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GREAT RUSH OF LAST MINUTE MEN

Recruiting Stations in England Thronged with Men of Every Class Anxious to Escape Con- scription at the Last Moment.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The rush of "Last Minute Men" who desire to escape the stigma of being drafted to join the colours, if conscription should be adopted, continued to-day, the last day but one of the trial period for the Earl of Derby's recruiting plan. Lines formed at the recruiting stations as early as five o'clock this morning and remained there all day.

Announcement that there would be no extension of the time limit for the test of the volunteer system apparently convinced many men of military fitness that the Earl of Derby

was in earnest, and caused them to flock to the stations.

The scenes at the Recruiting Bureaus are entirely different from those during Secretary Kitchener's regime. It is not a case of inducing men to enlist, as a result of appeals made by recruiting sergeants, but rather of handling the applicants, who wait patiently in long lines, three or four abreast, in the cold, blustery weather.

At Trafalgar Square only a small crowd of idlers stood around the base of the monument to hear the fervid appeals on behalf of King and country, which were being made by speakers.

ANGLO-FRENCH FORCES RETIRING ACROSS BORDER TO GREECE

Will Likely Take Up Position at Saloniki where Rein- forcements are Continually Landing.

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The Anglo-French troops who last week began their retirement from their advanced positions in southern Serbia are now approaching, if they have not crossed the Greek frontier, and the attitude Greece will adopt becomes more and more important. Despatches from Athens available in London indicate that the matter which was left to Greek and Allied military authorities at Saloniki, is being amicably arranged and that the Allies will be allowed to retire to that city without any interruption on the part of the Greeks and will be permitted to remain there. The questions which are seriously occupying the Greek government have to do with the use of the railways, which are needed for Greek troops, and damage might be done to them with the object of impeding Bulgarian pursuit, should the Sofia government decide the British and French are to be followed in Greek territory. The Greek government had evidence of the effective manner in which the French engineers destroy railways in the work done along the line north of the Greek frontier. So well was this accomplished that the Bulgarians were greatly delayed, having to use roads covered with snow, with the result that the French escaped almost unscathed. The British, who had advanced further from the railway to north-west of Lake Doiron, had much more difficulty to accomplish the task decided upon and suffered most heavily. They were assailed by greatly

superior forces, according to an official report issued to-night, but their successful withdrawal to a position extending from Lake Doiron to Vardar valley was largely due to the gallantry of the Connaught Rangers, the Munster Fusiliers and the Dublin Fusiliers. British casualties were 1,500. They were forced to leave behind eight field guns which had been placed in position to cover the retirement and could not be removed.

What the next move will be is known only to Allied Staffs, but it is generally believed that the Anglo-French forces will fall right back to Saloniki, where reinforcements are arriving and which is well fortified. There are also reports that the Allies have landed a division at Kavala, ninety miles along the coast from Saloniki, near the Bulgarian frontier, but there is no confirmation of this. If true the object doubtless is to secure the railway and prevent the Bulgarians from sending troops westward into Greece. The Austro-Hungarians continue their attacks on the Serbians in the Albanian mountains and on the Montenegrin hills, but apparently there the advance is much slower than in Serbia, the position being easier to defend.

Despatches from Petrograd indicate that the Germans are withdrawing their centre from what is known as the Bug River line, which, however, in many places is considerably north-east of that river. This withdrawal is due to their inability to secure complete control of the Lida-Barronovitchi Rovno railway, which is necessary for the holding of the advanced positions. The placed reached after their great drive last summer have been evacuated, Slonim lying to the west of Baranovitchi and Kobrin, just to the east of Brest Litovsk, which they are making the centre of their new lines, these being very strongly fortified. This suggests that the Germans hope to create a stalemate in the east as they did in the west and that if they cannot break through they will make it just as difficult for the Russians to do so.

There has been increased artillery activity on the western front, and the arrival of colder weather may foreshadow attacks from one side or the other. It is generally believed that the Germans will make the attempt this time as they have brought up a large amount of artillery. There is no further news from Mesopotamia, while the Gallipoli official accounts simply repeat the story of artillery engagements.

(Special to The Guardian.)
LONDON, December 12.—Bulgarian troops advancing against the Anglo-French Expeditionary Force in Southern Serbia, have reached a point fifteen miles from the Greek border on the Saloniki Railway, according to a statement issued at Sofia and received here by wireless from Berlin. Heavy losses have been inflicted upon the British and French forces during the retreat, it is declared.

U. S. AND AUSTRIA IN DANGER OF BREAK

No Reply Yet Received in Washing- ton to Note Regarding Sinking of Ancona and Washington is Impatient.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Diplomatic relations with Austria are in grave danger of being broken off over the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona, with the loss of American lives. All officials here continue to preserve silence over the negotiations with Austria, but through the veil which has been drawn around the situation is seen a crisis just as grave as that which attended the submarine negotiations with Germany. The question of continuing diplomatic relations may be said to depend upon a satisfactory reply to Secretary of State Lansing's note, which now probably is before the Vienna Foreign Office, demanding a disavowal of the sinking of the Ancona, reparation for the lives lost, and assurances that passenger ships shall not be attacked without warning, or an opportunity for non-combatants to take places of safety.

knew how close the country was to severance of diplomatic relations with Berlin.

Officials of the State Department will not discuss the American note, even so far as to say if they know whether it has reached Vienna, or when they expect to permit publication of it in this country. It is taken for granted in official circles generally, however, that the communication, called last Tuesday, must have been delivered before this, and a reply is anxiously awaited.

A further complication of the situation developed to-day, when it was disclosed that an Austrian submarine which shelled the American Standard Oil steamer Petrolite in the Mediterranean Sea last week sent a boarding party to the Petrolite and took part of the ship's provisions. This news came in a consular despatch from Algiers, and was the first official word of the safety of the Petrolite, which was not greatly damaged by the shelling, and proceeded to Algiers, with one man slightly wounded.

The situation to-night is compared to the last days of the Arabic negotiations with Germany, when probably no one but President Wilson himself

MILITARY PARADE TO CHURCHES YESTERDAY

About 140 men of the 105th Regiment attended St. Paul's Church yesterday morning, when Rev. T. Murphy delivered an interesting and forceful sermon on "The Captain of the Lord's Host," taking his text from Joshua 5, 14:15. "And he said, nay; but as captain of the host of the Lord am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face on the earth and did worship and said unto him, What saith my Lord unto his servant. And the Captain of the Lord's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy." The idea which the preacher drew from his text was that in the present conflict the angel of the Lord is standing with drawn sword in his hand taking an active part. If we do as Joshua did we will get his blessing and guidance and He will lead us to victory. Nietzsche, the German Philosopher, denied Jehovah and proclaimed Odin as the national god of Germany. The clean fighting on our part is due to the fact that we are worshippers of Jehovah, while Germany's atrocious career is not to be wondered at in view of their barbarous doctrine. Mr. Murphy also spoke to the men on the subject of preparedness and in conclusion urged on them to accept the Lord as their Saviour and to follow Him.

preached an earnest and impressive sermon on "Humility." When the priests and Levites came to John the Baptist asking him "who art thou?" they did not wish to find out to which family he belonged. They wanted to know by whose authority he was preaching and who he was. They were under the impression that he might be the Messiah. "And John answering them, confessed and denied not." Again they said, "Who art thou that we may be able to give an answer to them that sent us?" John said, "I am a voice crying in the wilderness, as was foretold by Esaias the prophet." He was a forerunner of our Divine Saviour.

The gospel of to-day also asked them some very trite questions. It asked also "Who art thou?" It was one which each one of them could put to themselves and by the answer they might know themselves better and become more humble. It was a question addressed not only to Christians, but to all men. They were all creatures of Almighty God. They came from nothing and were going back to

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ARTILLERY DUEL IN BELGIUM

All Enemy Attacks Repulsed.

(Special to The Guardian.)

PARIS, Dec. 12.—An official communication to-day tells of an artillery duel of violence in Belgium in the region of Hetsas, as well as in Artois, near Billy and Rocquencourt. In the region of Roye French batteries dispersed a troop and enemy conveyers on the road from Villiers. On the

GERMANS ARE COMMITTING SUICIDE.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 11, via London.—Another epidemic of suicides is reported among the German forces in the vicinity of Dvinsk by prisoners captured in that region, according to the Birzhevya Vedomosti, an afternoon daily newspaper. Nine officers, including the commander of a battalion, are said to have ended their lives within a period of twelve days. Cold and hardships of the campaign are alleged to be the cause.

heights of the Meuse and the sector of Bois Bouchette, a well regulated fire from our artillery caused important destructive effects on trenches on the line and their support as well as on enemy shelters.

BULGARIANS ATTACK ENTENTE POSITIONS

All Their Attacks Repulsed.

(Special to The Guardian.)

ARMY OF EAST, Dec. 12.—On Dec. 10th Bulgarians attacked along nearly the whole Entente trench front, their principal efforts being directed against our left. All enemy attacks were checked.

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GERMANY REPORTS RUSSIANS CONCENTRATING

(Special to The Guardian.)

BERLIN, via Sayville, Dec. 12.—Advices received here to-day indicate that the Russians are hurriedly concentrating troops along the Roumanian border. Austrian forces in Bukovina are also being reinforced heavily. A Bucharest despatch forwarded by way of Budapest says the Harbor at Rehi, a Russian Danube port, at which troops have been concentrated for some time has been closed to passenger and freight traffic since Monday, because of the forthcoming arrival of additional transport ships. Three Russian warships sailed Monday night from Rehi for Kilia on the Danube near the entrance to the Black Sea. The despatch says the Russians are erecting large munition depots along the Danube near the

Delta. Russian officers assert that attacks will soon be made on Czernowitz, capital of Bukovina. Railway traffic with Russia over the line through Ungent on the Northern Roumanian border has been suspended since Saturday of last week. Telephone and telegraphic communication with Bessarabia is also suspended. Ten thousand Russian soldiers are constructing a railway line from Rehi, 30 miles Eastward to Isomal.

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

THE WEATHER.—Yesterday was dull with very cold winds. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 25 degrees above zero. At nine o'clock yesterday morning it registered 22 degrees above zero; at nine last night 25 degrees above. The coldest the previous night was 21 degrees above zero. The tide will be high this afternoon at 4:20 and tomorrow at 5:09; it will be high tomorrow morning at 4:18 and Tuesday at 5:33. The sun sets this afternoon and tomorrow at 4:15; it rises tomorrow morning at 7:35 and Wednesday at 7:35. The moon sets tonight at 12. The first quarter of the moon will be on Monday, Dec. 13th at 7:38 a. m.

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COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

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**XMAS GOODS.—Wonderful bargains at O. B. Wadman's big 5, 10 and 15c. Store, Craipud, which is now open. 5734-12-10m31pd.

**The truckmen of Lodge 218 will meet at Charlottetown in usual place on Wednesday, Dec. 15th at 7 p. m. 581-12-13M11.

**A school concert will be held in Union Road Hall, on Thursday, Dec. 23rd. Admission 10 cents. 5778-12-13M11pd.

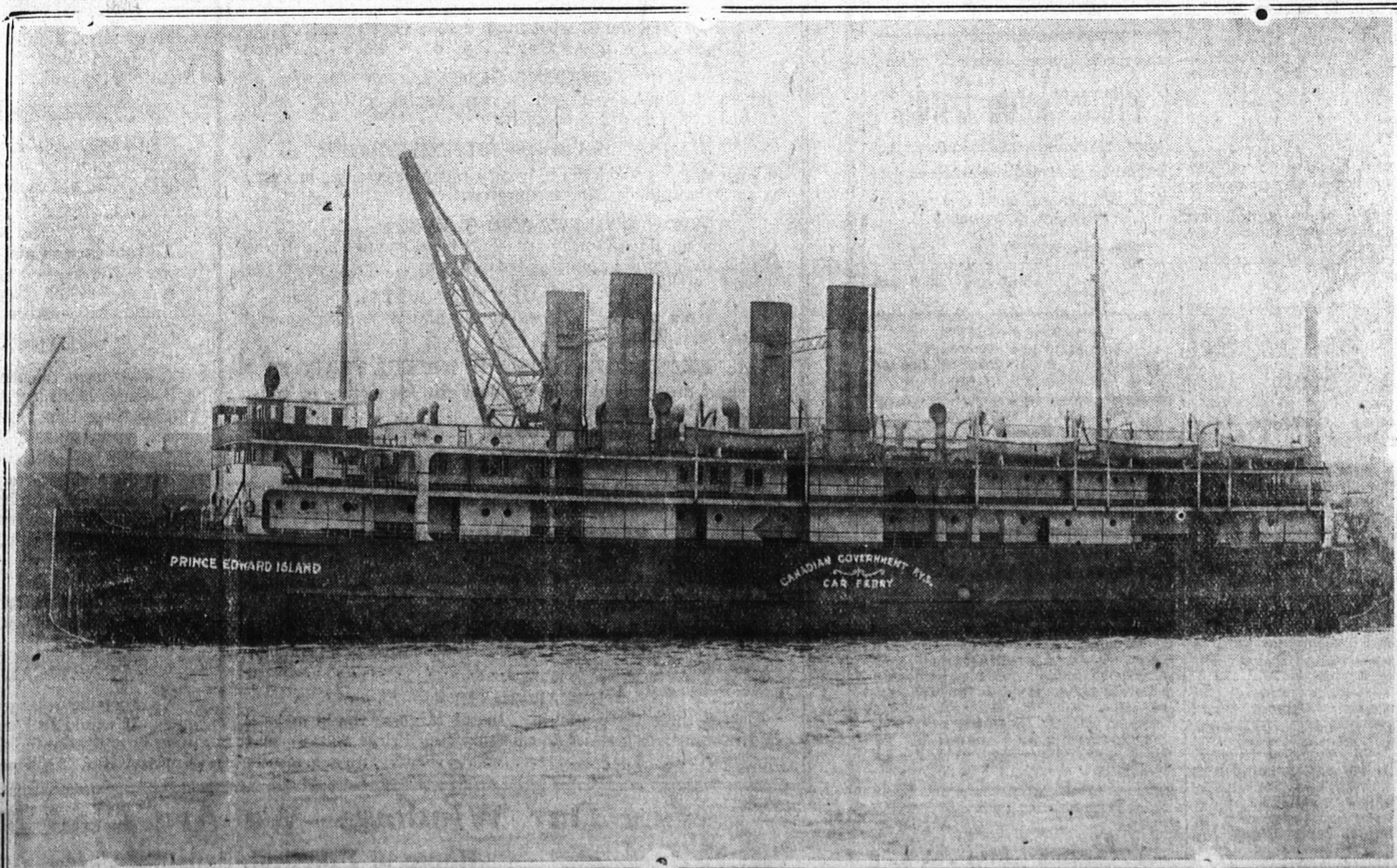
**Don't forget the Xmas play and entertainment to be held in Pownall Hall on Xmas eve, Dec. 24th in aid of Red Cross. 5771-12-13M11.

**The annual meeting of the King Edward Farmers Institute will be held in Winsloe Hall on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 3 p. m. A speaker from Charlottetown will address the meeting. 5786-12-13m31.

**A meeting of the shareholders of the Tracadie Cross Silver Black Fox Co. will be held in the hall at Tracadie, on Wednesday, Dec. 15th, at 1 p. m. All shareholders are requested to attend. 5788.

**The members of the Victoria Tipperary Club intend holding a special Xmas gift sale of fancy work, etc., on Saturday, Dec. 18th, in the new Victoria Hall. Doors open at 2:30 p. m. Refreshments served during afternoon and evening at reasonable rates. A short program of which special features shall be mentioned shortly will begin at 8:30 sharp. Admission—15 cents. Proceeds in aid of Red Cross Fund. Also the committee in connection with the new Victoria Hall wish to announce a more official opening night for Wednesday, Dec. 29th. Full program will appear later. Don't forget the dates, Dec. 18th and 29th.

THE CAR FERRY STEAMER PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND



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TO LET—CHEAP, ALMOST NEW, roomy, warm, single residence on macadamized street, hardwood floors heater, all modern conveniences, near house, electrically lighted throughout. Write quick to Q. P. O. Box 103, Charlottetown. 5784-12-13m1pd.

WANTED AT ONCE—A MAID FOR general housework. Apply 131 Water St. 5789-12-13m31.

FOR SALE—VIOLIN IN CASE. Used but five months. Apply at this office. 3637-10-26m1f

FOR SALE—ONE SILVER BLACK female fox. C. G. Howard, Milton. 5556-12-7m71

TO LET—A LARGE BRIGHT BED-room on ground floor suitable for sitting-room. Apply 84 Hillside St. 4066-11-25m1f

FOR SALE—ONE SILVER MALE Fox also one pair patches. Apply to D. W. Howard, Milton. 5752-12-11M1pd.

TRY OUR HOME-MADE POTTED meat, hams, bacon, lard, and the famous Saunsons sausages. Saunders, Newsom & Co., Market Building. 5734-12-10m1m.

FOUND—A SUM OF MONEY SAT-urday forenoon in Light and Power Co. office. Owner may have same by proving property and paying for ad. 5788-12-13m31.

LOST—ON SATURDAY NIGHT, THE 11th instant, a Lady's open-faced gold watch, Tiffany make, with monogram on back, No. 112340. Finder will please leave it at Guardian Office. Reward. 5791-12-13m31.

Minard's Liniment cures garget in cows

The car ferry steamer Prince Edward Island, a full description of which was given in The Guardian in July last arrived in Charlottetown from Picton yesterday at noon under the command of Capt. J. J. Murchison. A Guardian reporter had the pleasure of being shown around her last evening by the Steward, Mr. W. H. Scott. She is a magnificent vessel, about 305 feet long by 54 feet, and her passenger accom-

modation is exceptionally good. On the first deck ample provision is made for a large number of cars, there being two sets of rail along the length of the ship. The saloon or promenade deck contains dining rooms, first and second class, steward's and stewardess' rooms, smoking rooms, first and second, ladies' first-class cabin and other necessary apartments. The first-class saloon is a striking room, approximately 35 x 31 feet, with ceil-

ing about 14 or 15 feet, all furnished in beautiful oak. There are 13 tables, with accommodation for 36 persons. Three tables seat 6 each, 4 seat 4 each, and six smaller tables, two each. The tables are also of oak to match the walls. This room, as are all the others, is exceedingly well lighted, electrically, the bulbs being in the shape of candles. The effect is striking. The ceiling is particularly fine, finished in a beautiful artistic design,

and in fact this saloon is said to be one of the finest in Canada. All the chairs in the first-class dining room are leather covered. The second-class dining room, while not as richly furnished as the first-class, is also splendidly appointed and has provision for forty-eight diners, containing 6 tables. The first-class smoking room is furnished with four card tables and special windows with a device which allows of their being opened at any

angle. The ladies' cabin is an elegant apartment and the furnishings are gorgeous. The room is about 22 x 15 feet and the skylight is something which is not found on every steamer. There is a generous supply of comfortable, luxurious arm-chairs, sunk in the soft depths of which one would soon forget life's worries. Two electric bells connect with the pantry. There is a fine cabinet in which may be kept books or any other small articles. The crew will number about 70.