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mately \$1,500,000.000 (par value), of

American securities which were for-

eign-owned when the European war

The Delaware and Hudson Company

announced today that statistics fur-

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Up to Two Billions.

Experts pointed out that not only

had Americans bought back an enor-

mous volume of domestic securities.

but that the recent \$500,000,000 Anglo-

French war loan had been virtually

absorbed here, thus bringing the total

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ary, 1915.
Another important consideration was

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AND ONE NEWFOUNDLANDER DECORATED

Sir Robert Borden Tells Pilgrims Lasting Settlement Impossible Yet.

EXAMPLE TO WORLD

Canada and United States Gave Lesson of Abiding in Peace.

NEW YORK, Dec._23.-Sir Robert Laird Borden, G.C.M.G., premier of Canada, spoke before 300 members of for the Pilgrims today at a luncheon in the Ritz-Carlton.

Premier Borden asserted that the European war cannot end until the ideals of either side, "wholly irreconcilable," prevail. Permanent peace, he declared, is impossible now, unless one side wins and compels the acceptance of its ideals. He called attention to what might have happened had the European nations been on the same footing among themselves as Canada and the United States have held for nearly a century. These two countries, he affirmed, have given an example to

Premier Border referred to the fact that Canada and the United States had dwelt in peace for a hundred years without the necessity of armed forces along nearly 4000 miles of border, and asked his hearers to consider what might have been spared to hu-manity during the last fourteen months if such example had been followed, and "what stronger or more earnest effort could Sir Edward Grey have made for that purpose?"

Proudest Hour for Canada. Joseph H. Choate said: "This is the proudest hour in the life of Canada. There is one thing we should do to help our neighbor and next friend, and that is to get ready for anything that may happen. Nobody knows how soon we may be involved in war." Four hundred and fifty members of Pilgrims were present to honor

the Canadian premier and the gallery (Continued on Page 11, Column 4).

NO FURTHER FIGHTING. SAYS GEN. TOWNSHEND

Situation at Kut-el-Amara Quiet -Two Months' Lull at Aden.

LONDON, Dec. 23, 7.45 p.m.-British official communication issue this evening says that Gen. Townshend, commanding the British forces at Kut-el-Amara, reports that the night of Dec. 21-22 was quiet.

Or being questioned in regard to the recent Turkish official statement to the effect that, after successful fighting, Turkish troops were advancing on the British port of Aden. in southern Ara- TWENTY EARTHQUAKES bia, J. Austen Chamberlain, secretary for India, said in the house of commons today there had been no material change at Aden for the last two

months.
"On Dec. 20 there was a skirmish between our cavalry scouts and an enemy patrol," he continued. "The enemy lost nine killed and one pris-Our casualties were one wound-

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What Was Expected

When Sir Adam Beck addressed the coard of trade on Tuesday, the meeting was practically solid in favor of his proposals. The attitude of the president and several others was markedly antagonistic. It is no surprise, therefore, to hear that the board of trade council, which is by no means the board, has tome out against e bylaw. There are too many corporation men on the council to expect apport from it for a public ownership areasure. They are too highly sympathetic towards the railway corporations to view the reduction of rates around Toronto with quiet minds. The great majority of the board of trade niembers, who are heart and soul in sympathy with the radial measure will doubtless find a way of getting their views before the people.

LONG HOLIDAY NEEDED

He and Mrs. Bertram Will Be Absent at Least Four Months.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—Gen. Bertram, ice-caairman of the imperial the imperial munitions board, has gone south ing session of the house of comm complete rest. ness of his wife. He has worked ex-tremely hard for over a year in conrection with the output of munitions and expects that a four months holi-day will restore him to his wonted

all the world of the worth of arbitra- Austrians' Aeroplane Seen About Three Miles From Saloniki.

ZEPPELIN SIGHTED, TOO

Three French Machines Started in Pursuit of Hostile Aircraft.

PARIS, Dec. 23, 7.40 p.m.—An Ausrian aeroplane flew yesterday to within a little more than three miles Saloniki and dropped bombs near a village in the vicinity, according to reports from Saloniki forwarded by the Havas correspondent at Athens. Another unconfirmed report from he same source was to the effect that a Zeppelin had been seen flying over northern Greek territory

The despatch, which bears today's late. is as follows: "It is reported from Saloniki that an Austrian aeroplane was perceived yesterday morning five kilometres from Saloniki. After reconnoitring the aeroplane dropped five bombs near the Village of Apali without doing any damage. Three French aeroplanes started in pursuit but the enemy aero-plane flew off in a northerly direc-

According to another report, as yet unconfirmed, a Zeppelin has been seen flying over Florina and Demir

JANUARY SECOND WILL BE A DAY OF PRAYER

OTTAWA. Dec. 23 .- Sunday, Jan. : has been set apart as a day of special prayer and intercession throut Can-ada for the success of Great Britain and her allies in the war. A similar proclamation was issued a year ago.

FELT IN GUATEMALA

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala, Dec. 23.—There have been 20 severe earthquakes iin Guatemala n the last two days. No serious damage has been reported.

BRITAIN EVER STROVE FOR UNITY IN BALKANS

Lord Robert Cecil So Declared in British House of Commons.

LONDON. Dec. 23 .- The policy of enemy detachments repeatedly at-Balkans has thruout been based on fire always repulsed them. the aim of producing "in these un-

Charges of Cabinet Dissension and Pro-German Influence Repudiated.

BLOCKADE EFFECTIVE

BY GENERAL BERTRAM Balfour Says Main Naval Policy is Not to Save Tonnage.

> LONDON, Dec. 23, 931 p.m.-The most important speeches at the c'osowing to before the house adjourned tonight f the ill- the Christmas recess, were made b the Christmas recess, were made by Lord Robert Cecil, under-secretary for foreign affairs, Walter Runciman, pres dent of the board of trade, and A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty Lord Robert Cecil's speech was i the nature of a general defense of the foreign office. He denied rumors of dissension in the cabinet, of dissensions among the allies and of pro-German influence in the foreign office. He announced that the foreign office would the principles on which the British blockade of Germany is based.
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> United on Main Lines.
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> "Until the resignation of one or

more members of the cabinet," he said, "everyone is bound to accept the view that it is united on the main lines of its policy. As to the unity of the allies, they have carried on the war in a manner which, if one considers history, is a really unexampled performance of unity.

"Suggestions have recently been made in various forms that someone in the foreign office is in the pay of Germany, or, at least, is pro-German. It shows that there are some people being passed without any serious op-who are unable to stand the strain of position from the Liberals. A Liberal war and become mere hysterical neur-member, in close touch with the leadotics. When things aren't going right ors, stated today that the bill would for the moment, such people think the gc thru.

and shout: 'Traitor! Traitor!'
Disgraceful Attacks. "This is a disgraceful, un-British state of things. It is utterly destructive of the morale of the country, and is the duty of every patriotic man to stamp on these people "I assure the house that everything

that could be legitimately done to pre-(Continued on Page 11, Column 2).

Both Sides Make Preparations for Important Operations in Near Future.

LONDON, Dec. 23.-From Russia ome reports that the Germans and Russians alike are making energetic preparations for new operations early in the new year. The Russian military organ, The Russky Invalid, says: "The winter campaign on the Russian front will not be confined to war of position. Important events are likely very soon. The Russians and Germans know that the great war will be decided on the Russian front, for Christiania Despatch Asserts no successes elsewhere can have preponderating effect until a result has been obtained here!

ROUT PERSIAN REBELS IN HAMADAN'S VICINIT

Arbarik and Save in Latest

PETROGRAD, Dec. 23 .- An official left for Stockholm today, the despatch statement of the Russian war office | Says. today says:

the British Government regarding the tempted to approach our trenches. Our "In Persia on Sunday night we dis-

ATTACK ON PODGORA BY ITALIANS FAILED?

Austro-Hungarian Report So Claims-Band of Montenegrins Captured.

BERLIN, via wireless to Sayville N. Y., Dec. 23.—The Austro-Hungarian official communication as received here today says: "On the Italian front the general situation is unchanged. In the Giudicaria district there have been heavy artillery duels. An attack by Italian battalions on the Podgora failed." "Balkan tehatre: A small Montene grin detachment, hidden in the moun tains north of Tara, was made prisoner after a short combat."

GEN. DE CASTLENAU ARRIVES AT SALONIKI

Chief of Staff of French Armies Confers With Gen. Sarrail.

LONDON, Dec. 23. 11.15 p.m.-A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Com-pany from Saloniki says: General Edouard De Castelnau, arrived unannounced in Salon.ki and conferred at length today with General Sarrail, the French commander.

iberals Understood to Be Willing to Accept Borden's Proposal.

NUMEROUS QUERIES

Debate Likely to Centre on GovAustrians are actually marching on
Saloniki.
The British correspondents a:

This is a grotesque and serious charge. extension of the parliamenary term It shows that there are some people being passed without any serious on-

proper course is to turn on the men who are trying to serve their country and shout: 'Traitor! Traitor!'

Disgraceful Attacks.

In that case the session should not last more than three months, for the government program of legislation contains nothing beyond what is concontains nothing beyond what is conaccted with the war. There will be no
nailway bond guarantee or subsidies.
The budget will naturally be debated at length, and the opposition will
have an opportunity for criticizing the
fir ancial arrangements of the government. They will seek information
on countless matters and probably
ask for formal investigation in some
subjects. It is understood that they
will seek to probe the management of will seek to probe the management of the former shell committee tho the gov-ernment here was not responsible for

its work at all Question of Pensions. Another matter which they will bring up is the question of the adequacy of the Canadian pension system, especially for men in the lower anks, who are wholly or partially dis-

conference here this week, there is reason to believe that they expect to make fore out of a constructive proCleghorn.

The distribution of the constructive proCleghorn. gram in competntion with that of the vernment than out of a policy large-devoted to destructive criticism nd the search for scandals.

FORD DESERTS PARTY TO EMBARK FOR HOME?

Physician Ordered Sudden Departure for U. S.

COPENHAGEN, via London, Dec. 23, 10.37 p.m.—A despatch to the Na-tional Tidende from Christiania, says that Henry Ford left Christiania se-cretly for Bergen, where he expected might to go aboard the Norwegianmerican line steamer Bergenhus, in order to return to the United States. The despatch reports that the reason Russians Drive Insurgents From for Mr. Ford's sudden departure was said to be that his doctor had ordered him to rest his tired and overworked The remainder of the expedition ignorant of Mr. Ford's departure,

"In Galicia, east of Podhaicy, small POPE HOPES FOR PEACE ERE NEXT CHRISTMAS

Benedict today received the Sacred College, headed by Cardinal Vannut-elli, which visited the potniff for the ROME, Dec. 23. 10.20 a.m.-Pope more when it comes from Dineen's. The reputation of fifty years' fur deal-happy countries," unity instead of discord, Lord Robert Cecil, parliamentary under-secretary for foreign affairs, feeling of genuine critical and creates a under-secretary for foreign affairs, told the company this even.

Paris Papers Publish Report But Confirmation is Still

Lacking. GREECE IN TURMOIL

to Silence Opposition

Press. LONDON, Dec. 23 .- The Greek pubic's uneasiness over the possibility of early extension of Germanic operations to Greek territory ncreases hourly, and the Greek domestic situation is so ruffled that it is stated that parliament as soon as it

meets will declare martial law in order to muzzle the opposition press, which has been mercilessly attacking the government A Reuter despatch from Athens says that Germany is reported to have informed Greece that she hopes to reach Saloniki by Jan. 15. promising, at the same time, to evacuate Greek territory as soon as the task is finished.

Austrians on Move,
Greek correspondents of the Paris
newspapers declare that the Teutonic
allies have decided that Austria shall ave the initiative in movements in the Balkans, and reports are also published in Paris that the

Saloniki scoff at the reports of an early Germanic offensive, however, declar-ing their conviction that the lull is OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—There is an in-creasing prospect of the bill for the Telegram Company says that military men there believe the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians will establish a screen parallel to the Greek border, taking up strong positions in the Macedonian de-

files, there to await an offensive move ment by the entente powers.

Austrian Check in Sanjak. The Austrians apparently have come to a halt in their Montenegrin campaign, according to an official state. ment of the Montenegrin authorities given out by the Montenegrin consul at Paris today. The statement says:
"The enemy is fortifying himself over the entire front in the Sanjak. He has sent all the population and live stock away from the right bank of

the River Tara. "The enemy attacked our troops in the neighborhood of Varna, but were repulsed with heavy loss, leaving some prisoners in our hands. to Dec. 21 the positions were

unchanged." MANY FOR MAYOR AT BERLIN. BERLIN, Dec. 23 .-- Municipal nomi-

ations tonight resulted in a host of anks, who are wholly or partially dis-bled.

From the proceedings at the Liberal Hhan, Mayor Hett, J. Reid, Dr. Calla-

MILITARY HONORS CONFERRED

Lieut.-Col. Odlum, Capt. Costigan and Lieutenants

Holmes, McIlree and Wrightson in List-Lieut.

Donnelly, Newfoundlander, Wins Honor

in Gallipoli.

panion of the Distinguished Service order for conspicuous ability and enheavily manned by the enemy.

MOVE ON SUEZ CANAL AT END OF JANUARY? Geneva Despatches Tell of German Preparations on Elabor-

LONDON, Dec. 23.-Geneva desatches speak convincingly of German reparations for an attack on the Suez Canal, which is now timed for the end of January, but the British press continue to declare that the defensive preparations would make an attack on War that territory folly.

ate Scale.

this being the first reference of the ARTILLERY DUELS ON

WHOLE ITALIAN FRONT

The Turkish official communication today refers to "the northern front,"

Martial Law May Be Declared Italians Bombarded a Railroad Station and Also Military Depots.

> ROME, via London, Dec. 23, 10.40 .m .- The following official communication was issued today by the Italian war office: "There have been artillery duels

along the whole front. The enemy's broke out have been absorbed in the art llery also fired on several groups United States during the past 16 of bouses, causing some damage. Our artillery bombarded the railroad station at Invito and the military depots

nished by the 141 principal raliroads of the United States showed that \$480.892,135 (par value), of American railroad securities of all forms were transferred from foreign to American owners between Feb. 1 and July 31.

ecompanies estimated that \$50,000,000 and \$75,000.000 was bough Force Will Soon Number Two by Americans from foreigners during Hundred Thousand Men.

TRENCHES THROWN UP Anglo - French Expedition Should Hold Off Thrice Strength.

PARIS, Dec. 23 .- General Bonnal, a French military expert, examining in value), of American railroad securi-The Intransigeant the situation at ties had come back to this country between September, 1914 and Febru-Saloniki, mentions the German statement that the French and British forces at the Greek port now number the fact that during the past five or 172,000 officers and men and are in-172,000 officers and men and are in-

ican securities of all kinds bave creasing, and says: "The joint army will soon reach 200. 000. They are occupying a semi-circle around Saloniki, which itself is just beyond range of the heaviest guns-

those carrying 18 to 22 miles. "Fifteen days of entrenching have now given the defensive works a certain solidity so that 200,000 men, with ample food and munitions supplies and reinforcements available by the open sea routes should be able to resist an

FRENCH RETAIN BULK

Centre and Right Established on New Mile and Quarter Front in Vosges

FALL BACK ON LEFT

ON FIVE CANADIAN OFFICERS ummit of Mountain and Northern Slopes Violently Bombarded by Foe.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. PARIS, Dec. 23.-French troops retain all the ground captured on the'r centre at right, at Hartmanns-We lerkopf, in the face of strong German assaults, but on their left they retired Canadian Associated Press Cable.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The honor list issued tonight includes five officers of at the same place and on the same the Canadian contingent and one of the Newfoundland Regiment. Lieut.Col. Victor Wentworth Odlum of the Col. Victor Wentworth Odlum of the second with his rifle. He was then joined by his bombing party and led them along the trench, which was interpreted by a snow storm. front of Wattwiller. The operations were interrupted by a snow storm.

French artillery, which displayed by his coolness and determination was gamantry and determination. 4 and 5 activity in the Givenchy region and the success of the exploit.

Gallipoli peninsula on Nov. 4 and 5 activity in the Givenchy region and the success of the exploit. activity in the Givenchy region and Capt Charles T. Costigan. 19th Battalion, has also received this award for conspicuous gallantry near Meshandling this small party, which was convoy between Conde and Nanteuil. bombarded a German automobile

not substantiated by the French

at the same place and on the same ergy. He personally superintended the The following have been awarded The northern slopes and the summit arrangements for a bombing attack military crosses: Lieut, James John made by his battalion on the 16th and Donnelly of the 1st Battalion, New-Lieut, James John of the mountain were violently bom-17th of November near Messines and foundland Regiment, for conspicuous by his coolness and determination was gallantry and determination at the barded by the enemy

sines on the same date, when he led a bombing party into a German trench, first shooting three Germans with his bomb and rifle attacks on his front Mine fighting in the Woevre, south west of Aprem nt forest, was to the advantage of the French.
The Belgians report that the Ger Lieut. Archibald Wrightson of the annual to the Lieut. Archibald Wrightson of the annual tion on their front, while Belenemy.

Another D.S.O. was awarded Lieut. The Battalion for conspicuous gallantry gian artillery destructively and systrenches on the banks of the Yse".

The German claim of retaking stormit of Hartmanns-Wei erkopf cial statement.