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emy Manoeuvres Interpreted as Solely of Military Siginficance.

ALLIES TO ANSWER

Entente Likely to Make Joint Reply to German Proposals.

ted States and the entente allies the Russian Bolsheviki have deped to such a stage that in the nion of some officials here notice the propaganda must be taken and attempt made to neutralize it.

to meet in Paris soon with the pose of discussing the advisability the negotiations, as has been reed by a leading Conservative Britnewspaper, they will act in accord the agreement rigidly adhered to on of Russia, not to entertain any proposals from the enemy withonsultation with each other.

nany is believed to be prepare ier almost any conceivable batt individual enemy in order to its disruption, and having sucd measurably with Russia, is

o get that nation to influence e none of the entents countries ecognized the Lenine-Trotzky e in Russia, it will be difficult Bolsheviki to convey the invi-

is a clear indication that the gains. military leaders have now negotiations are the teps towards that end.

ISS OFFICER DEGRADED.

Gall, Switzerland, Dec. 31.-Maurer of the Swiss army has condemned by court-martial to is ion and to imprisonment for en months for complicity

positions.

announcements on

BLOW DEALT BY FRENCH

IN MONTE TOMBA REGION

Austrian official statement elan stormed enemy positions between

striking successes have been scored men, 60 machine guns, seven cannon, several rapid-firing trench guns and a

Both French and British troops large quantity of other war material.

have been for some time aiding the British and Italian batteries and air-

has previously been used in state-ments for the Teutonic side in initial

occasions when

STILL CARRYING ON

We've finished another calendar year in the war; a year of further trials and losses, of sacrifices and of services heretofore unexperienced and never expected in our time. And yet we go into this new year not undaunted, of stouter hearts, better organized, more robust in our hopes, more confident that our cause is just and will win. Still to carry on; and we'll carry on. We think we see victory in sight.

But there is more toll to be paid, more sacrifices to be made. And yet the Star of Peice is rising anew over That Bethlehem-once more 1000 persons dead in the earthquake

The kaiser and the sultan must get out from off Europe. Belgium, in a telegram received here from the France, Russia, Italy, the Balkans, the Near East, have felt the sting Central and South American Teleof their whips, the frightfulness of their smoking swords and their bloody contrivances. Never will the German or the Turk stand upright

Jose from Guatemala City yesterday again, or without common malediction.

And the United States comes into that Sun that Germany said was per cent. of the houses in the city are her goal. Our neighbors are the new moral factor of these terrible days demolished. Most of the others have -more than any oasis in any of the great desert places of great history, collapsed and are uninhabitable. Mar-The American of the New World -and the term includes the Canadian tial law has been declared and several —has more than eclipsed the German and the Turk of the Old World.

Tashington, Dec. 31.—Insidious efastive Germans to involve the large. And we are playing a great part in that work; and Canada shocks continue at intervals of about s of the Germans to involve the at large. And we are playing a great part in that work; and Canada has the undying glory of being the first American state to go to the help the peace negotiations proceeding of Europe when its liberties were assailed. We do not regret our act or bemoan our losses; we persevere in the task. To persevere for right is everything. Columbus and America, Liberty and Lincoln! If no great historic figure has appeared we have A New Democracy! And those of us who do and are doing their part in this war will be for ever identithe British and French premiers fied with a still more Glorious Day and Era.

receiving and answering the pro-als of the Bolsheviki to participate BOMBING PARTIES EJECT **ENEMY FROM TRENCHES**

Enemy Attempt to Gain ATTACK BY GERMANS on Welsh Ridge Fails-No Big Offensive Probable Owing to Deep

London, Dec. 31.—The Reuter cor-respondent at British headquarters in France sends the following "The German attack between La-

vacquerie and Marcoing apparently for a peace discussion, but it was an attempt to carry a system of made another determined attack on man Government might rehe Swiss foreign office to tack was about three thousand yards, in the Cambral sector, today, and suctan invitation to America and beligerents.

Staff officers here are underattach great significance to int attempt of the central to force the entente powers ace negotiations. To their is a clear indication that the

"In the course of the day our bomb-ing parties drove the Germans out of "newed his attack against Welsh Ridge ished all that they feel capdoing in the field. They can
a" for a long time yet, it is

"for a long time yet, it is
"for a long time yet, it is considerable casualties on them. The of occupation without an enor-but there is no reason to believe that hoss of men and time, at the of a terrible defeat. Therefore, with the object of regaining a bit of eu on diplomats seek to real-re thing possible from what the the Hindenburg line, the possession of the Hindenburg line, the possession of which gives good observation.

"With snow nowhere less than six trench is now in our hands." inches deep and in many places six feet in depth, anything in the nature attack was broken up by our fire and completely repulsed.

WHEAT SUPPLIES FOR ALLIES.

Buenos Aires, Argentina, Dec. 31 .-Announcement is made by the govin ernment that arrangements have been amuggling of cotton into Austria nearly completed for selling 2,500,000 tons of wheat to the entente allies.

the French troops with magnificent

"They captured 44 officers and 1348

Snow. Enemy Makes Slight Gain on Welsh Ridge, But is Later

Driven Back. London, Dec. 31.-The German ceeded in capturing a portion of the trenches. A heavy British counter-

attack drove them back again, ac-cording to the report from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters tonight. "This morning, after a short but assistance of liquid fire, succeeded temporarily in forcing his way into one of our trenches. From this position they were driven out by our counter-attack. The whole of the

"Our own and the enemy's artillary was active during the day at a number of points south of the Scarpe.

"The hostile artillery has also shown some activity in the Ypres

BRITISH CASUALTIES SHOW BIG DECREASE

Killed and Wounded List for December Only Half That of

total of 79,527, divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds: Officers, 1,045; men, 14.805. Wounded or misstain front felt the shock yesterday of a French infantry blow and were shaken, if not broken, by the impact. The French stroke was delivered on the easterly end of the mountain line, near its junction with the Piave, the assault being directed at Monte the assault being directed at Monte Tomba. The attacking columns broke marked decrease from November, reflecting the slowing down of operations with the coming of winter ing to

The figures for the last six days more suggestive as it announces the preparation of "counter-measures" ance of the enemy, our valiant aides against the French. In is expression has previously been used in statements for the Teutonic side in initial ments for the stubborn resistance of the enemy, our valiant aides of the preceding six days. The report for the preceding six days. The report for the preceding six days are possible to the preceding six days.

DINEEN'S SALE OF FURS.

furs starts tomorrow, January 2.

CANADIAN PUBLIC MEN BY GUATEMALA QUAKE

Almost Half Houses in City Demolished by Shocks-Martial Law is Declared

New York, Dec. 31,-An estimate of ruins at Guatemala City is contained afternoon. The message says that 40

Ukrainians and Cossacks Win Creat Battle on Southwestern Ukrainians and Cossacks Win Ukrainians Win Ukrainians Win Ukrainians Win Ukrainians Win Ukrainians Win Ukraini Great Battle on Southwestern Front-Anarchists Pursued.

Cossack forces in a great battle on the southwestern front have defeated Bolsheviki troops, taking four hundred prisoners and capturing several machine guns, according to a despatch to the southwestern front have defeated militia for many years. His first service was with the 35th Battalion, Simcoe country, Ontario, and was educated in Simcoe and Toronto. He was identified with the Canadian militia for many years. His first service was with the 35th Battalion, Simcoe and Toronto. He was identified with the Canadian militia for many years, and he saw service in the Fenian Raid, Reil Rebellion, Red Riv. received by The Dages Nymeter from Expedition, was with the Northwest Mounted Police as inspector and superintendent. He led2an expedition into

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The food controller's office announced tonight that it had been advised by the war trade board, Washington, that the United States embargo against the exportatio nof pork and pork products to Canada has been modified to the extent that licenses will now be sranted for the shipment of fat mess pork in limited quantities for lumber camp use in the Dominion. Such licenses will be issued by the war trade board only upon the approval of the food controller for Canada.

BRITISH CRAFT ARE SUNK

London, Dec. 31.—The admiralty announces that the mine sweeping sloop Arbutis and the armed boarding steamer Grive have been sunk owing to bad weather after having bee interpeded.

the final results are known.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION RETURNS

The World, as usual, will throw the results of the municipal

elections today on a screen opposite The World Building, West

Richmond street. As the polls in Toronto close at five o'clock,

the first of the results should be on the screen shortly after-

wards, and will continue to be shown during the evening until

ed by A. L. Whitelaw of the Ellis Adding Typewriter Company,

who has brought the collection system down to such a fine

point that the returns are gathered, tabulated, supplied to the newspapers and given to the public in record time. In no city

on the continent are election results gathered and tabulated in

such record time as they are in Toronto by Mr. Whitelaw. The fact that Mr. Whitelaw's figures last year, long before mid-

night on election day, were only 32 different from the count

made by the city clerk several days later shows that the re-

Four Strongholds Now Interposed Between Turk

Forces and Jerusalem---Latest British Advances

Total Seven Miles.

As in former years, the results will be collected and tabulat-

RECEIVE KNIGHTHOOD

Titles Conferred on Maj.-Gen. MacDonald, Admiral Kingsmill, Prof. MacPhail and W. J. Gage.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, Dec. 31...The colonial

Year honors fol-Knight Comman der of St. Michael and St. George
— Sir Frank
Stillman Barnard,
lieutenant - governor of British Columbia; Gen. Sir Samuel Steele. Companion of St. Michael and St. George - Rodolphe oudreau, clerk of the Canadian privy Knights Bachel

or - Sir William Gage, Toronto; Ad-Gen. MacDonald. Ottawa; Major-MacDonalu, quartermaster-Major Andrew MacPhail

Montreal.
It is officially announced that the

Sir Samuel Steele, K.C.M.G. Sir Samuel Steele has had a distinguished military record. He was born Steckholm, Dec. 31.-Ukrainian and in 1849 in Simcoe County, Ontario, and British Columbia to the Kootenay district to restore order, for which he received thanks in general orders, and he commanded the Northwest Mouraced Police detachments on the summits of the White and Chilect Description. of the White and Chilcoot Passes during the rush to the Klondike in 1898. He commanded the Strathcona Horse in the Boer War and he also held command of the Canadian forces in Eng-

land in the present war. Major-General Sam Steele Went Canadian division, receiving the ap-pointment while occupying the important position of inspector-general of western forces. He has had a ong experience in active service fo

Sir F. S. Barnard, K.C.M.G. Sir Frank Stillman Barnard has been (Concluded on Page 2, Column 5).

CANADIANS RECEIVE

NEW YEAR'S HONORS

ADMIRAL KINGSMILL.

Ottawa.

In West, British and French Hold Dominant Strategical Positions.

ITALY'S STAND FIRM

Presence of American Troops at Front Heartening to Allies.

Washington, Dec. 31.-What the eginning of the new year finds at the battlefronts is outlined by Secretary Baker in his weekly review of military operations, issued tonight by the war department. In the west, he cays, the British dominate the Flanders plain with a great wedge into the principal German line of defence at Cambral, while the French, with their own lines unbroken, hold the key to the Laon area thru the capture of Chemin des

Italy, supported by the allies, is holding firm, while the enemy after battering in vain for six weeks against the defenders is busy preparing for a renewed offensive.

Of Russia, the review merely says the Germans are endeavoring to persuade that country that they are eager to assist in restoring normal conditions, and that the German embassy building at Petrograd is being made ready for occupancy ready for occupancy.
Has Heartened Allies.

While the operation of American troops at the faunt has been confined to narrow limits, the secretary says their presence has heartened the allies and increased faith in final victory. The review for the week ending Dec. 31 follows in part.
"The military situation at the begin-

ning of the new year is as follows: in the west, the British in the Ypressalient, occupy the high ground of the Passchendaele ridge and dominate the Flanders plain.

"Their wedge in front of Cambral, tho blunt, has ripped a great gap in the principal line of defence.
"The battle for Cambral proved that the German defensive positions could be broken and taken. Tho full advantage was not taken. vantage was not taken of the carly successes gained by the British, nevertheless, the disaster to German arms in this battle was the most serious

since the Marne.
"The French by the capture of (Concluded on Page 2, Column 6).



SIR W. J. GAGE.

SIR ANDREW MacPHAIL. Montreal.

PLAN TO RE-DISTRIBUTE PALESTINE POSITIONS

Officials of Companies and U. S. Government May Requisition It For War Use.

POWER AT BUFFALO

Washington, Dec. 31.—Redistribution and possibly requisitioning of electric power at Buffalo, as has been near it has become imperative that a near it has become imperative that a done at Niagara Falls, to, insure an leader be chosen. ample supply for mills working on Hartley H. Bewart. K.C., a recent serious Turkish attempt with German assistance, to retake the city, says today's war office statement on the Palestine operations. The British advance scored northwest of Jerusalem in these operations represents a gain of seven miles.

"On the coastal sector the British of Jerusalem in these operations represents a gain of seven miles, respectively, northwest of Birch.

"On the coastal sector the British and that a decision would not be reached before a visit was made to Buffalo by the country's representatives of the council of national defence. It was stated the conference was merely for the exchange of views and that a decision would not be reached before a visit was made to Buffalo by the country's representatives.

The text of the war office state.

AT MEETING THURSDAY Wm. Proudfoot, K.C., J. G:

NAME LIBERAL LEADER

Elliott, K.C., and H. H. Dewart, K.C., Are Mentioned.

The Liberal members of the Ontario Legislature and the Liberal candidates nominated for the next elec-tion, have been summoned to meet in Toronto on Thursday to choose a leader in succession to Hon. N. W. Rowell, who has entered the federal

administration.

About three months ago a committee of members was appointed to consider the question, "of a successor and to report to caucus their decision." It has been decided by this committee that a lea er should be chosen for this session only, but not a permanent party tader.

The choice, it is learned, lies, between force members, namely: Wm.

tween three members, namel,: Wm-Proudfoot, K.C., of West Huron; J. G. Elliott, K.C., of West Middlesex, and H. H. Dewart, K.C., of South Toronto. It was expected that the report referred to in the above despatch would be made between 30 and 40 days following the conference held in the Re-form Association offices, Toronto street, but at about the time it should have been available the federal elec-tion contest was at its height, and

sults are absolutely accurate. In addition to the election results, The World will throw Attacking Troops Penetrate Enemy Lines, Berlin Ad-Previous Month. motion pictures on the screen. mits, and Apparently Retain Gains Made--London. Dec. 31.—British casuar Foe Prepares "Counter-Move." tles reported in December reached a BRITISH STRENGTHEN

New York. Dec. 31 .- The 'Austro- their activity having been almost en-Berman lines on the Italian mountirely of the defensive order, how-Tomba. The attacking columns broke port says in reference to the French fomba. The attacking countries troke into the enemy defenses of the mount in at some points and apparently he good their hold, as Berlin adsector, after careful artillery preparation, intensitied early in the afternoon.

The total for last month was 120,-089, the highest in five months, owthe severe fighting on the Cambrai front. makes the French victory appear even more suggestive as it announces the more suggestive as it announces the Having overcome the stubborn resistance of the enemy, our valiant aides

Dineen's January clearing sale of

London. Dec. 31.—The British now have four strong positions interposed between the enemy and Jerusalem instead of the one that existed before a recent serious Turkish attempt with German assistance, to retake the city.

"Yesterday we occupied Bertin Bethel. two miles northeast of Bireh and Bethel. two miles northeast of Bireh and Elbur Jameline, west of Adalula, and Elbur Jameline, west of Adalula, and also Janelin and Ras Kerker, six and sentatives of the council of national sentati

Italians in holding their present front, men co-operated effectively." MAY 1918 BRING CANADA VICTORY, PEACE AND PROSPERIT

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