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## ALLIED OFFENSIVE IN BALKANS MAY FOLLOW SUCCESSFUL THDRAWAL OF BRITISH TROOPS FROM NORTH OF GALLIPOLI

Germans Unready to Strike at Saloniki and Bulgarians Unwilling to All ES Provoke Greek Hostility

don, Dec. 20-The announcement of the British withdrawal from Gallipoli overshadowed all other war news tonight. For the British public the abrupt war office statement marks the end of one of the great chapters

"Thus ends the enterprise on which the highest hopes were built, and which, if it had succeeded, would probably have turned the tide of the war. Our troops, from first to last, were within a few miles of victory."

The policy underlying the Dardanelles expedition may yet be carried to a successful issue in some other quarter of the Near East, but the prospect of forcing a way to Constantinople through the famous Straits, is apparently re-

British troops continue to occupy the tip of the peninsula at Seddul Bahr, commanding the entrance to the Straits, where many British have declared a new Gibraltar will one day arise. The position here is protected by a double line of ships, and it is assumed that this will be held.

A fair degree of quiet has continued on the war fronts during the past twenty-four hours, and none of the oft-repeated threats of a big offensive in France, in North Russia, Galicia and the Balkans has yet actually material-

NO TROOPS ACROSS GREEK FRONTIER

Persistent reports of a Graeco-Bulgarian encounter, resulting from a Bulgarian surprise attack, have been cleared up by the Greek statement that the incounter took place in Albanian territory. No one was killed and few were wounded. Order was restored promptly, and an amicable inquiry is proceed-

GREEKS IN THE FIGHT.

London, Dec. 21-A despatch to the Daily Mail from Athens, coming by ay of Messins, reports that the Greek troops have occupied Doiran station

This correspondent also gives the report that Greek troops have had a brush

y-four Combata in Air.

Turkish trenches at the exundon, Dec. 20—The British official the Gallipoli peninsula.

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Toronto Man Has Cable from Gallipoli peninsula than those from which troops were announced to-day to have been withdrawn are to be continued, it is intimated in an official statement, issued tonight. The withdrawal was effected without knowledge of the movement on the part of the Turks, it is de-

AN CLAIM OF "Further details of the evacuation of the Anzac and Suvla zones have been received," says the official statement. "Without the Turks being aware of the movement, a great army has been withotal British Ships Destroyed Number of the closest of contact with the enemy. By this contraction of the front, operations at other points of the line will be more effectively carried out.

Says Berlin Report — Britain Not Approached Regarding Purchase of the start of forces to the generals commanding, and the royal

## on Recruiting Not Ready for Today ---Warning in Reichstag That Heavy Tax Burdens Will Not End with War.

Wonderful Advance Made in Making

of Munitions, Says Lloyd George

Tardiness of Allies to Meet Enemy's Superiority

So Far Prevented Final Victory-Statement

London, Dec. 20-The eagerly awaited figures on the Earl of Derby's reting scheme will not be available tomorrow, as expected.

MECHANICAL FORCES

Premier Asquith explained to the house of commons this afternoon that the implexity of the task, and the enormous difficulty of classifying the figures, and it impossible to complete the work last week, but the Earl of Derby oped to send in the general result tonight.

The cabinet had decided, the premier added, that in these circumstances no

f peace when Sir William Pollard Byles, member for North Salford, in a ques-on, suggested that recent debates in the Reichstag indicated a disposition to

government's position was unchanged on the matter of peace."
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On December 8 the premier said:

"If proposals of a serious character for a general peace are put forward by the enemy governments, either directly or through a neutral power," said the premier, in reply, "they will first be discussed with the Allied governments.

"Until this contingency arises I cannot give any further pledge.

"As soon as proposals for peace are put forward it will be the desire of the government to take parliament into its confidence at the earliest possible mo-

## NEW BURDENS ON VICTORY HANGS ON GERMAN PEOPLE LABOR'S ATTITUDE

Berlin, via London, Dec. 20—Dr. Karl Helfferich, secretary of the treasury, announced in the Reichstag today that the next budget cannot be balanced without additional

taxation are now being drafted for submission to the Reichstag.

The secretary declared that no matter how large a war indemnity was received, the war would impose a colossal burden of taxation on the Germans, and they must therefore expect greatly increased taxation after the war.

Government After War Profits.

early days of the war, and the history of the establishment of his department to remedy this situation, the minister gradually warmed to his subject, and reached the climax with the declaration that the success of the Allies in the war depends on the attitude of organized labor—whether it will allow the government to recruit a sufficient number of skilled men for the factories which the munitions department has brought into being.

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