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RETIREMENT OF PREMIER M'BRIDE

Victoria, Dec. 15:—The anticipated cabinet changes were announced today, upon the resignation of Premier McBride, who marked his 45th birthday by retiring from politics to take the position of agent general for British Columbia in London. Hon, J. H. Turner, the former premier who now holds the office, is retiring. Sir Richard McBride's accession will be coincident with the opening of the handsome British Columbia building in London.

The cabinet will be composed of the following ministers: Premier and attorney-general, Hon. W. J. Bowser; minister of education and provincial secretary, Hon Thomas Taylor; minister of lands and forests, Hon. W. R. Ross; minister of mines, Lorne Campbell, Rossland; minister of works, C. E. Tisdall, Vancouver; minister of agriculture and finance, A. C, Flumerfelt, Victoria; president of council, William Manson, Skeena.

Mr. Flumerfelt will run in Victoria, and by-elections will be also necessary in Vancouver and Rossland. for two of the new ministers. No by-election is necessary in Skeena, Mr. Manson's position carrying no salary.

Hon. Dr. Young retires from the cabinet, to head the provincial commission for the aid of returned soldiers.

The dates of the by-elections are not announced.

Victoria, Dec. 17:—At a conference of Liberal leaders it was decided to contest all by-elections following the reconstructiou of the provincial cabinet. A convention will be called in the near future.

It is believed the house will open on Feb. 20. In the six-weeks' session which is expected Premier Bowser will probably introduce legislation shortening the hours of liquor selling; guarantee bonds for a fleet of lumber carriers, and bring down the workmen's compensation act.

A general election is looked for during the first week in May.

Miner Meets Death

While shoveling ore in the Rocher de Boule mine yesterday, Pryce Hughes was so severely crushed by a fall of broken material that he died of his injuries, despite the efforts of Dr. Wrinch, who was summoned at once,

Coroner Hoskins will hold an inquest in Hazelton.

GERMANS MAY ATTACK SALONIKI

SAY THEY'LL DRIVE ALLIES OUT OF GREECE ---WAR NEWS FROM THE VARIOUS FRONTS

London: Germany has threatened to expel the Entente Allies from Saloniki, according to the Times' Athens correspondent. "Replying to Greek diplomatic representations, which had as their aim preventing the entry of Austro-German troops into Greece," says the correspondent, "the German minister declared that the fortifications which the Entente Allies are constructing at Saloniki would compel Germany to take action to drive out the Allied forces.

"Premier Skouloudis rejoined that in no case would Greece allow Bulgarian troops to set foot on Greek soil."

London: Eight members of the crew of a Zeppelin which raided London on October 13 were found frozen to death on their return to Germany, according to the Daily Express, which, although it is unable to vouch for the truth of the story, says it has been openly discussed in Germany where it caused a profound impression and possibly acted as a deterrent to further raids.

Geneva: A despatch from Laibaich, Austria, to the Tribuna de Geneve, says that an artillery duel which began yesterday is still continuing around Gorizia. This has been the most violent engagement for several months.

The Austrian counter-attack at Plava was repulsed, with heavy loss, according to the despatch. The outer forts there and the inner works at Gorizia have been pulverized and afford no protection to infantry from artillery fire.

It is stated that Grand Duke Eugene has taken command of the Austrian forces in that sector.

Amsterdam: The Bulgarians lost 15,000 in the Cerna river fighting, according to advices received here today.

London: Four classes of recruits under the Derby plan were called out today, including all single men of military age over 19. Those of 18 remain on the reserve, with married men.

London: The Emperor of Abyssinia has offered the Entente an army of 200,000 Abyssinian soldiers, equipped for service in any field. This army can reach Suez in four days, or the Mesopotamia front in five days.

Washington: Relations between the United States and Austria are near the breaking point. President Wilson today is preparing a final note on the Ancona case.

It is reported that two American bankers in Gorizia have been shot by the Austrians and their fortunes confiscated.

New York: Paul Koenig, chief of the Hamburg-American secret service, and Emil Lydendecker have been arrested for a conspiracy to blow up the Welland canal.

London: The Ford peace ship has reached Christlania, after being detained at Kirkwall for two days. Peace has not yet been restored on board the ship, the controversy over President Wilson's message still raging.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS

The skating rink is now in full operation, and is well patronized.

W. J. Sanders returned on Thursday from a trip to Vancouver.

S. G. Robinson returned on Thursday from a visit to Prince Rupert.

Mrs. McCandlish left on Monday for Ashcroft, where her husband is now located.

Bert Schooling has gone to the coast, with the intention of enlisting in the Pioneers.

Mrs. R. G. Moseley received word on Wednesday of the death of her father, A. Frazier, at Emmett, Idaho.

Mrs. Saunders is making rapid progress towards recovery and is expected to leave the Hospital within a few days.

Jennings Bros., of Lake Kathlyn, are installing a gasoline plant for the harvesting of their ice crop. They supply the G.T.P. between Prince Rupert and Prince George, and propose to open an ice depot in Prince Rupert.

Among the latest soldiers to return to Vancouver is A. Chapple, a local man who enlisted in the 30th and was transferred to the 16th. He was incapacitated by wounds received some months ago.

C. L. Cullin, inspector of preemptions, returned on Wednesday from a trip through the Bulkley Valley, and left yesterday for his home in Prince Rupert. He thinks highly of the interior agricultural districts he has visited.

To Aid Returning Soldiers

At the instance of the provincial authorities, Government Agent Hoskins has called a meeting of those interested, for the purpose of forming a local committee to work with the provincial commission for the aid of returned soldiers. The meeting will be held in the government office on Monday evening, Dec. 20, at 8 o'clock, and all who are willing to assist in the work are requested to attend.

The work of the committee will be to arrange for employment for men belonging to this district who return from the front, and will probably be systematized along the following lines:

(1) Compile a register containing full information regarding each returned soldier seeking employment. Early information of approaching discharge from Convalescent Homes should be secured and arrangements made for the registration of every disabled man who is capable of work,

(2) Prepare a classified list of employers in the district and circularize them on behalf of the men.

(3) Advertise the trades and capabilties of returned soldiers, also to give publicity and support to a propaganda advocating preferential treatment for these men.

(4) Endeavor by personal solicitation to secure openings for the men.

Sproule-Hardy

W. A. Sproule, of Hazelton, and Miss M. E; Hardy, of Ottawa, were married yesterday, at Smithers.

Methodist Church

Rev. W. M. Scott will preach tomorrow evening on the subject: "Infallibility of the Scriptures."

Special music will be furnished. All are cordially invited.

W. A. SALE ADDS TO RED CROSS FUND

Gratifying success attended the annual sale of work of the Hazelton W. A., which was held in Assembly Hall on Wednesday evening, and which attracted a large crowd, notwithstanding the fact that the affair followed so closely the successful concert for the same fund. All who attended spent a very pleasant evening, the little ones especially enjoying the occasion.

The musical part of the entertainment, for which Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Hoskins were responsible, was, needless to say, of unexceptionable character. The refreshment booth, which was in charge of Mrs. Goddard, Mrs. Kirby and other ladies, was well patronized throughout the evening.

The sale of home cookery, by Miss Soal and Miss Jean Grant, was productive of a neat sum, while the flower and candy stall, in charge of Mrs. Sealy, was also well patronized.

Miss Grant and Miss McDougall were stage managers of "Wonderland", which attracted many sightseers, and Miss Smith was most successful with the "Bran Pie."

The work table, on which were displayed many useful and dainty articles fashioned by members of the W.A., was in charge of Mrs. Hall, Miss Allen and Mrs. Field, while many other ladies and gentlemen assisted in various ways.

The proceeds of the evening were $153.00, which will be added to the W.A. Red Cross fund. This fund will remain open until Dec. 31, as several small raffles, etc., are to take place next week.

Mrs. Field, president of the W.A., has asked The Miner to extend the thanks of the organization to all who assisted in the success of the sale, and also to the merchants and others who contributed so liberally.

Must Pay For "Friendship"

Rev. A. E. O'Meara, of Victoria, one of the "Friends of the Indians" who have been agitating the question of Indian rights, called meetings of natives here and at Kispiox during the week, and endeavored to collect money for the purposes of his organizatian. The local Indians have already given $1500 to these gentry, it is understood, but as they have received no benefit, they declined to contribute further, deciding to await the action of the Indian commission.

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The retirement of Sir Richard McBride from the political arena, while not unexpected, will inevitably have considerable effect upon provincial politics. During his successful tenure of the premiership, Sir Richard has done much to bring British Columbia to the favorable attention of the British people, the results of his efforts in this direction being the best augury of his success in the position of agent-general, which he will probably assume early in the new year.

While the departure of the head of the government will undoubtedly prove a loss to the Conservative party, there is no reason to fear that Hon. W.J. Bowser will fail to measure up to the necessities of the premiership. Although continually made the target for opposition shafts of abuse and vilification, Mr. Bowser has impressed the people of British Columbia as the strongest man in provincial politics, and events will prove that he possesses the confidence of the majority of a electors.

Of the new ministers who will take office under Mr. Bowser, it is sufficient to say that the most carping critics of the administration can find no fault with the choice made. A.C. Flumerfelt, a successful man of affairs, will make an admirable minister of agriculture and finance; C. E. Tisdall, as minister of works, is an popular selection, while the separation of the portfolio of mines from any other office, and the appointment of Lorne Campbell, will be welcomed by all who have the interests of the mining industry at heart. Mr. Campbell, representing the greatest mining camp of the province, and a man of outstanding ability, is the logical choice for the position, in which he will be able to give effect to his carefully-thought-out plans for the benefit of the mining industry.

REDUCED RATES FOR SOLDIERS' PARCELS

The postmaster-general of Canada has been successful, as a result of negotiations entered into with the Imperial postal authorities, in effecting an arrangement whereby parcels from Canada for Canadian soldiers in France and Flanders will be carried at the same rate of postage as applies to parcels from the United Kingdom for the Expeditionary Forces on the Continent; that is, for parcels weighing up to three pounds, 24 cents; for parcels weighing over three pounds and not more than seven pounds, 32 cents; for parcels weighing over seven pounds and not more than eleven pounds, 38 cents.

This means a material reduction on the cost of parcels and should be a source of satisfaction to the Canadian public. This reduction has been brought about by Canada foregoing all postal charges for the conveyance of these parcels in Canada and on the Atlantic.

The public are reminded however, that, until further notice, no parcel can be sent weighing over seven pounds.

Canada's Timber Supply

According to R. H. Campbell, Director of the Dominion Forestry Branch, Canada's present supply of commercial timber has been variously estimated to be between five hundred and seven hundred billion feet, board measure, and to cover an area of approximately 170,000,000 acres. This estimate of quantity and area refers only to timber of commercial value as saw-timber. It does not include pulpwood, firewood, tie and pole material nor small timber of any description, although this has undoubtedly a very large commercial value.

The Commission of Conservation is engaged upon an investigation of the forest resources of Canada, which, when completed, will furnish the basis for a more accurate estimate of the amount of timber in the various sections of the country than has previously been practicable.

Waste in Mining

The losses sustained in other countries from lack of care and thought in this respect are enormous. Dr. James Douglas estimates, for instance, that at the Rio Tinto mines in Spain in a period of some 30 years, through the unskilful treatment of ore, about 7,000,000 tons of sulphur, valued at not less than $70,000,000, were wasted, while with modern improvements in the method of handling the ore, about 1,000,000 tons of sulphur are annually saved to the world which would otherwise have been burned and served simply to pollute the atmosphere. He points out that only about 60 per cent of the hundreds of millions of dollars yielded by the Comstock lode was extracted at the time, and at first the rich tailings were nor even collected, such was the haste of the miners to deplete that stupendous deposit which should have made Nevada prosperous for generations instead of whirling the whole country into a mad dance of reckless speculation.

The primary cause of a large part of this waste is over-capitalization, which involves a large output at any expense, if the value of the shares is to be raised and their price maintained. Over-capitalization generally demands over-production, which in its turn almost invariably involves waste at some stage of the progress of the metal from the mine to the consumer.

A street-car wheel, which its Maine inventor claims is noiseless in reality is a wheel within a wheel, the two being separated by rubber cushions.

The output of the fish cultural operations of the United States bureau of fisheries for the fiscal year ending with June was the largest on record.

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The World's Doings in Brief

News Notes from Many Sources

Baron Alverstone is dead in London.

Further food riots in Berlin are reported.

The Dominion parliament will open on Jan. 12.

Sugar is forty cents a pound in Constantinople.

Harvard has instituted a course in military science.

British reinforcements are arriving in Mesopotamia.

Rossland mines are now producing 1000 tons of ore a day.

On the western front the Allies have 65,000 motor cars in use.

A factory fire in Toronto on Saturday did $100,000 damage.

Women are taking the places of motormen on Berlin tramcars.

The life of the British parliament is to be extended to Jan. 31, 1916.

Rev. Dr. John Reid, a pioneer minister of Vancouver Island, is dead.

The U. S. government will build an $11,000,000 munitions plant.

California metal concerns are seeking antimony ores in British Columbia.

It is proposed in England that the Mediterranean be made a closed sea.

A new cabinet has been formed in Spain, with Count Romanones as premier.

The town of Hopewell, Va., destroyed by fire last week, is to be rebuilt at once.

A bill providing for an army of 400,000 has been presented to the U.S. congress.

Fire caused by defective electric wiring occasioned $100,000 damage at Picton, Ont.

Vienna's coal supply is so small that it is proposed to discontinue the lighting of the city.

A band of pro-Germans attacked a train loaded with Entente munitions at Johnstown, Pa.

There is still a shortage of horses for army purposes, according to Lord Kitchener.

The Belt Line railway of Chicago is tied up by a strike involving six hundred trainmen.

B.C. spruce lumber is in demand in Great Britain, bringing as high as $190 a thousand.

A five-foot shoot of silver-lead ore has been struck on the 900-foot level in the Slocan Star.

Four thousand natives of the Solomon Islands and Santa Cruz Islands have perished of famine.

The British embassy has granted safe conducts to the recalled German attaches, Boy-Ed and Von Papen.

Labor leaders in Chicago are discussing a proposed strike on all American railways next spring.

That the Monroe Doctrine will be the cause of the next war is predicted by the Westminster Gazette.

There is a milk shortage in New York, owing to the demand for condensed milk to supply the Allied troops.

Four motor bandits held up the Western State Bank at St. Paul, getting $3000. They were afterwards captured.

A specimen of the rare white bear of British Columbia was shot a few days ago on Prince of Wales Island.

The fall of a ledge in the Wingate coal mine, Wash., killed two miners and imprisoned 100 others for twelve hours.

Forty-eight airmen have secured certificates at the Toronto school, twelve being about to leave for the front.

General Steele has protested against the custom of charging exorbitant prices to Canadian soldiers in England.

French cruisers are searching American ships in mid-ocean and removing all subjects of Germany and her allies.

A Belgian munitions plant at Havre, France, was blown up on Saturday. Over 1000 are reported killed and injured.

W.P.Goard has been appointed prohibition organizer in B. C., in succession to Dr. McGuire, who resigned the position.

Several Austrian consuls in the U. S. must return home or face criminal charges for complicity in Teutonic plots.

In reply to German peace talk, Great Britain announces that four million British troops will be under arms before April.

An emergency fund of $1,000,000, for continuance of work on the U.S. government railway in Alaska, is to be appropriated.

President Wesbrook advocates doubling the area of land allotted to the University of B. C., to allow of agricultural experiments.

Owing to her shortage of wheat, Spain will permit the importation of 200,000 tons free of duty and transportation charges.

Advocates of church union admit that the results of the recent ballot in the churches show that their cause is lost for the present.

Mrs. Annie Hawkes, sentenced to death at Macleod for the murder of her husband, has been reprieved. She will serve ten years.

Only two miles of the Hope mountain line remains to be constructed. It will be used jointly by the Kettle Valley and Great Northern.

There was an unprecedented congestion of traffic on steamers leaving Canada for England this week. Many were unable to secure passage.

Following the disclosure of irregularities in coal orders, J.L. Nelson, superintendent of dredges in B.C. for the federal government, has resigned.

Six barrels of gasoline and other inflammable material were found in a liquor store under a lodging house in Los Angeles. Three men are under arrest for attempted arson. Sixty people were asleep in the building, which the criminals tried to burn for the insurance.

The federal cabinet has commuted the death sentence of Mrs, Elizabeth Coward, who murdered her husband near Fort St. James, to imprisonment for life.

A prominent Hindu, now in Ottawa, declares that India is loyal to the core, but strongly desires a better understanding with the overseas dominions.

Wednesday's sitting of the reichstag was of a stormy nature, owing to the refusal of the government to answer questions asked by Dr. Liebknecht, socialist.

The French steamer Harmonie escaped without damage, although a submarine fired two torpedoes at her and an aeroplane followed her for fifteen minutes, dropping six bombs.

The largest labor organization in the history of England has just been formed. It includes miners, railway workers, and transport employees, numbering about two millions.

On trial at Prince Rupert for the killing of John Pitman at Port Essington, Ohara and Nagano, two Japanese, were convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to ten years imprisonment.

German spies were responsible for the destruction by fire of the Kingston plant of the Maple Leaf Milling C.o on Monday. The St. Catharines flour mill was destroyed in the same way a week before.

Yuan Shi Kai, president of China, has accepted the throne, which was offered him by the council of state. The Entente powers have asked that the change be deferred until after the war.

The Hudson's Bay Co. is opposing efforts to enforce the Quebec game laws in the cases of Indians. The company maintains that the natives have an inherent right to kill animals, irrespective of game laws.

Lady Pontiac Johanna, a cow owned in Buffalo and valued at $20,000, has broken the world's record for butter production by yielding 658 pounds of milk in one week. From this milk over 41 pounds of butter was made.

A trial shipment of Canadian frozen fish, sold on the London market on Tuesday, brought fancy prices. With proper facilities, Ottawa authorities maintain, two million pounds a week can be marketed in the British capital.

One of the heaviest storms experienced in northeastern New York in many years was reported on Tuesday. All trains were held up by deep snow. Reports from other eastern points indicate that the blizzard raged all along the North Atlantic seaboard.

Everett Fitzpatrick, a Flores Island settler, has been found on a reef of rocks, where he had been marooned for thirty days. A storm wrecked his boat on the reef and he was compelled to lash himself to a tree to keep from being swept away, Indians found him in a demented condition.

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Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10.00 an acre.

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THE MINER WAR BULLETINS

MONDAY, DEC. 13

Retirement in Servia

London: Reuter's claims to have authentic information that the Allies have decided not to withdraw from Saloniki. Denial is contained in a despatch from Athens to the effect that the Greek government was seeking to negotiate an advance from the German government. The special correspondent of Reuter's with the British headquarters staff in the Balkans thus describes the retreat of the Allies:

"The evacuation of Doiran and Gievgeli is completed. The Franco-British are slowly retreating towards Greek soil, taking time to destroy tunnels and bridges. The Bulgarians are within five miles of the Greek frontier, preparing to cross. Greek troops are moving towards the threatened point, with the object of disputing the Bulgarian invasion. In the retirement, fighting in a fog, the Allies abandoned eight field guns. A British counter-attack repulsed the enemy, the Dublins, Connaughts and Munsters charging with the bayonet. The Bulgars left eight thousand dead and wounded on the field."

Reinforcements Arriving

Paris: A despatch to the Havas agency, dated Sunday says:

"An intense action continues along the Entente Allied fronts, the Bulgarians attacking in massed formation. The Allies' retreat continues methodically.

"The situation of the British north of Doiran has noticeably improved, thanks to the arrival of reinforcements from Saloniki.

"Fresh troops are landing daily."

Turkish Transport Sunk

Athens: Advices received from Constantinople say the Turkish transport Reschid Pasha, of 8000 tons, was sunk near Sylivria, in the Sea of Marmora, by a French submarine. The loss was 400.

TUESDAY, DEC. 14

Retirement Successful

London: The British and French troops have successfully carried out their retirement from Servia across the Greek frontier, and by arrangement with the Greek government, a clear road had been left for them to fall back on Saloniki, which is being organized as a base.

The Teutonic powers have served notice on Greece that they intend to pursue the Anglo-French troops to the sea, unless the Allied forces are disarmed and interned.

The Greek army is reported to have retired fifty miles, while the Allies are secure at their base.

Both sides are using every endeavor to induce Greece to join in the war. The economic blockade continues.

Germany has demanded an explanation of the facilities given the Allied forces by Greece.

Enemy on Greek Border

London: A force of 40,000 Bulgarians and an equal number of Austro-Germans is being concentrated between Monastir and the Greek frontier, according to a despatch to the Times from its Saloniki correspondent. This force is said to include a large number of cavalry troops. Heavy fighting, the despatch said, was still in progress on Sunday in the neighborhood of Lake Doiran.

On the Western Front

Paris: The following official communication was issued last night: "In Belgium there was marked activity on the part of our trench guns, which, at several points, silenced the bomb-throwers of the enemy.

"A British cargo boat, having run aground this morning off the Belgian coast, was attacked by enemy aircraft. Three Allied hydro-aeroplanes, one of which was French, attacked them and put them to flight. During this time French torpedo boats from Dunkirk refloated the vessel under the fire of a German battery.

"In Champagne, in the sector of Massiges, we replied to the enemy's fire of gas shells by a destructive fire on the enemy trenches at the Chausson ridge. In the sector of Hill 193, we effectively bombarded three lines of German trenches as well as the tunnels leading to these. Intermittent cannonading has occurred in the Vosges, where a violent snowstorm has hindered operations."

Battle in Black Sea

Petrograd: Two Turkish gunboats have been destroyed near the island of Kefven, in the Black Sea, about sixty miles east of the entrance to the Bosphorous, by three Russian torpedo bosts, under the command of Capt. Count Troubetskoi.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15

Situation In Greece

Paris: Reports that Bulgarians have crossed the Greek frontier are officially denied by the government of Greece.

The Franco-British troops have successfully effected their retreat, and have saved all ammunition. Their losses were small. Deep snow complicated matters.

Efforts by the enemy to cut the lines failed, and the Bulgarians have shown no desire to come to close quarters with the Allied troops since Monday.

The front held by the French and British forces extends for twenty-five miles north of Saloniki. The harbor of Saloniki is crowded with transport vessels bringing reinforcements and supplies.

Greek troops are leaving the district.

Three Zeps Destroyed

Copenhagen: Various accidents caused the destruction of three Zeppelins in Germany in November.

Hun Plotters Outwitted

San Francisco: In the course of proceedings against Baron von Brinken and C. C. Crowley, charged with destruction of powder works and other outrages, a German plot to blow up military trains and tunnels and bridges in British Columbia was disclosed.

Johannes von Koolbergen swears that he was employed by Franz Bepp, German consul here, to blow up a military train, a bridge or a tunnel on the C.P.R., between Vancouver and Revelstoke, for which he was to receive $3000. Koolbergen, who is a German-Canadian, informed the C.P.R. authorities at Vancouver of the plot. It was arranged between the latter and the military authorities that a report of a cave-in in a tunnel should be published in a Vancouver paper. With this as evidence of his having done his work, Koolbergen returned to San Francisco and collected his money, Von Brinken retaining $250 as commission. Koolbergen has the money and papers in Von Brinken's hand writing. Payment was made after an interview in Bepp's office.

THURSDAY, DEC. 16

Haig Succeeds French

London: Sir John French, at his own desire, has been relieved of the command of the British troops on the western front. He is created a viscount, and appointed commander-in-chief of the armies in the United Kingdom.

The new commander in Flanders is Sir Douglas Haig, who has been in command of the first army, and whose work has been frequently praised by General French. Sir Douglas is 54, and has had a brilliant cavalry career in the Soudan, India, and Africa.

Austria Stands Pat

Washington: Austria has replied to the American note on the Ancona case, and declines to disavow the sinking of the steamer or to punish the commander of the submarine. The reply says if the commander had not destroyed the vessel he would have been derelict in his duty.

The reply is considered highly unsatisfactory and President Wilson will decline further discussion. The breaking off of diplomatic relations is anticipated.

Over 2,000,000 Recruits

London: It has been semi-officially announced that Lord Derby's recruiting plan resulted in the enlistment of between two million and two and a half million recruits.

Threaten Fgypt

Rome: In some quarters the threat of a Turco-German invasion of Egypt is regarded as serious. Three hundred thousand Turkish troops are reported concentrated at Alessandretta and Aleppo. German agents are urging an attack on Egypt by the Senoussi tribesmen from the west.

The Allies, it is thought, may obtain the co-operation of Abyssynia, under guarantee of independence, as a counter-stroke to the efforts of Germany to bring about a Mohammedan uprising.

Serbs Join Italians

Rome: An Italian army numbering 120,000 has landed at Avlona, Durazzo and San Giovanni, Albania. The Servian army, which is intact with its smaller artillery is joining the Italian army.

Bulgarians in Greece

Paris: Bulgarian troops are reported to have entered Greece, in the Struma region. In the fighting of the last few days they have lost 5,000 killed and 15,000 wounded.

General elections in Greece take place on Sunday.

King Constantine is ill of influenza, and has been ordered to take a complete rest.

Reinforcing Allies

London: At Saloniki, large reinforcements for the Allies have arrived, together with great quantities of munitions and stores. Large hospitals are being erected on shore to supplement the hospital ships.

The fifth Greek army corps has received orders to leave Saloniki, and the transfer of Greek troops from the district has begun.

New Airship Destroyed

Copenhagen: One of Germany's new super-Zeppelins has been destroyed, with the loss of its crew of forty.

FRIDAY, DEC. 17

Canadians' Gallant Deed

Toronto: An evening paper publishes the following from its London correspondent:

"A battalion of Canadians has lately greatly distinguished itself. Ordered to drive Germans from a strong position at all costs, they charged across the one hundred yard gap separating the trenches, and forced the enemy at the point of the bayonet, inflicting heavy losses. The Canadian casualties were comparatively slight. The Germans retreated well to the rear.

"The captured position is very strong, and several concrete machine gun emplacements were found. The positions were firmly held by the Canadians."

Took Hostile Trenches

London (official communication): "Last night two small enterprises were successfully carried out near Armentieres, hostile trenches being entered and their occupants disposed of. The enemy losses are estimated at 70 killed. Our losses trifling.

"Today there has been an artillery bombardment by both sides about Ypres.

"The report in the German wireless of December 15 that we lost four aeroplanes is untrue."

Will be a Shake-up

London: Sir Douglas Haig's appointment as commander-in-chief of the British forces in France and Belgium will be followed by radical changes in the higher commands of the army, it was hinted today. Commanders who have been held responsible for failure to back up the British offensive at Loos in September are to be transferred to less important posts.

Took Many Prisoners

Paris: German and Bulgarian prisoners to the number of 750 officers and 40,000 men, captured in Servia, have arrived at Marseilles, on their way to concentration camps.

As a result of the withdrawal of Greek troops from Saloniki, the headquarters of the Greek army have been transferred to Kozhani, 55 miles southeast of Monastir. Only a regiment of engineers and a regiment of artillery remain at Saloniki.

During the retirement of the Allied troops from Gievgeli, the Bulgarians captured two French guns, two batteries of British artillery, and two hundred British prisoners.

Kitchener May Marry

London: It is reported that Lord Kitchener is to marry the dowager Countess of Minto, widow of the former governor-general of Canada,

The steamer Levenpool, New York to Rotterdam with supplies for the Belgian relief committee, is beached on the east coast of England, having struck a German mine.

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