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Turner Says he Holds Agent-Generalship for Life by a Special Act of Parliament.

(Special to The Daily News.)  
London, Dec. 17.—There was surprise here on the receipt of the news by cable that Sir Richard McBride had resigned and would take the Agent-Generalship of British Columbia.

J. H. Turner, who was interviewed shortly after the receipt of the cable, said that he had received a cablegram stating that Sir Richard would arrive in London at the end of January.

**Job for Life.**  
The Agent-General said that they would likely be able to come to some arrangement concerning the Agent-Generalship. J. H. Turner claims that he was appointed to the post for life by special act of parliament.

#### SEVEN REELS, INCLUDING CHAPLIN, AT THE MAJESTIC

In the Essanay two-reel comedy "The Bank" Charlie Chaplin deals out disaster with an unstinted hand and also takes the new role of hero, at least in his dreams. Charlie with a mop and a pail can play havoc, but at the Majestic tonight he captures single-handed a whole company of thugs. It is screamingly funny. Besides Chaplin, there are other five good reels, including an Essanay three-act photoplay entitled "When My Lady Smiles." This is one of the most pleasing of Essanay productions.

"Message of the Sun Dial" is a very fine southern drama, while our old friend Helen provides another thrilling reel of railroad stunts. This one is "The Leap from the Water Tower." It is a splendid seven-reel show.

#### KAISER ILL AGAIN

London, Dec. 17.—The Kaiser is in ill health and is no longer directing the military operations, according to Berlin advices to the Exchange Telegram Co. The despatch states that the emperor recently has become morose and silent, and his changed demeanor has given his physicians cause for grave anxiety.

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#### LIBERALS WILL CONTEST ALL BY-ELECTIONS

Convention will be Called to Select Candidates—Bowser Plans to Subsidise Lumber Carrying Trade.

(Special to The Daily News.)  
Vancouver, Dec. 17.—At a conference here last night, the Liberal leaders decided to call a convention to select candidates to contest all by-elections.

It is expected that the by-elections will be held during the last week of January. The house will probably meet on February 20th, when a six weeks' session will be held, after which a general election will be announced to take place in the first week of May.

**Bowser's Program.**  
It is expected that Bowser will offer to shorten the hours during which liquor can be sold in the province; will propose to guarantee bonds to provide a fleet of lumber carriers, and will bring down a Workmen's Compensation Act.

#### "JAIL THE GRAFTERS" SAYS N. W. ROWELL, M. P.

"Jail the grafters, unseat the profiteering parliamentarians, eliminate the profiteers, conserve our resources, create British credit in Canada, commandeer the best brains of both political parties and of all the business and commercial interests in Canada, give the British taxpayer a square deal, let each Canadian make his or her own sacrifice and show the rest of the Empire and the world that Canada is not in this war for material gain, but for the cause of freedom and democracy." That is how N. W. Rowell, leader of the Ontario opposition, denounced the Canadian war contractors "who have done so much to destroy Canada's reputation for honest and decent dealing with Britain and her sister Dominions," in a recent speech at Woodstock, Ont.

He said: "If there is one thing in Canada against which we must protest with all the emphasis possible, it is the graft in connection with the purchase and handling of war supplies. Is there anything more iniquitous and discreditable than men making ill-gotten gains out of the blood and sacrifice of our men? The attorney-general of this province should take notice that if any man places himself within the criminal law in this respect justice will not be done until that man is punished to the hilt of the criminal law. (Applause.) In France and Russia they put the grafters in jail. Such men in this country should be jailed when found guilty."

"In the Wake of the War Canoe," by Archdeacon Collison, now in stock—McRae Bros.



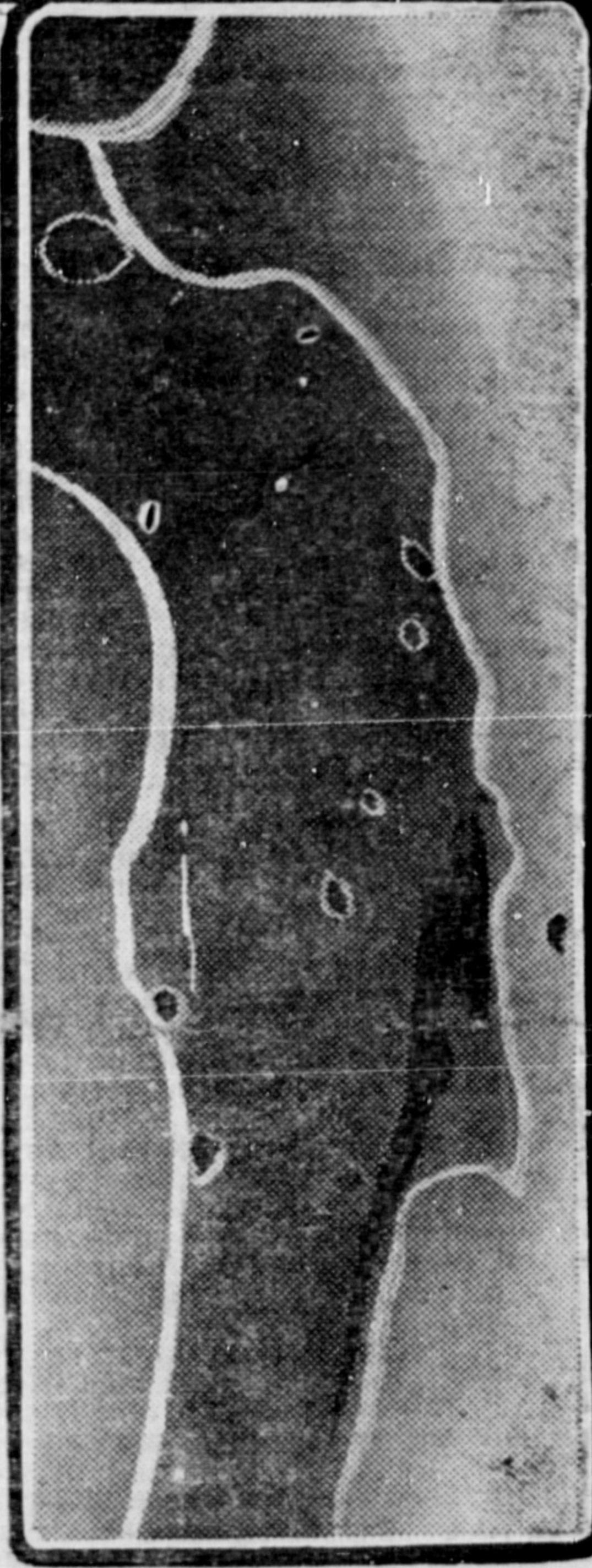
**Remarkable operation on returned Soldier.**—Picture shows an X-ray of Pte. Arthur Gibbons' leg and a photo of Col. Dr. Richardson, who is trying to mend it at the Toronto General Hospital. Pte. Gibbons was taken prisoner at St. Julien. A bullet smashed his right thigh bone and severed the nerve tissue. Pieces of metal are disclosed by the X-ray at various points. It is questioned whether German doctors made any effort to reset the bone, as one leg is shorter than the other. Dr. Richardson is operating and expects to give Gibbons a good leg again.

#### WESTHOLME PACKED TO WITNESS "THE SPOILERS"

The Westholme was packed to capacity last night to follow the fortunes and misfortunes of Cherry Malotte, Roy Glenister, Dextery, Slap Jack, McNamara and the rest of the northern adventurers in "The Spoilers," and none could have been disappointed.

From the introduction of the leading characters to the end of the nine reels, every pair of eyes was glued to the screen, and the lengthy show seemed all too short. The audience did not watch figures on a stage, but lived through every scene. They sympathised with Cherry; fought with Glenister and his partners, and hated McNamara, the crook.

The fist fight to a finish between Glenister and McNamara is the most realistic scrap that ever was screened. It is a grim, bloody battle, and it is easy to believe that the participants were actually fighting and not acting. The great attraction of the whole play is its stark realism. In every detail, "The Spoilers" is all that its sponsors claim for it.



#### SYNTHETIC RUBBER IS INVENTED IN GERMANY

Berlin, Dec. 16.—Automobile tires of artificial rubber are now being made in Germany, the Overseas News Agency says. In his address to the reichstag last week, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg said German inventors had discovered a method of producing synthetic rubber.

"The Frankfurter Zeitung" now announces that at almost the same hour that the chancellor's statement was made, the news agency says, "a factory succeeded in working this rubber into tires which will wear for a year."

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#### GREEK TROOPS ARE WITHDRAWN FROM SALONIKI

40,000 Bulgarian and German Prisoners have Arrived at Marseilles—Allies lose Guns and Men.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, Dec. 17.—Following the withdrawal of the Greek troops from Saloniki to the Serbian border, the headquarters of the Greek army have been transferred to Kozhani, 55 miles southeast of Monastir.

Only a regiment of engineers and one of artillery remains at Saloniki.

#### Recent Losses.

During the Franco-British retirement from Gieveli, the Bulgarians captured two French guns two batteries of British artillery and two hundred British prisoners.

#### 40,000 Prisoners.

Seven hundred and fifty German and Bulgarian officers and 40,000 soldiers, captured during the recent fighting in Serbia, have arrived at Marseilles on their way to a concentration camp.

#### GRUESOME MEMENTO OF TURKISH VICTORY

There have been many tragic episodes in the history of Nish, the capital of Serbia, which has been occupied by the Bulgarians. In the fifteenth century the Turks captured the city, and for 300 hundred years it remained in their possession, although there were brief periods when the Austrians held it. Then, in 1809, the Serbians, who had recovered most of their country from the Turks, besieged Nish, but were defeated with great loss. The Turks, to celebrate their victory, erected a rough tower, composed alternately of lumps of rock and skulls of Serbians cemented together.

It is related that there were originally 4,200 skulls in the Tower of Nish.

For a long period it was the habit of travellers to Nish to carry off a skull as a souvenir, and this reduced their numbers. But in the Russo-Turkish War the Serbian army under the command of King Milan besieged Nish, and the fortress fell on January 10th, 1878.

The remaining skulls were then reverently buried by the Serbian troops except one, which was too deeply embedded in the plaster to be extricated. The so-called "Tower of Skulls" is now only about four feet in height, and only one skull can be seen to remind the traveller of its gloomy history.

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#### REPORT SAYS KITCHENER IS TO BE MARRIED

Engagement to Countess of Minto Reported—Great Italian Air Attack—Belgian Relief Ship Wrecked.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Dec. 17.—The engagement of Lord Kitchener to the Dowager Countess of Minto, widow of the former Governor-General of Canada, is reported. They met in India, while the Earl of Minto was Viceroy and Kitchener was Commander-in-Chief of the British forces there.

#### Italian Air Attack.

Rome, Dec. 17.—A hundred Austrian soldiers have been killed by bombs and aerial arrows on the Isonzo front in the greatest air attack on record, in which forty-eight Italian aeroplanes took part.

#### Relief Ship Beached.

London, Dec. 17.—The Belgian relief committee ship Liverpool, bound from New York to Rotterdam, has been beached on the east coast of England, as the result of striking a mine.

#### RED CROSS SALE

On Friday of this week there will be a Red Cross sale of cooking held. This time it will be held in the store of Bulger & Denike, formerly the Wark Jewelry Store. The sale will be in charge of Mrs. Henning and Mrs. Morrissey. In addition to the sale of cooking, for which the ladies are asked to make liberal donations, there will be a raffle held in which a canary, presented by Mrs. Derry, will be offered. A liberal patronage by the general public is asked for this worthy cause.

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