

SERBIAN GIRLS AND WOMEN FACE FAMINE AND DEATH

One Million of Serbia's Womankind Are Suffering Horrors - Many Will be the Prey of Roving Bands of Balkan Guerillas.

(Special to the Whig.) Salonika, Dec. 15.—A million Serbian girls and women are facing intense suffering and possible death through lack of food and clothing, or a worse fate at the hands of roving bands of Comitatids.

FRENCH RESIGNS COMMAND; RETIRES OF OWN ACCORD

London, Dec. 15.—The Official Press Bureau last night gave out the following: "The War Office announces that General Sir Douglas Haig has been appointed to succeed Field Marshal Sir John French in command of the army in France and Flanders."

ITALIAN ARMY CARRIED ACROSS TO ALBANIA WITHOUT ANY LOSS.

Sofia Despatches Indicate That Bulgarians May Continue Pursuit of the Allies Into Greece. Rome, via Paris, Dec. 15.—Operations for the transportation of a large Italian army to Albania, requiring an important traffic with large ships, have been carried out successfully.

CANADA NOW FACES A FINANCIAL PROBLEM

She Must Practically Finance the Present and Future War Orders.

(Special to the Whig.) Toronto, Dec. 15.—The greatest financial problem facing Canada today as an outcome of the war is the establishment of some form Canadian credit which will relieve Great Britain of the necessity of shipping gold to this country in payment for war supplies.

NO ELECTIONS THIS YEAR. Premier McBride Quit On Forty-Fifth Birthday.

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 15.—There will be bye-elections at an early date in Victoria for Plummerfelt, in Vancouver for Tisdale, and in Rossland for Campbell. There will be another session of the Legislature before an election. The latter is expected about April.

FOUR NEW BRIGADIER GENERALS APPOINTED BY CANADIAN GOVERNMENT.



From left to right: Col. W. A. Logie, D.O.C., Toronto. Col. Sir John M. Gibson; Col. the Hon. James Mason; Col. E. W. Wilson, Montreal.

WARSHIPS DID DAMAGE TO GERMAN DEFENCES.

Ostend and Zeebrugge Are Heavily Shelled—Germans Made No Reply. London, Dec. 15.—The Daily Telegraph correspondent at Boulogne wires that last Friday British warships bombarded the German coastal defences and airports in the vicinity of Ostend and Zeebrugge.

HUNS TO LEAD ON TO SUEZ

One Hundred Thousand Men Encamped in Jerusalem. ARE TO INVADE EGYPT

BRITISH ARE FORTIFYING BOTH BANKS OF CANAL.

Cologne Paper Hears That Strong Fortresses Are Being Erected—Change in the Route of Steamships. Milan, Dec. 15.—London Daily Telegraph despatch—A missionary just returned to Rome states that in preparation for the Turco-German expedition against Egypt, Jerusalem has been transformed into an armed camp containing 100,000 men.

FRENCH RELIEVED; HAIG SUCCEEDS.

London, Dec. 15.—Sir John French, commander-in-chief in France, has been relieved of his command. General Sir Douglas Haig is to succeed him.

SALONIKA FORTIFIED CAN STAND LONG

Greek Laborers Are Working Alongside Soldiers of the Allies.

(Special to the Whig.) Athens, Dec. 15.—Salonika is being transformed into an almost impregnable fortress by the Allies in anticipation of an Austro-German or Bulgarian attack.

HOW MISSIONARY DIED.

Killed in Trinidad When Bicycle Attachment Baked. Simcoe, Dec. 15.—Word has reached town that the death of the well-known Canadian missionary, Dr. Jamieson, occurred on the first trial of an attachment to his bicycle, by which it was made a motor bicycle.

OTTAWA-PRESCOTT HIGHWAY.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—A strong deputa-tion from the city of Ottawa waited upon Premier Hearst and members of his cabinet on Wednesday to urge that commissioners to push construction of the Ottawa-Prescott highway be appointed at once, and that the Government implement its conditional promise to aid the municipalities to the usual extent in their great project.

650,000 TURKS IN FIELD.

London, Dec. 15.—Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Harold J. Tennant, parliamentary under-secretary of war, said that it was calculated that Turkey had 650,000 men in the field, and that this force, under certain circumstances, might be increased to a million.

DISMANS FORD PEACE EXPEDITION.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Dec. 15.—American Legations at Christiania, Stockholm and Copenhagen have issued statements formally declaring that the American Government has no connection with the Ford Peace expedition.

India has millions of men and tons of gold still to sacrifice on the altar of her duty and gratitude to the Empire, said Kustom Rustomjee, addressing the Canadian Club, at Toronto.

Capt. Smith, of the Royal Flying Corps, while making a flight in an aeroplane was burned to death, the machine bursting.

Boys in Great Britain are so eager to go to war that they commit perjury as to their age. An Italian destroyer and a transport were sunk in the Adriatic Sea by drifting mines.

TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES IN BRITISH COMMANDS

Sir Douglas Haig, Who Succeeds Sir John French in Command of British in France and Belgium, is Hero of Mons.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Dec. 15.—Sir Douglas Haig's appointment as commander-in-chief of the British forces in France and Belgium will be followed by other radical changes in the higher commands of the army, it was hinted to-day.

TWO MILLION CIVILIANS OF RUSSIA HAVE BEEN MURDERED BY GERMANS.

London, Dec. 15.—Desolation like that of Louvain is reported here to have been spread over the Russian province of Kovo, Courland, and other parts of Russia by the Germans on the direct order of Field Marshal von Hindenburg.

BRITISH SINK ENEMY VESSELS.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Dec. 15.—A German submarine was destroyed in the Black Sea and a Turkish war-ship was badly damaged. Another Turkish torpedo boat was sunk by the British in the Sea of Marmora.

SENT TO PRISON.

E. McDonald Convicted Of Bogue Check Work At Toronto. Toronto, Dec. 15.—E. McDonald's plundering career received its eighth temporary halt when he was sentenced to three years in penitentiary for passing a worthless check.

With two women he went to Sellers-Gough store and picked out \$697.75 worth of furs. He told the manager he had been left \$150,000 by his father, and that he owned \$40,000 bushels of wheat in the West.

He was found to have served seven different sentences in Manitoba penitentiary for the same kind of offence, his time totalling 19 years, the longest being a seven-year term. He had been out only a few months. The women were discharged.

CUT DOWN JUDGES.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—There are upwards of 70 county judges in Ontario. It is considered that with a much smaller number the work could be done satisfactorily and expeditiously. A proposal consequently will likely be submitted to the Ontario Legislature this winter providing for a granting of two or more counties under one judge.

MOWED DOWN BULGARS JUST LIKE A SCYTHE

Bloody Slaughter of King Ferdinand's Troops by the French Big Guns.

(Special to the Whig.) Salonika, Dec. 15.—The bloodiest struggles of France and Flanders did not eclipse the slaughter in southern Serbia when the Bulgarians delivered their attacks on the Allied front, the first British officers reaching here from the front, declared to-day.

"The Bulgars attacked in seven dense waves on a 200-metre front on a sector where I was located," said one officer. "On the first day they swept us back. On the second day the French brought up a lot of murderous 75-guns, and cut down the advancing Bulgarian lines like a scythe."

McBRIDE RESIGNS.

(Special to the Whig.) Victoria, B.C., Dec. 15.—Premier McBride has resigned, and is succeeded by Attorney-General Bowers. Mr. McBride goes to London as Provincial Agent General.

PREPARED TO GO.

Minister Says He Would Do Army Service Work. Hamilton, Dec. 15.—Rev. Dr. Nelson, of Knox Church, who severely criticized London ministers for protesting against the use of moving picture in connection with Sunday recruiting meetings, declaring that two-thirds of the ministers in Canada ought to be at the front leading their men, announced yesterday that he was prepared to go. He already has two sons holding commissions with the American Battalion.

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BORN.

CORRIGAN—On Dec. 8th, 1915, at 35 Cherry street, West, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Corrigan, a son.

DIED. GRAMFLEM—Gone to his with Jesus, Theodosius V. Dunning, beloved wife of C. J. Graham.

THOMPSON—In Kingston on Dec. 15th, 1915, Lindsay P. Thompson, aged 29 years.

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The Ontario Hydro-electric Commission may purchase the Metropolitan division of the Toronto and York Radial Railway as a result of a conference of the Board of control with Sir Adam Beck.

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LIEUT. GEORGE WILGRESS. Son of the King's Printer of Ontario killed by a shell on Nov. 28th while going to the rescue of two wounded machine gun men.