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WEATHER—RAIN

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HUNS AT GATES OF BUCHAREST; SERIOUS SITUATION IN ATHENS

TEUTONS CAPTURE TOWN OF TSOMANA

Arrived at Point Sixteen Miles from Bucharest, the "Paris of the East," and Continued March on Capital—Enemy Within Shelling Distance of Capital at Late Hour Last Night.

ROUMANIANS FORCED TO FALL BACK TO GLAVATZOTZU, 37 MILES FROM BUCHAREST—RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE APPARENTLY NOT IMPEDING TEUTONS—BRITISH AND GERMANS CLASH NEAR YPRES—FIGHTING NEAR MONASTIR.

The forces of Field Marshal Von Mackensen are within shelling distance of the southern forts which protect Bucharest, the capital of Roumania. Driving along the railroad leading north from Giurgiu, Von Mackensen has captured Tsomana, sixteen miles south of Bucharest, and at last accounts was still making progress towards his objective. Meanwhile the army of General Von Falkenhayn is keeping up its pressure against the Roumanians west and northwest of the capital, in the center having forced the Roumanians to fall back to Glavatzotzu, thirty-seven miles from Bucharest, and farther north having captured the town of Campulung, thus opening the way for the unhindered advance of all troops of the Central Powers through the Torzburg Pass into Wallachia.

Russian Offensive.

The offensive begun by the Russians in the region of Kirilbaba apparently is not impeding, to any extent, the Teutonic inroads into Roumania. Additional gains are conceded to the Russians in this region, but again it is asserted that they have been dearly paid for in casualties.

The Roumanians on the north and northwest fronts have made progress in the Buzeu and Prapova valleys. In none of the other theatres has there been any fighting of great intensity. The big guns of the belligerents on the front in France and Belgium are still active at various points.

Engagement Near Ypres.

The only infantry engagement reported was near Ypres, where, in an attack on a two-mile front, the British were repulsed, according to Berlin. Both Berlin and Sofia record the repulse of Entente Allied attacks in the region of Monastir, Serbia, where rain and fog are hindering the operations.

In the Russian theatre Turkish troops have stopped strong Russian attacks on the Zlota Lipa river in Galicia.

The much discussed bill providing for compulsory service of civilians for war service in Germany, known popularly as the "man power bill," has been introduced in the Reichstag. In introducing it Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg again reiterated that Germany was ready to end the war by a peace guaranteeing the existence of the German nation.

Teutons Near Bucharest.

Petrograd, Nov. 30, via London.—The Roumanian town of Tsomana, sixteen miles south of Bucharest, has been captured by the Teutonic forces, the war office announces.

"Having attacked the Roumanians along the road from the Danube toward Bucharest, near Giuzmanzi, Tzalagareni and Troimana, the enemy occupied the latter position towards evening.

"The situation in Dobruja is unchanged." The new Russian offensive in the Carpathians has resulted in considerable gains, it is announced officially. Heavy fighting is proceeding for possession of the important pass through the Carpathians at Kirilbaba, and today's announcement says the town of Kirilbaba is now within rifle range of the Russians.

"On the western front, in the region of the village of Peraplianka, northeast of Smorgon (east of Vilna), small enemy forces attempted to advance on our trenches," says today's communication from the war office. "They were checked by our fire and driven back to their own entrenchments."

"Our artillery dispersed three columns, each about a battalion strong, which were moving eastward from the outskirts of the little town of Gerdichl.

"In the region of the village of Korytniza we captured a salient enemy position which projected deeply into our front. In the wooded Car-

pathians we gained possession of Rukada Height, eleven versts southwest of Wakarka, capturing 100 Germans and three machine guns. "In the region of the heights east of Kirilbaba, the battle is still proceeding. In the last two days we have taken about 900 prisoners in this neighborhood, and captured thirteen machine guns, two bomb throwers, one mine thrower and two projectors. Kirilbaba is under our fire."

Violent Roumanian Fighting.

Bucharest, Nov. 30, via London.—The Roumanian troops have taken a stand along the Glavatzotzu river, south of Bucharest. The war office today reports violent fighting on this front, and also all along the line in the north. The announcement follows:

"On the northern and northwestern fronts there have been violent actions along the whole line. We made progress on the western front violent actions are proceeding on the Glavatzotzu.

"On the southern front the situation is unchanged."

British Report.

London, Nov. 30.—The official communication from British headquarters in France issued tonight reads:

"There is nothing to report except artillery duels along the front. The enemy's artillery fire was particularly heavy between the Rivers Somme and Ancre."

French Statement.

Paris, Nov. 30.—The communication issued by the war office tonight reads:

"South of the Somme the enemy artillery, energetically shelled by us, bombed our front from Bois Chaussees to Bernay. There was no infantry action.

"In Champagne the fire of our trench guns exploded an enemy munition depot in the region of Massiges.

"In the Argonne we exploded, north of Four De Paris, three camouflaged, which shattered a mine work of the enemy. There is nothing to report on the rest of the front.

"Aviation: Sub-Lieut. Nungesser, it is established, has brought down his eighteenth airplane."

German Statement.

Berlin, Nov. 30, via Sayville.—The evening communication issued by the war office says:

"There has been lively firing occasionally north and south of the Somme. Turkish troops have repulsed strong Russian attacks on the Zlota Lipa river (Galicia). "In Roumania the situation is unchanged, but remains favorable to us. "Partial enemy attacks northwest of Monastir failed."

Italian Statement.

Rome, via London, Nov. 30.—"In the Trentino movements of the enemy are reported in the Sarca Valley, on the northern slopes of Monte Pasubio, and in the Upper Astico Valley," says today's official report. "We shelled enemy positions in the Adige and Astico valleys and on the

TERRITORIAL REVENUE OF PROVINCE IS GRATIFYING

Despite Adverse Conditions Total is \$540,368 06, Remarkable Evidence of Government's Careful Administration of Affairs of New Brunswick.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Nov. 30.—Despite adverse conditions brought about by the war in Europe, the lack of transportation facilities and the scarcity of tonnage, New Brunswick's territorial revenue for the year ending October 31st, 1916, is \$540,368.06, according to the announcement made today by the Department of Lands and Mines. Exceptional Showing.

The amount of the territorial revenue for the past year is an exceptional one, having exceeded all expectations, being well above the average. Last year New Brunswick had its greatest territorial revenue when \$591,095.14 was collected, this amount having been a phenomenal one, and never before approached in this province. The collection for the past year, however, is equally as extensive, and is evidence of the careful administration of the affairs of this province by the Provincial Government.

Premier George J. Clark, Minister of Lands and Mines, has carried on the work of this department in an efficient manner and is to be congratulated, along with the other members of the present administration for the excellent collection of territorial revenue of New Brunswick, at a time when conditions are somewhat handicapped by a world-wide war.

Revenue Remarkable. The revenue of the past year is all the more remarkable when it is considered that the stumpage collection for the year ending October 31st, 1916, is \$70,000 less than during the previous year. This is accounted for by the fact that lumbermen on the North Shore had a smaller cut last winter than ordinarily. Yet with this large decrease the total territorial revenue for the year is only \$50,000 less than in 1915, when the largest amount in history was collected. It is, therefore, evident that the affairs of this province are being prudently and wisely administered by the present Provincial Government and the announcement today of this wonderful showing will be read by the people of New Brunswick with a feeling of pride.

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SIR ROBERT WILL TOUR THE WEST

After Speaking in Montreal and Quebec Prime Minister Will Go to Pacific Coast.

Ottawa, Nov. 30.—Sir Robert Borden is to tour the country in a national service campaign. He will speak in Montreal next Wednesday night and in Quebec Thursday night; Winnipeg December 11, and afterwards in the chief western cities from there to the coast. The tour will end in Toronto, December 22. R. B. Bennett, M. P., will accompany the premier.

FREDERICTON NATIVE HAS GOLDEN WEDDING

Bangor, Me., Nov. 30.—James J. Fahy and Mrs. Fahy observed Thanksgiving today by celebrating the 50th anniversary of their wedding. The couple maintained open house, the festivities lasting from early until a late hour. The large barn on the Fahy estate was occupied by the young people for dancing. Many presents were received by the popular couple.

Mr. Fahy was born in Fredericton, N. B., July 4, 1843, the son of James Fahy. His wife was Miss Mary L. Whalen of Bangor. They had ten children, one of whom is Joseph M. of McAdam, N. B., C. P. R. train dispatcher.

Uncle Sam has more troubles on his hands

Washington, Nov. 30.—Captain H.

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GERMANS HEARTILY SICK OF SANGUINARY STRUGGLE

"Most Serious Time", Says Kaiser William—Bethmann-Hollweg Again Announces His Country Ready to End The War.

TEUTON HIGH OFFICIALS WILLING TO CALL WAR OFF IF EXISTENCE AND FUTURE OF GERMANY IS GUARANTEED—MOST OUTSPOKEN SENTIMENTS YET UTTERED.

Berlin, Nov. 30, by wireless to Sayville—Emperor William sent the following telegram to Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg on the chancellor's sixtieth birthday:

"I thank you from my heart for the loyal faithfulness with which, in this most serious time, you have stood at my side, giving advice and assistance. May God give you, in your new life, health and vigor for further work in the service of the king and the beloved country. May He give you and us all a final victorious end of this stormy time of struggle."

Germany Wants Peace. Berlin, Nov. 30.—In an address to the Reichstag, in introducing the man power bill, Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg again announced that Germany was ready to end the war by a peace guaranteeing the existence and future of the nation.

"The war continues with its destructive forces," the Chancellor said, "accordingly our enemies desire it. They celebrated the past summer as a period of victory. But did they obtain what they wanted? Our lines are unbroken and Roumania, through which a great change of events was expected, is now atoning for what she did. God has helped us up to the present. He will help us further.

"But, gentlemen, this right ought not to make us forget duty. Our enemies do not yet desire peace. They have superior numbers at their command and almost the whole world delivers war material to them."

The Chancellor urged the necessity to do everything in Germany's power in order to manufacture the necessary war material, saying: "The hands that are idle assist the enemy."

War Minister Talks. The war minister, Lieut. General Von Stein, pointed out the paramount role of war material during the present conflict. He said the heroism of the troops at the front imposed upon every German at home the necessity of providing the requisite materials, and added:

"The enemy has suffered appalling losses from our artillery. For a long time a very energetic French general stood opposite my sector. We fought on prisoners and on the dead documents which mostly were incomprehensible to us. From them we learned how many death sentences were passed by the general on his own soldiers."

Minister of Interior. Dr. Helfferich, minister of the interior, said:

"The huge army and field army in this war join hands for an indissoluble union. Underneath the German soil are rich treasures, but they must be lifted to the daylight. This is a war carried on, not only with arms but it is an economic war of nations. England, which always speaks of protecting neutrals, has by her interference with mails, spying system and blacklists, cut off necessary imports from them and has caused them more damage than ever an enemy could do.

"In this economic war we, together with our allies, stand in all essential things alone. Our enemies can continue to import from across the seas. Half the world is at our enemies disposal."

"We have no trans-Atlantic imports; we must rely upon our own work, and must produce what we need by our own work. The earth yields what we need for food. But we must work, and once more have peace."

N. B. Corporal W. W. Ross, St. John, N. B. Died of wounds—R. Hare, Newcastle, N. B.

ROUMANIAN ARMY STILL AT LIBERTY

Major General Maurice Says the Fact Encouraging but Fears German Success.

London, Nov. 30.—Although satisfied that the Roumanian army is still absolutely intact, Maj.-General F. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office, told the Associated Press today that further advance by the Germans would mean a considerable success for them. General Maurice said:

"There is no use minimizing the fact that the further advance of the Germans means a considerable success as a step forward gives them the corn district, while a further step means their possession of the oil belts. Russia is moving, however, and the fact that the Roumanian army is still intact is encouraging."

FUNERAL OF FRANZ JOSEF

London, Dec. 1.—The funeral procession of the late Emperor Francis Joseph, says a Vienna despatch, received by way of Berne, left at two o'clock yesterday afternoon the Hofburg chapel, where the body had lain in state since Monday, and traversed the streets of Vienna to Saint Stephen's Cathedral. The hearse was drawn by eight horses, and surrounded by an imperial body guard, lackeys and pages bearing torches and crucifixes. Emperor Charles drove direct to the cathedral, where he waited, with the empress, the kings of Bulgaria, Bavaria, Saxony and Wurttemberg. Cardinal Piffl, Archbishop of Vienna, officiated, assisted by four cardinals, ten bishops and forty-eight priests. At the conclusion of the funeral service Emperor Charles walked behind the coffin to the Capuchin church, where the coffin was placed in the crypt.

NEWCASTLE MAN DEAD; ST. JOHN MAN WOUNDED

Ottawa, Nov. 30.—Casualty list: Infantry. Wounded—Gunner A. C. Johnson, Fredericton.