

General French Pays Visit to London
Austria is Said to be Sick of War
Rumors of a Big Gas Deal Reported

BRITISH TROOPS HAVE FALLEN
BACK AS FAR AS TIGRIS RIVER

Are Now Occupying Easily Defended Positions—
Pall Mall Gazette Thinks Kaiser's Visit to Vienna
is to Get Peace Between Austria and Italy.

Special Wire to the Courier.
London, Nov. 30.—The Pall Mall Gazette, associating Emperor William's visit to Vienna, with reports that Germany is willing to enter upon peace negotiations, ventures the opinion that as already suggested, the Emperor's trip to the Austrian capital, may represent a fresh attempt to bring about conclusion of a separate peace between Austria and Italy. It says: "Some features of Italy's attitude and encouragement to such an enterprise. The government at Rome for reasons never disclosed, has refrained from declaring war on Germany and has shown no particular eagerness to co-operate with the allies in restoring the situation in the Balkans. It is believed in Berlin that Italy can definitely be squared by a liberal surrender of territory wherein she claims a national interest, great pressure may be developed at Vienna to bring about such a sacrifice and thus liberate Austrian troops for other regions."

AFFAIRS IN THE EAST.
The varying fortunes which have attended General Townsend's Mesopotamian expedition have not yet been reported here in sufficient detail to make the situation entirely clear. From the latest official statement it does not appear that there has been any further fighting since the British advance upon the battlefield of Ctesiphon, but the British troops have again fallen back to the Tigris, having been outnumbered by the Turks, and are now occupying more easily defended positions in the rear of their former line.

HENRY FORD
GATHERING IN
HIS DISCIPLES

Several Noted American
Cranks Have Joined His
Peace Campaign.

JUDGE LINDSEY
AND WIFE, ALSO
Pacifists Rushing in to Take
Trip on Oscar II. to End
This Great War.

Special Wire to the Courier.
New York, Nov. 30.—The Tribune says: "Old Dr. Pease, the terror of tobaccoists; Richard Bartholdt, the hyphenated United States representative from Missouri, and Dr. Moses Stearn, the perennial candidate for Mayor in Philadelphia, all enlisted under the Flying A banner of peace yesterday. Others who accepted, swell the list of passengers on the Oscar II, to not more than forty. Reservations were made yesterday on the Frederick VIII, another Scandinavian-American liner to take care of the overflow peace pilgrims who will not be able to find berths on the Oscar II, which has room for 400. The peace ship sails Saturday.

Mystery was this London fog in the nest of peace dove at the Baltimore Hotel yesterday concerning the presence of the dreaded name of Dr. Charles G. Pease, the Billy Sunday of nicotine, on the list of Christmas crusaders. No one seemed to know how it got there. It is rumored that Annette Hazleton, that mysterious person who some time ago wrote a letter in praise of Dr. Pease to the Evening Sun, in handwriting suspiciously like the worthy doctor's, had herself nominated the arch-enemy of tobacco.
On January 3, Mr. Bartholdt, whose wife will aid him in bringing peace to Europe, inscribed himself in a letter which he then made public, as "wishing for a decisive victory over perfidious Albion." It may be that Mr. Ford will assign him the task of getting the English boys out of the trenches on Christmas Day.
Judge and Mrs. Ben. Lindsey, also accepted yesterday the invitation to become part of the Oscar II's personnel. Although the far-flung call for arms against arms has netted Mr. Ford many a governor so far, but a sure enough lieutenant-governor, Andrew J. Bethan of South Carolina yesterday announced his intention of becoming an amputee of trenches. Inez Mulholland Boissevain will also be one of the party.
While Mr. Ford was laboring in Detroit in the interest of peace, his secretary, Louis P. Lochner, was seeking converts in Philadelphia, his office force in the suite at the Baltimore Hotel was kept busy answering telephone calls and interviewing in person the legions of uninvited, but earnest workers for peace who were willing to make the sacrifice of taking a free ocean voyage in order to ask

RECRUITING
RALLIES

For the Brant Battalion
Will be Held Throughout the
County as Follows:

- Thursday, Dec. 2, at Cathcart.
Friday, Dec. 3, at Onondaga.
Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Scotland.
Friday, Dec. 10, at East Oakland.
Monday, Dec. 13, at Harley.
Tuesday, Dec. 14, at Oakland.
Friday, Dec. 17, Kegs Lane School House.
Meetings will be held each evening at 8 o'clock.

SUDDEN DEATH

Of Mr. Winegarden of the
Waterous Engine Works
Company.

Death came with startling suddenness this morning to Mr. Charles Winegarden, 71 Park Avenue, head shipper for the Waterous Engine Works Company.
He was alone in his office, and at about 11.25 a man passing through saw him sitting limp in his chair. He called for assistance, and Dr. Willie was summoned, but he was beyond human aid. Deceased, who was about 35 years of age had succumbed to heart failure. He leaves a wife and little boy to mourn his great loss.

Mr. Winegarden had been in the employ of the Waterous Company for a great many years and the firm speak very highly of him.
Dr. Fissette was notified but did not deem an inquest necessary.

Hockey Meeting.

Special Wire to the Courier.
Winnipeg, Nov. 30.—December the tenth is the date set for the annual meeting of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association in Winnipeg.

FLANELETTE BLANKETS

at a price you won't see again this season at Crompton's, to-morrow, Wednesday morning only, 9 to 12 o'clock.

Brantford's Bright Pupils
Have Been Photographed

CENTRAL SCHOOL—DIVISION TWO



THIRD ROW—Phil Reynolds, H. Needham, L. Wiles, J. Waterhouse, B. MacKay, R. Charlton, J. McCann, C. Wood, A. Willoughby, H. Myring, E. Pickett, F. Marr, C. Marlatt.
SECOND ROW—J. Angus, S. Barber, L. Marindale, E. Lipsitch, S. Jacobson, S. Corsonsky, J. Corsonsky, J. Green, L. Keith, M. Weinwright, I. Heppen, A. House, A. Richard, E. Cooper, W. Wallace, G. Smith.
FIRST ROW—S. Hunt, R. Bloye, F. Wright, V. Sills, J. Koyorie, E. Pepper, M. Morrison, R. Bozdozorian, A. Somgochian, T. Cheer, I. Jackson, I. Shute, C. Taylor.

AUSTRIA DISCONTENTED WITH WAR;
DISTRESS IS RIFE ALL OVER COUNTRY

Kaiser's Visit to Vienna Said to be in Connection With
Austria's Desire to Break Away From War—Peace
Talk Growing in Europe.

New York, Nov. 30.—The London correspondent of The Tribune cables: "With the arrival of Emperor William at Vienna on his first visit to Emperor Francis Joseph since the beginning of the war, come reports from Rome of Austria's attempts to conclude a separate peace.
While the report is generally discredited here, if for no other reason than the completeness of Germany's control over Austria, some color is lent to it by the semi-official announcement of the Wolff News Bureau of Berlin that several members of the Vienna cabinet are about to resign.
In the complete military and economic accord between the central powers that on the surface seems to exist, observers here see no reason for such a portentous step, except for deep underlying causes.
It is recalled that once before after the Russian sweep through Galicia, the Austrian half of the dual monarchy wearied of the war and was anxious for peace. A change in the ministry was brought about by Berlin and the discouraged government stiffened by German troops and

MONASTIR HAS BEEN EVACUATED
BY SERBS, CIVILIANS GETTING AWAY

Serbian Army is Not Yet Crushed Although Most of Country
is Lost—Very Bitter Weather Halts Military
Movements.

Special Wire to the Courier.
London, Nov. 30.—Monastir, in southwestern Serbia, has been evacuated. Serbian troops, having accomplished their purpose of delaying their enemy's advance until the civil population of the town had time to escape, have now left the city and according to reports, are retiring in good order. Bulgarian occupation of the town is apparently a matter of only a few hours.
Though the Austro-German and Bulgarian campaign against Serbia is described by the Central powers as finished and though practically the whole of Serbia is in their possession, they have not accomplished, according to the general belief here, the more important aim of entirely crushing the Serbian army. Though defeated and worn out in the conflict against overwhelming odds, the Serbian forces are said to be still unbroken and undemoralized, and are reported to be reorganizing their shattered units on the Albanian and Montenegrin frontiers preparatory to fresh action.
Either bitter winter weather has retarded the Central powers in their proposed new enterprise against the Franco-British troops in the Strumitsa region, or the rapidly developing Russian menace from the direction of Rumania has caused them to abandon it. In any event their campaign

Brantford Gas
Co. Sold Out?

LONDON, Ont., Nov. 30.—Important developments in connection with natural gas all through Western Ontario will follow a big deal just put through by which an American syndicate has purchased a five-million-dollar interest in fifty Canadian companies controlled by the Cities Service Company, of New York, Tilbury, Welland, Hamilton, Brantford, and many other places will be affected.

GEN. FRENCH
IN LONDON

Conferred With Premier Asquith
Yesterday—First
Visit Since January.

Special Wire to the Courier.
London, Nov. 30.—Field Marshal Sir John French, commander of the British forces on the western front, was in London yesterday and conferred with Premier Asquith.
So far as the public knows, Field Marshal French has not been in London before since he paid a secret visit to the British capital late in January. He conferred with the British and French war ministers at Calais on July 6.
Earl Kitchener, British secretary for war was in Paris yesterday. There have been reports a movement was on foot to place General Joffre, the French leader, in supreme command of the Franco-British forces on the western front, but London has denied there was any foundation for them.

KITCHENER IN LONDON

Special Wire to the Courier.
LONDON, Nov. 30, 12.55 p.m.—Field Marshal Earl Kitchener the Secretary for War, returned to London today from his trip to the Near East.

London, Nov. 30.—Earl Kitchener will meet his colleagues in the war council of the cabinet on Thursday. At that time he will convey to them the results of his observations on the various battle fronts and his conferences at the capitals of the countries he visited.

Jumped to Pros.

Special Wire to the Courier.
Winnipeg, Nov. 30.—Del Irvin left last night for Portland, where he will play hockey in the coast league.

GREECE HAS
ACCEPTED ALL
PROPOSITIONS

Operations in Macedonia
Being Watched Keenly
by Athens.

MONASTIR IS DOOMED

Germans Make Attempt to
Destroy Munition Plants
in Italy.

Special Wire to the Courier.
New York, Nov. 30.—A cable to the Herald from London this morning says: "Martin H. Donohoe telegraphs to the Daily Chronicle from Athens: "The government's reply to the allied note accepts all the propositions. These have been submitted to the military commission who will determine the best methods for rendering them effective while at the same time maintaining the integrity of Greece's sovereign and national rights.
"The operations in Macedonia are being watched keenly by the cabinet and king who are in hourly consultation. Events there in the end will have the deciding influence on Greece's final attitude towards the quadruple entente."
Reporting the evacuation of Monastir, Mr. Donohoe states: "The Bulgarians are rapidly approaching the doomed city and may occupy it within 24 hours. The Serbian rear-guard is desperately holding its position north of the city in order to give the women and children, thousands of whom have perished in the flight through the bitter cold and heavy snow storms, a chance to gain refuge on Greek soil.
"The Greek authorities are doing their utmost to succor the big army of refugees, but the supply of food stuffs is small and famine is feared. The allies are attempting to forward supplies from Saloniki.
"Bands of Bulgarian comitadjis are pillaging, slaying and ravaging the country near Monastir. As the Austro-Germans and three divisions of Bulgarians are racing to reach the city first, the Bulgarians are attempting to surround and cut off the Serbian rear-guard."

WORKING IN ITALY NOW

Paris, Nov. 30.—An attempt on the part of Germans to destroy munition plants in Italy is said by The Journal in a despatch from San Remo, Italy, to have been discovered by the Turin police. It was learned that the plan apparently was being directed from Lugano, Switzerland, and the case was referred to the Swiss police who arrested a boatman. In the possession of the boatman were found two boxes, labelled chocolate, which he was about to ship to Turin. The boxes were filled with dynamite.
The Journal's despatch adds that the arrest of a number of other persons, some of them connected with the German consulate, is imminent.

GERMANY PLACES HUGE ORDERS
FOR COPPER IN UNITED STATES

Two Hundred Million Pounds, One-fifth of the
Annual Production, Requested—Does
Germany Expect War to End Soon?

Special Wire to the Courier.
New York, Nov. 30.—(In Montreal Gazette)—Orders for copper, aggregating something like two hundred million pounds, nearly one fifth of the annual production in the United States, have been placed by German representatives with copper concerns in this country, according to information obtained from an authoritative source yesterday. Numbers of inquiries, have been received by copper producers and many large orders have actually been filled and paid for. While the contracts have been filled, the metal has been placed in storage and under the agreement it is to be shipped to Germany immediately after the war. Copper was quoted yesterday at twenty cents a pound. The copper destined to go to Germany thus has a value of \$40,000,000. The huge purchases of copper, according to one of the best authorities on copper situation, clearly indicates two things—first, that Germany expects a cessation of hostilities in the near future, and, second, that the German supply of copper is about exhausted, as has been shown recently by the seizure of copper wherever it could be found in the German empire.

JAGGERS

Fine wool scarfs, in white and colors, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50. W. L. Hughes.

SPECIAL SALE

400 pairs Flannellette Blankets, the best brand, perfect goods, on special sale to-morrow, Wednesday morning 9 to 12 o'clock. 12-4 size for \$1.39; 11-4 size for \$1.23. Cash at time of purchase only—one pair only to a customer. E. B. Crompton & Co., Limited.

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