

**BOUND-SCHOOL BUILDING
CHARGES GROUNDLESS**

Board of Education Disposes of Complaint as to the Hoodless School.

DEPUTATIONS WERE HEARD

Council of Women and Teachers' Association Make Requests of Board.

HAMILTON, Friday, Dec. 10.—The members of the board of education last evening heard the charges made regarding the construction of the Adelaide Hoodless Memorial School by Architect W. L. Chance and Mr. Farrar, and the replies to these charges by A. W. Pease, architect in charge of the erection of the school, and it is hoped that the last of the matter has now been heard. The charges stated that inferior materials were used and that the work generally was not done according to the plans and specifications and that contractors had made a large saving. The individual charges were replied to by Mr. Pease, who explained that a good job had been done and that the saving was due to the fact that the original plans were defective. Letters were read from the board of education and the teachers' association, and it was decided that a start be made at once in making the materials used up to the specifications. The report of Mr. Pease was entirely satisfactory to the members of the board.

Care of Defectives. Mrs. Lytle further asked that more accommodation be provided for the feeble-minded or backward children of this city, and suggested that Charlton avenue school be used until such time as the city erects a proper building, according to legislation passed some time ago. The matter is now being investigated, and will receive the fullest consideration of the board of education.

Defect in Legislation. A deputation from the Hamilton Teachers' Association appeared to ask the co-operation of the board in having the proposed Superintendence Act passed by the provincial government. It was explained that five per cent. of the salaries of the teachers would be paid by the government, and that the balance would be made up by the local authorities. The matter was referred to the internal management committee.

Defect in Legislation. Loman Lee, chairman of the finance committee, explained to the board that, should a proposed bill be passed, it would be experienced this year, it would only amount to \$638.84, as \$250.00 had been expended. The bill, which was not included in the appropriation, would be paid by the board, and the balance would be made up by the local authorities. The matter was referred to the internal management committee.

Tribute to Physician. A resolution was adopted by the board to present a resolution to Dr. Almon Woolworth, who recently died in Italy. Mr. Woolworth was a member of the board of education, and his death was a great loss to the city. The resolution was adopted by a large majority.

Miss Edith Taylor was appointed to the school nursing staff. The applications of Miss Strong and C. Babrick for increase in salary had been referred to the board of education, and it was decided that they should be considered at the next meeting.

**GERMAN SAILORS ON
U.S. SHIPS IMMUNE?**

Washington May Dispute Legality of Action of French Cruiser.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—A German steamship aboard an American vessel in the high seas is immune from seizure by the United States, according to the view of the state department, unless it can be shown that it is an active member of German naval or military forces.

Department officials made this clear today in commenting informally on the news despatches that five German submarines had been seized by the American merchantman Cosmo and Carolina by the French cruiser Descaux.

It is said the captured men, provided they were not units in the German fighting forces, were as much entitled to American protection as they would have been on American soil.

The department tonight had no official advice on the seizure and until such advice is received no action will be taken.

**NEWS FROM GHEVGLI
OMINOUS, SAYS TIMES**

Allies Are Reported to Have Evacuated Their Hospitals.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The Times this morning regards as an ominous sign the news received from the Albanian correspondent that the hospitals of the entente allies at Ghevigli in south-eastern Serbia, have been evacuated.

GREEK SHIPS TO TIP. Several of the Greek shipping companies announce the probable suspension of their services owing to a scarcity of coal. The suspension will affect the mail boats from Corfu and Saloniki.

**NEW YORKER DECLINES
CALL TO LONDON CHURCH**

Rev. Hugh Black Will Not Assume Pastorate of City Temple.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Rev. Hugh Black, professor of practical theology at Union Theological Seminary, announced tonight that he had declined a call to become pastor of the City Temple, London, as the successor of Rev. R. J. Campbell in what is regarded as one of the foremost pastorates in the English-speaking world.

In his letter to Henry W. Chapman, senior dean of the temple, declining the call, Dr. Black says that while he longs to serve Great Britain in her day of stress, he feels the work to which he is committed in America demands his services.

Dr. Black, a native of Scotland, came to the Union Theological Seminary from St. George's United Free Church, Edinburgh, in 1906.

**BOMBARDMENTS SHAKE
POSITIONS OF GERMANS**

Successful Actions With Mines Also Fought on French Front at Divers Points.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. PARIS, Dec. 9.—Action on the French front was confined to artillery bombardments and mine fighting today. The shelling of enemy trenches was intermittent at divers points. From near Roye, a German battery was destroyed by the explosion of one of the mines.

In the Champagne sector last night, French artillery, in bombarding German positions, caused the explosion of a munitions depot situated at a point south of St. Souplet.

The French, continuing their counter-attacks, have regained practically all of the advanced trenches lost to the enemy near the Souhain knoll. Two mines were successfully exploded in the region of Haut Chevauchés in the Argonne.

For gallant conduct in the battle of Champagne, Patrice de MacMahon, Duke of Magenta, and son of the late Marshal MacMahon, an ex-president of France, has been cited in the orders of the day. The orders recite that as general of division the duke inspired his men with such ardor that they carried several lines of trenches and covered three miles of ground.

**BIG CONTRACTS SPLIT
AMONG LOWEST FIRMS**

New Rule Adopted by War Purchase Commission for Speedy Delivery.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 9.—In reply to a charge by certain newspapers that the war purchasing commission has not been letting clothing contracts to the lowest tenders, Hon. A. E. Kemp, chairman of the commission, stated that the practice of the commission was to divide large contracts amongst a number of lowest tenderers, and that it was desirable to keep the various firms in the business and competing with one another.

The proposal was that a certain large order for the T. Eaton Co. be divided into a number of smaller contracts. They were the lowest tenders but contracts were given to the next lowest tenderers because of the amount of whole quantity of clothing received. By adopting this system, the government would be able to save \$151,315 as compared with what would have been paid under the old system, which the present government had decided to follow temporarily on account of long-term contracts that had been made.

**HAMILTON AUTO FIRM
FAILS AT NORTH BAY**

Suspension Announced Following Writs for Unpaid Claims.

HAMILTON, Friday, Dec. 10.—It was announced yesterday that the Hamilton Automobile Association has made an assignment to W. C. Metcalfe. The association had been in business in automobile accessories in North Bay, and recently a number of writs for unpaid claims had been served on it.

**HYDRO RATE REDUCTION
PROMISED NEXT MONTH**

Profits of Present Year Will Go Back to Consumers.

HAMILTON, Friday, Dec. 10.—A reduction of hydro rates is under consideration by the Hamilton commission, and will undoubtedly take effect the beginning of next month. It is announced that the profits of this year will be about \$30,000, and that this must be used to reduce the rates to consumers.

**SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS
University of Toronto Graduates Are Successful in Harvard Divinity School.**

President Falconer of the University of Toronto has received a communication from the divinity school of Harvard University, informing him that A. E. O'Connell, '11, and J. P. Reed, M.A., '12, both graduates of the University of Toronto, who are now students in the Harvard divinity school, have been awarded respectively a Williams' fellowship of \$500, and a Hopkins share, about \$350.

The letter congratulated the president on the success of these former students of the University of Toronto.

BANK TELLER ACCUSED.

WINDSOR, Dec. 9.—A warrant was issued here for the arrest of Michael S. Kelly, twenty-two years old, a teller in the Windsor branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, charging him with the embezzlement of \$500 of the bank's funds.

**TRAVELERS REQUIRE
FEDERAL PASSPORTS**

Also Certificates of Identification From Canadian Immigration Agents.

WHY TROUBLES ARISE

Light Thrown on Action of Authorities at New York.

OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—A probable explanation of the reason so many Canadians who had hoped for passage for England were turned back at New York yesterday is contained in a statement issued by the department of external affairs tonight. The statement says that unauthorized persons have been issuing documents represented as being sufficient. The statement follows:

"In connection with the requirement imposed by British regulations, on travelers entering the United Kingdom, to carry a passport, or similar document, it has come to the knowledge of the department of external affairs that unauthorized persons have been taking advantage of this fact to issue various documents which are represented as being sufficient for the purpose referred to.

"The traveling public should, therefore, take notice that the only document which, so far as there is official information, will be regarded as satisfactory by the imperial authorities for permitting entry to Great Britain are: (a) passports which are issued from the department of external affairs at Ottawa, to which department direct application may be made; or (b) certificates of identification issued by Canadian immigration agents at the following points: Halifax, St. John, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, London, Fort William, Port Arthur, Winnipeg, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Lloydminster, Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria.

**PERSIANS DEFEATED
BY RUSSIAN TROOPS**

German and Turkish Officers Were in Command of Mercenaries.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 9, via London, Dec. 10.—The following official communication has been received here from Téhéran:

"Russian troops have occupied Sultan Bulak Pass, where insurgent German and Turkish mercenaries had been fortifying themselves for the past two weeks under the command of German and Turkish officers. The road to Hamadan is now open. The enemy fled in complete disorder, pursued by our troops."

**WANT MORE MONEY FOR
BABIES' DISPENSARY**

Supporters Ask City to Increase Its Annual Grant.

HAMILTON, Friday, Dec. 10.—W. B. Phinn and W. B. Champ, representing the Babies' Dispensary, put forth some practical reasons today for an increase in the grant to the association. It was pointed out that the cost of the war the birth rate here had increased by 100 per cent.

The proposal was that the city, instead of making an annual grant of \$700, pay three cents per day for each patient, which is estimated to amount to about \$2000 per year. The controllers will render their decision next Tuesday or Wednesday.

**GERMANS WANT PEACE
FEARING FOR FUTURE**

Chancellor Would Not Discuss It, Unless He Desired Terms, London View.

LONDON, Dec. 10, 1.30 a.m.—Owing to the fact that the reports of the German imperial chancellor's address in the reichstag, had only been partly received, when the London morning newspapers went to press, there is no general comment on it this morning. Those newspapers who do print editorially, however, adopt a sarcastic tone at the chancellor's expense.

The general view is that unless Germany had desired peace, yesterday's debate would not have occurred. The Daily Graphic, which expresses the belief that the world will smile at the idea of Germany offering to forego advantages which Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg said would accrue to her through a prolongation of the war, says:

"People don't talk about peace unless they want it, and it is because the Germans are conscious of the risks of prolonging the war that they are talking so noisily about peace."

**FORMER HAMILTON
DOCTOR DEAD IN ITALY**

HAMILTON, Friday, Dec. 10.—A cable message received by the Mercantile Trust Company announced the death of Dr. Almon E. Woolworth, of this city, at Florence, Italy, well-known half a century Dr. Woolworth was one of the leading practitioners of this city, but a few years ago he had retired and had been living abroad.

CUNARD STEAMER SUNK.

Greek Steamer Gouladris Was Another Victim.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The British steamer Veria and the Greek steamer Gouladris have been sunk.

The Veria, of 3229 tons gross, was owned by the Cunard line. She was last reported as having arrived at Genoa, on November 11, from Liverpool.

The Gouladris is probably the L. G. Gouladris, a vessel of 1529 tons gross, built in 1915.

**NOTE TO AUSTRIA BASED
ON OWN ADMISSIONS**

U. S. Demands Safeguarding of Passengers Before Sinking of Any Vessel.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The note of the United States sent to Austria-Hungary on the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona was based, it was learned tonight, primarily upon the virtual admission of the Austro-Hungarian admiralty in its official statement, that the ship was torpedoed before all the passengers had been removed to a place of safety. It was stated also that the position of the United States as outlined in the communication asking reparation for the loss of the ship and assurances that such acts will not be repeated, is that no matter whether a merchantman stops upon the firing of a warning shot by a warship or after a pursuit, all the passengers must be removed before the vessel is sunk.

**FAILED TO DRAW OUT
PREMIER OF FRANCE**

Brillant Demanded Vote of Confidence, But Discussion Was Postponed.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—Premier Briand today appealed to the chamber of deputies for support in the shape of a vote of confidence after Deputy Emile Constant had insisted upon maintaining an interpellation regarding military affairs to which the premier had refused to reply. The premier's refusal was on the ground that to make reply would cause grave inconvenience and that he had already fully explained the matter to the army committee of the chamber. He therefore asked Mr. Constant to withdraw the interpellation. The deputy protested the government's attitude, which, he said, as the matter possessed no interest to parliament. The premier, in rejoinder, said that the day would come when all explanations would be fully given. Finally he appealed to the chamber for a vote of confidence. The vote, however, was not put to the chamber as further discussion of the interpellation was postponed by a vote of 443 to 73.

**SIR WILFRID BOASTS
OF HIS MAGNANIMITY**

He Will Not Allow Party to Triumph in Present Crisis.

HONORED IN MONTREAL

Liberals Turned Out in Large Numbers to Hear Him.

MONTREAL, Dec. 9.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier addressed a gathering that closely packed every inch of space in the Monument National, and hundreds of people unable to gain entrance were driven back from the entrance of the building by a squad of police officers. It was the first public appearance of the veteran Liberal leader in Montreal since his recent illness and he was given a great ovation. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Young Liberal Club of Montreal and it was chiefly patriotic in tone.

Sir Wilfrid professed a strong belief in the righteousness of the British cause in the great war and an equally strong belief in the necessity of peace. He took occasion to give the "Nationalist" party a piece of his mind and to take part in no way.

Touching gingerly on politics, Sir Wilfrid said:

"You have heard in Montreal the question of the Liberal party. Why? Because I am the chief of the Liberal party, and because as long as I have the honor of representing the destinies of the Liberal party I will not triumph by taking advantage of the situation at the present existing."

Sir Wilfrid paid tribute to Oliver Asselin, who, the Nationalist, is raising a battalion for overseas service.

**GUELPH PEOPLE TO VOTE
ON HYDRO RADIAL BYLAW**

Proposition to Guarantee City's Share of Bonds—Lieut. Torrance Promoted.

Special to The Toronto World. GUELPH, Ont., Dec. 9.—L. Torrance, manager of the Royal Bank, received a cable this morning from his son, Lieut. D. Torrance of the 34th Battalion, announcing the promotion of his brother, Lieut. Kenneth Torrance, of the 2nd Manchester, to be adjutant of the regiment with rank of captain. Lieut. Torrance joined the Manchesters nine months ago and has been active service at the front ever since.

The city council at a meeting decided to support a public subscription for closer co-operation between the British and French houses of parliament by a conference held at the house of commerce Thursday between Franklin Boulton, vice-president of the foreign affairs committee of the chamber of deputies, and the British Government, John W. Gulland, and other members of the commons, to discuss the possibility of a joint meeting of the house of commons and the French chamber of deputies.

It is understood that no decision was reached. The newspapers regard such a plan unlikely of fulfillment on account of practical difficulties, but say that some method of co-operation is likely to result from the conference.

POPE CONFERRED RED HATS.

Public Consistory Held in Presence of Thousands.

ROME, Dec. 8.—In the presence of thousands of people, a public consistory was held by Pope Benedict today in the Scala Regia. Owing to the war the large gatherings of foreigners, which generally attend these occasions, was lacking.

The family of the Pope, the Roman aristocracy and members of the diplomatic corps occupied special tribunes as did Francisco De La Barra, a former provisional president of Mexico, today, appearing to be in good health and vigorous, conferred red hats on the newly-created cardinals.

**NO IMPROPER DEALS
SUGGESTED BY ACTON**

Publisher Did Not Intend to Reflect on Federal Government.

INQUIRY IS ADJOURNED

Two Important Witnesses Were Absent From Yesterday's Proceedings.

OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—Thru lack of the necessary witnesses the Davidson investigating commission which met this morning to continue its inquiry into the allegations by "Men's Wear" of Toronto, that uniform contracts had been farmed out by a Toronto real estate man adjourned until December 27th, without hearing any material evidence.

When the commission met today George Kelley of Ottawa, counsel for James Acton, the editor of "Men's Wear," stated he had been instructed that "if the article complained of bore the construction of reflecting in an improper manner upon the government, by any M.P., or suggested improper dealings, the writer had no such intention."

Witnesses Absent. In explanation of the absence of his witnesses Mr. Kelley stated that it had been impossible to secure the attendance of Acton's partner, Parks, who is alleged to have been a \$20,000 insurance policy covering profits supposed to have been made in the uniform contract, nor could he locate C. E. Hopkins, the Toronto real estate man mentioned in connection with the affair.

In further explanation of Mr. Acton's allegations, Mr. Kelley added:

"Perhaps my client rushed unduly into print, but the article was written because he felt so incensed over men taking advantage of the war to make unjust and unfair profits."

H. W. Brown, director of contracts, recalled, reiterated his statement after further examination of the files, that Hopkins had received no contract from the government or war purchasing commission.

The commission then adjourned. It will go to Boston to take the evidence of Dr. Chipman, the veterinary conference in November, who were taken off Greek steamers by Teutonic submarines, was probably intended as a dramatic coup to revive Greek confidence in the German submarines.

**RIDDLED WITH BULLETS
OWN FLYING MACHINE**

Germans Killed Own Men to Prevent Capture of Them and Papers by British.

Special to The Toronto World. ST. CATHARINES, Ont., Dec. 9.—A thrilling conclusion to an air duel on the western front is described by a non-commissioned officer of the second Canadian contingent in a letter to his parents in St. Catharines. He says that a German machine was disabled by a British aeroplane, and was falling towards the Canadian trenches. The Germans, rather than have their camera and other information get into the hands of the Canadians, opened fire on their own air crew, killed them and riddled their machine and contents with bullets.

**BRANTFORD MAN HEIR TO
SMALL IRISH FORTUNE**

Richard McQuinn Inherits Over Five Thousand Dollars From Aunt.

Special to The Toronto World. BRANTFORD, Ont., Dec. 9.—Richard McQuinn has fallen heir to a small fortune of \$5440, left to him by his father's youngest sister, living near Fingal.

In the presence of the 34th and the 15th Battalions tomorrow afternoon, there will be a big flag-raising at the Y. M. C. A.

W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., has been appointed honorary lieutenant-colonel of the 15th Battalion.

Thirty-five men of the Indian reserve enlisted in the army at a meeting held in the council house, Owen Sound.

Major-Gen. Lessard made an inspection of the 84th Battalion this morning. The Hockley was released under bond. The Hockley was released under bond. The Hockley was released under bond.

**ALLIES' PARLIAMENTS
MAY HOLD CONFERENCE**

Movement for Closer Co-Operation is Now Under Consideration.

**DIFFICULTIES IN WAY
But Some Method of Getting Into Closer Touch is Likely.**

LONDON, Dec. 10, 2.55 a.m.—Attention is being directed to a movement for closer co-operation between the British and French houses of parliament by a conference held at the house of commerce Thursday between Franklin Boulton, vice-president of the foreign affairs committee of the chamber of deputies, and the British Government, John W. Gulland, and other members of the commons, to discuss the possibility of a joint meeting of the house of commons and the French chamber of deputies.

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LACHUTE TO GO DRY.

LACHUTE, Que., Dec. 9.—By a vote of 6 to 4 the council of the County of Arthurs, appearing to be in good health and vigorous, conferred red hats on the newly-created cardinals.

**CHRISTMAS BOOK ISSUED
BY CANADIAN SCOTTISH**

Brigadier Leckie Writes Introduction to Second Edition of Volume.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. LONDON, Dec. 9.—"Stray Papers by a Private" is a collection of entertaining and pleasant literary efforts issued as a Christmas souvenir by the Canadian-Scottish Brigade at the front. The compiler and author of many of the articles is J. F. Cadenhead, Brigadier Leckie in his introduction to the second edition wishes it to be regarded as his farewell message as a commanding officer of the Canadian-Scottish. "Looking back, I have nothing but praise for the loyalty and sense of honor of the 18th Battalion. It was that loyalty and rare courage that brought us thru many a perilous crisis."

**GREECE TO FOLLOW
LEAD OF BULGARIA?**

Preparations for Military Resistance Are Reported Under Way.

KING IS TEMPORIZING

Many Obstacles Being Placed in Allies' Way at Saloniki.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Athens says:

"The latest advice received from Greece emphasizes the importance of the Greek preparations in two directions—for military resistance, if it is necessary, to armed compulsion by the entente powers, and for resistance to a blockade."

"The advice agrees that preparations against a commercial blockade being carried out with the utmost rapidity and on a large scale. German agents give confidential hints that the chief Greek routes are being thoroughly protected by submarine mines."

The seizure of Capt. Arthur Stanley Wilson, M.P. for Yorkshire, and Col. H. Napier, former British military attaché at Constantinople, who were taken off Greek steamers by Teutonic submarines, was probably intended as a dramatic coup to revive Greek confidence in the German submarines.

Merely Temporing. "According to the pro-Greek press King Constantine and Premier Skoulouzis are merely temporing with Bulgaria in the hope of keeping the entente allies waiting until the German preparations for driving the entente allies into the sea make it safe for Greece to come out on the German side."

In the meantime every possible annoyance is being placed in the way of the entente allies at Saloniki. Prohibited articles are being sent to the front, and lines of communication are blocked by Greek transport."

**WILL NOT REQUISITION
HOCKING AND GENESSEE**

Cases Will Be Tested in Prize Court, Washington is Notified.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Great Britain advised the United States today that in response to the state department's protest in the case of the steamship Hocking and other vessels of the American Transatlantic Line, orders requisitioning the Hocking and Genessee would be cancelled and the cases would be promptly brought in a prize court to dispose of the charge that that company is partly German-owned.

Two of the steamers seized by British cruisers, the Winnebago and the Kankakee, will be released under bond. The Hockley was released under bond. The Hockley was released under bond.

To accelerate disposition of the issue, these cases will be transferred from Halifax and St. Lucia to London, thus avoiding delay by appeals from subordinate courts.

**TWO WYOMING MEN
SENTENCED FOR ARSON**

Pair Acted as Tools for Riddell in Campaign of Spite.

SARNIA, Dec. 9.—John Anderson and Fred Blackmore, young men of the Village of Wyoming, were given two and two years respectively in Kingston penitentiary by Judge Macvane before 10 o'clock last evening.

Anderson and Blackmore were the tools of Robert Riddell, a former member of the House of Commons, who was sentenced to the penitentiary for instigating the crimes.

**DRUG-CRAZED MAN
ESCAPED FROM HOSPITAL**

Geo. Southwell Recaptured After Chase Thru the Streets.

HAMILTON, Friday, Dec. 10.—Geo. Southwell, 22 West Avenue north, who was taken from the rooming house of Alex. Davis, 85 John street south, in an epileptic condition on Wednesday night, escaped from the General Hospital shortly before 10 o'clock last evening, clad only in a nightgown, but was recaptured shortly afterwards by Detective Cameron.

Southwell is a dope fiend, and he now faces the charge of having drugs in his possession.

SIR HERBERT VISITS COBourg

Cobourg, Dec. 9.—Sir Herbert Ames of Montreal was in town to meet the County Council of Northumberland and Durham, in session here, and to confer with the local patriotic committee with reference to Northumberland and Durham's share in contributing to the Canadian Patriotic Fund. He also addressed a recruiting meeting in the opera house, when Mayor E. A. Duncan was chairman.

Addresses were given also by Mr. C. A. Munson, M.P., and Lieut.-Col. W. H. Floyd, officer commanding the 138th Northumberland Battalion.

**PEACE "FEELERS" FROM
PREMIER OF HUNGARY**

Count Tisa's Speech "Curtain Raiser" for German Chancellor's Oratory.

THREAT TO ROUMANIA

Premier Boasts That Latter's Decision Can Have No Great Effect.

BUDAPEST, Dec. 8, via London, Dec. 9.—Count Tisa, the Hungarian premier, in his speech at the latest session of parliament, invited Roumania to resume friendly relations with Austria-Hungary and in closing adverted to the prospects of peace, which, it is believed, probably forebodes a declaration in the reichstag tomorrow by Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, German imperial chancellor.

Regarding peace, Count Tisa said: "When peace shall come depends exclusively upon our enemies. The longer they are in reaching the conviction that the continuation of the war means useless and criminal bloodshed the greater the victories we will win till that conviction emerges. The greater the sacrifice of days upon us all the more severe will the peace terms be for our enemies."

Referring to Greece the premier said: "We must fully recognize the present difficult position in which Greece is placed. On the other hand we must so shape events that Greece in peace times can assume such a position as naturally belongs to her."

The count continued: "It is after all Roumania's affair to judge to which side its interests demand that it attach itself. We can wait for Roumania's decision with perfect equanimity, assured on the one hand that we will understand community of interests exists between us and Roumania and on the other that whatever Roumania's decision we can await it with the full certainty that we can have no decisive effect on the fate of Hungary."

Peace Idea Timely. The premier's reference to peace was in answer to remarks by Count Michael Karolyi, the opposition leader, who visited America, shortly before the war. Count Karolyi had said:

"We began the war for the chastising of Serbia. Inasmuch as this is now accomplished the idea of peace has become timely. Whoever takes the first step toward peace will be assigned the foremost place by history. There need be no fear that the enemy would regard this step as a sign of weakness. On the contrary it would be a revelation of strength."

BULGARIANS WANT PEACE.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—The following despatch filed yesterday at Athens was received today by the Havas News Agency:

"A Bulgarian physician, who has arrived here from Sofia, declares that the Bulgarian nation is demanding cessation of hostilities. The government, however, considers that with that of the central powers and must fight to the end."

Discouraging the people hospitals have been established in the conquered territory, so that it is not necessary to bring back the people who have fled from the front. The physician said the masses of the people were favorable to Premier Radoslavoff, but that the best of ordinary Bulgarians were opposed to him."

**MANY DEFECTIVES
FOUND IN TORONTO**

Dr. C. M. Hincks Believes Total Would Be Fully Three Thousand.