

## ALLIES ARE MOVING EAST FROM ARRAS

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Paris, Dec. 19.—Moving northeast from Arras in force, the French and British troops to-day held ground representing the most important gain they have made since Arras was occupied, following the battle of the Aisne.

For the first time in two months, positions east of Arras are in possession of the allies. Fighting is reported in progress to-day in the outlying districts of St. Laurent and Blangy. This represents an advance of two and a half miles for the allied troops. Important advances also are reported from Armenia.

Roulers is again reported to have been captured by the allies, and fighting is reported in progress in the outskirts of Lille.

The allied advance along the coast is declared to continue to-day

#### INSURE UPKEEP OF ROADS.

Government To Apply Aid In Part Maintenance.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—In the highway legislation contemplated by the provincial government for the coming session it is not improbable that the question of maintenance will figure in such legislative proposals as will be made. Under the existing system the province has nothing to do with upkeep and maintenance of the highways which it aids the counties in constructing. In not a few cases it has been pointed out that the roads have been neglected and permitted to depreciate owing to lack of prompt repairs. With a view to doing something to better protect its investment it is likely that legislation will be asked enabling the government to deal with certain matters of maintenance by apportioning certain of the provincial aid to that purpose.

Hon. F. G. Macdormid, minister of public works, who returned yesterday from attendance at the Good Roads Congress in Chicago, where he was one of the speakers stated that he was not yet in a position to definitely forecast the proposed government legislation. Considerable important data, however, is being collected, and reports, both of a constitutional and financial character, are being prepared for submission to the legislature when it meets.

#### FUTURE OF WEST IS BRIGHT.

Commissioner Optimistic About the Agricultural Outlook.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—J. Bruce Walker, commissioner of immigration at Winnipeg, is exceedingly optimistic about the future prospects in the west. He states that not only will the acreage shown in wheat be increased twenty-five per cent. in Manitoba and forty per cent. in Saskatchewan and Alberta, but also that there is still a large influx of settlers from the United States.

They are going particularly into the mixed farming district around the lakes of northern Manitoba, and the effects of these settlers are of even greater value than in 1913. There is really more optimism in the west now than in the east, he declared.

#### Banquet For French Soldiers

Paris, Dec. 19.—M. Millerand, the minister of war, has drawn up a menu for the New Year's dinner for the soldiers. The dinner will consist of lamb, mutton, apples, oranges, half a litre of wine and a cigar extra for each man serving in the ranks.

There will be a bottle of champagne for every four soldiers, so that over a million corks will pop at the Germans from the trenches.

## BERLIN HAS MODIFIED ITS CLAIM OF VICTORY

London, Dec. 19.—Berlin's previous claims of an overwhelming Russian debacle are very greatly modified in last night's semi-official wireless despatches from the German capital, which contain this significant paragraph:

"From details already available, it seems safe to say that victory has freed Germany from any possible menace of invasion from the east for a long period. The political effect

#### VICTORS REACH TOKIO.

Commanders From Tsing-Tau Given Great Ovation.

Tokio, Dec. 19.—Lieut-Gen. Kamio and vice-admiral Sadakichi Kato, respectively the commanders of the land and naval forces which operated successfully against the German fortress at Tsing-Tau, were given an ovation on their entry into the city yesterday. A large crowd met the victorious commanders at the station and cheered them enthusiastically, as likewise did the crowds that lined the streets, which were decorated with a large triumphal arch, banners, flags and lanterns. The commanders were tendered a banquet, at which patriotic speeches were delivered. A three-days' festival will be held in honor of their return.

The event was also signalized by the opening of the new central railroad station, one of the largest in the world.

#### ALLIED NAVY'S GOOD WORK

Not a Man Lost in Thousands Transported to France.

Paris, Dec. 19.—Owing to the efficiency of the allied fleets and despite the presence of German cruisers in the various oceans, the minister of marine said that not a man had been lost since the opening of hostilities of the thousand of French troops transported to France from Algeria, Tunis, East Africa, Morocco, Madagascar and Tongking, or of the British troops from Asia, Australasia, Africa and Canada.

The statement was made to the naval committee of the chamber of deputies by the minister of marine. He added that the co-operation of the allied navies assured the free re-transportation of the allied countries while the seas were closed to their adversaries.

## A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMED IN EGYPT

### Great Britain Appoints Prince Hussein Kemal As The New Sultan

London, Dec. 19.—A British protectorate over Egypt was proclaimed to-day, and Prince Hussein Kemal has been appointed sultan and has accepted that position. Prince Hussein is an uncle of Abbas Hilmi, until now khedive. The British government has recognized the British protectorate over this country, in which France formerly had such important interests, and in return the British government has given notice to Turkey that it adheres to the Franco-Moorish treaty of 1912 which, following the Agadir affair, gave France a protectorate over Morocco.

The official press bureau in its announcement says "Prince Hussein Kemal Pasha, the oldest living prince of the family of Mehmet Ali, has accepted the sultan of Egypt post."

#### TURKEY UNDER GERMANS.

Kaiserites Become Ministers of War and Marine.

London, Dec. 19.—The latest advices from Constantinople, according to a Reuter despatch from Sofia, announce that Field Marshal Baron Von der Goltz, who recently was sent from Berlin to Turkey, has been appointed minister of war. Enver Pasha has gone to take command of the troops in Anatolia.

The despatch adds that a German admiral has assumed the ministry of marine, Djemal Pasha having assumed command of the troops in Syria.

#### THROWN BY HIS HORSE.

Lt.-Col. A. H. Macdonnell Seriously Injured at Salisbury.

London, Ont., Dec. 19.—Word was received here to the effect that Lieut. Col. A. H. Macdonnell, general staff officer of the first division, and now on the headquarters staff of the first contingent, has been seriously injured at Salisbury Plain by being thrown by his mount. Colonel Macdonnell, who is a brother of Claude Macdonnell, M.P., of Toronto, had a distinguished career in the South African war.

## GERMANY IS TRYING TO PREVENT RUPTURE

### Between Greece And Turkey -- Trying To Prevent Execution Of Greek Officers

Athens, Dec. 19.—Germany is to-day making every effort to prevent a rupture between Greece and Turkey. Relations between the two countries are now strained to the utmost as the result of the arrest of the naval attaché of the Greek embassy at Constantinople by the Turks. The naval officer was sentenced to death as an alleged spy. The German ambassador at Constantinople has been ordered to intervene and prevent the threatened execution of the Greek officer.

#### RUSSIAN ARMORED TRAIN

Blown Up and Destroyed—The Cause Unknown.

Amsterdam, Dec. 19.—Advices received here to-day declare that a Russian armored train, carrying ammunition and food, from Lemberg to the Carpathians, was blown up and destroyed. The cause of the disaster is not known.

## A MILE GAINED

### By The Allies South Of Labassee

## ADVANCES PEPORTED IN REGIONS OF DIXMUDE AND YPRES IN FLANDERS

### In Night Attack In Albert Region, French Won to Second Line of German Trenches.

Paris, Dec. 19.—A gain of a mile south of Labassee and advances in the regions of Dixmude and Ypres are reported in the official communiqué from the war office to-day.

The statement to-day asserts: On the eighteenth, the French advanced in the region of Dixmude and Ypres, despite the marshy condition of ground. In the region south of Labassee a gain of a mile was made in the trench north of the German line. Gains were also made in the regions of Corency and St. Laurent, and between Lys and Oise, despite violent counter attacks.

In a night attack in the region of Albert, we won to the second line of the German trenches. These were protected by wires.

Several trenches were taken in regions of Matiz and Lihons.

The Germans took a French trench north of Maricourt by hand grenades.

#### AWARDS VICTORY TO ALLIES.

French Seers Predicts End of War Before July.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The Petit Parisien prints an interview with Mme. de Thebes, who enjoys the reputation of having prophesied a great war this year, but who denies that she predicted the death of the Kaiser on Sept. 29, as has been asserted. She says that the war will end early next year, between March and July, and that France will be victorious and remain a righteous place as a leader of civilization. Italy, she says, will play a considerable part, and is "called to a prodigious future if she is true to Latin destinies." Great alarms are predicted for the South of Italy, with irreparable artistic loss toward the summer solstice.

Germany's fate is doubtful. The prophetess hesitates between anarchistic disturbances, "like France during the Revolution, with enemies invading everywhere," and a sudden yielding, which really masks treacherous schemes for unseparating ally. In either event the sway of the dynasty is finished; the crown prince will never reign.

Austria shares Germany's ruin. The emperor is to be disgraced by the publication of private scandals.

Belgium must face further mourning; but the closer union of the Walloons and Flemings symbolize a brighter future.

England plays the supreme part in the war, which has saved her from her own internal trouble.

The Slav world advances, but the Turk is expelled from Europe, wounding in his fall the neighboring Balkan States. Serbia is menaced with another war, while Bulgaria is "overthrown by men of the past."

Concluding, Madame informed the interviewer that the future was more difficult to read than formerly. "The elements themselves were seen at war, emulating the human conflict."

#### PRINCIPAL DYDE ARRIVES.

To Give His Rectorial Address At Queen's University.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—To illuminate the Canadian aspects of the war, and as an aid to patriotism, a new publication, to be entitled "The Canadian War," will make its appearance in the week of December 21st. All the profits are to be devoted to the war funds. A number of well-known Canadian writers have consented to contribute, free of cost, and through the kindness of those who are taking an interest in the move the production will be below cost in the matter of printing and paper. The first number will be devoted to the Belgians and will contain a special message from King Albert.

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#### FRENCH HOLD COURT AT THANN, ALSACE

For The First Time In Over Forty Years -- A Dramatic Ceremony

Paris, Dec. 19.—The first French court in reconquered territory at Thann, Alsace, was installed yesterday with a ceremonial that was dramatic in its simplicity. The court room was crowded with girls, in picturesque Alsatian costume, and old men who had waited forty odd years for the day when France should return to Alsace.

#### FREIGHT RATES INCREASED.

Interstate Commission Yields to Application of Road.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The four-year fight of the eastern railroads for a reversal of the five per cent. freight rates won with the aid of the Interstate Commerce Commission allowed the increase, with few exceptions. The commission made it plain that its action was taken to relieve the commercial crisis brought on by the war. The Canadian railroads will probably apply to the Dominion Railway Commission for a similar increase.

#### CRITICISM HAS BEGUN.

Nonconformists 'Object' To Mission To Vatican.

London, Dec. 19.—Criticism regarding the appointment of Sir Henry Howard as a special envoy from Great Britain to the Vatican is now starting. Rev. Dr. Clifford, the veteran nonconformist minister, who is generally a staunch supporter of the government, writes in the Daily News, asking whether it was really necessary to add to the troubles of this supreme hour in the world's history by such an appointment. He says that the country should know precisely what the duke of Norfolk has achieved in thus bringing about direct relations between Britain and the Holy See.

The Globe, in an editorial, says that the public should know that an embargo has been placed upon the discussion of Sir Henry Howard's mission. It thereupon proceeds to discuss the subject, declaring that the mission is a reversal of the policy adopted at the time of the Reformation, a policy not lightly to be reversed, even under the pressure of a great war.

#### KAISER'S FRIEND SAFE.

Lady Lonsborough's House Escaped German Shells.

London, Dec. 19.—During the bombardment of Scarborough, Lady Lonsborough was at her husband's residence, in the very centre of the town. Her husband and she are personal friends of the Kaiser, whom they entertained in London three years ago, while Prince Henry of Prussia was their guest at Scarborough the year previous, accompanied by admiral Count Munster. The Lonsboroughs' residence, though forming a conspicuous target had a wonderful escape, suffering no injury whatever, though buildings on both sides were badly destroyed.

#### SEND INDIVIDUAL BATTALIONS FORWARD

To Salisbury Plain As They Are Fit, To Take Places Of Those At The Front

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The militia authorities have no advice from the war office as intimated in despatches that the Canadian contingent will not go to the front as a unit, but that individual battalions will be sent forward as fast as they are properly and thoroughly trained. However, it is believed that this policy is very likely and military critics here are confident that this is the wisest policy.

If this plan is followed it will change completely the government's plans. It will mean that instead of a second contingent being sent forward individual battalions will be drafted and sent to Salisbury Plain to take the place of those which have been sent to France. Salisbury Plain is maintained as a permanent training camp for the Canadians, and instead of various contingents, a continual stream of reinforcements will be sent to England. The present contingent staff and brigade commander will continue in this contingency at Salisbury Plain to conduct the training of the new reinforcements until the war is over.

## PRINCESS PATRICIAS LEAVING FOR THE FRONT

### Some Of This Regiment Joined British Corps

## PATRICIAS DISCARDED

### THE ROSS RIFLE FOR THE BRITISH ARM.

#### Private Victor Cobb, Of The 48th Highlanders, Toronto, Arrested As A Spy, Has Escaped From Scotland Yard.

Salisbury Plain, Eng., Dec. 19.—Several Canadians who came over with the Princess Patricias, left the regiment upon its arrival here to rejoin British regiments, with which they were formerly identified. Three of them were wounded in recent battles. Corporal De Wilton, ex-life guardsman, and formerly physical instructor of Winnipeg police force, is reported killed. The others had their wounds treated in England and returned to the front.

Two Princess Patricia officers, Talbot Pappineau, a Montreal lawyer, and Stewart, of Halifax, N.S., were seriously burned when their tent caught fire while they slept. Their colleagues effected their rescue. Both were so badly burned that they cannot accompany the regiment to the front but will follow later. Their recovery will take weeks.

Fifty men of the 78th Nova Scotia Highlanders, have joined Princess Patricia's regiment, which was under strength. The Princess Patricias have discarded the Ross rifle in favor of the British arm. The Patricias form part of the 30th brigade. Their colleagues are the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, the Shropshires and the 60th rifles, all regulars recently returned from Egypt and China. General Snow commands the division. The Patricias expect to get in action soon, because they are divisional troops. Lord Kitchener gave them a farewell message when he inspected them yesterday in company with the king.

#### From the foregoing it may be inferred that the Princess Patricia regiment leaving at once, or has left for France.

#### Toronto Spy Escapes.

Private Victor Cobb, of the Toronto Highlanders, who was awaiting court-martial on charge of espionage, has escaped. He came from Hanover, Ont. Incriminating documents were found on him when arrested in plain clothes in a London hotel two weeks ago. Cobb escaped from Scotland Yard, but later was caught and brought back by Sergeant John Miller, of the 48th, a former Toronto detective. Now he has escaped again.

#### A BAZAAR WAS HELD

By Domestic Science Classes For Charitable Purposes.

The domestic science department of the public schools, under the direction of Miss Edna Booth, held a bazaar for charitable purposes in the Board of Education rooms on Friday afternoon from three until six o'clock. Under this capable teacher's supervision the scholars in the senior fourth grades of Macdonald, Victoria, Old Collegiate and Central schools, assisted in carrying out the bazaar that ended most successfully. A neat sum was realized and the same will be devoted towards buying boots and other articles for those unfortunate children whose parents have not the resources for furnishing them, thereby keeping the youngsters at school.

The tea table, home-made fable and candy table were all looked after by interested pupil workers, who served the purchased parcels as though they had always been accustomed to such work.

In connection with the bazaar a musical programme was carried through, which consisted of piano selections by Catharine Wright, Hilda Franklin, Bernice McBride and Leah Buell. Some of the girls of the senior fourth grade of Central school sang songs.

#### ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES.

Some of Those Who May Be Nominated in the Wards.

There will be ten aldermanic seats to fill at the municipal elections in January. For the two vacancies in Sydneyham ward, Prof. Iva E. Martin, and W. H. Craig are mentioned. In Ontario ward there are also two vacancies. Ald. N. E. O'Connor will again be in the field, and will likely be opposed by Dr. R. J. Gardiner. For the one year-term, owing to Ald. Harrison's resignation, the name of J. G. Elliott is mentioned.

It is understood that Ald. Gillespie intends dropping out after serving three years as a St. Lawrence ward representative, owing to his military duties. So far, the only one mentioned for the vacancy in that ward is Ex-Ald. R. F. Elliott. Martin intends seeking re-election in Catorquard ward. No likely candidates in that ward have yet been announced. Up in Frontenac ward where Ald. Hoag and Peters are retiring, the name of H. F. Norman is freely mentioned. Ald. Clingston is again a candidate in Rideau ward, and will have opposition from G. H. Laturney. Ald. Litton will run again in Victoria ward.

#### DAILY MEMORANDUM.

Vandeville, Grand Opera House, 7.30 p.m.

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- Gibson's Drug Store, Market Square
- McAuley's Book Store, 41 Princess
- McGill's Clear Store, Cor. Prin. & King
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#### DIED

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## YIELDING IN THOUSANDS.

### Austrian Army Enclosed by Russian Crescent.

Petrograd, Dec. 19.—Austria has fallen heavily between two stools. The substantial army, whose withdrawal from Serbia enabled the Serbians to re-enter their capital, has been halted and thrown back while still four days' march from the eastern end of the Galician battle. This Austrian army, which mounted the Carpathians from Hungary, found each of the two passes, east and west of the great Dukla Pass, completely blocked by the Russians, and the entire force had to retreat back to the exposed snow-covered slopes. There they encountered a Russian army which closed in crescent formation upon the exhausted, freezing column whose forced marches had been in vain. They are now surrendering in thousands.

#### Germany's answer to the Russian's steadily improving position in western Galicia is given in the wooded, swampy plains on the north bank of the Bzura, between Lowiche and Sorehachey, whether she is throwing strong reinforcements brought from the frontier by railway via Thorn, Kutno, Kalisz and Lodz. The Germans suffered terrible losses daily in an effort to compel Russia to withdraw part of her strength from East Prussia or Cracow.

#### KING PETER IN BELGRADE.

Serbia Entirely Freed of Invaders, General Staff Announces.

London, Dec. 19.—King Peter, Crown Prince, Alexander, and Prince George have entered Belgrade at the head of the victorious Serbian army, according to a despatch, received by Reuter's Telegram company from Nish.

Not a single Austrian, a statement by the Serbian general staff says, now remains on Serbian soil.

#### Frugant.

Best's perfumes are true flower odors from the pretty 25c. box to the \$5 package. Surely a bottle from Best's would be appreciated.

#### Cowan's Iceing.

Chocolate, white, maple and pink, in packages, 10c, each, at the Golden Lion grocery.

"The sweetest way to remember a friend" is a box of good sweets from Gibson's Red Cross Drug Store.

The United States commission on industrial relations has determined upon a sweeping investigation of the country's greatest benevolent organizations.

How happy you will be at this Christmas season if you enclose your gift to help the sick poor at the General Hospital to-day.

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