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AUSTRIANS MARCHING ON SALONIKI
FIVE CANADIANS AND ONE NEWFOUNDLANDER DECORATED

NO PERMANENT PEACE UNTIL ONE SIDE WINS WAR

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 Borden, G.C.M.G., premier of Canada, spoke before 300 members of 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.

Premier Borden 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 humanity during the last fourteen months if such example had been followed.

NO FURTHER FIGHTING, SAYS GEN. TOWNSEND

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

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

ADEN.
On 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 Arabia, 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.

BRITAIN EVER STROVE FOR UNITY IN BALKANS

Lord Robert Cecil So Declared in British House of Commons.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The policy of the British Government regarding the Balkans has throughout been based on the aim of producing "in these unhappy countries" unity instead of discord, Lord Robert Cecil, parliamentary under-secretary for foreign affairs, told the house of commons this evening.

What Was Expected
When Sir Adam Beck addressed the board of trade on Tuesday, the meeting was practically solid in favor of his proposals.

LONG HOLIDAY NEEDED BY GENERAL BERTRAM

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

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—Gen. Bertram, vice-chairman of the imperial munitions board, has gone south for a complete rest, owing to his own illness and the illness of his wife.

DROP BOMBS ON GREEK VILLAGE

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 Austrian aeroplane flew yesterday within a little more than three miles of Saloniki and dropped bombs near a village in the vicinity, according to reports from Saloniki forwarded by the Havas correspondent at Athens.

WAR WILL BE DECIDED IN RUSSIAN THEATRE?

Both Sides Make Preparations for Important Operations in Near Future.

JANUARY SECOND WILL BE A DAY OF PRAYER

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—Sunday, Jan. 2, has been set apart as a day of special prayer and intercession through Canada for the success of Great Britain and her allies in the war.

TWENTY EARTHQUAKES FELT IN GUATEMALA

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

ROUT PERSIAN REBELS IN HAMADAN'S VICINITY

Russians Drive Insurgents From Arbarik and Save in Latest Advance.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 23.—An official statement of the Russian war office today says:

Lord Robert Cecil So Declared in British House of Commons.

CRITICS' CHORUS HOTLY REBUKED BY LORD CECIL

Charges of Cabinet Dissension and Pro-German Influence Repudiated.

BLOCKADE EFFECTIVE

Balfour Says Main Naval Policy is Not to Save Tonnage.

LONDON, Dec. 23, 9.31 p.m.—The most important speech at the closing session of the house of commons, before the house adjourned tonight, was made by Lord Robert Cecil, under-secretary for foreign affairs.

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:

GEN. DE CASTELNAU ARRIVES AT SALONIKI

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

LONDON, Dec. 23, 11.15 p.m.—A despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from Saloniki today says:

EXTENSION OF TERM WILL BE UNOPPOSED

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

NUMEROUS QUERIES

Debate Likely to Centre on Government's Financial Arrangements.

By a Staff Reporter.
OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—There is an increasing prospect of the bill for the extension of the parliamentary term being passed without any serious opposition from the opposition.

FORD DESERTS PARTY TO EMBARK FOR HOME?

Christiania Despatch Asserts Physician Ordered Sudden Departure for U. S.

COPENHAGEN, via London, Dec. 23, 10.37 p.m.—A despatch to the National Tidende from Christiania, says that Henry Ford left Christiania, secretly for Bergen, where he expected tonight to go aboard the Norwegian-American line steamer Bergehus.

POPE HOPES FOR PEACE ERE NEXT CHRISTMAS

ROME, Dec. 23, 10.20 a.m.—Pope Benedict, who received the Sacred College, headed by Cardinal Vanutelli, which visited the pontiff for the purpose of extending Christmas greetings to him, returned the greetings warmly and expressed regret that "man's weakness, which had caused the European catastrophe, would prevent the realization of his dream of 600 genarmes, mounted and armed."

AUSTRIANS HAVE BEGUN ADVANCE UPON SALONIKI?

Paris Papers Publish Report, But Confirmation is Still Lacking.

GREECE IN TURMOIL

Martial Law May Be Declared to Silence Opposition Press.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Greek public's uneasiness over the possibility of an early extension of German operations to Greek territory increases hourly, and the Greek domestic situation is so ruffled that it is expected 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.

MOVE ON SUEZ CANAL AT END OF JANUARY?

Geneva Despatches Tell of German Preparations on Elaborate Scale.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Geneva despatches speak convincingly of German preparations 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 that territory folly.

ARTILLERY DUELS ON WHOLE ITALIAN FRONT

Italians Bombarded a Railroad Station and Also Military Depots.

ROME, via London, Dec. 23, 10.40 p.m.—The following official communication was issued today by the Italian war office:

SALONIKI ARMY IN STRONG LINE

Force Will Soon Number Two 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 "The Intransigent" the situation at Saloniki, mentions the German statement that the French and British forces at the Greek port now number 172,000 officers and men and are increasing, and says:

MILITARY HONORS CONFERRED ON FIVE CANADIAN OFFICERS

Lieut.-Col. Odlum, Capt. Costigan and Lieutenants Holmes, McIlree and Wrightson in List—Lieut. Donnelly, Newfoundlander, Wins Honor in Gallipoli.

Canadian-Associated Press Cable.
LONDON, Dec. 23.—The honor list issued tonight includes five officers of the Canadian contingent and one of the Newfoundland Regiment. Lieut.-Col. Victor Wentworth Odlum of the 7th Battalion has been appointed companion of the Distinguished Service Order for conspicuous ability and energy.

Another award was also made to Lieut. John Raymond McIlree of the 7th Battalion for conspicuous gallantry at the same place and on the same date. He led a bombing party into a German trench, throwing down the first German he met and felling the second with his rifle.

Lieut. Archibald Wrightson of the 7th Battalion for conspicuous gallantry near Messines on Nov. 18 and 17. He was in command of parties of bombardment and displayed great coolness and judgment. After he had given the order to retire he was the last man to leave the trench.

U. S. SECURITIES OF BILLION AND HALF RETURN

War Brings Back Great Amount of Bonds Held in Europe.

WAR LOAN ABSORBED

At Least Two Billion Dollars Obtained in U. S. Since War Began.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Approximately \$1,500,000,000 (par value) of American securities which were foreign-owned when the European war broke out, have been absorbed in the United States during the past 16 months, financial experts here estimated today.

FRENCH RETAIN BULK OF GROUND CAPTURED

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

FALL BACK ON LEFT

Summit 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 centre-at right, at Hartmann-Wieskopf, in the face of strong German assaults, but on their left they retired today to their original positions. It was announced in the statement of the war office tonight. The captured ground held has a frontage of a mile and a quarter, and it is one of the ridges to the southwest of the summit, and to the south as far as the front of Wattwiller. The operations were interrupted by a snow storm. The northern slopes and the summit of the mountain were violently bombarded by the enemy.

FINE FIGHTING IN THE WOEVRES, SOUTHWEST OF APERM IN FOREST, WAS TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE FRENCH.

The Belgians report that the Germans have included in pure waste of ammunition on their front, while Belgian artillery destructively and systematically shelled the enemy's trenches on the banks of the Yser.

The German plan of retaking the summit of Hartmann-Wieskopf is not substantiated by the French official statement.

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