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RUSSIANS DRIVE GERMANS FROM THE HEIGHTS

LLOYD GEORGE TO RALLY ENTIRE ENERGIES OF NATION

London Will Have New Munitions Factory For Women Workers Solely

Building Ready For Machinery Now On Order and Contract Obtained—Not Less Than 100 Able-Bodied Patriotic Workers To Be Engaged by the Manufacturer.

London in the near future is to have a munitions factory in which women are to be employed exclusively. The members of the Women's Emergency Corps are feeling much elated over the fruits of their efforts in this direction, though they are perfectly willing to share the honors with the Government which has been urging the need of labor to turn out the required amount of munitions. Full recognition is also accorded the patriotic spirit of the manufacturer behind the scheme. For the present he refuses to let his name be known, but this information has been obtained.

Building Ready.
The building in which women munitions workers will be employed is situated at the corner of Thames and King streets, next to the Forest City Laundry. It is all airtight, equipped and waiting for the machinery which has not yet arrived. It is expected, however, it will be all ready for the workers to start operations the first or second week in January.

Contract Made.
It is further stated that not less than 100 women will be employed to work in shifts, provided women can be found willing to work at night. The double shifts will be required to fill a contract obtained in order that No. 1

Military District women, desirous of rendering war service by making munitions may be given employment. The work is of a kind not done in the city before, and which women will be quite capable of handling.

Must Be Fit.
The manufacturer in the case is looking to the Women's Emergency Corps to supply him with women workers. He states that of the hundred and more who have registered at the bureau in the city hall he will consider only those who are physically fit for the work, and who will guarantee that they will stick to it. Otherwise it would not pay him to take them.

Recruiting Places.
Women and girls desirous to enlist as munitions workers and thus render war service, may apply any day at the city hall at the registration bureau of the Women's Emergency Corps, between 3 and 4 o'clock; at the Women's Emergency Corps tea-room, west side of Carling street, any day between 4 and 6 o'clock, or any forenoon, by calling on Miss Porter, telephone 1167.

FRENCH DEMAND SPEEDY CHANGE IN WAR STAFFS

Reorganization Must Be Rapid and Radical, Says M. Pichon.

WANT A CLEAN SWEEP
Too Many Hold No Real Authority in Republic's Cabinet.

London, Dec. 9.—2:45 p.m. —A German warship has succeeded in running the British cordon in the North Sea, according to the report of a ship captain, who says his vessel was held up and examined in the Atlantic. The vessel is not a converted merchantman, the captain said on his arrival here, but a regular light cruiser.

[Canadian Press.]
Paris, Dec. 8.—The popular demand that the reorganization of the conduct of the war, promised by the Thursday vote in the Chamber of Deputies, be both rapid and radical has received further stimulus by the events in England and is becoming more outspoken and more insistent. Stephen Pichon, writing in the Petit Journal, says: "By the result of Thursday's division in the Chamber, the Government escapes responsibility for facts which are a consequence of its policy and undertakes to carry out measures which it had more or less promised five months ago. The fulfillment of these obligations will not be avoided, by speeches, half measures and contradictory acts in which the intention to spare one or another is perceptible, or which under the cover of novelty will perpetuate and increase the misdeeds."

Want Clean Sweep.
"There are spots where a clean sweep must be made to make way for absolutely new work. As to cabinets of 24, with places made for friends holding no real authority, and in which too many ministers fold their arms, their day is over. The nation wants something else and the country demands that its will shall be obeyed without an instant's delay. Otherwise graver and more dangerous responsibility will be incurred. It is perfectly clear that the present situation cannot last. The censorship will change nothing. It cannot prevent the truth from breaking through the clouds in which it is enveloped, nor the country from demanding to be informed as to what is being done."

SINKING OF ZEEBECK JUSTIFIED, SAYS FOE
Berlin, via London, Dec. 8.—The German answer to the American inquiry regarding the sinking of the Zeebeck, has been dispatched to Washington. The steamer Zeebeck, according to German information, was steaming without lights or any indication of its nationality in the immediate vicinity of a hostile naval port, and there were no means of distinguishing it from an enemy warship.

No details in regard to the sinking of the Zeebeck have been received here and available shipping records do not list the vessel.

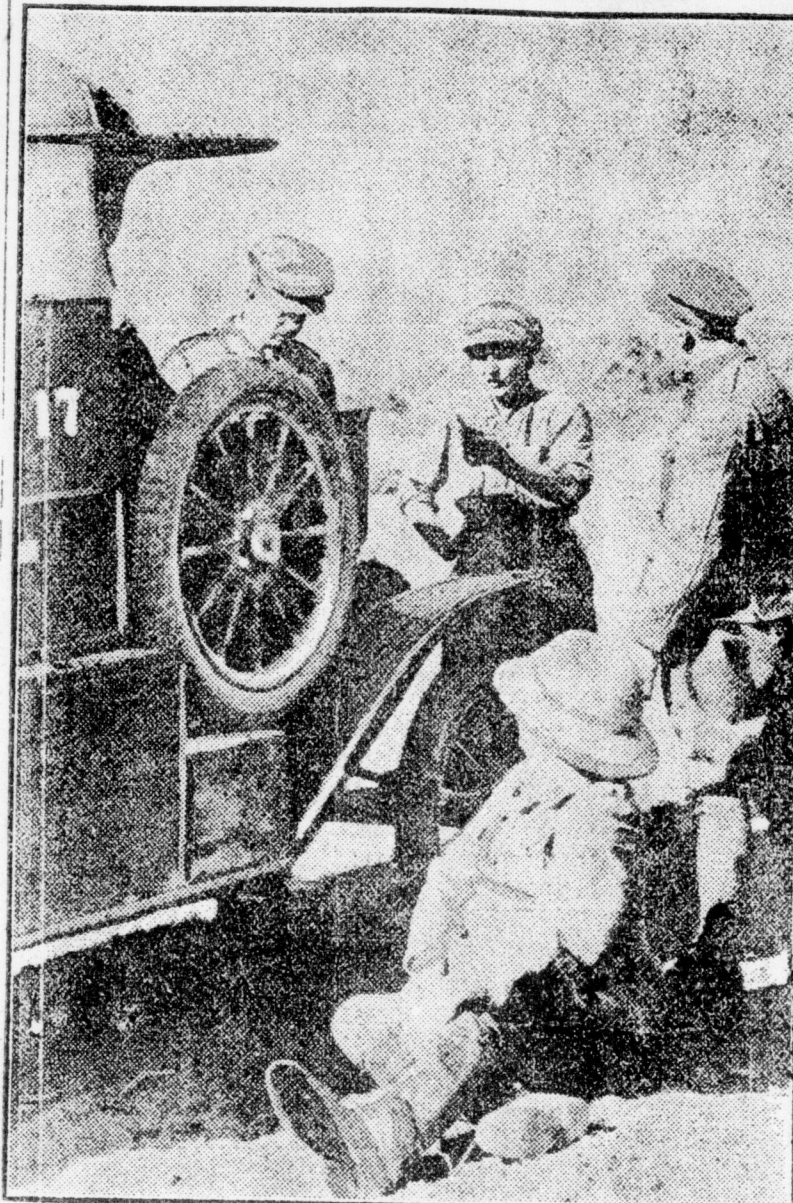
BLOCKADE OF GREECE BEGAN FRIDAY MORN
Washington, Dec. 9.—United States Ambassador Sharp at Paris notified the state department today that the Allied blockade of Greece began Friday morning at 5 o'clock.

only thing that will never be forgiven is indecision in a situation which needs prompt and firm handling. The safety of our troops forbids us to ponder any longer to a political objective, which has no basis in sound strategy."

May Halt Mackensen.
"The correspondent contends that the general military situation is not so altered by the successes of the central powers in Rumania as to justify the depression of the Allies, and he sees no reason to doubt the successful reconstruction of the Russo-Rumanian left wing in a strong position which will compel Mackensen to halt. It is assumed that for this purpose, the Russian offensive in the central Carpathians which, he says, came too late, will now be abandoned."

A Grave Situation.
"The particular course which commends itself to us in these circumstances," the correspondent adds, "is written plainly on the map, and the

GENTLER SEX DRIVE AMBULANCES



Official photograph from the Saloniki front. It is a remarkable fact, that a few of the gentler sex are acting as ambulance drivers on the battlefield. In this picture the lady driver is in the centre of the group, while the officer on the ground is trying to find what is the trouble with her motor. She is driving an ambulance for the Scottish Women's Red Cross Hospital.

CANADIAN LIBERALISM LINES UP BESIDE YOU, IS MESSAGE CABLED TO BRITISH PREMIER

Montreal, Dec. 9.—The Herald today says: "On behalf of the Liberal party of Canada, the Hon. George P. Graham, M. P., in the absence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who is conducting a recruiting campaign in Quebec, has sent the following cable to the Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George:

"As Britain's first minister, Canadian Liberalism lines up beside you. The prosecution of the war to a successful completion is the first consideration of every true Britisher.

"May victory be as swift as your responsibilities are great. Canada is with you to the finish."

FOOD COSTS PROBE FOR MANY CITIES OF UNITED STATES

Washington, Dec. 9.—Federal grand jury investigations into the high cost of living were ordered today by Attorney-General Gregory to begin at once in New York and in Detroit next week. Similar investigations in Cleveland, Kansas City, St. Louis, Minneapolis and other points are under consideration.

Frank M. Swacker, an assistant attorney-general for the Government in the New Haven case, will be asked to take charge of the New York investigation.

URGENT ACTION AGAINST TINO

London, Dec. 9.—A Reuter's Petrograd dispatch quotes the Novoe Vremya as condemning the policy of the Entente in "conducting interminable deliberations while King Constantine is waging open war on the Allies."

"The Government and court at Athens," says the Novoe Vremya, "are our enemies, and in Germany's service. Why do we continue to recognize as legitimate Government authorities those at Athens who are reduced to acting as a section of the German staff?"

PTE. GORDON D. CAMPBELL, second son of Mrs. D. F. Campbell, 114 Simcoe street, to go overseas. He is in Moore Barracks Hospital, suffering from bronchial pneumonia.

Slavs Driving at Enemy on the North Rumanian Front, Win Hills And Take Five Hundred Prisoners

GERMAN RAIDER MAY SOW MINES ABOUT HALIFAX

Expected Object Is To Plant Death in the Harbors.

AND ASSAIL TROOPSHIPS

Suspected Vessel Passed British Patrol, Which Thought It a Dutch Ship.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 9.—Warning of a possible German sea raider has been given allied shipping by British naval authorities here, in addition to the continued warnings concerning two fighting submarines believed to be somewhere off the Atlantic coast. The strictest watch on the vessel suspected of being a raider is being maintained today, since from the position where she was last sighted she could reach the waters in this vicinity within a day or two.

Passed Patrol.
The naval authorities in their warning relate that the suspected craft was allowed to pass by the patrol off the southwestern coast of Scotland last Sunday under the impression that she was the Dutch steamer Gamma. Later it was learned that the latter was at Kirkwall at the time.

The vessel is described as of 1,200 tons, black hull with red bottom, white funnel, funnel thought to be plain black.

Naval officers believe the steamer may have mines, intended to be sown in this port, the most important on this coast to the British navy or to endanger travel lanes taken by troopships.

OLD TITUS BLOCK AT OTTAWA PARTLY RAZED BY FLAMES

Loss of \$100,000 by Fire in Heart of Capital's Business Section.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—Fire early this morning on Sparks street in the centre of the downtown business district partly destroyed the old Titus Block containing a number of shops and offices and entailing a loss of about \$100,000. The heaviest loss is the Woolworth 15-cent store whose stock valued at \$20,000 is a complete loss.

Other heavy sufferers are Quinn Oiles Ltd., druggists, \$10,000; Walter Nixon, confectionery, \$7,000; Reid's Book Store, \$5,000 and Langford Jewellery, \$4,000.

Others whose premises were partly burned or damaged by water are: Harry Brown, Jewellery, Hut & Billeau, tailors, Horwood and Taylor, architects, J. C. Murdoch, tailor, Ottawa Jewellery Manufacturing Company, Robert Darling and Company, importers, and a number of agencies and other offices on the upper floors. It is thought the fire originated in the basement of the Langford store.

ONLY ARTILLERY BUSY ON WESTERN FRONT

British and French Report Another Quiet Night.

Paris, Dec. 9.—12:30 p.m.—Artillery fighting occurred last night in the front line in the region of Hill 304, the war office announced today. There were no important developments elsewhere.

PORTUGUESE ABANDON EAST AFRICAN POST

Lisbon, Dec. 8.—Via Paris, Dec. 9.—An official statement issued today by the Portuguese war office says: "Enemy artillery opened fire on the left bank of the Rovuma (the boundary between German and Portuguese East Africa). The enemy occupied the post of Mangua, which was abandoned in good order without loss."

EXPLOSIVES PLANT AT TURIN IS BLOWN UP

Turin, Dec. 8.—Via Paris, Dec. 9.—An explosion has occurred in the Alexandria explosives plant. It is feared that more than fifty persons have been killed. The cause of the disaster has not yet been established.

Teutonic Forces in the Putna Valley Are Dislodged From Two Heights by Onslaught of Russians—Germans Claim 70,000 Prisoners Taken Since Dec. 1.

Petrograd, Dec. 9.—Via London, 1:55 p.m. —Russian troops on the northern Rumanian front attacked the Teutonic forces in the Putna Valley region yesterday and dislodged them from two heights, the war office announces. They took 500 prisoners, including ten officers, six machine guns, two bomb mortars and one cannon.

BERLIN ADMITS LOSSES.
Berlin, Dec. 9.—Via Sayville.—Strong attacks were made yesterday by the Russians in the Carpathians, the war office announces. North of Norma Waters and south of the Trotus Valley the Russians gained ground at the cost of heavy losses.

In Western Rumania several thousand more prisoners have been taken as well as many cannons. The Rumanians are retreating rapidly. Since December 1, the Rumanians have lost more than 70,000 men and 134 cannons.

More Evidence of Major Ashplant's Death in Trenches

Capt. Chester Butler Brings Word From Red Cross.

WAS IN SHELL CRATER

But Search Parties Sent Out Failed To Find Any Trace.

That Major W. N. Ashplant, former city engineer, was killed and buried by a shell at Courcellette is the information brought to London by Capt. Chester Butler, who returned at noon today. The information was given by the Red Cross, who at the instance of the Canadian pay and records office, had sent out searchers for the major. The Red Cross does not vouch for their accuracy. Since December 1, the statements of comrades.

Pte. F. Smart of the 1st Canadian stated that he saw the major fall wounded just after the trenches were crossed. It was his impression that he was killed.

Corp. J. Marsh, who was major fall, saw Major Ashplant lying wounded in a shell hole, and asked him if he could do something. The major muttered something he could not hear, and at that moment a shell burst quite close and knocked him away. When he came to he remembered looking for Major Ashplant, but could see nothing of him, so he went on. It was quite a distance from the front line.

It can be gathered from these statements that Major Ashplant was killed, although there are slight hopes that he may be a prisoner.

SIR GEORGE POSTER MAY SUCCEED PERLEY

Latter Will Vacate the High Commissionership on Monday.

London, Dec. 9.—Sir George Perley will quit the high commissionership of Canada on Monday and establish his office as overseas minister of militia at Argyll House, Regent street. Col. H. B. Trounman, M. P., Hants, Nova Scotia, will be his military secretary, having just relinquished his command of a battalion at Bransford for this purpose.

A party of Canadian commanding officers, all members of Parliament, has just returned from a visit to the front. They include Col. Sam Sharpe, W. H. Sharpe, J. H. Burnham, Stuart Vernon, T. C. Treadwell, E. N. Lewis, A. C. Pratt, G. N. Fowler, J. B. Taylor. It is likely that some of these who are not physically fit for active service command, will return to Canada at an early date, for a recruiting campaign, in fact, the correspondent gathers they are very anxious to arouse Canada to the real situation. I understand Col. Sam Sharpe will go to the front, and if a division is formed, his battalion will be included.

ROBBED AT MONTREAL.
Montreal, Dec. 9.—Peter Davis, who gave his address to the police as Toronto was knocked down by hoodlums on Park avenue last night and robbed of \$200.

FORD INJUNCTION EXTENDED 60 DAYS
Detroit, Mich., Dec. 9.—The three circuit judges who heard the Dodge Ford injunction case today extended for 60 days the temporary injunction restraining Henry Ford from using the processes of the Ford Car Company to develop its business. The judges during this time will listen to further arguments and will then decide whether to grant a permanent injunction.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 58; lowest, 36.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 55; lowest, 32.

TOMORROW—MUCH COLDER.

Toronto, Dec. 9—3 a.m. Forecast: Today—Western, cold and colder, with local snowfalls. Sunday—Strong west to northwest winds and much colder.

Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria 42 28 Fair
Calgary 23 10 Clear
Winnipeg 14 2 Clear
Port Arthur 12 Cloudy
Parr's Sound 44 40 Rain
Port Stanley 40 24 Rain
Buffalo 65 33 Cloudy
Toronto 45 44 Rain
Kingston 40 34 Rain
Ottawa 34 20 Cloudy
Montreal 34 20 Cloudy
Quebec 34 20 Cloudy
Father Point 34 20 Clear

The disturbance is still centered over Northern Ontario, with increased intensity, causing gales, with snow and rain, over the Lake Region. Elsewhere the weather has been fair.

DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY IN THE SEASON AND EARLY IN THE DAY