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## Fifty Sinn Feiners Are Seized and Arrests Continue Italians Form Junction With the French in Albania

### ALLIES DECIDE TO RETAIN ALL FOE'S COLONIES

Britain, France, Japan Agree to Common Policy in Making Peace.

### SHUFFLING IN AFRICA

Four Powers to Make Possessions Homogeneous on Dark Continent.

London, Feb. 22.—(Correspondent)—The death knell to Germany's colonial possessions has been sounded, as the entente allies can effect that result by the almost simultaneous announcement of the British minister of colonies, Mr. Long, the Japanese minister of foreign affairs, Mr. Motono, and the prime minister of New Zealand, Mr. Massey, who voiced the view of Australia as well as New Zealand.

Japan's attitude toward holding the German colony of Kiaochow in China, and the Pacific islands occupied by the Japanese fleet came up when the French draft of the reply to President Wilson's being obliged to the various entente governments for approval. Japan approved the terms as far as stated, on Serbia, Belgium and in other respects, but pointed out that the terms omitted any reference to the German colonies of Kiaochow and the Pacific islands in which Japan had established an interest.

On the eastern front, owing to rain and fog, there has been no important fighting activity.

### FOE MAKES COMPANY OF RUSSIANS CAPTIVE

Germans Claim Small Advance Near Zlochoff in Galicia.

Berlin, via Sayville, Feb. 22.—German capture of 250 prisoners by the capture of detachments east of Zlochoff, Galicia, is announced in the supplementary war office communication to-day, which says:

### WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

**A** HEAVY movement of troops is proceeding to Salonica. Big ships arrive every day or so and disembark soldiers in such numbers that their action creates the general belief that the allied high command intends in the spring to attack the communications of the enemy between Berlin and Constantinople. Early this year General Sarrail had a force of about 250,000 combatants under his command, including 100,000 British troops. He required half a million men for his offensive campaign and to make up his complement. Chiefly Italians are arriving. With their experience in mountain warfare and their special mountain equipment, the Italians, it is expected, will make their mark in this theatre. Besides sending troops to Salonica, Italy is massing a large force at Avlona and in northern Epirus. This force has already begun to move and it has established contact with the French in Albania after clearing the enemy forces from the road between Gortiza and Liskovje. This action has cut the postal communications between Athens and Berlin.

With the Greek army removed to the Morea and the allied warships on guard at the Isthmus of Corinth, allied officers have no fear of interruption or of attack from that source. They never did have sufficient respect for the Greek army to consider it formidable or a serious menace. Only the allied politicians, it seems, feared the forces of the king and influenced by a few panic-stricken persons, they used to interfere with the actions of General Sarrail, to his great disgust, whenever Constantine made a suspicious move. In the estimation of experienced soldiers a few rounds of shrapnel would disperse at any time any concentration of the poorly-equipped Greek troops. Allied officers regard as equally remote the prospects of an attack from the Germans.



Latest photographs taken by Mr. Lyonde of Their Excellencies the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire who are paying a visit to Toronto.

### NEW ZEALANDERS WIN DISTINCTION IN ATTACK

Stay in German Lines Half Hour After Making Successful Raid—Londoners Make New High Record.

(FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.)  
British Headquarters in France, via London, Feb. 22.—Further details regarding the successful raid made by the New Zealand troops south of Arrmentieres show that they entered the German lines to a depth of 300 yards and remained there for half an hour, wrecking dugouts and various trench works.

### MANY SINN FEINERS AGAIN UNDER ARREST

Thirty-Five Taken in Dublin and Others in Limerick, Galway and Skibbereen, and Arrests Are Continuing.

Dublin, Feb. 22.—A number of Sinn Feiners who had recently returned from internment in England were arrested today in Limerick, Galway and Skibbereen, as well as in Dublin. The arrests were made under the Defence of the Realm Act.

Altogether about 50 members of the Sinn Fein and the Gaelic League have been arrested, and arrests are continuing. Thirty-five men were taken into custody in Dublin alone. In Galway tonight prominent member of the Oughterard District Council and a prominent Athenry merchant were arrested.

### FROM EUROPE TO U. S. BY WAY OF SIBERIA

Railways Offer Appeals to Many Americans Now in Copenhagen.

Copenhagen, Feb. 22, via London, Feb. 22.—A large sign in a tourist office reads: "Safest route to America—via the transsiberian railroad. Tickets for sale here."

### DETROIT AND TOLEDO NOT UNDER EMBARGO

Detroit, Feb. 22.—The embargo on freight shipments other than coal and foodstuffs, put into effect three weeks ago on movement to this city thru Toledo, was lifted by the railroads today.

### ALLIES CONVEY BIG FORCES TO SALONICA ZONE

Large Italian Contingents Arrive for Campaign in Balkan Region.

### FOE NOT TO ATTACK

Junction of Troops in Macedonia Cuts Athens-Berlin Communications.

London, Feb. 22.—A Reuter despatch from Salonica said that the allies succeeded in cutting postal communication between Athens and the central powers when they established the junction of troops in Macedonia and Italian troops, and cleared the enemy forces from the road between Gortiza, in Southern Albania, and Liskovje. The central powers are now restricted to wireless and aeroplane communication.

### BRITISH SAILORS PIRATES' VICTIMS

Attack Upon Steamer John Miles Costs Number of Lives.

London, Feb. 22.—The Central News says the British steamer John Miles, 687 tons, was sunk. Four of the crew, who were injured, and the bodies of two men who were killed, have been landed. The remainder of the ship's company are missing.

### WILSON HAS NOT DECIDED ON MOVE

Important Announcement is Expected to Follow Today's Cabinet Meeting.

Washington, Feb. 22.—No move was made here today in the crisis in relations between the United States and the central powers. The indications still were that tomorrow's cabinet meeting would be followed by arrangements for the president to address congress with a request for authority to deal with any emergency that may arise after adjournment.

### AUSTRIA STILL SILENT

Reply That Will Mean Severance of Relations Hourly Anticipated.

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### HOSTILITY TO MENARD DEFEATS LARGE GRANT

Montreal City Council May Vote Half Million for Patriotic Purposes.

Montreal, Feb. 22.—While the city council today declined to adopt the board of control's recommendation to grant a million dollars to the patriotic and Red Cross funds, it is understood that a lesser amount, probably half a million or so, will yet be voted. Ald. Menard fathered a resolution for the adoption of the board's recommendation, but his colleagues would not discuss the matter today, chiefly because Ald. Menard was the mover in council. Ald. Turcot was the only supporter of the resolution.

### A National Policy for Nickel, Nationalization of Railways and a National Government for War Times.

Some of the political problems of Canada in connection with the war are being discussed by The World from a new angle—from the public welfare standpoint rather than from any party advantage. As a consequence The World is read, we venture to say, with more interest than any other paper in Canada, is the subject of much discussion, still more, the object of a lot of rather harsh criticism from the old line party press and sensational scooters. All of which The World takes as a lady takes a nosegay. The World must be doing something when it can keep so many editors busy trying to tie tin cans to its tail and so many party men busy in countering its appeals to the conscience of the nation. One newspaper reads as if it kept a special staff of sleuths on The World's trail.

We have got a long way ahead on nickel; we have forced out of the Ontario government a policy looking toward the refining of crude ore into pure metal in Canada instead of shipping it out of the country to make work steadily for our neighbors; we have forced the government to disown its practice of allowing the International Nickel Co. to avoid and evade paying its just taxes to the province out of its profits, and we have presented a lot of information showing that the concern which handles our nickel deposits and evades payment of taxes on its profits is at bottom a German metal and armament trust under American disguise.

We have made out so clear a case in this latter direction that over 4000 special agents of the British admiralty have been steadily employed watching the movements of the millions and millions of pounds of our nickel ores that go into the United States.

As to the question of public ownership of railways, and especially in regard to the concrete case of the failure of the old Grand Trunk Co. to discharge its duty to the people of Canada, and especially the people of eastern Canada, brought about by its losses in connection with the Grand Trunk Pacific, we have proved by the confession of that company's British chairman that it is "at the end of its tether," and therefore it is unable to supply the necessary engine and equipment for the franchise it undertook to render to the people of Canada. Also we undertook to show, and we believe we have proved, that there is no way out of it but for the Dominion to take over the old Grand Trunk and the Grand Trunk Pacific and to consolidate them with the National Transcontinental and the Intercolonial and thereby give Canada a real transcontinental service, coupling up every city and especially with the populous portions here in the east, and with the national credit behind it secure such equipment and such other conveniences and alliances as will improve our railway services immensely and make them complementary instead of an enemy of water transportation.

And if The World has not had much abuse because of this forward policy we have run up against a very frigid reception from most of the papers in the country. They do not know much what to say, but they look as if they'd like to throw dead cats at The World if they dared. And yet we know, as they know, that the government of Canada will be compelled to nationalize all these roads pretty much on the lines we have suggested. And the others will have to be taken in. But the start is with the old Grand Trunk—by all odds the best located system in Canada.

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