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## LLOYD GEORGE AND LORD MILNER IN ROME

### ALLIED CONFERENCE IN ITALIAN CITY--THE GERMANS SAY DOBRUDJA IS THEIRS

#### ALLIES TO HOLD CONFERENCE IN ETERNAL CITY

Lloyd George and Lord Milner are now in Rome--Senate Approves Wilson Note--Greek Vessels Sunk.

London, Jan. 6.--Premier Lloyd George and Lord Milner, accompanied by their official advisers, have arrived at Rome where they are to hold a conference with the French, Russian and Italian government representatives.

##### Washington Approves.

Washington, Jan. 6.--At the conclusion of a stirring debate, which lasted for three days, the Senate adopted Senator Hitchcock's resolution and voted approval of President Wilson's request that a statement of the terms upon which a peace conference may be started be secured from the belligerents.

##### Greek Steamer Sunk.

Paris, Jan. 6.--The Siripios, a Greek steamer, has been sunk. The captain and his crew of twelve men have been safely landed. The Greek steamer Tsiripinas has also been sunk. Her crew of twenty-five was saved. The crew of the Norwegian vessel Odda, which was sunk, was also saved. The Spanish ship San Leandro is also a victim but there is no report regarding the fate of her crew.

#### THREE HUNDRED KILLED BY FORMOSA EARTHQUAKE

Tokyo, Japan, Jan. 6.--Three hundred persons were killed and many injured by an earthquake yesterday in central Formosa. It is estimated that a thousand homes were destroyed. The city of Nante has been extensively damaged by fire following the earthquake.

#### RETURNED SOLDIERS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Calgary, Jan. 6.--The explosion of a boiler in the Immigration Hall partially wrecked the building. Twenty returned soldiers, awaiting discharge from further service, who were occupants of the building, escaped uninjured.

##### NOTICE

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Changes in Ontario Cabinet.

This picture shows (top) W. D. McPherson, K. C., M. P. P. for Toronto North-West, who has been appointed Provincial Secretary by Premier Hearst, in the stead of Hon. W. J. Hanna (bottom picture), who held that portfolio for eleven years, and has resigned but remains in the cabinet as Minister without Portfolio. The centre picture is that of Professor George C. Creelman, president of the Ontario Agricultural College, who becomes Commissioner of Agriculture under Premier Hearst, who will act as Minister.

#### PULPWOOD INDUSTRY RECEIVING ATTENTION

At the meeting of the Board of Trade last evening, correspondence from Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands, was read, dealing with the development of the pulpwood industry in northern British Columbia. The minister assured the board that his department is thoroughly alive to the great importance of this industry and stated that, as soon as practicable, the whole question would be gone into fully by him. He enclosed maps showing the pulp areas and adjacent waterways, for the information of the board. A vote of thanks was moved to the minister for his cooperation in the matter.

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#### ENEMY ENTERS BRITISH LINES ON WEST FRONT

Heavy Fighting Near Loos--Heavy Artillery Fighting on Verdun Front--Minor Battles Elsewhere.

London, Jan. 6.--There was heavy fighting yesterday in the vicinity of Loos, following the entrance into the British trenches of parties of the enemy. A number of German dead were left in the trenches after the repulse. Some British soldiers are missing.

There have been encounters with enemy patrols in Champagne district and there is considerable reciprocal artillery fighting along the Woevre front.

##### Verdun Front.

Paris, Jan. 6.--There was considerable artillery fighting along the Verdun front, particularly in the vicinity of Douaumont and Vaux. Elsewhere, this front was quiet last night.

##### Macedonian Front.

There was considerable fighting along the Macedonian front, the advanced positions, held by the Serbians, being attacked. The Serbians repelled all attacks.

#### BOARD OF TRADE ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Board of Trade last evening elected the following office-bearers for this year: Honorary President, Hon. T. D. Pattullo; President, George A. Woodland; Vice-President, H. S. Wallace; Hon. Secy., David H. Hays; Members of Council, W. E. Williams, L. M. de Gex, George Frizzell, R. A. Grant, Captain Babington, J. M. Clancy, W. J. Smithers, S. Parker, J. B. Roerig, J. F. Strang, James McRae, O. H. Nelson, Alfred C. Garde, A. J. Prudhomme and R. J. D. Smith.

George Woodland, Vice-President, presided over the meeting. The commissioner, E. H. Mortimer, presented a very clear, concise report covering the activities of the board for the past year and dealing shortly with the various happenings of importance in the city. The successful flotation of the city's bonds was referred to; the construction of the Emerson sawmill; the taking up of the question of shipbuilding with the Norwegian syndicate which is operating in the south; the proposed American fishing legislation in regard to the halibut industry on this coast; the visit of the Dominions Royal Commission; the encouragement of the pulpwood industry, etc.

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PAPER SALES GO UP WHEN ZEPPS COME DOWN

There was great joy in England when the Zepps were brought down recently. Everybody, even the staid London "Bobby" patrolling his beat, bought papers and eagerly read the good tidings. This photograph was taken under the shadow of the great lions in Trafalgar Square.

#### CANNERYMEN WANT TO INTRODUCE TRAPS

W. E. Williams, chairman of the fisheries committee of the Board of Trade, drew the attention of the board last evening to the impending changes coming in salmon fishing in the Skeena and also to the necessity of pressing home the changes desired by the fishermen, which had been ignored last year.

Mr. Williams pointed out that there are 739 attached licenses in this district and only 120 independent licenses. None of the new canneries participated in the attached licenses, which were chiefly distributed amongst the Japs, who were held in a form of slavery by the canneries.

He also pointed out that while the Japs received 18 cents for sockeye, the independent fishermen got 25 to 30 cents. For springs the Japs got 40 cents and the independent men 90 cents to \$1. For cohoes they got 15 cents and the independents 42½ cents. He said that the independent cannerymen were the only canners who brought any business to Prince Rupert, the other doing all their business in the south.

He urged the use of gasoline boats on the Skeena as in the south. The sole reason why the canneries opposed the use of gas boats was that they would make the fisherman independent as he could go some distance to dispose of his fish. The policy should be to make every fisherman independent, but this the Cannery Association did not want. He asked

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#### MUCH LAND REVERTS TO THE GOVERNMENT

Victoria, Jan. 3.--About \$300,000 in arrears of taxes were taken in on the closing day at the land department, while an estimated quantity of nearly 2,000,000 acres of land has reverted to the crown for use under the Soldiers' Homestead Act. With Jan. 1 the last day has expired in which land purchasers can either pay up their arrears or take a proportionate amount of the land they had agreed to purchase.

At the time the Soldiers' Homestead Act was passed at last session it was estimated there were about 2,500,000 acres held by purchasers on time payments and on which there was due to the government some \$11,000,000. The Homesteads Act provided that unless arrears on this land were paid by Dec. 31 the land should revert to the government, but holders might, before Dec. 15 last, make application to the government to be allotted such proportion of their holdings as would amount in value to the amount of money paid on account of purchases.

The idea of the government was that while such a plan would protect purchasers to the extent of the money they had paid in, it would also supply a large amount of good land as a nucleus for the area which it was proposed should be available for the returned soldiers. While the definite figures are not yet available, it is estimated that about 75 per cent of the lands will revert to the government, as the holders have not paid up their arrears. What amount of arrears have been paid up by holders who are desirous of securing allotments is not known, but on the last day there was taken in at the land department between \$250,000 and \$300,000, one big land concern putting in a cheque for \$130,000.

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#### GERMANS CLAIM DOBRUDJA HAS BEEN CAPTURED

Braila Taken and Rumanians and Russians Driven into Moldavia--Small Russian Successes.

Berlin, Jan. 6.--(Official) The Germans and Bulgarians have captured Braila, the most important Rumanian commercial centre on the Danube. The armies of the Central Powers continue to advance through greater Wallachia into Moldavia.

Galatz is the only remaining Rumanian town which is still uncaptured. The success of our armies closes the Dobrudja pathway to Constantinople from Russia. Von Mackensen has carried the towns of Slobozia and Rotesti.

##### Russian Report.

Petrograd, Jan. 6.--The enemy last night silently approached a Russian position south of Brody, on the Galician front, but was repelled with losses.

North of Zolotov, Russian scouts attacked an Austrian reconnoitering party. Several were bayoneted; others were captured, and the remainder dispersed.

#### SIR WILFRID ADVISES ANSWERING QUESTIONS

Ottawa, Jan. 6.--Sir Wilfrid Laurier has answered every communication he has received regarding National Service, advising prompt and conscientious completion of the registration cards.

##### Labor Declines.

Calgary trades unions have notified their members to decline to observe the requirements of the National Service Board.

##### Casgrain's Successor.

It is reported that Patenaude will be successor to the late Hon. T. Chase-Casgrain as Postmaster-General and that Sevigny will succeed Patenaude.

#### SOLIDARITY IS THE WATCHWORD OF LABOR

Aldermanic Candidates for Municipal Election 1917

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