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# ENEMY RENEWS STRUGGLE TO SURROUND BUCHAREST

Russians Give Some Captured Ground in Desperate Fighting Undertaken to Save Rumanian Capital-Teutons Claim Victory North of City.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

London, Dec. 4.—All eyes are still turned on Rumania, where the fight to mave the Rumanian capital is still in its critical stage. The recovery of the Rumanians in the region between Alexandria and Bucharest was speedily changed into a recoil by the arrival of tresh bodies of Teutons and Bulgarians. These counter-attacked the occupied the Village of Gradishtea, 12 miles south of Bucharest, but the battle is undecided and the allies are holding out to gain time for other reinforcements to arrive.

Northwest of Bucharest the Rumanians, subjected to strong pressure by the Germans, are continuing their retirement and they have evacuated well as Titu. The Teutonic troops are sentment. continuing their progress eastward north of the capital, but the Rumanians the other groups of forces defending the capital farther south.

Next Few Days Critical. It is recognized that the next few days are likely to have a critical influence on the whole campaign. Every hour's delay enables Russian support to develop, and further Russian aid to arrive. The foe is concentrating forces rapidly also in Rumania.

The Germans tonight claim that they have taken 8000 prisoners of the first Rumanian army, and that they seized incalculable booty. Thirteen locomotives were captured, Berlin says, near Titu. It is also claimed that 35 cannon were captured by the Danube army.

Russian Arrival Timely. A Petrograd despatch says: The timely arrival of Russian troops before Bucharest at the critical moment when the loss of the capital seem\_ (continued on Page 7, Column 1).

## **WORST PHASE OVER** IN CABINET CRISIS

Mr. Asquith Will Remain Premier, Political Clubs Say.

CARSON TO STAY OUT

Strong Disagreements Arise Among Members of Ministry, Rumors Say.

London, Dec. 4 .- The most conservative opinion in the political clubs and parliamentary lobbies Monday night was that the worst phase of the government crisis had passed, and that the reconstruction of the cabinet would proceed harmoniously. This view was enunciated by the press association and was shared in in many quarters The press association said:

"Mr. Asquith will remain premier and it is believed he will be able to settle all differences in co-operation with Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Lloyd George, and form a new government, with few changes except in the war

Furthermore, the press association added, the lobby now believes that Sir Edward Carson will not join the tabinet, and that the war council will consist of Mr. Asquith, Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Lloyd George.

Some of the other correspondents assert the belief that the situation is Mr. Asquith himself will resign today

## Division Artillery

Red Rust Waste Wrought by the Canadian Guns

BY CHAS. G. D. ROBERTS Written for the Canadian War Records Office

7 OU have started out to cross the monstrous, stark naked, shelltortured expanse of red mud in which "div. arty." (the Canadian Divisional Artillery) has dug his hidden lair. Somewhere far ahead of you, in an undistinguished wrinkle of the mud, lies one of the most advanced of these lairs, to which you are bound. Involuntarily you glance back toward the low mounds of debris interspersed with a few

splintered tree trunks, which are all that remains of a certain pleasant village of the Somme. You have just passed thru it and have been assured that it was a village only the other day, a village in which all the world, Rumanians and the Russians and they at that particular moment, took an interest.

For all the interest of the site you had not felt tempted to linger there, unduly, for the German shells were "crumpling" all about it with a disturbing irregularity, and the dead mounds rocked to the discharge of our own "heavies." But now in comparison with the rust-red waste before you, shelterless as the roof of the world, the place looks absolutely attractive. Back there you might at least achieve cover from view. You might hope to be mistaken for the trunk of a blasted tree. But out here you feel quite needlessly conspicuous. You think that every German gun Tergovistea, according to Berlin, as must have its eye upon you, which gives you a sense of loneliness and re-

> As you push on your laborious way, however, this feeling quickly crament order in council. Members passes off. You grow philosophical. Your mind is centred on the desira- vesterday carried unanimously the passes off. You grow philosophical. Your mind is centred on the desire vesternay carried unanimously the bility of reaching that advance lair of "div. arty." before dark lest your necessary resolution declaring that in companion, who alone knows the way, should miss it, and lead you whither the opinion of council excessive prices you have no desire to go. You reflect upon the utter insignificance of these are being demanded for the necessaries two bemired and toiling figures, an aiming mark so small and so elusive of life, namely, coal, fuel, meat, potathat no German gun would be tempted to squander a shell upon it. You realize that the shells which are dropping and bursting here and there about you do not intend anything personal. They are feeling about for the lairs of "div. arty," which they know to be scattered among the shell-

Finally, the immediate business of picking your path and keeping up with your companion (who has been wiser than you in leaving his heavy overcoat behind) is too engrossing for any futile worry about the shells. The only half-way tolerable footing is along the ridges between the shell holes, which contain water and slime and diversified relics of a recent struggle for this area. You have not the slightest inclination to gain cover by slipping down into the shell holes and it takes a lot of care to keep out

A little later you come to a side entrance to a deep communication trench and a sentry urgently warns you into it, as a special little strafe has on the 1st day of October, 1916, and just begun. The trench seems very safe. But the going is very slippery, and you get hotter and hotter. The trench winds and winds interminably, and at length your companion, who is a dare-devil Canadian colonel, declares that it is taking you miles and miles out of your way. He suggests climbing forth and making a short cut, as the hour is getting late. There are no tommies about, to be corrupted by the bad example. A shell bursts an overhead or other nature affecting on the parapet nearby, affording a convenient exit.

It is cooler outside with a pleasant evening breeze fanning across the unimaginable desolation. The sinister twilight is pierced and shot across by the ceaseless flashing of the guns. Along the whole horizon they ring you in. Here and there above the Hun positions a green flare soars into the sky, malignly beautiful. Beneath the incessant far-flung thunder of

Continued on Page 2, Cols. 6 and 7.

# \* WAR SUMMARY \*

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

THE heavy action that has been proceeding for several days east of the Cerna River, in Macedonia, has ended in the defeat of the Bulgarians and their precipitate retreat, followed by the victorious Serbians, in the direction of Prilip. This engagement probably assured the fall of Prilip. As announced from Salonica, the Serbians captured five field guns, five caissons, many machine guns, a quantity of ammunition, much other war material, and an uncounted rank of brigadier; Col. A. D. McRae. number of prisoners. The battle is described by the allies as a brilliant victory. It lasted for several days; it was fought in bad weather, difficult terrain and against desperate resistance; and it ended in the Serbians' capture of an entire series of powerfully fortified positions, including the ruins of the ancient fortress above Grunishte. The Bulgarians have left a great many dead on the battlefield.

The Rumanian recovery, aided by the Russians, appears to have been not so complete as first despatches would indicate, for the Germans have been able to drive them back south and southwest of Bucharest, after they had inflicted a considerable reverse on the Bulgarians. The Germans also claim that they have won a success northwest of Bucharest, over the first Rumanian army, and that they have advanced beyond Titu Junction, in the railways between Bucharless hopeful. It is pertty generally est, Kimpolung and Piteshti. Altho in the fighting of Sunday, north sonceded that the resignations of all and south of Bucharest, only 8000 prisoners were taken, including, the ministers are in Premier Asquith's of course, the wounded abandoned on the field of battle, and reprehands, and two or thre of the political senting a loss of about 16,000 men, the Germans appear to have taste and fancy writers record persistent rumors that gained a considerable advantage in the seizure of thirteen locomotives actly suited. (Continued on Pale 2, Columns 1 and 2)

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Vote That Amount on Thursday

London, Dec. 4.—The new vote of oredit to which the premier will ask the house of commons to agree on Thursday will be for £400,000,-000. This would bring the total for 1916 up to £1,750.000.000.

Toronto City Council Takes Steps to Combat H. C. of L.

GET FIGURES ON OATH

All Dealers Must Send Information to the City Clerk.

The city council is going to conduct the fullest inquiry into the high cost of living, in accordance with the protoes, milk, vegetables, bread and other

The investigation is ordered in the following words:

"That the city clerk be and he is hereby authorized to give notice in writing to any and all persons dealing within the municipality in any or all of the said necessaries of life, to make and render unto the council of the corporation of the City of Toronto a written return, under oath or affirmation, showing in detail:

(a) The amount of each of the said necessaries of life, namely, coal, fuel, meat, potatoes, milk, vegetables, bread and other food products held by each on each day from the said date to the 4th day of December, 1916;

(b) The time when any or all or such necessaries of life was acquired; (c) The cost of each such necessary of life, including all charges of such cost:

(d) The price at which each of the said necessaries of life was held for sale, or at which any sales of a part of the same, and the quantity thereof, had been made by such person. "All such written returns shall be made and filed with the city clerk on or before the 15th day of December.

GEN. TURNER COMMANDS

Sir George Perley Announces

Overseas Appointments-Col. Thacker is Adjutant-general.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

London, Dec. 4.—Sir George Perley, as overseas minister of militia. announces the following appointments: General Turner. G.O.C. of Canadian forces in Britain; Col. P. E. Thacker, Allert March 1, Capat Britain with adjutant-general in Great Britain, with chief executive officer to the minister and acting quartermaster-general with rank of brigadier. General Turner has arrived in London to assume his new duties of commanding Canadian troops in England.

DINEEN'S CHRISTMAS FURS.



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street, and in Hamilton, 20-22 King It is also stated that the Greeks are street west,

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**BULGARS BEATEN** 

EAST OF CERNA

## House of Commons Will CANADIANS BY OLD TRICK CAPTURE TRENCH OF DESIRE

## CANADIANS BEAT FOES IN DASHING EXPLOITS

Dominion Troops Seize Crater, Hold It Against Attacks, Carry Out Successful Trench Raid.

London, Dec. 4 .- The following communique has been issued by

the Canadian war records office: On the night of Nov. 27-28 our troops sprang a mine some distance in front of our lines and at once occupied the crater. They consolidated it and held it successfully against sharp attacks.

During the same night and on the same sector they undertook two trench raids. One raiding party got into the enemy's front trench, explored it for several hundred yards and returned with useful information. The other party, who got thru the wire, found that the trench at this point was so strongly held that the party was obliged to return without accomplishing anything of importance. Towards noon the enemy bombarded our lines in retaliation, but did no great damage.

On the night of Nov. 28-29 one of our patrols in "no man's" land met a party of Germans and put them to flight, capturing two

## **BIG SERBIAN VICTORY** EAST OF CERNA RIVER until they established themselves in "Desire" trench. "Desire" trench is

Positions Captured With Many Prisoners and War Material.

Salonica, Dec. 4, via London.-The Serbian official communication issued today tells of the capture of heavily fortified Bulgarian positions north of Grunishte and Budimirtza, east of the Cerna River in Serbia, in that the wintry mud would soon play fighting lasting over several days, and in which the Bulgarians suffered havor with the usual methods of bringheavy casualties and lost prisoners, guns, machine guns and ammunition. The statement says:

"After sanguinary fighting, lasting several days without interruption, despite the bad weather, the difficulties of terrain and the desperate resistance of the enemy, our troops by a brilliant attack yesterday captured an entire series of powerfully fortified Bulgarian positions in the region north of Grunishte and Budimirtsa. The ruins of the ancient fortress above Grunishte are in our hands and the Bulgarians are fleeing northward, leaving a large number of dead on the battlefield.

"By this brilliant victory we captured numerous trophies, including five field guns and five caissons, many machine guns, a quantity of ammunition and other material and many prisoners who have not yet been counted. The number of guns we have captured up to now totals 79."

By Resorting to Ancient Ruse of Carrying Great Weights on Back, Men of Dominion Win Important Victory.

With the British army on the front in France, Friday, Dec. 1, via London, Dec. 4.—That success in modern warfare often may depend upon the employment of some article or contrivance of ancient design and cunning has again been demonstrated by the Canadian troops in their most recent advances against the enemy. The old American Indian and trapper trick of carrying great weights upon the back by means of a leather thong across the forehead helped the Canadians to go forward when all other means of transport was difficult, and thru supplies thus brought up they completely carried the famous Regina trench, which

hitherto had resisted all efforts. Not only did this particular contingent of Canadians take Reginu trench, but they pressed forward under the flery shelter of a curtain of shells not charted on the ordinary map of jective of supreme desirability. The very name given to it by the British war map-makers bespoke the importance attached to it.

Adopt New Scheme.

When the Canadians were given the word to advance it was quickly seen ing up supplies and without uninterrupted supply support no attack could succeed. So old troopers from western

(Continued on Page 6, Column 5).

LOST MANY SHIPS.

Christiania, via London, Dec. 5.# From the beginning of the war unal November of this year, 242 Norwegian ships have been destroyed by acts of war. These included 182 steamers, totalling 281,628 tons. The vessels were

### KING SET TRAP FOR CONFLICT IN STRATEGY **ALLIED SOLDIERS** CAUSES CABINET SPLIT

western front and taking the offensive

from Salonica, whither they propose to

send a huge army, betwen 500,000 and

1.000,000 men. The westerners regard

this as lunacy, which is only too likely

to lead to disaster by playing the Ger-

mans' game, Field Marshal von Hinden.

burg's supreme aim being to shift the

centre of gravity from France to the

Balkans. The Somme offensive is one

thing he dreads. David Lloyd George

Sounds Warning Note.

After suggesting that the people

choose new rulers thru a general elec-

tion The Manchester Guardian in com-

menting on the cabinet situation.

"There are in fact two crises, for

supports the easterners."

Constantine Disposed Twenty- Westerners Favor Concentration of All Forces in Five Thousand Soldiers to Fight.

PREPARES TO FIGHT

CANADIANS IN ENGLAND Greek Ruler Will Attack Al- western strategy. lied Rear in Macedonia.

> London, Dec. 5 .- According to some special desputches of the Athens cor- argue that the lines of communication respondents, filed on Sunday at to the western front are short and se-Piraeus, where the allies control the cure and that they devour less ships, telegraph lines, the situation in Greece while the deviation of the forces to the is one justifying Lord Robert Cecil's statement that it was of "extreme able strain on our depleted shipping.

gravity" for the allies. These despatches represent that last week's fighting in Athens was the result of a "deliberate trap, treacherously prepared by the king and the government," 25,000 troops being disposed around the positions which Vice-Admiral du Fournet had previously notified the Greek Government he would occupy. These troops then attacked the allies, who numbered 2000. giving. Every piece The latter fought until their ammuniof fur bearing the Dincen label carries the stamp of quality. Make your selection early before the very busy Christmas shopping.

the very busy Constantine is quietly mobilizing and preparing for war against the allies, days arrive. There is an ample stock from which every forces, which is expected at the Marshal von Mackensen's forces, which is expected at the Marshal von Mackensen's forces, which is expected at the Marshal von Mackensen's forces, which is expected at the Marshal von Mackensen's forces, which is expected at the Marshall's forces, which is expected at the Marshall von Mackensen's forces, which is expected at the Marshall von Mackensen's forces, which is expected at the Marshall von Mackensen's forces, which is expected at the Marshall von Mackensen's forces, which is expected at the Marshall von Mackensen's forces, which is expected at the Marshall von Mackensen's forces, which is expected at the Marshall von Mackensen's forces, which is expected at the Marshall von Marshall von Mackensen's forces, which is expected at the Marshall von Marsha in furs may be ex-estir front by attacking Gen. Sarrail's Dineen's, 140 Yonge flank.

sounds this note of warning:

London, Dec. 4.-The real basis of the crisis in the ministry is but a rethe political crisis, according to the flection of the crisis in the war. The parliamentary correspondent of The crisis in the war amounts to this: Star, is a conflict between eastern and "That the progress of events and succession of bitter experience have at

France, Easterners Want to Move From Salonica.

last brought home to the minds of most "The westerners," says the cormen the fact that we are not winning respondent, "favor concentrating the the war, and the further conviction whole manpower on the western front, that, with the present methods of forcing the Germans to fight out the waging the war, we shall never win it." war in France and Flanders. They

Premier Asks Delay. Replying to a question in the coma food dictator, Premier Asquith said nel had better be deferred until the eastern theatre would place an intolershould occur-was completed. "The eastern school is in favor of With only the Irish members objecting, the house adjourned until Thursstanding on the defensive on the day, without a division.

> A statement made by Sir James Henry Dalziel, Liberal member for Kirkealdy Burghs, that the resignations of the all ministers have been haided to the premier was not denied. This was taken as an indication that details of the reconstruction had not yet been agreed upon, and that rurther negotiations were necessary.

Mr. Lloyd George was not present during the sitting, but all the other prominent figures in the crisis pat in an appearance, and were cheered by their adherents as they entered the chamber. A. Bonar Law, secretary for the colonies, occupied his usual seat next to the premier, and the two were chatting cheerfully as Mr. Asquith was awaiting the opportunity to make his announcement. This came when the question was asked in regard to

the appointment of a food dictator.
Sir Edward Carson took a seat

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