, R. Demings, Carleton county; Thomas Lawson, S. B. Ebbett, Wm. Bailey, Fredericton; Jas. P. Byrne, Bathurst; M. A. Smith, Hoyt; Chas. Hickman, Jas. Friel, Dorchester; Jea Ryan, S. B. Aeger, E. G. Robichaud, Alex. D. Doucet, Andrew Hachey, Joseph Corriveau, J. P. LeGer, Gloucester; Messrs. Glover and Douglas, York county; Dr. McAlister, Sussex;

W. E. Foster, of St. John, presided, with Mr. Carvell on his right, Mr. Dugal on his left, with J. M. Stevens, K.C., Hon. Dr. Pugsley, F. J. Hughes also at this table, and Hon. C. W. Robinson, A. B. Copp, Liberal candidate in Westmorland county, F. J. McKeefe, the toast of the evening at the other tables.

Speech making began at 10 o'clock, after the good things provided under the direction of J. A. McCaffrey, of the Queen Hotel, had been disposed of. The toast to the King was given musical honors with great fervor, and O. Turgeon, M.P., then proposed the toast to the governor general, in a brief but eloquent speech, paying a tribute to the personal qualities of the Duke of Connaught, and referring to the loyal recollections of the grant already

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### END OF NAVY

will first lord of the admiralty, being before the adjournment of the House, that despite the loss of some ships no cause for nervousness, but was of the navy to give effect to the navy had done in the proposed plan of the enemy's support of troops and to cross the sea, had been prevented thus that there was another danger of full of danger for these who

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ered the navy had done well. It from the sea, and preventing more and more as the war progress there would be no reason to de- editerranean, and Japan in the could go on, indefinitely, re- hem, transporting our troops process with our strength growing ps, at not very distant date, we could not score, as the German that the British torpedo boat de- power, a fact that was unknown

would add fifteen capital ships y's three. In fact, he declared, Bri- for a year and still maintain Light cruisers, Mr. Churchill con- h fleet, and Britain had commis- than Germany had had destroyed sail, he said, amounts to six.

est lord said, was a loss that vi- less Britain had been able, by vic- would for the cause of the Allies indant supply of munitions, while ng clearly to show in the enemy's

### Warships Since War Began

inally, now total 18 warships, in- chered craft. A statement issued life losses in the navy at 4,327 offi- and 4,575 captured or interned. Belfast Thursday.

Tonnage	Cause	Loss of Life
3,440	Submarine	338
800	Submarine	23
2,940	Submarine	25
13,550	Stranded	21
1,500	Foundered	21
450	Accident	21
2,135	Battle	21

ed 12,000 Submarine 1,450  
7,550 Submarine 471  
370 Submarine, gunfire 23  
450 Submarine, gunfire 25  
5,600 Submarine 40  
9,000 Battle 1,650  
810 Submarine 750  
15,000 Accident 750

### John McGouey Killed in Mill

omer Roberts has decided to con- sidered into the death of John uoy, who was killed on Saturday ill of Stetson, Cutler & Co. A omposed of Geo. H. Burpee, John uliffe, Fred P. Gallop, William John McCann, Herbert Farie and am Purvis, will view the body at today and an adjournment will be held for almost instant. He was about thirty-five years and is survived by his father, k McGouey, of Bridge street, two rs, Edward, a member of the mili- tion, and James, at home; and two s, Mrs. Michael Kiley, of Spas and Mrs. John McGinley.

### Successful Alma Hunters

ns, Nov. 27.—Lilford L. Dixon kill- deer yesterday and James Camp- ers, Dennis Dorman, each killed a few days ago.

our cousin Sarah is such a volun- teer, we call her Sal Volatile.