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RUSSIANS CONTINUE SUCCESSSES ON RIGA FRONT ALLIES IN RUMANIA WILL MAKE STAND ON PUTNA-SERETH LINES British Carry Out Successful Trench Raid Opposite Hulluch

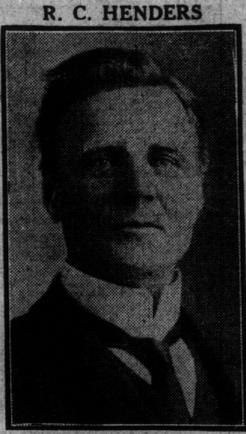
RUSSIANS TAKE STAND ON NEW RUMANIAN LINE

Fall Back to Positions Along
Putna and Sereth
Rivers.

ADVANCES BY YARDS

Foe Admits Tenacious De-
fence Offered by Allies
to Attack.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.
London, Jan. 9.—A new defensive
line has been occupied by the Russian
and Rumanian troops, who have fallen
back without hindrance to fresh posi-
tions along the line of the Putna and
Sereth Rivers in northwestern Ruma-
nia, according to the Petrograd of-
ficial communication. The Russians
also beat off the attacks of the foe on
a sector south of the Otuz River in an
engagement of considerable mag-
nitude. The Rumanians under a heavy
attack slightly yielded ground four
miles west of Monastir-Kachinul, on
the River Kuzino, while they repulsed
all the attacks of the Teutons in the
Rekoza region on the River Sutchiza.
Thus the allies have held their
ground in all but two sectors, in one
of which they were slightly pressed
back and in the other they fell back
without molestation.
Their defensive has assumed a new
aspect in that it is being ferbly main-
tained in the valleys of Moldavia. A
tenacious defence of the valleys lead-
ing from the Berceck Mountains to
the Moldavian plain is being offered
by the Russians and Rumanians.
The fighting is in most places in the
nature of a close struggle in which
every foot of the way is being con-
tested. This is admitted by the en-
emy, and he also speaks of the fighting
as being conducted in unfavorable
weather and on difficult ground.
The Germans claim that in the Car-
pathians they have captured strongly
constructed positions on both sides of
the Kaimno and Sutchiza Valleys. These
were protected by barbed-wire defen-
ces, and the fighting for their posses-
sion was hand-to-hand and desper-
ate.
On the front of the army under Von
Mackensen the Germans report that
they have overcome Russian rear
guards and have reached the line of
the Putna River. In the advance the
enemy took Galreaska in hand-to-
hand fighting, and he maintained it
against night attacks. It is claimed
by the foe that the prisoners and
booty taken by him yesterday have
reached a total of 99 officers, 5,400
men, three cannon and ten machine
guns.



President of the Manitoba Grain
Growers' Association, which meets
in Brandon today.

GREECE CANNOT DELAY DECISION

Piraeus Despatch Gives Con-
firmation of Report of
Ultimatum.

CURB UPON VENIZELOS?

Guarantee Against Extension
of Revolution Given,
Says Athens.

London, Jan. 9.—Confirmation of the
statement that the entente allies have
presented an ultimatum, expiring in
48 hours, to the Greek Government is
contained in a despatch from Piraeus
received today.
The note, drawn up by France, Great
Britain and Russia on Dec. 31, includes
a request by the entente powers that
the Greek Government fulfil at the
earliest possible moment the agree-
ment of Dec. 14, regarding the transfer
of Greek troops from Thessaly.
The entente allies presented to the
Greek Government on Dec. 14, a de-
mand that all Greek troops be with-
drawn from Thessaly, and that only a
certain number of soldiers be con-
centrated in Peloponnesus.
An Athens despatch under yester-
day's date says:
"The ultimatum of the entente pow-
ers after making its demands on
Greece, gives Greece guarantees
against any extension of the revolu-
tionary movement."

WEST DEMANDING BANKING REFORMS

Recent Ottawa Legislation
Has Not Afforded Much
Relief.

DELEGATES ARRIVING

Convention Likely to Declare
in Favor of National
Government.

By a Staff Reporter.
Brandon, Jan. 9.—Leading officials
and prominent members of the Man-
itoba Grain Growers' Association ar-
rived from Winnipeg this afternoon,
helping to make up the big advance
guard already on hand for the pro-
vincial convention which opens to-
morrow.
Together with the live stock men
already in convention here, they have
filled to overflowing the big new
Canadian Northern Hotel, and the in-
dications are for a big attendance.
Already it is reported, upon what
seems to be good authority, that the
convention will declare itself in favor
of a national government for
Canada.
Rev. Dr. Bland, the well-known
pioneer missionary and silver-tongued
orator of the west, may move the re-
solution, and there is little likelihood
of its meeting with any opposition or
dissent.
Little Aid From Banks.
The live stock men this afternoon
discussed the cattle situation and were
practically unanimous in declaring
that the recent amendment to the
Bank Act, permitting banks to loan
upon the security of live stock, had
proved to be of little or no advantage.
The banks can take a lien, but to be-
come effective against creditors it
must be filed for record and is, there-
fore, nothing more or less than a chit-
mortgage.
The farmers engaged in raising cat-
tle are generally substantial and well-
to-do, and they are not disposed to
injure their credit by giving chattel
mortgages.
Col. H. A. Mullen said that the great
need of the west was a cattle loan.
The chartered banks, he said, were
giving the live stock men more con-
sideration than formerly, but the re-
sult, in his opinion, could be only
satisfactorily handled by an independ-
ent bank organized in the west for
the purpose of looking after the needs
of the live stock industry.
Demand Free Wheat.
Hon. Valentine Winkler, provincial
minister of agriculture, said the Bank
Act should be amended so as to per-
mit local unit banks to be estab-
lished with a capital of fifty thousand
dollars.
T. A. Crerar, president of the Grain
Growers' Grain Co. of Canada, speak-
ing of agriculture and the west, said
that while the price of grain might go
to a low level, meat prices would con-
tinue high the world over for the next
ten years. Both he and Mr. Winkler
declared large quantities of Manitoba
low-grade wheat were going to the
United States and paying ten cents
duty per bushel.
They said, were united in the demand
for free wheat.

DR. JAMES COTTON

Well-known Toronto surgeon, who died
at his home, 703 Spadina avenue,
yesterday afternoon.

DEFENDS DELIVERY OF U. S. MUNITIONS

Berlin Lokal Anzeiger Ap-
proves Utterances of Am-
bassador Gerard.

CONCILIATE AMERICA

Wide Circles of Germans Do
Not Want Another
Enemy.

CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH AWAITED IN GERMANY

Important Declaration is Expected
About Middle of Present
Month.

GERMAN PEOPLE SICKEN THRU SCARCITY OF FOOD

Much Illness Among Working Classes Makes Special
Concessions Necessary in Regard to Feeding.

NEW AUSTRIAN CABINET STRIKING MANY SNAGS

Berlin, Jan. 9, via London, Jan. 10.—The Sick Benefit Association of
Berlin, in which the working classes are insured in case of sickness, has come
to the conclusion, after an inquiry among physicians, that a large amount of
prevailing illness is due to inadequate nourishment, which also decreases the
powers of resistance of the patients. The association, therefore, has decided
to make special provision for the feeding of patients where recommended by
physicians and has arranged to issue gratis meal tickets in such cases.

RUSSIAN PREMIER ABANDONS OFFICE

Prince Goltzine Replaces
Alexander Trepoff at Head
of Affairs.

DISSENSION IN DUMA

Former Chief Announced Rus-
sia's Coming Acquisition
of Constantinople.

London, Jan. 9.—The Russian pre-
mier, Alexandre Trepoff, has resigned.
According to the Reuter correspondent
at Petrograd both Premier Trepoff and
Count Ignatiev, minister of public in-
struction, have resigned.
Prince Goltzine, a senator and
member of the council of the empire,
has been appointed premier.
Senator Kulchitsky has been ap-
pointed minister of public instruction.
M. Neratov, deputy foreign minister,
has been appointed a member of the
council of the empire.
Alexandre Fedorovitch Trepoff suc-
ceeded Boris Y. Sturmer to the pre-
miership in November, 1916, his ap-
pointment being regarded as a victory
for public opinion against so-called
"junk" influences. Soon after tak-
ing office Premier Trepoff made his
famous speech in the duma in which
he declared that the entente allies had
agreed to the Russian claim to Con-
stantinople and the straits. The ex-
istence of this agreement had been for
a long time alleged, but never before
had it been thus publicly and formal-
ly admitted.
During Premier Trepoff's incum-
bency there has been much dissension
among the members of the duma, and
the obstructionist movement of some
of the members was marked by some-
what serious demonstrations.

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in France.

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GERMANS LOSE DWINA ISLAND IN BIG FIGHT

Russians Make Successful At-
tack on Enemy in Snow-
storm.

BATTLE YET PROCEEDS

Struggles Southwest of Riga
Continues—Big Offensive
Coming.

BRITISH MAKE RAID OPPOSITE HULLUCH

Bomb Dugouts, Destroy De-
fences of Foe on West-
ern Front.

DELIVER HEAVY FIRE

Allied Batteries Cause Ex-
plosions in Belgium and
Alsace.

THE GREAT FUR SALE

The entire Dineen stock of furs is
included in the annual clearing sale
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stock over until the
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WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

THE sinking of British, allied and neutral shipping by submarines,
also showing a considerable falling off, is still being maintained
at a heavy rate, as shown by the tonnage of the ships an-
nounced as sent to the bottom yesterday. The totals in yesterday's
cases were more than 6000 tons. From recent threats of the enemy
it is known that he is now pinning his faith in submarines to wring
from the allies an inconclusive peace. He has built some large ves-
sels of the Deutschland type for use against commerce and he has
constructed many more for heavy raids later around the British
Islands. These new big submarines are armed with four and a half
and live and a half inch guns, so that they can overpower ordinary
patrol boats and armed merchantmen and they are capable of carry-
ing enough fuel to last them during a cruise of sixty days.
What the enemy is counting on is not the complete destruc-
tion of British merchant shipping so much as the destruction of a
sufficient number of vessels to cripple the making of a full offensive
effort by Great Britain on land and, perhaps, to curtail dangerously
the food supply in the United Kingdom. Bright and keen intellects in
Britain are working on the problem of beating the submarines and
it is reasonable to assume on the analogy of the past that the de-
fensive will keep pace with the offensive. In the meantime a large
output of steamers is required to replace losses. So far this work
of shipbuilding has been left to private effort, and the result has been
that companies in many cases have laid down large steamers that
it will take two or three years to construct. What are urgently wanted
are many ships of about 5000 tons burthen as fast as they can be
turned out. By standardizing ship construction a more rapid output
than in the past can be secured.
The German submarines got out to sea by discovering a means of eva-
sion of the British traps at their exits from their bases and the reason why
they have been able to keep up their depredations so long is that they have a
large radius. Among the latest devices recommended to merchant
shippers is the throwing up of a smoke screen to conceal their vessel from
the submarine. The adoption of the convoy system would also protect the
vessels, but it would impair their usefulness perhaps fifty per cent, owing to
(Continued on page 2, cols. 1 and 2.)

WANTS GERMANY TO GAIN COLONIES

Herr von Scheidmann Urges
Exchange for Occupied
Territory.

NATIONAL SUICIDE

Yielding of Northern France
Would Lose Rich Mine
District.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.
Amsterdam, Jan. 9.—"England's
threats must be taken seriously." That
was the statement issued this evening
by Herr von Scheidmann, who spoke
before a large mass meeting in Aug-
sбург.
He strongly urged the necessity of
Germany retaining possession of
those parts of Belgium and northern
France now under occupation by the
allied forces unless the terms of
peace are such as to include the re-
stitution of the German colonies.
He said it was imperative for Ger-
many to refuse to evacuate this ter-
ritory because of the very fact that
should her colonies be stripped from
her, the fatherland would be left
devoid of her sources of supply of
coal and metals. It is the district now
held by the Kaiser in northern France
that is one of the richest mining dis-
tricts in all Europe, and according to
von Scheidmann it would be a na-
tional suicide upon the part of Ger-
many to yield the great advantage
that she has so far gained unless her
colonial possessions are returned, Herr
von Scheidmann further declared that
it was his belief that the war aims of
the imperialists will be impossible of
realization in Germany.

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holding absolutely aloof and refuse to
commit themselves to the government.
According to the correspondent it has
now developed that the Germans in the
cabinet joined it only under condition
that "the government supply the re-
quisites" for parliamentary rule
which has not yet been the case.
Finally, says the correspondent, the
solution of the Galician problem which
seemed easy, has become extremely
difficult, and the government also
finds itself confronted with doubts
about the wisdom of the Ausgleich
(trade agreement) with Hungary, as
framed. Thus far, nevertheless, the
government still hopes to find a way
out of its difficulties.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.
London, Jan. 9.—On the British
front the German trenches were raided
today opposite Hulluch, and the dug-
outs bombed and defences damaged,
according to the British official com-
munication issued tonight. A heavy
bombardment of the German positions
on both sides of the Ancre and in the
Gommecourt salient was carried out.
British gunfire caused large explo-
sions in a strong German position
north of Wiclleje.
French artillery fire in Alsace in the
region of the Rhone-Rhine Canal de-
stroyed a German supply depot near
Illfurt.
Tonight's British official communi-
cation says:
"The enemy blew a camouflaged
yesterday south of Loos; no damage was
done."
"This afternoon the enemy's trenches
were successfully entered by us op-
posite Hulluch. Our artillery was ac-
tive during the day against the enemy
positions on both banks of the Ancre
and in the Gommecourt salient. There
was considerable artillery activity also
on both sides in the neighborhood of
Souchez, Armentieres and Messines
and in the Ypres district."
"Our bombardment of an enemy
strong position north of Wiclleje
caused large explosions."
"The official communication issued
tonight by the French war office
reads:
"In the Champagne an engagement
between patrols occurred west of Ne-
vaux."
"In Alsace, in the region of the
Rhone-Rhine Canal, our artillery fire
destroyed an enemy supply depot near
Illfurt. The cannonade was intermit-
tent on the rest of the front."
"Belgian communication:
"Reciprocal artillery activity oc-
curred on the whole front from Per-
wez and Dixmude as far south as
Steenstraete."