

FIERCE BOMBARDMENT BY FRENCH GUNS SHATTERS SEVERAL ENEMY'S TRENCHES

CANADA-MADE MUNITIONS ARE SATISFACTORY

Lt. Col. Sam Sharpe, M. P., Will Qualify as Colonel to Lead His Battalion Into Battle.

Ottawa, Jan. 13, via leased wire.—Col. Sissons, of Medicine Hat, who was in command of the Mounted Rifles Brigade in France, prior to their absorption into the Second division as an infantry brigade, reached Ottawa today and reported to the minister of militia. Col. Sissons will proceed to Alberta to look after recruiting or organization work there.

Rev. Father J. J. O'Gorman, of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Ottawa, who has been giving so excellent recruiting sermons recently, has been appointed chaplain, with the honorary rank of captain, and will be attached to one of the overseas units.

One instance of the American movement to Canada to enlist in the Empire's fight for civilization was given by Gen. Sir Sam Hughes tonight. One of his callers today was Dr. Scott Huntington, a prominent physician of Havana, and an American citizen. Dr. Huntington has given up his practice to join the Canadian army, and has been given a commission in the Medical Corps.

Lt. Col. Sam Sharpe, M. P., telegraphed the minister of militia today that he was getting his battalion into good shape, and would qualify as colonel in time to lead the battalion to the firing line as soon as it was wanted.

According to the minister of militia, the Canadian-made ammunition which has been sent to the front has turned out remarkably well. No serious complaints of any kind have been received in regard to it. The ammunition manufactured by the Dominion Arsenal at Quebec, is reported to be equal to, if not better than, any supplied to the British forces.

21 MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WEARING KHAKI

This Number Seventeen are Conservatives and Four from Ranks of the Opposition.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—Twenty-one members of parliament, 17 Conservatives and 4 Liberals, are on active service with the Canadian troops at home or abroad. The chief of these is General Sir Sam Hughes himself. The activity of his service is remarkable. With him it is morning noon and night, work and ever work. The Conservative members who have volunteered for active service and are in khaki either in Canada or at the front, include J. D. Taylor, New Westminster; George H. Brudbury, Selkirk; Geo. H. Baker, Bromar; E. N. Rhodes, Cumberland; Donald Stewart, Lunenburg; H. B. Tremblay, Halifax; Gerald V. White, North Bay; George W. Fowler, Kings and Albert; W. R. Smyth, East Alton; G. H. Burnham, West Peterboro; H. F. McLeod, York, N. B.; John A. Currie, North Simcoe; H. S. Oleson, Coburg; Atlin; J. J. Carrick, Thunder Bay; and Rainy River; Sam Shango, North Ontario; J. A. Barrette, Berthier. The Liberals include, H. H. MacLean, Sunbury and Queens; David Arnock MacLeod, D. R. Neely, Humboldt and Hon. H. S. Boland, Beauce. Dr. Boland had gone to Belgium to be married when war broke out and volunteered for medical services with the Belgian troops. He is now a prisoner in Germany.

ENEMY TWICE TRIES ATTACKS UNDER COVER OF SNOW STORM

Both Attempts to Take Offensive on Stripa River Repulsed by Russians—Enemy Driven from Part of Trenches North-east of Czernowitz.

RUSSIAN TORPEDO BOATS DESTROY ENEMY SUBMARINE IN BLACK SEA

Four British Aeroplanes Not Heard from Since They Left Base Wednesday—French Guns Batter German Line in Artois.

Paris, Jan. 13, 11.45 p. m.—The following official communication was issued by the war office tonight:

"In Artois we executed, on the positions along the road to Lille, a violent bombardment which destroyed, at several points, the trenches and shelters of the enemy.

"Between the Somme and the Oise a German column, estimated at one regiment, was taken under our fire at the moment of entering Roye. To the north of the Aisne our artillery damaged an observatory and some machine gun shelters, and silenced an enemy battery at Hill 195, on the plateau of Vaucleur.

"In the Champagne we dispersed a large convoy in the region of Gratreuil.

"In the Arzonnes we exploded one mine at Laffite Moris, and two at Vauguons.

"Army of the east: There is nothing to report on the Greek frontier.

"The necessities of our plan of operations have obliged us to blow up the railroad bridges at Demir-Hissar and Kildindir."

Four British Airships Lost?

London, Jan. 13.—Four British aeroplanes, which were sent out from the British positions on the continent Wednesday, have failed to return to their base, according to the official announcement given out tonight. The statement says:

HUERTA DIED LAST NIGHT

Former Dictator of Mexico Had Just Been Indicted for Violating Neutrality of United States.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 13.—Victoria Huerta, former dictator of Mexico, died here tonight.

Gen. Huerta, who succeeded Gen. Francisco I. Madero in executive power in Mexico City, and later left Mexico, died of sclerosis of the liver. He was surrounded by his family when the end came. His death was not unexpected. Funeral arrangements are to be made tomorrow. It was announced at his residence tonight. It is believed an effort will be made to arrange for his burial in Mexico.

BELIEVES LARGE AMOUNT OF COCOA GOING FROM ENGLAND TO ENEMY.

London, Jan. 14, 2 a. m.—In the House of Lords yesterday Baron Sydenham called attention to the enormously increased imports in the neutral countries of cocoa, which he suggested largely found their way into Germany, and asked why cocoa had not been made contraband.

The Marquis of Lansdowne, minister without portfolio, in a reply, to which importance is attached, as possibly indicating a change of policy, admitted that, after making all allowances for the needs of neutral countries, possibly a good deal of the cocoa England was re-exporting was finding its way into enemy countries.

Reminding the House that cocoa and its preparations had been placed on the restricted list, and that licenses were required for exports to neutrals—a policy which had had considerable success—Lord Lansdowne referred to the enormous quantities of cocoa which were finding their way to neu-

TROUBLE IN THE RANKS OF THE OPPOSITION

Two Nova Scotia Members, Left Out in Cold When Recent Conference was Held, Have Been on Strike.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 13.—There is trouble in the ranks of the Liberal party and two of its members have been on strike, according to the reports that are being told in the corridors. It appears that at the convention of the Liberal party held recently in Ottawa a number of leading Liberals were ignored: Amongst these were E. M. MacDonald of Pictou and A. K. MacLean, the junior member for Halifax, and it is related of them that they took the ground that if the leading members of the Commons were to be left out of the deliberations of the Liberal party and such men as young Mr. Pearson, the son of B. P. Pearson, of Halifax, were to be invited instead, they would stay away from the House. The opposition seemingly did not require their services. They resented the fact that Mr. Pearson, for example, was to be one of the framers of the Liberal policy, while senior Mr. P.'s were to have say in the matter at all. Of course it has been known for a long time that the Liberal party generally has not been satisfied with the work in the House of Messrs. MacDonald and MacLean.

Petrograd, via London, Jan. 13.—The following official communication was issued today:

"Galician front: On the Middle Stripa river the enemy under the protection of a snowstorm, made two attempts to take the offensive in the region of Dobropol, but each time was repulsed. In this region, and north-east of Czernowitz, the enemy was forced to evacuate part of his trenches, which we occupied.

"In the Black Sea our torpedo boats have destroyed an enemy submarine, which had been damaged on the Abkhazian coast. The torpedo boats also destroyed two sailing ships loaded with coal.

"Caucasian front: In the valley of the Arkhava river our fire dispersed a detachment of Turks, who were occupying positions. In the region of Ardlich, near the village of Khavichuk, we clashed with strong Kurdish forces."

REFUGEES FACE FAMINE IN SCUTARI

Food Lacking, Many of Unfortunates Forced to Sleep in Open Air in Bitter Cold.

Paris, Jan. 13.—A Scutari telegram to the Serbian legation in Rome describes the situation in Scutari as approaching desperation. Food is lacking to feed thousands of women, children and refugees from Serbia, the latter arriving in large numbers, swelling the refugee colony already established. The new arrivals, adds the message, are obliged to sleep in the open air, in the bitter cold. It declares that hundreds are dying daily in the streets of cold and hunger, and that nearly all the very young children have died from lack of nourishment.

SERBIAN TREASURY NOW AT MARSEILLES

Marseilles, Jan. 13.—The Serbian treasury has been established here, in quarters placed at its disposal by the Bank of France. The Serbian funds, archives and books were brought here in 1,100 boxes. They were received by the governor of the National Bank of Serbia and a representative of the Serbian treasury, who is a director of the local branch of the Bank of France.

Neutral countries from America and other overseas sources, and said:

"If we are too stringent it might prevent neutrals from importing cocoa through Great Britain, and we should thus lose our control by licenses, as neutrals would then import all from overseas. I assure the House, however, that the government and War Trade Department are gradually tightening up their precautions against the enemy's deriving cocoa supplies from this country through neutral powers."

ARMISTICE LAST ACT OF LITTLE KINGDOM OF MONTENEGRO

Country Practically in Control of Austria. May Give up the Fight—Italy's Failure to Act Sooner Still Puzzles Entente Powers.

NO CONFIRMATION OF REPORT TEUTONS HAVE ATTACKED AT SALONIKI

Greek and Allied Troops Clash Over Blowing up of Bridge Over Struma River—Kaiser Sends Personal Message to Greece Protesting French Landing on Island of Corfu.

London, Jan. 14, 2.55 a. m.—No news has reached here confirming the reports from Rome that the Teutonic attack on Saloniki has begun. There has also been a cessation of the reports of fighting in Montenegro, and, according to a French wireless despatch, since the Austrians captured Mount Lovcen there has been no further cannonading or rifle fire.

The mystery of the Austrian capture of Lovcen is still being discussed by the press of all the Allied countries, as it is supposed that the despatch of even a small force of Italians or other Allied troops, would have sufficed to prevent its fall.

London, Jan. 13.—Another decisive stage in the Balkan situation has been reached, with Montenegro now following Serbia in virtual absorption by the invading forces. It was learned tonight that Austria and Montenegro had come to an armistice, this being construed as the last act of the little kingdom after having its capital, Cetinje, dominated by the Austrian capture of Mount Lovcen.

Whether King Nicholas will continue the unequal struggle is considered doubtful here, but the accepted view among the best posted men in London is that Montenegro has practically passed under Austrian control. The chief significance of this does not lie in the small territorial acquisitions

GERMANY INDIGNANT

It was believed that dynastic reasons (Continued on page 2)

RECRUITING IN CHARLOTTE CO.

Lt. Col. Guthrie and Capt. Tilley Making Tour—Meetings at St. Stephen Yesterday and Last Night.

Special to The Standard.

St. Stephen, Jan. 13.—Lt. Col. Guthrie and Captain Tilley are finishing a tour of Charlotte county and addressed two meetings in St. Stephen today, the ladies in the afternoon and the men tonight. Tomorrow they will close the series of meetings at St. George.

At St. Andrews they secured twelve volunteers whose names have already been published. On Deer Island Norman Barker was the only volunteer. On Campobello there was also one, Marvin Williams, Grand Manan gave five, Wm. L. McLain, Paul F. Ingersoll, Wellington Flagg, J. Paul Gaskill and Peter F. Murphy.

At St. Stephen the ladies filled the Bijou theatre and at the close of a splendid meeting organized a ladies' recruiting committee. Mrs. Geo. J. Clark, president of the Women's Canadian Club, presided very gracefully and efficiently.

Over five hundred men were present at the evening meeting at which Mayor Grimmer presided in an admirable manner. Premier Clarke, Col. Guthrie and Capt. Tilley delivered stirring addresses and were frequently applauded, but it was impressed upon many in the hall that the day of the recruiting meeting is passing and the day of the conscription officer rapidly approaching. Ten enlisted from at least two hundred eligible young men present. These were Harry Grey, Frank Lello, James Booth, Walter A. Thomas, Leslie Chubbóck, Walter Lello, Arthur Bennett, Henry Bennett, Henry Pinkerton and Wm. Odell, the latter of whom had been to the front, was wounded in April last and now seeks to return.

DANISH PRINCE COMING TO CANADA TO STUDY OUR FARMING METHODS

Copenhagen, via London, Jan. 13.—Prince Eric, son of Prince Waldemar of Denmark, called for New York today on the steamer Hellig Olav. The prince will spend two years in Canada studying agriculture. Prince Eric, who is 25 years of age, is a first cousin of King Christian.

A despatch from Copenhagen, Dec. 9, said it was Prince Viggo, a younger brother of Prince Eric, who was to visit Canada to study practical farming.

KING VICTOR AT MEETING OF CABINET

Presides for First Time Since War Began—Italy Painfully Impressed by News of Fall of Lovcen.

ROME, JAN. 13.—FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WAR, KING VICTOR EMANUEL, WHO HAS RETURNED FROM THE FRONT FOR A TWENTY DAYS FURTHER, PRESIDED IN THE QUIRINAL THIS MORNING OVER A MEETING OF THE CABINET.

The ministers discussed, with the King, the present situation of the nation, and examined the proposals which have been made with regard to the action to be taken by Italy, in conjunction with her Allies, with a view to hastening the war to a victorious conclusion.

Paris, Jan. 14 (5.25 a. m.)—"The news of the fall of Mount Lovcen arrived at a time when Albanian affairs were being heatedly discussed in political circles, as the result of an article by Deputy Torre in the Corriere della Sera," says a despatch to the Journal from Rome. The article pointed out that Austria always aimed at Northern Albania, while Bulgaria also desired Albania, being unable to get Kavala.

"Deputy Torre, in his article, said it was necessary to ask of the entente in general, and Italy in particular, had considered this part of the Teutonic Allies programme.

"It cannot be denied that the fall of Mount Lovcen has made a painful impression in Italy, the more so as Italy had frequently declared she would not tolerate the occupation of Lovcen by the Austrians, in view of the strategic importance of that position."

"King Victor Emmanuel, Baron Sonnino, the foreign minister, and Premier Salandra are holding constant conferences, and the cabinet is meeting frequently."

UNTIL CHANGE IS MADE CANNOT BE HOPED TO SHORTEN THE WAR, LONDON POST DECLARES IN EDITORIAL ON THE BLOCKADE.

London, Jan. 14 (Blockade)—The Morning Post editorially draws attention to the blockade question, saying: "There are at last hopeful signs that parliament is recovering from the mental catalepsy which was one result of the formation of the Coalition ministry."

"It blames the foreign office for making useless agreements with neutral traders, and adds: 'We can only repeat that so long as the Foreign Office usurps the proper business of the Admiralty, so long will the war continue.'"

London, Jan. 13 (10.56 p. m.)—The attitude of the British Foreign Office respecting the blockade of Germany is summed up as follows: "The actions of the German government led to the adoption of more extended powers of intercepting German commerce in March, 1915. The Allied governments then decided to stop all goods which could be proved to be going to or coming from Germany.

"The state of things produced is, in effect, a blockade adapted to the conditions of modern war and commerce, the only difference in the operations being that the goods seized are not necessarily confiscated."

AMERICAN MINISTER COMES TO CANADA TO ENLIST.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 13.—Determined to serve the land of his birth in her hour of trial, Rev. Geo. Plewa, aged 35, a minister at Bellaire, Mich., and a native of England, came to Windsor today and enlisted as a private in the 29th Overseas Battalion.