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Toronto, Dec. 17.—A comprehensive address on demobilization problems was delivered by Major-General S. C. Mewburn, Minister of Militia, at the Canadian Club luncheon yesterday.

He said that during the war 611,741 men passed through the Canadian military machine and that 465,984 men were volunteers. He spoke of the plans for bringing the men home again, stating that for December and January the troops will be discharged at the rate of 20,000 a month while commencing with February they will be discharged at the rate of 30,000 a month and upwards.

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General Mewburn said demobilizing the Canadian Expeditionary Force was like trying to unscramble an egg and put it back into the egg shell. He paid high tribute to the old Canadian militia regiments, saying that their recruiting records were wonderful and more than justified their existence.

CENTRAL CONGRESS OPENS IN BERLIN

The Independent Socialists and the Spartacus Group Are Greatly Outnumbered.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—The central congress of delegates of the Soldiers and Workmen's Councils from many parts of Germany opened yesterday in the building formerly used by the Prussian Diet. There were three women among the 430 delegates.

MUST DEMOBILIZE FASTER THAN PLANNED

Or Canadian Troops Overseas Will Become Discontented—Present Plans Too Slow.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—Much uneasiness is felt among Canadian soldiers overseas who contend that the present demobilization plans are entirely too slow, says Major General MacRae, former quartermaster-general of the Canadian forces, who arrived here from England today.

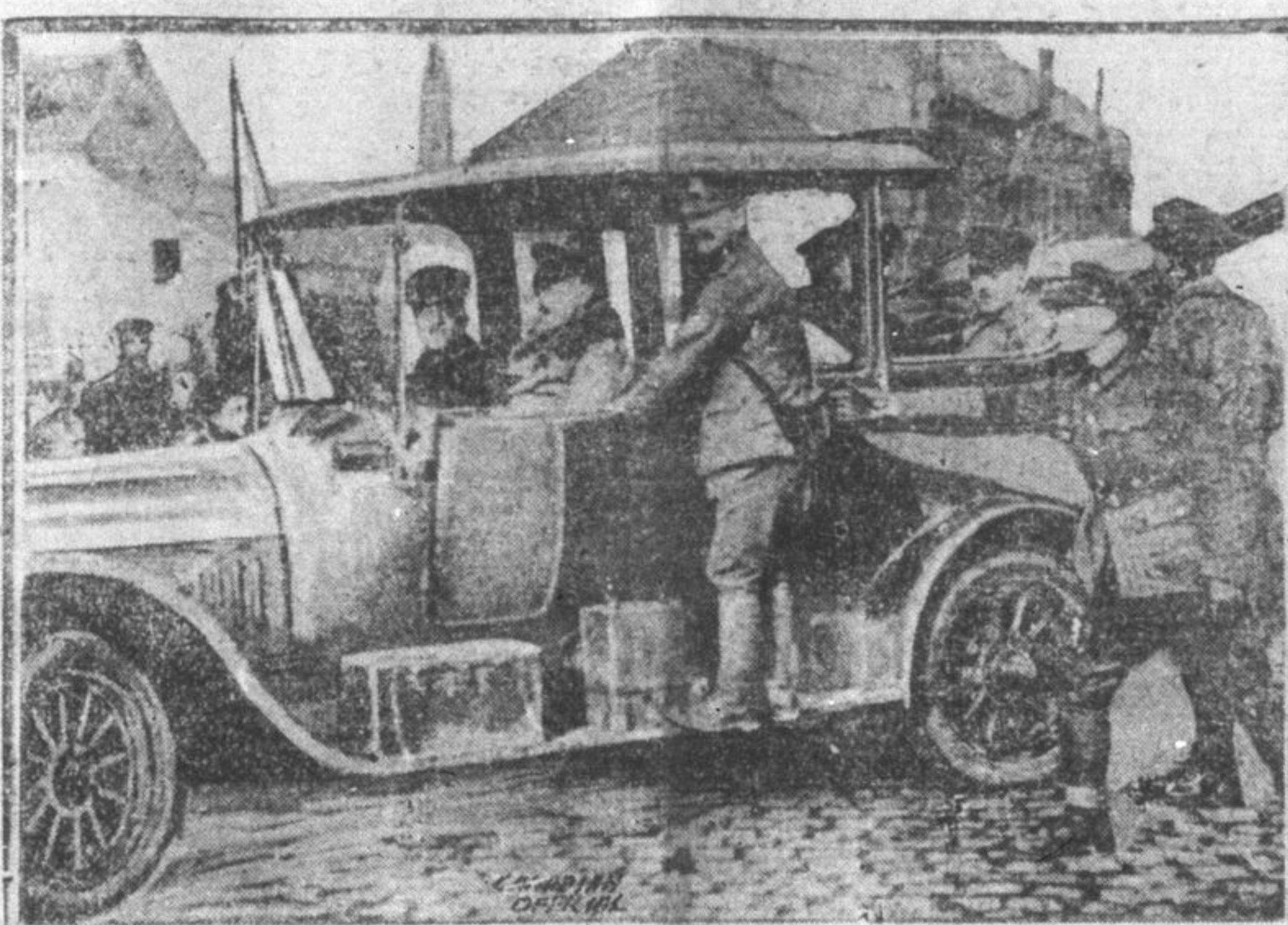
FOUR MORE VESSELS WITH OUR SOLDIERS

Are Expected at Halifax and St. John Within the Next Week.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Halifax, Dec. 17.—The steamer Regina which left England on December 12th is expected to arrive here on the 21st with 2,080 officers and men.

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On land as at sea every precaution was taken after the signing of the armistice to offset German treachery. This photograph shows Hun officers passing through the lines held by Canadians. They were sent to point out the location of mines they had laid on the roads over which the Allied troops had to pass. At the driver's side is the white flag which insured the safety of the Kaiser's emissaries.

FORCES AT WORK IN GERMANY

An Analysis of the Various Revolutionary Parties That Are Operating.

GERMAN BOYS' DEMANDS

THEY HOLD A PARADE THROUGH BERLIN STREETS.

Want Votes for Persons Under Eighteen and the Abolition of Corporal Punishment in the Schools.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, Dec. 17.—Some light on the muddled political situation in Germany may be gained by the analysis of the revolutionary forces now at work.

GERMAN BOYS MAKE DEMANDS

(Canadian Press Despatch) Berlin, Dec. 17.—Several hundred boys and girls, carrying red flags and placards, paraded through the streets of the city to-day on their way to the Reichstag building.

REPORTS OF UNREST IN CHILE

And Peru Continue to Reach the Embellishment of These Countries at Washington.

Field Marshal Haig is to be given a great triumphal reception in London.

"REMEMBER THE KIDDIES."

The Whig's Victory Christmas Tree Fund For Soldiers' Kiddies.

Don't let the kiddies cry this Christmas because Santa Claus forgot them while daddy was overseas. Let them know the joy of Christmas as your own children know it.

The Whig's Fund aims at raising \$1,000 to provide every one of those kiddies with something by which to remember the generosity of Kingdonians this Christmas.

W. F. Nickle 850.00, F. Atkinson Wray 5.00, James A. Richardson 50.00, D. A. Shaw 5.00, Mrs. A. Shaw 5.00, British Whig Publishing Co. 25.00, Mrs. A. Shaw 5.00, Dr. J. H. Harty 25.00, Stanford C. Galvin 5.00, A Friend 25.00, Major and Mrs. Hanson 5.00, Great War Veterans' Assoc. 15.00, Mrs. Dever, St. John, N.B. 5.00, Harney & Minnie 15.00, J. H. Sutherland & Bro. 5.00, Dr. D. M. Gordon 5.00, Mayo Hughes 10.00, Judge H. A. Lovell 5.00, J. B. Caruthers 10.00, Archdeacon Dobbs 3.00, Jenn Richardson 10.00, Collingwood Shipbuilding Co. (Blacksmith Shop) 3.00, W. B. Dalton & Son 10.00, Capt. W. F. Jackson C.A.M.C. 2.00, Anderson Bros. 10.00, A Friend 3.00, Col. and Mrs. J. N. S. Leslie 10.00, Miss Dupuy 2.00, E. L. Whiting 10.00, Miss Mianes, Clergy Street 2.00, H. W. Newman 10.00, Contributor 2.00, McKelvey & Birch 10.00, C. J. B. 2.00, Robertson Limited 10.00, Garnett Lockett 2.00, Ald. N. E. O'Connor 10.00, T. B. Angrove 2.00, Robertson Grocery Co. 10.00, Charles Quick 2.00, Birg-Gun and Mrs. Maunsel 10.00, Howard J. Chapman, Water Town, N.Y. 2.00, Col. and Mrs. Perron 5.00, Mrs. Mackie 1.00, J. M. Farrell 5.00, Mrs. Mackie 1.00, Major E. H. Lancaster 5.00, A Friend 1.00, Princess Street Meat Market 5.00, Nemo 1.00, Teddy and Jack 5.00, R. Post 1.00, P. H. Richardson 5.00, H. Bichins 1.00, Mrs. Harriet Percival 5.00, Mrs. Grigg 1.00, W. Cooper, Wolfe Island 5.00, "A Contributor" 1.00, Mrs. Hemming 5.00, Mrs. Colin Hamilton, Sr. 1.00, Mrs. W. Kirkpatrick 5.00, William Bushell 1.00, Dr. G. W. Bell 5.00, Who's Who 1.00

GERMANS POLITE TO CANADIANS

The Greatest Deference is Shown to the Canadian Commander.

A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

GIVEN BY CANADIAN THIRD DIVISION CONCERT PARTY

Before the King and Queen of Belgium in Brussels—Train to Run Daily to French Coast.

London, Dec. 17.—The Canadian troops entering Germany are being received with cold politeness. The inhabitants seemed surprised that they are being treated considerably.

SOLDIERS PERMITTED TO RETAIN UNIFORMS

Secretary Baker Informs House Committee of Decision.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Secretary Baker informed Chairman Dent of the House military committee that the War Department had decided that all discharged soldiers may permanently retain their uniform and overcoat they wear when mustered out.

LEGAL ACTION

"Lille Mothers" Take Action Against Huns.

Paris, Dec. 17.—Legal action against the former German emperor has been commenced by an organization of "Lille Mothers." The demand for prosecution states that the commanders of the German army in April, 1916, directed that minor girls be carried away from their families.

WORLD MCKE GERMANY PAY

Washington, Dec. 17.—Demand that Germany be compelled to pay the United States war debt was voiced in the Senate by Senator Poindexter of Washington, Republican.

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Has Weapon That Could Destroy Peace

London, Dec. 17.—Recent rumors that the War Office has been for some time in possession of a new engine of destruction, more deadly than anything yet known and calculated to make war impossible, if its effectiveness proved, was confirmed by Brigadier-General Seely, an ex-Minister, in an election speech. Referring to the conscription controversy, he said: "If the nations of the world don't end the war, modern science, mechanical and chemical, will destroy the whole human race. I have special reasons for knowing this, and it is known to the Prime Minister as well."

ITALY'S DEATH TOLL UNDER 150,000

But She Had 500,000 Men Who Were Permanently Disabled.

New York, Dec. 17.—Italy, with a population of only 36,000,000, and with 4,500,000 men called to the colors, suffered approximately 1,500,000 casualties in the war.

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GROSS EARNINGS FOR LAST ROUND TRIP UP THE LAKE

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