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## LORD KITCHENER LEAVES FOR EAST

### Rumours That He Had Resigned His Position as Secretary of State for War Officially Denied. Goes on Duty in Connection with His Office.

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, Nov. 7.—It is officially announced to-night that Lord Kitchener has gone to the Eastern theatre of war. The official statement says he has gone at the request of his colleagues and adds: "The statement that Kitchener has resigned his post as Secretary of State for War has already been authoritatively denied."

Equally untrue is the suggestion that Earl Kitchener tendered his resignation or that his visit to the King had any relation to such a subject or that his visit to the Eastern theatre of war in any way betokens that such resignation is contemplated. On the contrary this visit is undertaken by him in discharge of his duties as Secretary of State for War, which duty he has no intention of abandoning.

NEW BRITISH WAR COUNCIL.

LONDON, Nov. 7.—The new war council, with the premier as its chairman, announced in the House of Commons on November 2, would conduct the war, had its first meeting yesterday. It consisted of the Premier, A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty, David Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions, and Sir Edward Grey, Foreign Secretary. The members of the cabinet conferred with various military and naval experts.

When Premier Asquith announced that a cabinet committee of from three to five members would be named to take charge of Great Britain's military operations, it was taken for granted that Lord Kitchener, Secretary of War, would be one of the members. The fact that he was not present at the first meeting may have been due to his absence from London. Rumors of his resignation, as War Secretary, and that he would take command of the army in France, have been officially denied.

## FOR STRICKEN BELGIUM

As Acting Premier I have this day received the following telegram from the Prime Minister of Canada and transmit same for you to take action thereon and inform me what steps you intend to take.

MURDOCH MCKINNON, Acting Premier.

The British National Committee for Relief in Belgium have sent the following Appeal, signed by the Lord Mayor of London to all the High Commissioners and Agents General of the Overseas Dominions. It has been transmitted to me by Sir George Perley and is as follows:

"The Fete day of the heroic King of the Belgians falls on Monday, 15th November, and as Chairman of the National Committee for the Relief of Belgium I appeal to the people of the British Empire to celebrate the event in a manner that will afford King Albert the greatest satisfaction, namely by subscribing money enough to feed the whole of the 3,000,000 destitute Belgians in Belgium on their beloved monarch's fete day. Sixpence will keep one Belgian alive for one day, therefore I appeal for three million sixpences to enable us to keep alive on the King's fete day every one of his subjects who is without food. Canada has responded nobly to the cry of starving Belgians and I feel certain this special appeal for sixpence per day will meet with ready response."

The appeal is for a most worthy object and it is commended to your best consideration and to such action as you may think desirable. The message having been transmitted to me as Premier of Canada I feel it my duty to commend it to you as Premier of your Province.

Sgd. R. L. BORDEN.

## SOLDIERS PARADE TO METHODIST CHURCH

### Siege Battery and Infantry Attend First Methodist Church. Impressive Sermon by Pastor Rev. Mr. Fulton. Military Choir of Fifty Voices.

At the First Methodist Church yesterday morning an unusually interesting and inspiring service was conducted in honour of the men of No. 2 Heavy Siege Battery and of the Infantry, to whom an elevating and eloquent sermon was addressed by the pastor, Rev. R. G. Fulton. The church was crowded and the singing, which was done by a choir of fifty voices from the Militia, had a stirring influence on the congregation. In addition to the ordinary hymns the choir sang the "Hymn for the Army and Navy," "O Canada," and "Canada, My Home."

Prof. Thompson, who lent his invaluable services to the choir, deserves the greatest credit for the success of yesterday morning's magnificent musical programme—for such it was unanimously pronounced. Professor Thompson can be depended upon to provide something novel and unqualifiedly good on any occasion.

Rev. Mr. Fulton took his text from Acts 17, 24 and 26: "God that made the world and all things therein... hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth."

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Tennyson, the period when the war drum would be heard no longer and the battle flags furled, the parliament even and the federation of the world, has been the dream of every statesman; and happy would be the man who could so influence the nations of the earth as to reach that much-longed-for goal. That these have not been the dreams of mere idealists or dreamers is shown by the statement made by Lord Charles Berosford in 1899, when he said that the chief purpose of the British Navy was for the encouragement of commerce. Commerce has been the mainstay of the British Empire, and to-day even while the British warships may be scouring the seas for the enemy, at the same time these same ships are keeping open the lanes of traffic so that the commerce of neutral nations as well as that of the Allied forces may go on undisturbed. It is true that German philologists, particularly Bernhardi, have emphasised the need of a necessary element in life of a nation, but an indispensable factor of culture. One listening to a statement like this is reminded of Anthony Hope's answer to it when he said: "Behold the prospect that lies before the world if the German philosophy triumphs in the schools and the military system which it inspires repeats the triumph in the field—for the small nations, extinction, political, intellectual, spiritual; statesmanship, the ideal suggested by

## BULGARIANS INVADING SERBIA MEET OVERWHELMING DEFEAT

### British Cavalry, French Artillery and Serbians Participated in Struggle. The Bulgarians are Retiring. Their Total Losses Estimated at 100,000.

LONDON, Nov. 7.—The Bulgarian army descending into Serbia to invade Macedonia by way of Veles and Perlepe was defeated at Izvor at the entrance of the Babuna Pass, after a battle lasting several days, according to an announcement made by the Serbian legation at Athens, and transmitted to Reuters Telegram Company.

French infantry and British cavalry took part in the struggle, and gave efficient aid to the Serbians. The British horsemen arrived from Krivolak to assist their Allies.

The Serbians captured Izvor and Gradsko.

The Bulgarians, whose ranks are said to have been decimated, are retreating in the direction of Veles, and have evacuated the right bank of Vardar River.

Babuna Pass, where the Bulgarians are reported to have been defeated is about six miles northeast of Perlepe. This announcement of a victory for

the Franco-British-Serbo Allies apparently is in direct contradiction of the claim made by the German war office yesterday that French forces had been completely defeated at a point northeast of Perlepe. Part of the French contingent was said to have been routed and the others made prisoners.

ROME, via Paris, Nov. 7.—The total Bulgarian losses in Serbia are estimated at 80,000, says an Athens despatch to the Giornale D'Italia, which recounts the capture of Babuna Gorge and Izvor by Serbian and French troops.

Anxiety is being caused in Sofia, the despatch asserts, by the increasingly energetic resistance of the Serbs in the Eastern theatre.

(Special to The Guardian)

PARIS, Nov. 7.—An Athens despatch to the Havas News Agency, dated Nov. 5, says: An official state-

ment of the Serbian Legation estimates Bulgarian losses in killed and wounded up to the present at 100,000.

SALONIKI, Nov. 7.—(Via Paris, Nov. 6)—The Bulgarian force which has been engaged for several days in a battle with French troops, around Valandovo has been driven back beyond Kovtsovna almost to Radovitsa, according to reports received here.

The battle continues near Strumitza.

Valandovo is about 25 miles northwest of the Greek frontier on the Nish-Saloniki railroad.

(Special to The Guardian)

PETROGRAD, Nov. 7.—An official communication to-night claims the capture by Russians of 8,500 Germans as the result of a surprise attack near the Village of Ieniekowoc on the Stripa River.

## THE BALKAN SITUATION IS GRADUALLY IMPROVING

### Greece will Maintain Neutrality Under New Cabinet. Large Numbers of Troops Landing at Saloniki and Proceeding to the Front.

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, Nov. 7.—The political crisis in Greece which clouded the Balkans has been finally overcome, M. Skouloudis having accepted and performed the task of organizing a cabinet which is composed of all members of the Zaimis Government with the exception of the ex-premier and will carry out the former Government's policy of maintaining neutrality.

The new cabinet is at the mercy of the Venizelos majority in the Chambers, but the impression is that an attempt will be made to turn it out, thus avoiding dissolution and election, a result which could not be precipitated while the army remains mobilized. While the Allies can have little hope of Greece aiding them in the defence of Serbia the belief held here is that it is not too late to turn the tables on the invaders. The departure East of Lord Kitchener after conferences at Paris with Premier Balfour, General Gallieni, War Minister, and General Joffre, Commander-in-Chief of field forces, has given con-

fidence that the campaign will be carried on by a man who knows the East better than almost anyone else. Advances from Saloniki and other points show that larger forces than was thought will be near the scene, being landed at Saloniki and proceeding where they can do most good. Troop trains are continually leaving Saloniki and secrecy is maintained as to the number of men.

Reports say an Anglo-Italian army has landed at Valona on the Adriatic for the purpose of crossing Albania. The Russians are concentrating at Bessarabia prepared for a descent on Bulgaria from the east. Meantime in northern and eastern Serbia and on the Montenegrin frontier big battles are progressing. The Austro-Germans claim to be advancing along the line and to have reached Novava river, which has been crossed at some points. In their advance they pick up prisoners and war material. The Montenegrins, like the Serbian allies, fighting in defence of their country, report that they repulsed an attempt by the Austrians to cross their border, and

captured four guns and a quantity of supplies and a few men. Also they claim success over the Austrians in Sanjak, where they captured four field guns and several hundred men. In the south the French are reported to be over the Bulgarian frontier, where they have taken several villages. It appears that the Central Powers, who have obtained their initial objective in opening the road from Sofia to Constantinople, have a lot of fighting ahead of them if Serbia is to be overwhelmed. The weather, although wintry, has not interfered with the Russian offensive, who extended their attacks west of Riga and south of Dvinsk, keeping the Germans on the move. The latter admit the Russians penetrated their lines. Battles continue, although neither side is making material progress. The Russians claim to have taken 5,000 prisoners by a thrust across the Stripa, while he Germans declare they captured 6,000.

The Italians continue the offensive, but on the western front fighting consists only of local engagements.

## Want Some Of This In Charlottetown

HAMILTON, Nov. 6.—"I'm very glad to be able to do a little toward stopping soldiers from getting liquor when it is the wish of the military authorities that they should not get it," said Magistrate Jaffe, in passing sentence of \$500 or 3 months in Castle Osgilvie on Walter England, found guilty of supplying beer to soldiers last night. "AND I'M GOING TO GIVE THE LIMIT EVERY TIME," he added.

C. R. Smith, a military policeman, testified that he had seen the prisoner with three soldiers and just came up as he handed the beer to them. He took him to a constable and handed him over.

## GERMAN WOMEN DIGGING TUNNEL

### FORCED TO TAKE UP WORK OWING TO SCARCITY OF MEN.

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 7.—A Berlin telegram states that women are being employed excavating the Friedrich Strasse tunnel, which is being constructed in connection with the Berlin subway. The utilization of women labourers for this purpose is so successful that it is now intended to employ them as labourers in other big undertakings.

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