

MADE RETREAT IN GOOD ORDER

All of the Rumanian Armies Escaped the Teuton Pincers.

A despatch from London says: The Rumanian army at last reports was still falling back along the line east of Bucharest from the Rumanian Alps to the Danube. Just with its Russian allies, make a stand against the Teuton allies, has not become apparent. On the Moldavian west front and farther north along the Bukovina border the Russian attacks against the Austro-German forces have failed to make any impression. It is officially announced that the Rumanians evacuated Bucharest in good order, saving their army. The Rumanian rear guard was forced to fight strenuously to cover the retreat.

Thursday's Petrograd War Office statement admits the evacuation of Bucharest, and adds that the Rumanian forces to the south of the capital have retired. In Wallachia the Rumanians are retreating towards the east under hostile pressure, and holding the Teuton forces by rear guard actions.

The defeated Rumanians are retreating along the whole front, the Berlin War Office announces. The Teuton troops have captured Comandino, on the railroad between Kronstadt and Ploesti. In Wednesday's fighting more than 9,000 Rumanians were captured.

An official communication from Berlin says Bucharest was captured without any fighting, except by the Rumanian infantry north and west of the city. This resistance was quickly overcome, it is stated, and the invaders entered the town from all sides. The city is absolutely undamaged, not a single shot having been fired by the big guns. On Tuesday an officer of Mackensen's staff was sent into Bucharest demanding its surrender within 24 hours or bombardment would be opened. The officer returned with the reply that Bucharest was not a fortress, but an open town, and there was no intention of defending the place. Wednesday morning the German cavalry pushed forward and took possession of the west and northern forts without resistance, and the southern Danube army then entered the city without opposition.

LLOYD GEORGE HAILED BY HIS COUNTRYMEN Those Urging Peace Negotiations.

A despatch from London says: "The first Welshman to occupy the distinguished post of Prime Minister," meeting of the British Empire Union to condemn false peace agitators as sent the following telegram to Mr. Lloyd George: "The world has already recognized your value in the great struggle we have gone through. With confidence we look to you to carry on the great fight for the success of British arms, and we are with you, on behalf of the citizens of Merthyr."

British Empire Union Demounces Those Urging Peace Negotiations.

British Export Trade IS AGAIN EXPANDING. December Shows Increase Over October of About \$35,000,000.

Despatch from London says: The British Board of Trade figures for December show increases in imports of \$17,300,000 and increase in exports of \$6,849,000 over the import and export figures of October. The principal increases in imports were food \$7,000,000, and raw material \$11,000,000. The raw material included cotton \$4,000,000, American \$2,000,000, and cotton in Egypt \$1,500,000. The principal increase in exports was in manufactures of which cotton textiles were represented by \$2,500,000.

MAN'S SEIZE FISH FROM DUTCH TRAWLERS. Despatch from Amsterdam says: London says that from a number of Dutch steam trawlers towed by a German auxiliary vessel, 85 per cent of their fish, the ground of contraband, as that portion of the total Dutch catch been assigned to England.

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THE RUMANIANS RE-FORM AND SMASH THE TEUTONS

Russian Advance on the Moldavian Frontier is Continuing in the River Valleys.

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Rival of British Armored Car Performs Amazing Feats. A despatch from General von Falkenhayn's Headquarters in Rumania says: One of the most interesting features of the Rumanian campaign from a German standpoint, has been the spectacular work of the new armored automobiles evolved soon after the advent of the British "Tanks" on the Somme front.

THE KING'S LIBRARY. A Section for Regimental War Records is Being Added. King George is constantly improving the great library at Windsor Castle. The library has grown to its present tremendous proportions out of a series of smaller rooms added by successive Sovereigns from time to time.

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INTERNATIONAL LESSON DECEMBER 17. Lesson X-11. The Holy City—Rev. 21. 1-4, 9-14, 22-27; 22. 1-5. Golden Text—Rev. 21. 3.

Verse 1. New heaven—The phrase comes from Isa. 65. 17; 66. 22, a great conception of Old Testament apocalyptic. It figures again in the last-written words of the New Testament; 2 Pet. 3. 13. The stary heavens are the standing symbol of permanence, and the eternity of God, God's word and God's order, is most vividly expressed by declaring that they will outlive the very skies (Psa. 102. 26; Isa. 51. 6; Mark 13. 31).

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TALK OF CONQUEST IS AT AN END. "STICK IT OUT" IS NOW THE GERMAN MOTTO. The Possibility of Women Fighting Being Seriously Discussed.

Herbert Bayard Swope, special staff observer for the New York World, recently returned from Germany, publishes the following observations in the World: Seventy million people with their backs against the wall. Seventy million people fighting as one. Seventy million people and not a quitter among them.

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