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## LLOYD GEORGE SAYS WAR MUST BE VIGOROUSLY PROSECUTED

### The Teutonic Forces Were Driven Back by Roumanians

#### Two Hostile Squadrons of the Enemy Said to Have Been Annihilated---Four German Airplanes Brought Down by The French on the Western Front.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The stand made by the retreating Roumanian army east of Ploechti, in eastern Wallachia, resulted in the driving back of the Teutonic forces a distance of several kilometres, according to a Petrograd despatch relayed in a wireless message from Rome today.

In the course of the Roumanian attack two hostile squadrons are said to have been annihilated and others severely routed.

PARIS, Dec. 11.—Four German airplanes were brought down yesterday, two of them on the Verdun front and two in the Champagne, the War Office announces. Intermittent cannonading occurred south of the Somme last night, but there was no other military activity of importance.

SALONIKI, Sunday, Dec. 10, via London, Dec. 11.—An advance by the Entente forces on one sector of the front northeast of Monastor, is announced in a Serbian official statement issued today as follows:

"Yesterday there was artillery firing and local infantry fighting. East of Suhidel the Allies drove the enemy back for several hundred yards."

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Successful British operations in German East Africa, by which the British line of investment was advanced for sixty miles along a front of 200 miles, are described in a Reuter's despatch from Niggoro. The advance was made from Nowiringa and Kissaki to the coast. In the course of the operations a detached German corps consisting of seven white officers, 47 white soldiers and 240 native soldiers, were captured. A howitzer, three Maxim guns and 400 cattle, were among the booty taken.

### Serious Outbreak in Greece is Expected at Any Moment, and Allies are on the Watch

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The London correspondent of the Tribune cables under Sunday's date as follows:

Trouble is brewing in Greece and an outbreak is expected at any moment. The exact conditions are obscured by the constantly conflicting reports from every side. Officials here are extremely sceptical of reports from Greek and Teutonic sources that the situation has improved.

Rumors of the secret mobilization of Greek troops gain added weight from Berlin despatches. Vossische Zeitung declares today that as soon as the Entente Allies announced the blockade of Greek ports, Constantine began making preparations to meet it. The Greek army is well equipped for service, the newspaper adds. The Entente is watching every move Constantine makes. It is known that the Central Powers have promised him their full support if he casts his lot with them, and it is feared by the Allied authorities that the temptation may prove too great.

### British and German War Prisoners Over Forty-five Years Old Will be Exchanged

LONDON, Dec. 11.—After protracted negotiations, through the medium of the United States, arrangements have been made for the exchange of German and British civilian prisoners who are over 45 years old. About 4,000 Germans are interned in the United Kingdom, and 700 British civilians are interned in Germany. Whether the prisoners will reach their respective homes depends upon the success of the Admiralty in finding a neutral steamer on which to make the exchange.

Preparations are being made to break up the camps for Germans on the Isle of Man and those established for the civilian prisoners in Germany. Only 2,200 of the Germans interned in the United Kingdom expressed a desire to return to Germany.

### HONORS FOR VON HINDENBURG.

BERLIN, via Amsterdam, Dec. 11.—Emperor William has conferred upon Field Marshal Von Hindenburg the grand cross of the Iron Cross with an autograph letter in which he credits him with strategy in the Roumanian campaign that "will be valued in the war history of all times as a bright example of the strategic art of genius."

### ALLIES' NOTE TO GREECE IS READY

London, Dec. 11.—The latest reports from Athens say that the note of the Entente governments to Greece is now ready and undoubtedly will be presented tomorrow.

The note will be short, in the nature of a preliminary to a second note, which will contain more detailed demands.

It is indicated that the demands on Greece may require complete demobilization of the army, restoration of control by the Entente over the posts, telegraphs and railways, and the release of the imprisoned Venizelists.

### PROF LEACOCK HAS A SCHEME

Montreal, Dec. 11.—Prof. Stephen Leacock, of McGill University, has just laid before the government a scheme by which he claims the nation will make anything from five to six million dollars in the next six months.

His idea is that the government should call in all the silver currency and replace it by coins exactly similar but made of nickel.

He explains his plan at length, and claims that no one would lose by the change, but that the government would save millions by selling the silver as bullion.

### Dog's Muzzle Stolen.

"Pete," the bulldog which has attached himself to the 236th Highland Battalion, is in trouble again. This time because some person unknown took his muzzle and collar off Saturday night and let him go at large. On account of his habit of biting horses, "Pete" is not to be at large without a muzzle, under penalty of being shot by the city police. The soldiers think that someone is trying to take an unfair advantage of their mascot by stealing his muzzle.

### PRECEDENT AND CUSTOMS SWEEPED ASIDE BY MR. LLOYD GEORGE

#### His New Cabinet is Commented Upon With Enthusiasm---"An Experiment Boldly Conceived and Fearlessly Executed"---The Premier Indisposed.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Premier Lloyd George is ill. He was unable to go to Buckingham Palace today with members of his cabinet to receive the seals of office from King George. Official announcement was made that the Premier was suffering from a severe chill and that on the advice of his physicians he was remaining indoors today.

The new ministry evokes no hostile criticism in the press, and for the most part is commented on with enthusiasm. Lloyd George is generally congratulated on the speedy manner with which he accomplished his difficult task and the manner in which he abandoned tradition and swept aside all customs and precedents.

The least enthusiastic commentator, the Daily News, refrains from any condemnation. It says: "It is an experiment, boldly conceived and fearlessly executed."

### The New Cabinet Challenging Fortune, And by Their Success They Shall be Judged

"The task which the new cabinet is undertaking is by far too serious to permit any but the most irresponsible to make it more difficult by needless criticism. They are challenging fortune and by their success they will be judged."

The innovation whereby the government of the country is virtually concentrated in the hands of four men, although commented on as an enormous departure from precedent and as sweeping out of existence, at any rate for the time being, of the institution of cabinet government, frightens none of the commentators, who see in many advantages.

Nevertheless its great importance impresses all writers.

### Even Oliver Cromwell Never Devised a Bolder Experiment, Says London Telegraph

The Telegraph says: "It is a revolt, taking rank as such with the small number of well marked departures from precedent which form the landmarks of our constitutional history. Not even Cromwell himself ever devised a bolder experiment. The most drastic of the measures which the Prime Minister was credited with the intention of taking, are insignificant by comparison with this daring innovation."

The Northcliffe papers cease attacking the appointments of Arthur Balfour and Lord Robert Cecil, although the Mail refers to them briefly as exceptions to otherwise excellent appointments. The Times declares: "The cabinet is imbued everywhere with enthusiasm and fresh hope. The difficulties are immense and Premier Lloyd George has chosen the right way to solve them."

### Members of the Cabinet Kiss the Hand of The King and Receive Their Seals of Office

Andrew Bonar Law and the other members of the ministry who are not required to seek re-election on the assumption of office, and also the Lords who are co-operating with the new administration, went to the Palace at noon today, kissed the hands of the King and received their seals of office.

The members of the cabinet who must be re-elected, unless the House of Commons passes a bill making this unnecessary, and the ministers who are members of neither House, for whom seats must be found, are taking over their offices and will conduct them as though all official formalities had been complied with. These members, however, will not be able to appear before the House of Commons tomorrow, and it is expected the session will be a formal one.

The statement concerning the government's policy, to be made by Mr. Lloyd George or Mr. Bonar Law in the House of Lords, probably will be postponed until Thursday, when the vote of credit is given. A strong policy in regard to the control of shipping, mines, food and man power is looked for.

### LLOYD GEORGE'S MESSAGE TO HOUSE OF COMMONS

#### Says the Vigorous Prosecution of the War is His Predominating Task--House Will Meet Tomorrow and Adjourn Until Thursday.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Premier Lloyd George has sent the following to all members of the House of Commons, it was announced officially today:

"The King has entrusted me with the task of forming a government. I have carried out the command. I had hoped to make a statement to the House on Tuesday. I now find it to be impossible. On Tuesday Mr. Bonar Law, as leader in the House, will move adjournment till Thursday. The one predominant task before the government is the vigorous prosecution of the war to a triumphant conclusion. I feel confident the government can rely on your support as long as they devote their energies effectively to that end."

### Munitions Experts Reach New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Forty young men selected by the British government as munitions experts, arrived here today on the steamer Orduna, from Liverpool. They will be assigned to the various factories in the United States and Canada where munitions for the Entente governments are being manufactured under contract, and will pass on the output before it is delivered for shipment.

### The Deutschland Reaches Germany

Berlin, Dec. 10 (via Sayville).—The German commercial submarine Deutschland, completing a quick trip home from the United States, arrived at noon today off the mouth of the Weser.

### LIBERALS DENY A POLITICAL REPORT

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Rumors that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is to be superseded as leader of the Liberal party, possibly in favor of Premier Murray, of Nova Scotia, are denied in Liberal circles here.