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JOFFRE MAY BE SUPERSEDED IN HIGH COMMAND

Changes May Come From Secret Session of Chamber—Rumanians Withdraw Quietly.

(Special to The Daily News.)
Paris, Dec. 8.—It is announced that, as the result of a secret session of the Chamber of Deputies, the French High Command will be changed, and that a general who has shown marked ability in the carrying on of the great offensive on the Somme front is to succeed General Joffre. There is much speculation as to who the new French Commander-in-Chief will be, most of the newspapers favoring General Fochs.

Bucharest Evacuated.
The Rumanians have evacuated Bucharest quietly, excepting for a rear-guard action, a small section of the defending army being forced to fight strenuously to cover the retreat of the Rumanians, who are falling back along the entire line from the Transylvanian Alps to the Danube.

Parisian newspapers say that the loss of Bucharest must spur the Allies on to more energetic action in every department of the war.

Berlin reports state that the Rumanians are retreating along the whole front and that the Teutonic forces entered Campino yesterday, taking 9,000 Rumanians prisoner.

ANOTHER ALICE ARM PROPERTY IS BONDED

Still another property has been bonded in the Alice Arm district by the Alice Arm Mining and Development Company, the Big Gash property, owned by Davidson and Juggins, having been bonded for \$50,000. This property is about two miles beyond the Wolf Mine and is on the west side of Kit-sault River, about twenty-three miles from tide-water. It is claimed to be a valuable copper property. It would appear that the development company is picking up everything in sight around Alice Arm.

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LOYD GEORGE IS ASSURED OF BIG FOLLOWING

Curzon Favored as New Foreign Secretary—Laborites, Liberals and Unionists Want Action.

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, Dec. 8.—Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George has been officially installed as Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury. The new Premier has commenced the forming of his cabinet.

Earl Curzon is believed to be favored as the new Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

The Labor members; most of the Liberals, and the bulk of the Liberal-Unionists are demanding a more energetic prosecution of the war, which undoubtedly assures Premier Lloyd George of a large working majority in the House of Commons.

Sir John Redmond, the leader of the Irish Nationalists, probably secures the greatest opportunity he has ever enjoyed of bringing about a settlement of the Irish Home Rule question.

The general opinion is that, with Sir John Jellicoe as First Sea Lord and Mr. Lloyd George as head of the government, new energy will be infused into both military and naval affairs and that important new developments will be made this winter.

RAILWAYMEN'S BALL A BRILLIANT SUCCESS

The fourth annual ball of the Railwaymen's Organization, held last evening in their hall on 2nd Avenue, was an unqualified success. The arrangements were splendidly carried out under the management of T. G. McManamon, G. H. Williams, F. E. Wernig and J. Roberts. The hall was effectively decorated for the occasion in red, white and blue and scenes from along the line of the G. T. P. graced the walls. The decorations were carried out under the direction of Mr. Williams. The music was provided by the Westholme orchestra, assisted by Mr. Zelaski. There was a large attendance and all had a thoroughly enjoyable time. A dainty supper was served, at which the guests sat down to splendidly arranged tables. These arrangements were carried out by F. V. Foster, assisted by A. Blackburn, J. Enette and J. S. Carmichael.

SHIP IN DISTRESS

(Special to The Daily News.)
Astoria, Dec. 8.—The Santa Barbara is reported to be in distress off Nehalem, Oregon. The tug Wallula has gone to her assistance. Buoys marked "Santa Barbara" and quantities of lumber are coming ashore.

THE CRADLE

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Tuttle, 1035 First Ave., West, a daughter, at the General Hospital yesterday.



SIR SAM HUGHES' LAST APPEARANCE AS MINISTER OF MILITIA.—Before taking off his Lieutenant-General's uniform, Sir Sam Hughes presented the colors to the 207th Battalion in Ottawa. This was the last public official act of the ex-Minister of Militia.

G. T. P. OFFICIALS SHOW HEARTY CO-OPERATION

Yesterday afternoon, W. P. Hinton, H. H. Hansard and G. A. McNicholl conferred with the executive of the Board of Trade on matters of importance to the welfare of the terminal city. G. R. Naden presided. Many subjects were discussed in an informal manner and in every instance the officials showed great willingness to comply with the requests and suggestions made.

The question of the train service was dealt with and Mr. Hinton and Mr. McNicholl said that the matter was now under consideration and that the times of departure and arrival would shortly be changed in order to spread the service.

The correspondence which has passed between the board and Captain Dedrich, representing a Norwegian ship-building syndicate, was read and Mr. Hinton said that he would interview Capt. Dedrich in Vancouver. Mr. Hansard explained that the drydock was in the hands of the president. It was a very important matter at a time like the present. He said that the president is taking the matter up with London and he was satisfied the results would be satisfactory.

The question of overhauling the G. T. P. boats here was also brought up. Mr. Hinton said that he was satisfied that this would be done and that the matter was now in the hands of Mr. Pillsbury and Captain Nicholson.

F. G. Dawson, W. P. Lynch and R. A. Grant took up the matter of freight rates. Mr. Dawson instanced one case in which there is a difference between the G. T. P. rate and rates in the south. Mr. Hinton went fully into the point and said he would wire instructions to have it changed at once.

The matter of improving conditions at the depot was taken up and Mr. Hinton explained that the matter was engaging their attention now and that a station building would be erected soon, though it would not be a pretentious

ANDREW KELLY CREW CHARGED WITH MUTINY

E. Hanson, S. Hagan, A. Leroux, John Dahl, E. Penny, F. Miller, K. Hicks, R. Thompson, J. Robbins, H. Jenson, and William Selig, members of the crew of the steamer Andrew Kelly, of the Gold Storage Company's fleet, were brought before Magistrate McMullin this morning on a charge of disobeying the lawful commands of the master of the ship on the high seas. L. W. Patmore appeared for the men and W. E. Fisher for the prosecution. The difficulty arose out of the fact that the fishermen are under a union agreement that they do not take the wheel while the vessel is on the banks, though it is customary for them to do so in going to and from the banks. Several of the fishermen testified that they had been on other vessels and had never been asked to take the wheel on the fishing grounds. After the evidence had been heard, L. W. Patmore argued that it would have been just as reasonable for the captain to have laid a charge against the cook because he refused to leave off baking bread to do work on deck. Magistrate McMullin said that he would let the men go, but they must realize that the disobeying of a captain's orders at sea is a very serious matter. He advised the Fishermen's Union to take the question of taking the wheel on the grounds up with the Gold Storage Company.

GOUIN ASSISTED BORDEN IN QUEBEC

(Special to The Daily News.)
Quebec, Dec. 8.—Premier Borden was accorded a good reception at his recruiting meeting here last night, the auditorium being crowded and hundreds of people turned away. The Premier was ably assisted by Premier Gouin, who delivered a vigorous and stirring patriotic speech. Sir Robert Borden's speech was very similar to that which he delivered recently in Montreal. Hon. T. Chase Casgrain also spoke, and was interrupted at several points. R. B. Bennett, as in Montreal, was interrupted many times but the questions put to him were meaningless.

GREAT LAKES STORM

(Special to The Daily News.)
Fort William, Ont., Dec. 8.—Thunder Bay was swept by a terrific storm yesterday and considerable damage was done to property along the waterfronts of Fort William and Port Arthur. New buildings under construction suffered especially.

DESSERTERS RELEASED

Guelph, Ont., Dec. 8.—Fifty-two deserters from battalions recruited in this province have been released from the Ontario reformatory here and will rejoin the colors.

ALLIES DEMAND EXPLANATION FROM GREECE

Blockade May Start Without Any Further Delay—Greece Could Stand Siege for Only Twenty Days.

(Special to The Daily News.)
Athens, Dec. 8.—The Russian, Italian, French and British ministers called in a body at the Greek Foreign Office yesterday and demanded an explanation of the Greek military activity.

It is believed that it is the intention of the Allies to immediately start a blockade of Greece, without notice.

It is asserted in Government circles that Greece could stand siege for twenty days.

In consequence of the clash between the Entente representatives and the Greeks in Athens, the British and French governments have prohibited the sailing of all Greek steamers to ports in Greece.

In the event of the Allied diplomats seeing no prospect of any arrangement being made with the Greek government, it is believed that they will demand the recontrol of the Greek police, mails, telegraphs, railways, ports, customs and passports.

Arabia Incident.

Berlin has advised Washington that the Arabia, which was torpedoed recently, was a transport in the service of the British government.

MRS. FRANK DERRY PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY

Mrs. Frank Derry passed away at the General Hospital yesterday afternoon. About ten days ago Mrs. Derry gave birth to a son and was making satisfactory progress. Yesterday afternoon, she suddenly collapsed and passed away within an hour. Mr. Derry is out on the Forestry launch and is not expected to return to the city for a few days. Deceased was a native of England and had lived in Prince Rupert for several years. The body has been taken to the parlors of the B. C. Undertakers, pending the return of Mr. Derry.

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