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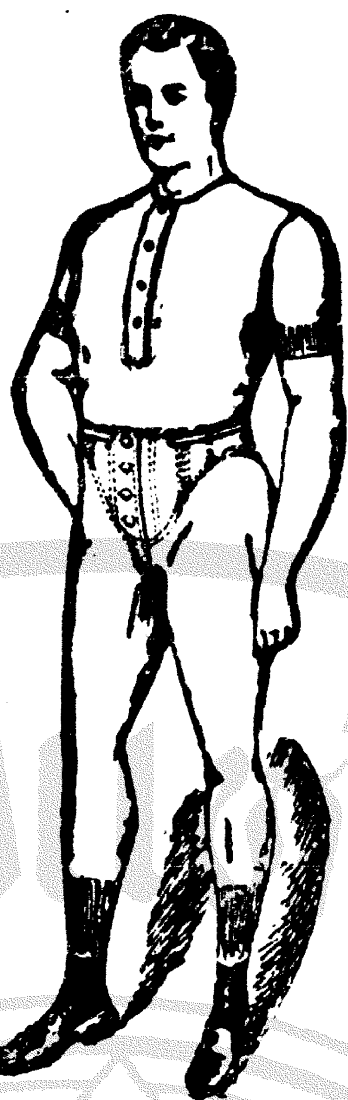
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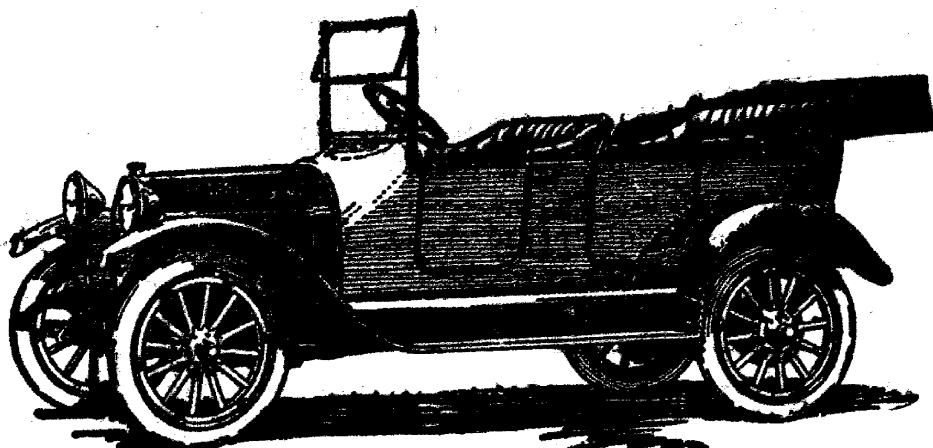
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Jan.	A.M.			
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
1	11 00	14 0
2	4 00	13 9
3	4 30	14 0
4	5 00	14 6
5	6 00	14 11
6	6 30	15 8
7	7 00	16 0	...	...
8	7 30	15 8	...	...
9	8 30	15 2	...	...
10	9 00	15 0	1-0	6-0
11	9 00	14 7	2-0	7-0
12	9 30	14 6	3-0	7-0
13	10 00	14 6	...	...
14	10 00	14 0	...	...
15	10 00	13 10	...	...
16	10 00	13 6	...	...
17	5 00	13 6	...	...
18	6 00	14 4	...	...
19	6 00	14 9	...	...
20	7 00	15 2	...	...
21	7 00	15 6	...	...
22	7 30	15 9	1-0	6-0
23	8 00	15 5	1-2	6-0
24	9 00	15 4	2-0	6-0
25	9 00	15 2	2-3	7-0
26	9 00	14 8	3-0	7-0
27	9 00	14 6	3-0	7-6
28	9 00	14 6	...	...
29	9 00	14 6	...	...
30	9 00	14 0	...	...
31	4 00	13 6	...	...

Jan.	P.M.			
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
1	...	...	...	...
2	...	...	9-10	7-8
3	...	...	10-11	7-8
4	...	...	10-11	6-7
5	2 30	12 3	10-11	6-0
6	2 30	12 6	11-12	6-0
7	3 00	12 8	11-12	6-0
8	4 00	13 2	12-0	6-0
9	5 00	13 0	...	...
10	6 30	12 10	...	...
11	7 00	12 6	...	...
12	8 00	11 10	...	...
13	8 30	11 4	...	...
14	9 30	11 0	...	...
15	...	...	...	...
16	...	...	9-10	7-6
17	...	...	9-10	4-7
18	...	...	10-11	7-0
19	2 00	12 0	10-11	7-0
20	3 00	12 3	...	...
21	3 00	12 3	...	...
22	4 30	12 3	...	...
23	5 00	13 0
24	6 00	13 3
25	6 30	13 0
26	8 00	12 7
27	9 00	12 5
28	10 00	12 0	5-6	8-0
29	7-8	7-6
30	8-9	7-0
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PHASES OF THE MOON.

Jan.	5th	O New Moon	11.33	a.m.
"	12th) First Quarter	10.16	a.m.
"	20th	O Full Moon	3.11	p.m.
"	27th	(Last Quarter	7.17	a.m.

Compulsion for Bachelors.

Melbourne, Dec. 30.—The Commonwealth welcomes the Imperial Government's decision in favour of national Service. It is believed that the news will have a most depressing effect on Britain's enemies and be most heartening to the Allies. The newspapers applaud the decision as showing Britain's inveterate determination to prosecute the war to victory, and say that some of the Dominions will surely follow the Motherland's lead.

London, Dec. 30.—The King has returned to London from Sandringham. It is believed earlier than was expected and this is regarded as showing his wish to be in closest touch with the Premier during a time of the utmost importance to the future of the war and the Empire.

It is anticipated that a vital Cabinet meeting will be held to-morrow.

The King has returned to Sandringham.

Labour Members Confer.

London, Dec. 30.—A most important Labour Conference is sitting to-night on the subject of compulsory military service. There will be a thoroughly representative attendance. Mr. Henderson will to-morrow report the findings of the Conference to the Cabinet.

London, Dec. 30.—The Labour Conference has adjourned. It is announced that a larger conference will be held later to night, and probably a statement issued.

London, Dec. 31.—The Labour Conference was presided over by Mr. Henderson to night, when it was decided to hold a National Conference, representative of the entire movement, in London on Jan. 6th to consider compulsion. It was announced at the Conference that Mr. Asquith introduces the Government Bill on Jan. 5th.

The Bill.

London, Dec. 30.—The Cabinet's decision regarding compulsion has considerably cleared the political atmosphere. The feeling is that whatever measure the Government proposes should now have undivided support.

Much depends on to-morrow's meeting of the Cabinet, when it is expected that the minority will express their considered views.

It is understood that the drafting of the Compulsion Bill will be entrusted to Sir John Simon and Mr. Walter Long. Possibly the Bill will not apply to Ireland.

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The French newspapers welcome the decision.

Successful Gunnery.

Paris, Dec. 28.—A communiqué says: We successfully bombarded the enemy positions between the Grand Dune and the sea, destroying parapets and blowing up a blockhouse. We exploded a mine in Artois, north-west of Hill 140, and frustrated enemy attempts to occupy the crater. Our artillery between the Somme and Rheims damaged a German work. The Germans, after a bombardment in Champagne, launched an attack on our lines which was easily repulsed. The French artillery made good practice in the Vosges, destroying a concealed battery of machine guns.

London, Dec. 28.—A communiqué says: The enemy this morning sprang a mine opposite our line south-east of the Hohenzollern Redoubt. We consolidated the nearest edge of the crater. Our artillery bombarded the hostile trenches south of the Lille Armentières railway with good effect. The enemy replied vigorously, but did little damage. Elsewhere, there was only normal artillery activity.

Insurrection in China.

London, Dec. 27.—It transpires that the Revolutionary Movement in China is not confined to Yunnan but has spread to Kwangsi, where there is the bitterest Anti Monarchist feeling. Prominent Revolutionary leaders are hastening to the scene.

Yuan has created a crowd of Dukes and other nobles among the provincial Governors and Generals, alienating the sympathies of powerful non-recipients.

A Story of Egypt.

London, Dec. 28.—Yesterday's Turkish communiqué contains an imaginative story of fighting on the Egyptian frontier. On the contrary, the Press Bureau announces that there was no fighting on the frontier between the 14th and 24th, but the principal Arab force was located on the 25th and dispersed.

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Strenuous Economics.

London, Dec. 23.—A manifesto of the nation signed by eighteen leading bankers and financiers declares that the mobilisation of the whole nation's financial resources must now be undertaken with courage and vigour, with everyone anxious to do his bit in financing the war, which can and will be accomplished and ultimate victory assured. It says that the Allied fleets by the stoppage of the enemy's foreign commerce has seriously diminished his financial strength. Simultaneously the military strength of the Allies ashore has steadily increased. Only one thing is needed to secure victory, namely to provide money to support the vast new armies, and pay for the vast quantities of munitions being manufactured everywhere in the world. The task of finding the immense sums needed for the Allies devolves specially upon the British people, whose manufacturing power is unimpaired by invasion, whose cities are undestroyed and whose income is undiminished. The exports are still greater than in 1905. The stupendous task of raising sixteen hundred millions for the current year, and eighteen hundred millions for next fiscal year, will try the mettle of the nation to the utmost and demand strenuous cooperation of every individual, and concentration of energies solely to the production of essentials. All classes must husband their incomes most carefully.

London, Dec. 23.—The debates in the Reichstag have depressed the Germans. The "Vorwaerts" emphasises that Herr Helfferich has abandoned the prospect of war indemnities, and says that Germany, even if indemnified, must starve on a great scale for years. Twenty-one Socialists have seceded from the party and formed an independent organization.

Rumours of Movements.

Athens, Dec. 30.—A semi-official statement says that a Russian squadron bombarded the King's palace at Varna, and also Fraka, and then sailed for an unknown destination.

It is reported that important German forces from Serbia are concentrated at Varna.

A number of Austrian officers have gone to Syria to participate in the campaign against Egypt.

London, Dec. 31.—It is reported from official headquarters that British aeroplanes have effectively bombed Comines station and Herவில் aerodrome. There were twelve air encounters during the day, whilst the artillery on both sides has been active near Ypres and Fricourt.]

China Rebellion.

Parleying With Yunnan.

Peking, Dec. 30.—The Government is still parleying with Yunnan in the hope of a peaceful settlement. No trouble is anticipated in Szechwan, the chief centres being well garrisoned with reliable troops, and the officials being loyal.

A luncheon on the 29th to celebrate the opening of the Peking branch of the Chartered Bank was attended by Sir John Jordan and a representative of Yuan Shi-kai, who delivered a message of congratulation.

Austrian Naval Raid.

London, Dec. 31.—The Italian official account of the Austrian raid on Durazzo states the enemy consisted of a scout and five destroyers which did insignificant damage at Durazzo. The

survivors of the Lika were captured, an enemy aeroplane was brought down by an allied destroyer. All the allies came out of the engagement unscratched.

Amsterdam, Dec. 31.—The Austrian official account of the Durazzo action says that two destroyers were mined during the bombardment. One sank and other was towed but had sunk on the approach of hostile cruisers and destroyers. The statement speaks of the presence of British cruisers.

The Polish Frontier.

German Fortification.

Paris, Dec. 28.—A Petrograd telegram states that the Germans have fortified the whole front on a colossal scale. The entire Wilna-Dwinsk region bristles with trenches and the whole line of the Bug is being fortified formidably. The number of the enemy's machine guns has reached an extraordinary figure, and his supply of automatic rifles is increasing daily. While the German troops have deteriorated, the Austrians seem better than at the beginning of the war, and surrender less frequently. Nevertheless, they are falling back in the Czartorysk region, and are held up in Galicia.

Petrograd, Dec. 29.—The communiqué says that there was German activity south of Lake Babit, where the Germans attempted to rush the barbed wire entanglements but the Russians leaped out of the trenches, tackled the assailants and drove them to their own trenches. Fierce fighting continues in Galicia.

London, Dec. 29.—A Bukharest telegram says that the Russians bombarded Varna again on Friday and sank a Bulgarian torpedo boat. Numerous fires were observed in the town.

The Southern Fronts.

Rome, Dec. 26.—A communiqué states that intense artillery duels are taking place in Tyrol, on the Trentino, and Carnia fronts. The Austrian guns continued to bombard the country behind Italian lines. The Austrians hurled masses of rock on one village from the heights, doing no damage.

London, Dec. 25.—There was artillery fighting in the Dardanelles. The enemy has not up to the present attempted to cross the Greek frontier.

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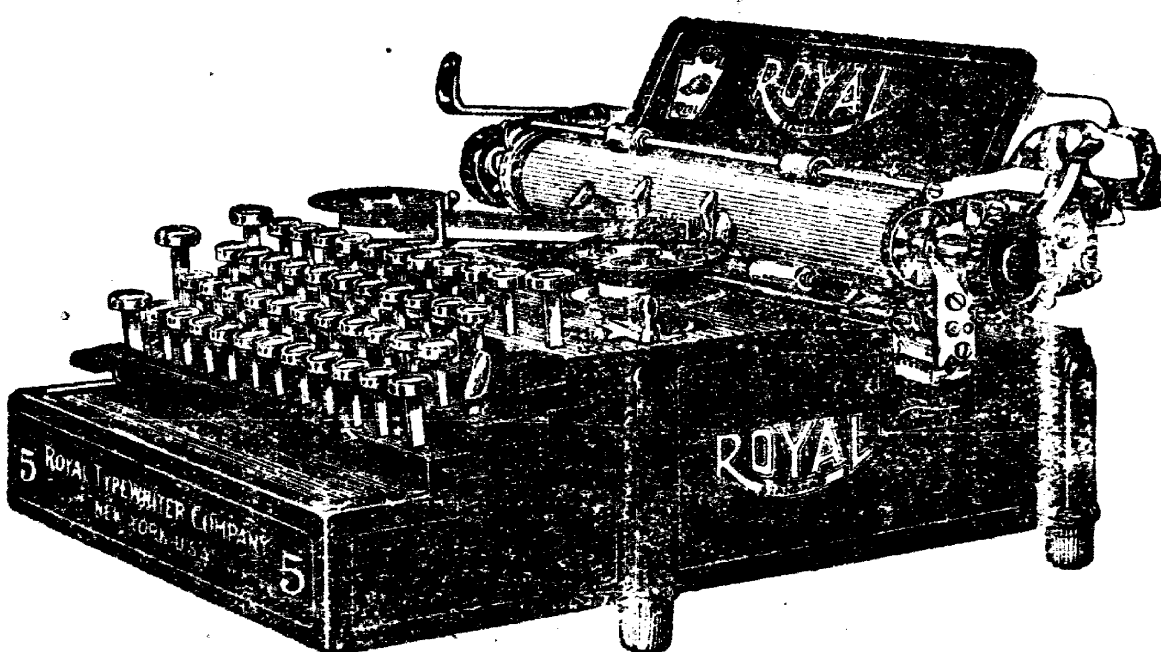
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GRAND PALACE,
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This afternoon His Majesty the King
paid a visit to the Suan Kulab School
on the occasion of the annual distribu-
tion of prizes.

On arrival His Majesty was received
by Phya Dharmasakdi Montri, acting
Minister of Education and Religious
Affairs, Phya Baisai Silpasatra, Direc-
tor-General of Education and master of
the School. A guard of Honour was
provided by the Boy Scouts.

His Majesty took his place in the
principal building of the School, where
he witnessed the Sports and drills by
the Students and Boy Scouts.

When the Sports and drills were
over, the King was graciously pleased
to distribute to the successful competi-
tors prizes including three football
Shields. The one for the Open League
was awarded to the team of the Royal
Medical Training College and those
for the Senior and Junior Leagues were
awarded to the teams of the Suan
Kulab School, after which His Majesty
took his departure.

Golf Handicaps.

The following handicaps have been
posted at the Sports Club:—

Mom Luang Phongs
Snidvongs from—20 to—14
J. D. Powell — 7 to— 5
A. O. Robins — 18
N. Maxwell — 12

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Latest telegrams will be found on page 6.

THE B. M. C. have received a fresh
stock of breakfast bacon.

THE Dusit Park Fair opens to-night.
His Majesty the King will be present.

THE race lotteries will be held to-
morrow at the Sports Club at 5 p.m.
and not at 9.

THE Cottrell Brothers had the hon-
our of giving a performance before
His Majesty the King yesterday night
at the Chakri Palace.

THERE were no deaths from com-
municable diseases in the city of Bang-
kok during the week ended 1st Janu-
ary.

WE are informed by the Postal au-
thorities that there were no mails from
Bangkok on board the s.s. Ville de la
Ciotat.

WE understand that the handicaps
for the 6th race on the 8th instant
given by us yesterday have not yet
been officially announced.

THE s.s. Heim left Singapore for
Bangkok on Monday the 3rd January
at 2 p.m. with the European (Br.
India) mail on board.

THE Post and Telegraph Department
reports that Chieningmai line is in order
as far as Paknampto. Malay Peninsular
Main line is interrupted between Lang-
suan and Surasatradhani. Local line is
in good order. Other lines are in order.

Two brothers from the front met in
an unexpected fashion at their home
at Hitchin the other day. As one
brother, Private Norman Briscoe, was
leaving the house his brother Ernest
was just entering the garden gate, hav-
ing arrived home unexpectedly from
the trenches. They had not met before
during the war.

The Torpedoed Liner.

Last Minutes.

Malta, Dec. 20.—There were 316
aboard the Ville Ciotat, including 135
passengers, of whom three were British.
The survivors state that the liner was
off Crete at 10 a. m. on Friday, when
she sighted first a Dutch, and a minute
later a Greek steamer. Almost immedi-
ately a terrific explosion shook the
liner from stem to stern. Water
rushed in. Simultaneously with
the explosion a submarine flying
the Austrian flag appeared on the
surface, a few yards away. The
general opinion aboard is that one of
the neutral vessels was covering the
submarine. Both disappeared. Despite
an enormous hole in the stern and
shock there was no panic on the Ville
Ciotat. Five boats and rafts were lan-
ched. One boat capsized and the occu-
pants, all woman and children, were
drowned. Another boat smashed against
the ship's side. Finally the liner plung-
ed down, taking most of those who
perished. The submarine remained
till the liner disappeared, then circled
round the lifeboats, jeering at the sur-
vivors, telling them "there's a British
steamer behind which will pick you
up." The Britisher Meros came up two
hours later and spent eighty minutes
in rescue work, though the submarine
was still visible.

THE

Great War.

Rubber, Tin and Rice.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, Jan. 6.

Tin is quoted at \$35.37½.

Rice is unchanged.

A small boom in the local rubber
shares continues each day seeing sharp
advances. At the local auctions the
best quality last topped 4/- Prices of
lower grades have substantially advanc-
ed.

The s.s. Glengyle.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, Jan. 6.

Messrs. Boustead and Co., agents for
the "Glen" line of steamers, have re-
ceived a wire stating that the Glengyle
has been sunk. She left Singapore on
December 6.

Fire on Board the "Glenogle."

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, Jan. 6.

A fire broke out on board the s.s.
Glenogle in Penang harbour and she
has been beached. A thousand excited
coolies were removed in tongkangs.

Shipping.

Compared With 1914.

The following list shows the increase
in the number of vessels that have vis-
ited the port of Bangkok in 1915 com-
pared with the previous year:—

Norwegian vessels show an increase
of 47 vessels with an increase of 33301
tons.

British vessels show an increase of 56
vessels with an increase of 36468 tons.

Japanese vessels show an increase of
23 vessels with an increase of 20531
tons.

Chinese vessels show an increase of
41 vessels with an increase of 32696
tons.

Danish vessels show same number
(9 vessels) with a decrease of 3896.

Dutch vessels show an increase of 17
vessels with an increase of 6989.

French vessels show same number
(27 vessels) with same tonnage.

Russian vessels show an increase of
1 vessel with an increase of 2244.

Sarawak vessels show an increase of
1 vessel with an increase of 458.

The monthly record in 1915 was
reached in July when 76 vessels vis-
ited the port. Their tonnage represented
66751 tons reg. November shows the
minimum tonnage with 45800 tons,
while February shows the lowest num-
ber with 58 vessels.

Freights During the Year.

	Singapore	Hongkong
January	40	50
February	40	50
March	42½	55
April	42½	65
May	42½	60
June	35½	50
July	42½	60
August	35—30—25	55—50—45
September	25	35
October	25—22½—20	35—32½—30
November	15—17½	30—25
December	17½—35	40—50

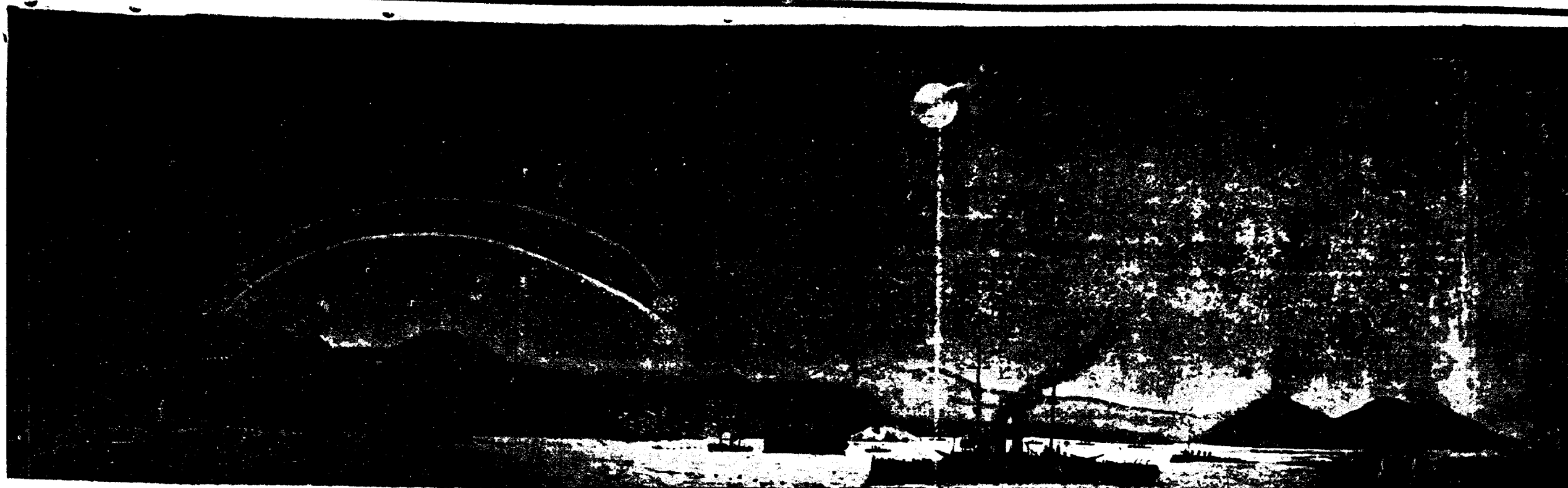
London, Dec. 29.—Mr. A. J. Balfour,
speaking at the exhibition of navy and
army films in London, pointed out that
a portion of the Grand Fleet represent-
ed was actually engaged in the war.
Without it the Allies and the nations
now banded against the tyranny of the
Central Powers would be deprived of
communication with each other or with
the outer world. The task hitherto
thrown on the Fleet had been trium-
phantly accomplished. The Grand Fleet
was the foundation whereon every-
thing else rested. Our economic stabi-
lity not less than our military opera-
tions depended on the Grand Fleet.
Though silent it was performing not
merely for the Allies but for the whole
world the most important part in the
drama now being played for the free-
dom of the world.

London, Dec. 28.—The Messageries
Maritimes announces that the Ville de
la Ciotat's missing passengers include
fourteen British Volunteers from Co-
lombo, unnamed, M. Mocone, from
Singapore (a torpedo-boat officer) and
M. Bouchard, from Shanghai.

Washington, Dec. 28.—It is stated,
in reply to Austria's further note on
the subject of the Ancona, that there
will be a severance of relations.

London, Dec. 29.—The British steam-
er Morning has been sunk. The mas-
ter and second mate were saved.

Amsterdam, Dec. 29.—Sixty six Bri-
tishers, mostly women and children,
have arrived at Rosendaal bound for
England. They report life in Brussels
is more rigorous, foreigners are obliged
to report weekly, otherwise they are
punished with imprisonment and de-
portation to Germany. An English
woman has been sentenced to three
months imprisonment for disrespect to
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Items of Interest.

New York, Dec. 30.—Monnett, Taylor and another of the accused have been released on a thousand sterling bail.

Melbourne, Dec. 29.—The Age says that the State Parliaments having failed to pass a bill conferring on the Commonwealth Government during the war and for one year thereafter the powers sought by referendum with limitations, a special sitting of the Federal Parliament will be summoned to pass legislation to overcome the difficulty.

London, Dec. 23.—There is a serious revolutionary movement in China against Yuan Shi kai.

A Peking message states that the Military Governor of Yunnan telegraphed to Peking on the 23rd demanding the cancellation of the monarchy and the execution of its promoters. The Governor, in a proclamation on the 26th, declared the independence of Yunnan.

A Shanghai telegram states that a revolutionary leader from Japan says that other Military Governors are expected to join the revolt, which was definitely arranged a fortnight ago.

London, Dec. 29.—The report that Kwangsi had also revolted is contradicted. The following is from Peking, Dec. 28: Reports from Kwangtung and Kwangsi indicate that the authorities remain loyal. A pacification commissioner has been despatched by the Peking Government to Yunnan.

London, Dec. 28.—Belated telegrams from Russia, held up owing to interruption of the cable service, show that the winter is the most severe for years. The thermometer on the Russian front mostly shows forty-five degrees of frost. Wolves have already appeared on the western Dvina, killing farm animals in broad daylight and attacking peasants.

London, Dec. 28.—The gale was general in the British Isles, and there was damage everywhere. Wales is practically isolated telegraphically and telephonically. Hundreds of roofs were ripped off.

New York, Dec. 28.—Another case of incendiarism has occurred, a large portion of the sugar cargo of the British steamer Inchmooir being destroyed. It is suspected that combustible chemicals were mixed with the cargo.

London, Dec. 29.—The crew of the Swedish steamer Nereus, which was sunk in the North Sea on Dec. 25 while bound from Boston, Lincolnshire, to Copenhagen have been landed at Grimsby and Immingham. The men spent three days in the boats in terrible weather and were very exhausted when rescued.

New York, Dec. 29.—Mr. House, President Wilson's special emissary, who is going to Europe to convey the President's views to the ambassadors has left. Captain Boy-ed departed by the same ship, under a British safeconduct. Boy-ed, interviewed, denounced the reckless utterances of an irresponsible press.

London, Dec. 29.—The Rev. Canon Bilbrough, Rector of Liverpool, has been appointed Bishop of Dover, in place of Bishop Walsh, resigned.

London, Dec. 29.—The evening papers comment sympathetically on the National Congress.

The Pall Mall Gazette says that Sinha's presidency indicates that the Congress is reaching the status of a responsible, practical minded body. His address will commend itself to every real friend of the Empire.

The Globe says that nothing finer is imaginable than Sinha's statement that reforms are not expected as a reward of loyalty.

London, Dec. 30.—Fugitives from Courland speak of the Germans cruel and heartless administration. All males are commandeered for military work without payment. The people are being robbed of everything they possess.

German News Service.

It is reported from Constantinople that since yesterday, direct telegraphic communication has been established between Constantinople, Belgrade and Berlin.

According to Bulgarian headquarters report dated November 26 in the districts of Ipek and Prizrend the persecution of the Servians continues. The Bulgarian troops have captured 3500 Servians and taken 3 cannon, 5 ammunition cars 3 locomotives and 100 cars.

Nov. 29.

The Servian campaign has now been successfully ended. Nearly of the Servia army has been captured, as stated by the German headquarters report of November 28 which says: "The Servian army brings the campaign against this army to a successful end."

The first aim of the campaign was to open free communication between Bulgaria and Turkey. This has been fully obtained. The operations of the German troops under Field Marshall von Mackensen's command began on October 6. Then the troops of General von Kovess, reinforced by the Germans, started against the Drina-Save line and the army of General von Gallwitz against the Danube near Semendria.

The Bulgarians started on October 14, when General Boyadiev advanced against the line Negotin-Pirov and the second Bulgarian army, under General Theodorov, advanced in the direction Uskub-Kuprulu. Since then, the allies have crossed the Danube in a short-time, although this was a great enterprise done in the enemy's face in a dangerous storm. They also took the enemy's frontier fortresses, viz. Belgrade, where the Brandenburg Reserve Army Corps and the 8th Austro-Hungarian Army Corps distinguished themselves. Then Zayecar, Knjazevac and Pirov were taken by the brave Bulgarians. The allied armies were furthermore victorious against a tenacious and brave enemy, used to war and assisted by the special nature of the country, but the advancing armies were never detained either by the bottomless roads or the impracticable mountains which were covered with deep snow, nor were the allies detained by the lack of shelter nor the difficulties of the communications with their rear. More than 100,000 Servians have been captured, which is nearly half of the Servian army. It is impossible to estimate the other Servian losses caused during the engagements or by desertion. Enormous quantities of cannon, among which were heavy guns and plenty of material, which it is impossible to estimate, have been taken. The German losses are moderate, although of course, regrettable in themselves. The German armies never suffered from diseases.

Headquarters, Berlin, Nov. 26. OFFICIAL Eastern theatre: The Russian attempts to cross the Misse, near Pulpe, have failed. The Russian attacks against Berseunde and on the front west of Dunaburg have been repulsed.

November 27.

Near Bushof, southwest of Jakobstadt, an enemy aeroplane was shot down between the positions and carried off by night by German patrols. A Russian attack northwest of Baranovitch was repulsed.

Western theatre: On the French front there were artillery duels.

November 29.

On the western front, bright freezing weather prevails. Lively artillery duels are going on. The aviators are active. An enemy aeroplane was forced to land north of St. Mihiel and destroyed by the German artillery. In Comines, during the last two weeks, 22 civilian inhabitants have been killed and 8 wounded by the enemy's fire.

Headquarters, Vienna, Nov. 24.

ITALIAN THEATRE: The attacks of

the Italian infantry against the Tete de pont Gorz have ebbed down. The Italians entered the Austro-Hungarian lines, on the northside of the Monte San Michele but were completely ejected by Styrian infantry and Honveds.

The Italian attacks against Monte San Michele in the district of San Martino and against Monte de Isel have failed. Near Zagora, the Italians threw bombs with poisoned gases.

The Italians shelled the station and the old quarters of Riva on Lake Garda. Austria-Hungarian aircraft dropped bombs on the barracks and sheds of Ala.

Nov. 25.

The Italian attacks between the mouth of the Wippach and San Martino continue day and night. North of the Monte San Michele, the Italians entered the Austro-Hungarian trenches several times, but were always ejected by the brave regiments No. 7. and No. 27. The Italian attacks against San Michele and San Martino likewise failed. Several Italian battalions attacked Oslaviya but were repulsed, 2 companies being annihilated. Two Austro-Hungarian aeroplanes shelled Tolmezzo.

Nov. 26.

On the Isonzo front the situation remains unchanged. The Italian attacks continued in the district of Oslaviya, the Monte San Michele and San Martino. The Italians being convinced of the uselessness of their offensive to systematically destroy Gorz, each day more churches and houses are bombarded. The damage done to buildings amounts to 25 million Kronen, while to that of private property, art works and collections is uncountable.

Nov. 27.

The Italians attacked on the whole Isonzo front, without success. Near Oslaviya, the Dalmatian regiment No. 22 repulsed six Italian attacks with heavy losses to the enemy.

The Italians continue helling Gorz. An Austro-Hungarian airman shot down an Italian biplane near San Lorenzo di Mossa. The biplane was destroyed by the Austro-Hungarian artillery.

Nov. 29.

The battle on the Isonzo continues, but after all the engagements of yesterday, the Austro-Hungarians firmly hold their positions. The Italians again used fresh regiments against the bridgehead of Gorz. They repeatedly attempted to storm, but always failed. The Italians who temporarily entered the Austro-Hungarian positions near Oslaviya and Podgora have all been ejected. The Italian attacks on both sides of the Monte San Michele and on the mountain positions on the northern Isonzo north of Tolmein, failed.

Berlin, Nov. 28.

TRANSOCEANIC SERVICE. Heroic deeds are reported from the bloody struggles about Oslaviya. The Italians several times succeeded by numerical superiority and bravery in entering the Austro-Hungarian positions, but were always ejected by the Dalmatian infantry. These Dalmatians are especially tenacious and feared in the hand-to-hand encounters for their exceptional ability in handling knives. During the last few days, 500 Italians occupied houses around the church in Oslaviya. During the night the Dalmatians stormed with the bayonet, after killing the guards. The Italians surrendered.

(To be Continued.)

Obituary.

London, Dec. 29.—The death is announced of the Rt. Hon. Sir Arthur Wilson, K. C. I. E. (Member of judicial committee of Privy Council since 1902; Puisne Judge, High Court, Calcutta, 1878; Vice Chancellor, Calcutta University, 1800-88; Legal Adviser and Solicitor, India Office, 1892; resigned 1902.)

Wellington, Dec. 29.—The death is announced of Andrew Ross, owner of the Cocos Islands.

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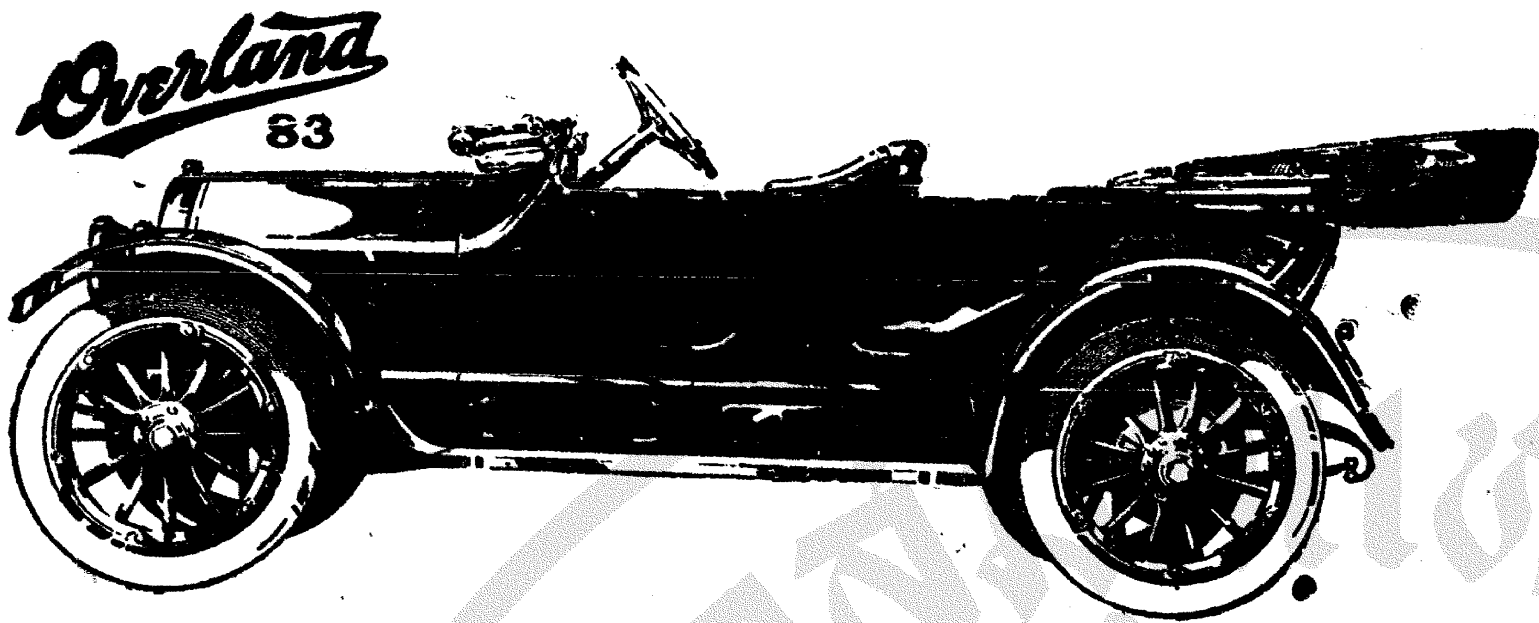
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THE Great War.

Sir John Simon Resigns.

Men Enrolled Under the Derby Scheme.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 4.

In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith announced that Sir John Simon has resigned.

The men available under Lord Derby's scheme are single 2,179,231; married 2,832,210. Those who had offered their services: single 1,150,000; married 1,679,263. Rejected 207,000 and 221,853. The report says 103,000 single and 112,431 married men have enrolled for immediate service and 810,000 and 1,344,979 for service under the group system.

The proclamation calls up the Derby groups six, seven, eight and nine on 8th February.

Russian Successes.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 5.

A Petrograd communique records further Russian successes at Czernowitz. Fighting continues with the same violence.

P. & O. Geelong Sunk.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 5.

The Peninsular and Oriental steamship Geelong was sunk in a collision with the British steamer Bonvilston in the Mediterranean.

Enemy Consuls Arrested.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 4.

The enemy Consuls have been arrested at Salonika and Athens.

The Bulgarian Government having arrested the French Vice Consul in charge of the archives in the Legation

at Sofia the French Government has arrested the Bulgarian Chancellor in charge of the archives in the Bulgarian Legation at Paris.

The French Front.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 4.

Yesterday we repulsed a grenade attack against positions at Tahure. Today we demolished in the region of Roye houses sheltering mitrailleurs.

The Russian Campaign.

(HAYAS TELEGRAMS.)

Paris, Jan. 4.

Petrograd.—We progressed north-east of Czernovitz. The enemy losses were very great.

In the Balkans.

Mackensen at Sofia.

Amsterdam, Dec. 30.—A Sofia telegram states that General Mackensen arrived on the 29th. He visited the German and Austrian Ministers, he was received by King Ferdinand. He returned to headquarters in the evening.

The Bulgarian Parliament voted credits of twenty-one millions sterling. Only a section of the Socialists abstained from voting.

Salonika, Dec. 31.—There was considerable excitement here this morning caused by three Taubes flying over the town and harbour. They were heavily bombarded by warships, but were apparently untouched as they were flying at too great an altitude.

Bulgaria's Aims.

According to Sofia newspapers, at a meeting of the Bulgarian parties M. Radoslavoff declared that the Bulgarian frontiers would reach as far as Bulgarian soldiers advanced. Monastir, too, would remain Bulgarian.

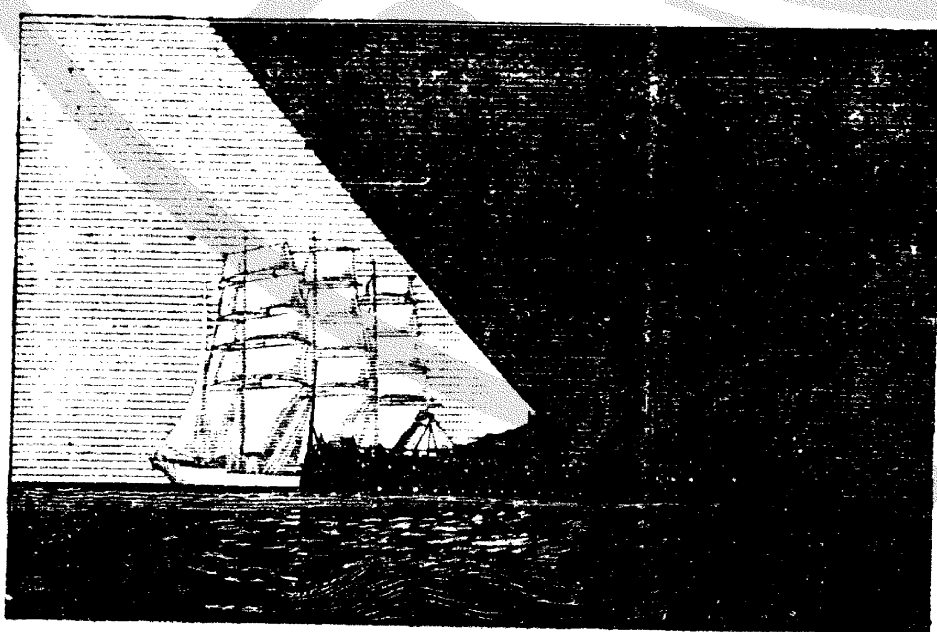
Montenegrin Offensive.

London, Dec. 26.—A Montenegrin communique states that a Montenegrin offensive in the Sanjak led to a sanguinary engagement on the 23rd. The enemy was driven headlong towards Bilopolje, leaving on the field over five hundred killed and a hundred prisoners were taken.

London, Dec. 27.—The Montenegrins have continued their offensive successfully. A communique says that they captured several villages after sharp fighting all day. The Austrians lost heavily.

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Will Ye, Nil Ye Cabinet.

London, Dec. 28.—The Cabinet met this morning, and there was again a large attendance, presided over by Mr. Asquith. It is considered likely that further meetings will be necessary before the Government is able to announce its decision based on Lord Derby's recruiting figures.

The recruiting offices have been reopened after the holidays. Numbers have enlisted for immediate service, sufficient to indicate a period of renewed activity.

London, Dec. 28.—The Cabinet lasted for 2½ hours. Mr. Asquith subsequently held a War Council. Lord Kitchener, Sir Edward Grey and Mr. Balfour were present.

London, Dec. 28.—The Cabinet situation is developing rapidly. The opinion is now expressed even in the least hostile quarters that the Ministry stands at the parting of the ways; the time for a definite decision has arrived. The situation is similar to that of the historic Cabinets prior to the outbreak of war.

The Liberal press scents the idea of a general election as a costly and unnecessary luxury at the present moment. The fact that the Cabinet adjourned until to-day without a decision aroused very active speculation, but this is mostly guesswork.

The Daily Mail, in a plump statement, says that it is understood that before the Cabinet Mr. Lloyd George made his own position clear in a message to Mr. Asquith intimating that unless Mr. Asquith's pledge was interpreted in the strictest sense, and compulsion applied to single men, he could not remain in the Government.

The Mail understands that Sir Edward Grey, Mr. Balfour, Lord Crewe, Sir Stanley Buckmaster, Mr. McKenna, Sir John Simon, Mr. Runciman, Mr. Birrell, Mr. McKinnon Wood, Mr. Harcourt and Mr. Henderson oppose conscription, especially Mr. Balfour, who is resolutely opposed thereto.

The Ministers favouring immediate compulsion are Mr. Lloyd George, Lord Lansdowne, Lord Curzon, Mr. F. E. Smith, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Long and Lord Selborne.

The attitude of Lord Kitchener and Mr. Bonar Law is undefined.

The Morning Post forecasts the certain reconstruction of the Cabinet, and agrees with the Chronicle that a general election at present would be a hollow sham.

Mr. Wait-and-See.

One point which emerges from the tangle of speculations is that Mr. Asquith will certainly keep his pledge to the married men. To-day's Cabinet is expected to show whether his statesmanship will enable him to reconcile the conflicting elements.

London, Dec. 29, later.—The Morning Post and Chronicle say that Mr. Asquith at yesterday's Cabinet, told his colleagues that he had decided that a measure of compulsion towards single men who had not enlisted, was necessary.

The Greek Question.

London, Dec. 28.—General Castellan, interviewed in Athens, said that he was thoroughly satisfied with what he had seen at Salonika. He was much impressed by the appearance and equipment of the Britishers and the work that they had done in rendering Salonika impregnable. Should further reinforcements be required, they were ready close at hand.

Three Bulgarian Divisions are concentrated between Uskub and the Greek frontier. Three Austrian Divisions, which the Serbians had severely punished, have been sent to Alsace.

Report of Concentration.

Salonika, Dec. 29.—Though the Greeks are increasingly hopeful that the Central Powers will remain inactive in Macedonia there are various reports to show that the enemy is concentrating large forces and stores at Doiran and Jhevgeli apparently with a view to the offensive.

London, Dec. 28.—A Berlin message states that the Vorwaerts announces that the trial of ten Socialists has

opened at Karlsruhe, on a charge of high treason. Three others are accused of incitement to revolt.

More Arrests in U. S.

New York, Dec. 29.—There is a sensational development of the German plots in the arrest of Frank Buchanan and H. Fowler, member and ex-member of Congress, both of Illinois, Francis Mornet former Attorney General for Ohio, Jacob Taylor, president of the Labour National Peace Council, and three others, who are indicated before a Grand Jury for conspiring to foment strikes in munition works. It is believed that the arrests are the result of Straube, secretary to the Peace Council, who tried to prevent the shipment of munitions to the Allies, turning State's evidence.

A Counter-Stroke.

Paris, Dec. 27.—A naval communiqué states that while exploring the Gulf of Sollum, between Egypt and Cyrenaica, a French cruiser bombarded and destroyed a Turkish battery and a trawler. Simultaneously, the cruiser discovered and shelled two large enemy submarines, which remained at a great distance and fled after a two hours cannonade.

London, Dec. 28.—A Petrograd official reports an encounter between the destroyer Gromky on the Bulgarian coast with a number of enemy submarines. The Gromky skillfully evaded two torpedoes and repulsed submarines by artillery. It is believed that one submarine was sunk.

Russian Offensive.

Back on The Old Lines.

London, Dec. 30.—Russia's new stroke just inside Bukovina seems to indicate a considerable offensive along a forty mile front. At present, big battles are raging northward of Russia, the Russians opening with intense bombardments, followed by massed infantry attacks, between the river Pruth and a point northward of the Dniester. The operations so far have gone in favour of the Russians. Meanwhile, a new Russian army for the spring is being rapidly formed and will be completely equipped in a few weeks time.

London, Dec. 31.—Reuter is able to announce that information received from diplomatic sources in many quarters confirms the reports that Germany is most disheartened, because she is not making real progress, largely owing to the blockade. Though the Germans recognise that the chance of a successful offensive in the West has gone, they are debating the question of a new attack. It is understood that it has been decided to attempt an early smashing blow.

Their fear of Russia in the extreme is admitted. The achievements in the Balkans are practically valueless, while there is the strongest objection to sending German troops to Asia. Hence the importance attached to Diplomats' activities at Lausanne, of Princes Buelow and Hatzfeldt, and Count Dondersmark who is understood to be in communication with the Kaiser.

Fear of an Economic War.

London, Dec. 26.—Herr Ballin, manager of the Hamburg America line, publishes Christmas wishes in a German newspaper. He says that the men called upon to construct peace will have for their foremost task, besides ending the war which has destroyed generations, the simultaneous ending of the armament fever. They would also have to find security that the sanguinary war be not followed by an economical war which would separate nations.

Kaiser III.

London, Dec. 30.—A semi-official Berlin telegram admits that the Kaiser has a tumour, but though the telegram describes it as non malignant, it says he must remain indoors.

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German News Service.

The number of captured officers is increasing and numerous prisoners formerly made by the Servians are left behind, which is characteristic of the decreasing readiness for battle and the decreasing capacity for action. After the loss of Pristina, and of Mitrovica, the Servian army is doomed. In future, this army will have no decisive influence on military events.

Protests against the use of dumdum bullets by British and French soldiers have been sent once more by the Bulgarian Government to the neutral powers. The Bulgarian Government announces that they will eventually be forced to use reprisals.

The Allies' situation on the Balkans is desperate. The French losses on the Krivo'ac line are estimated at 2,000 dead while the retreat has been made extremely difficult for them. Between the British General Hamilton and the French General Staff an open conflict has arisen. The French had asked for immediate help and wanted at least two British divisions, but Hamilton did not comply with his request.

In the meantime the Bulgarians advanced to the immediate neighbourhood of Monastir. If the occupation of this town should become necessary, the Bulgarians will give a definite promise to Greece that the occupation is but temporary and caused by the most stringent military necessity.

Major Morant writes in the Berliner Tageblatt about the Servian campaign saying that the uninterrupted per-

secution through a country of 200 Kilometers of length, which is of a most difficult character and inhospitable, in spite of bad weather and impracticable roads, can be paralleled in the world's history only by the persecution of the Russians in this campaign, up to now, 136 070 Servians have been captured and 627 cannon and 59 machineguns taken. The rest of the Servian army will probably continue the war as bands while the saved divisions have a chance to join the British army, just as the Belgians did, vanquished and little esteemed mercenary troops.

Reports from the Balkan front comment on the Servian vandalism in the Zavecra district, where Colonel Mercie ordered the complete destruction of the copper works belonging to a French corporation. The blast furnaces, the workshops and the dwellings of the working men were blown up and the pits flooded. The manager of the works who is a Hungarian by birth, but a Bulgarian citizen, has disappeared. The German detachment now occupying the district is at work restoring the coppermill to its former activity.

The Vossische Reports the following Montenegrin atrocities. South of Visegrad, an Austro-Hungarian patrol was cut off from the army and captured by the Montenegrins who robbed them of their clothes and carried them naked on the march through the mountains. The rest of the patrol have now been found dead. Some had been buried up to the neck and others were completely unburied. All were naked ears and noses have been cut off.



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