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The danger of the homeward flight was always the rub for German airmen, as far as Paris was concerned, even before the air defences of the city had reached their present state of perfection. The Germans are well aware that any attempt that succeeded in evading the local defence must run the gauntlet of swarms of aeroplanes and scores of guns on recrossing the French front.

But Paris relies upon herself for her own defence from air attack. The main risk the German would run, if he chose to face it, would come from the air squadrons and anti-Zeppelin guns of the city itself. In French aerodromes there are aeroplanes of every type that can be used against hostile aircraft. The huge ranges of sheds house hunting planes, armed with machine-guns and able to travel at a speed that sounds fantastic when expressed in figures. There are machines whose special business it would be to locate the enemy for the fighters. There is the very powerful machine mounting a small gun which was used in the Champagne offensive.

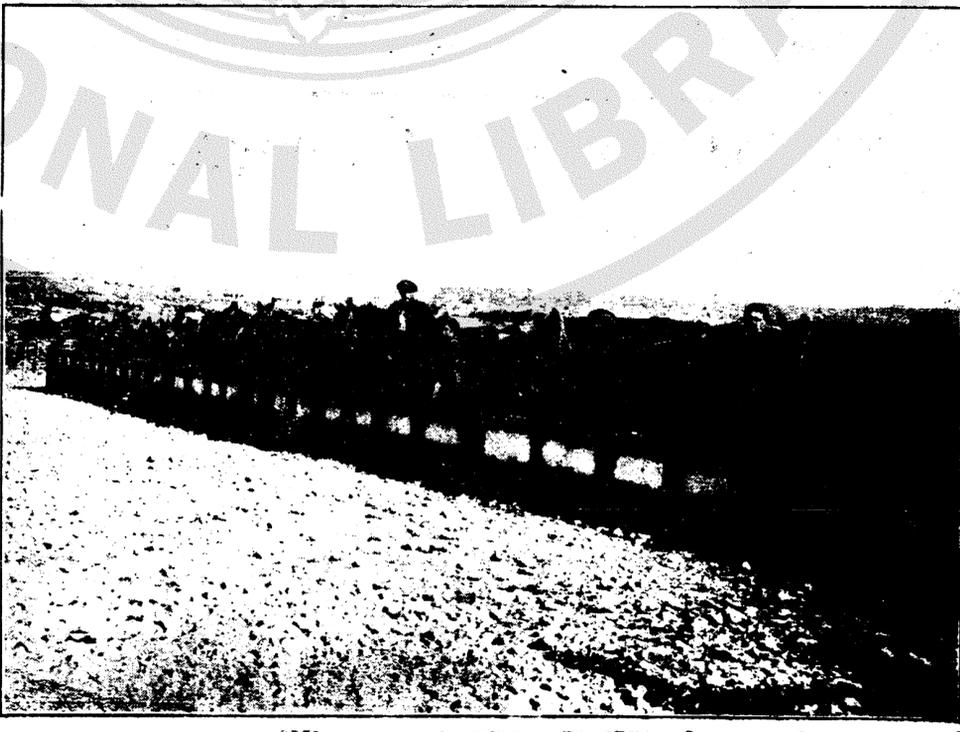
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**The Turkish Rout.**

Sir A Murray's Despatch.

A despatch from General Sir Archibald Murray, detailing the operations of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force from June 1 to September 30, was issued as a supplement to the "London Gazette." The chief feature is the full account given of the rout of the German-led Turkish army, which, near the end of July, advanced towards the northern section of the defences lying east of the Suez Canal.

For weeks previously, frequent reconnaissances into the desert, carried out chiefly by Australian Light Horse, found the country clear.

The situation suddenly changed on July 19, when an evening reconnaissance by the Royal Flying Corps revealed the fact that a large force of the enemy had moved westwards from El Arish. Instructions were issued that the enemy was to be allowed to become involved in an attack on our defences, if he would, and that any such intention was not to be hindered by a premature counter-attack. The whole force consisted of the Turkish 3rd Division with eight machine-gun companies, officered and partly manned by Germans, mountain artillery, and some batteries of four-inch and six-inch howitzers and anti-aircraft guns, manned chiefly by Austrians, with a body of Arab camelry. It was commanded by Colonel Kress von Kressenstein, a German officer in Turkish employ, and the German personnel of the machine gun units, heavy artillery, wireless sections, field hospital, and supply section had been organised in Germany as a special formation for operations with the Turkish forces. The force was in fine physical condition and admirably equipped.

**Preparing the Enemy's Downfall.**

The enemy established himself in entrenched positions, and his intentions were for some days in doubt. Sir Archibald Murray resolved to attack, but, with 15 miles of desert between his main position and the enemy, this could not be done till the striking force has been mobilised on a pack basis, with camel transport. Major-General the Hon. H. A. Lawrence was placed in command of the local operations. By Aug. 3, all the formations were ready to take the field. On that day the enemy made a general move forward. Next night the enemy pressed back a strong cavalry outpost line, and by daylight he had committed his troops to a decisive attack. Sir Archibald says:

The situation had developed in accordance with my anticipations, and it was certain that, once the force of the enemy's attack from the south was spent, a decisive and rapid counter-attack would place him in a position of great difficulty. General Lawrence issued orders for all available troops to be ready to operate against the enemy's southern flank in the direction of Mount Royston, a high sand dune about two miles south of Pelusium station.

**A Decisive Counter Stroke.**

There was, unfortunately, more delay than had been anticipated in moving up the infantry reinforcements to Pelusium station, so that during the morning of the 4th no infantry was available for an attack on the enemy's flank at Mount Royston. This caused the whole brunt of the fighting in this area to fall upon the cavalry, whose casualties had not been light. Shortly after 1 p.m. New Zealand mounted troops, with some Yeomanry, began to attack Mount Royston from the west. By 3.30 p.m. two battalions of the East Lancashire Regiment, closely followed by a third, were on the march southwards from Pelusium station, and by 4 p.m. all the troops were ordered to press forward for the counter-attack and gain and hold the line Mount Royston Wellington Ridge. By 6.30 p.m. Mount Royston, with about 500 prisoners, some machine-

guns, and a battery of mountain artillery were in our hands. At 6 p.m. an attack was made on Wellington Ridge by infantry, supported by the fire of our artillery. The ridge was strongly held, and owing to darkness, the enemy remained in possession of part of it during the night.

Vigorous action, to the utmost limits of endurance, was ordered for the next day, and the troops, in spite of the heat, responded nobly. At daybreak the Scottish Territorial Infantry, assisted by Australian and New Zealand mounted troops, took the remainder of Wellington Ridge by assault, capturing about 1,500 prisoners. An advance was ordered all along the line, and all mounted troops were to be under the command of General Chauvel, with orders to push on as far and as vigorously as the terrain and the disposal would permit. During the day the Royal Flying Corps reported that the retreat of the Turks was general throughout their depth, and our aeroplanes most effectively harassed the enemy's movements and threw his columns into confusion by well-directed bomb attacks.

**Rearguard Saved by the Artillery.**

On the 6th and 7th, however, the enemy's rearguard was too strongly supported by artillery for the cavalry to drive it from its prepared positions. Meanwhile the mobile column under Lieutenant Colonel C. L. Smith, V.C., threatened the southern flank, driving the enemy from several positions. Major de Knoop, who had handled the camel detachment throughout with great skill and judgement, was killed while directing operations. Retiring to Bir el Abd, his advanced base, the enemy, well supported by artillery, made a stubborn stand for the next four days to cover the evacuation of his camp and stores, retreating on the 12th, when the general pursuit stopped.

**The Enemy's Losses.**

The complete result of the operation, in the Katieh district was the decisive defeat of an enemy force amounting to all to some 18,000, including 15,000 rifles. Some 4,000 prisoners, including 50 officers, were captured, and from the number of enemy dead actually buried it is estimated that the total number of enemy casualties amounted to about 9,000. In addition there were captured one Krupp 75mm mountain battery of four guns, complete with all accessories and 400 rounds of ammunition, nine German machine-guns and mounting, with specially constructed pack saddles for camel transport, 2,300 rifles, 1,000,000 rounds small arms ammunition, 100 horses and mules, 500 camels and a large amount of miscellaneous stores and equipment. Two field hospitals, with most of their equipment, were also abandoned by the enemy in his retreat, and large quantities of stores were burnt by him at Bir el Abd to prevent their capture.

The brunt of the fighting fell upon the Australian and New Zealand mounted troops, to which were attached batteries of R. H. A. I cannot speak too highly of the gallantry, steadfastness, and untiring energy shown by these fine troops throughout the operations. Of the Egyptian troops, commanded by Major-General Sir W. Douglas K. C. M. G., only two battalions were in action on the 4th, but the force carried out a march under very trying conditions on the subsequent days.

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Consignees are hereby notified that goods ex s/a "Tara" from Pondicherry and ex s.s. Querimba" from Bangkok have arrived per s.s. "Mata Hari" on the 20. 1. 17 and have been landed at Messrs The East Asiatic Co.'s wharf at the risk, expense and responsibility of consignees.

No claim will be entertained unless made within 10 days after final discharge of the steamer.

Goods not cleared within 3 days after final discharge of the steamer will be liable for usual Godown-rent.

The Bombay Barmah Trading Corporation Limited



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"In the matter of the Estate of the late John Ewen Dalgleish Esq."

"Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against, or owing money to, the above John Ewen Dalgleish Esq., who died at Chiangmai on the 13th January 1917 should communicate with the Borneo Company Limited, Chiangmai, on or before the 31st March 1917, after which date no claims against the deceased's Estate will be entertained."

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## THE Great War.

### Big Factory Fire

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)  
London, Jan. 21.

A Ministry of Munitions official reports that yesterday evening a fire started in a factory eastward of London near the river which was employed for refining explosives. A few minutes afterwards an explosion occurred. Many of the operatives escaped. Meanwhile all the explosives and the factory were completely destroyed. Fires were caused in the neighbouring warehouses and factories including important flourmills. The explosion was felt for a great distance. Three rows of houses in the neighbourhood were practically demolished and other property considerably damaged. The local fire engine was destroyed and two firemen were killed. The chief chemist of the factory and a number of workpeople were killed and buried in the ruins.

### A German Prize.

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German official: The British steamer *Yarrowdale* was brought to harbour on the 31st December as a prize. Nineteen of the prize crew and four hundred and sixty nine of the crews of the ships captured in the Atlantic were put on board. The cargoes of these vessels chiefly consisted of war material and foodstuffs. Three British sunken ships were armed. One hundred and three neutrals among the crews were detained as prisoners because they were employed on enemy vessels.

### Rebels Defeated in Tripoli

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)  
London, Jan. 19.

The Italian communique says: We completely defeated five thousand rebels at Zoara in Tripoli on the 17th inst. The enemy's losses were a thousand.

### The German Raider.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)  
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Rio de Janeiro.—The raider has also captured the *Tyndenrange*, possibly the *Snoedonrange*. The raider is stated to be a vessel of the *Moene* type. It is now known that the *Saint Theodore* has been converted into a commerce raider.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)  
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Eight British ships and two French ships are reported to have been sunk by a German raider.

### Coloured Troops.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)  
Paris, Jan. 19.

The Chamber after speeches by MM. Leygues, Diagne and Viviani enlivening the magnificent enthusiasm of the colonies in uniting with France to save humanity, unanimously adopted the resolution vehemently protesting against the German pretention to exclude coloured troops from the field of battle where they are fighting for their country, civilization and liberty.

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(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)  
London, Jan. 19.

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A despatch by Mr. Balfour sent to the American Government as a supplement to the Allies' Note, is described as a masterly presentation of the Allies' case. It says that the changes in the map of Europe as outlined by the Allies' Note would greatly mitigate the unjust treatment of nationalities and that the expulsion of the Turks from Europe is essential.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

OWING to the Chinese New Year there will be no issue of the "Siam Observer" for the next two days.

TO-DAY'S telegrams appear on page 8.

It takes the Pinang Gazette understands, at present four weeks to accomplish the voyage from London to Port Said.

THE Netherlands Indies Government has declared Singapore to be infected with plague from January 9.

THE s.s. *Kwala* left Singapore on Sunday morning the 21st inst. and may be expected to arrive at the Borneo Company's Wharf on Wednesday morning about 10 a.m.

MR. H. Llewellyn Andree, Manager of the Java branch of the Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Milk Co., who arrived here on the 18th by the s.s. *Katong* takes over charge of the Siam branch of that Company from Mr. Fred Campbell who has left for Java.

AT a meeting of the directors of the Bumbay Burma Trading Corporation, Ltd., held on December 21, it was resolved to recommend the declaration of a final dividend of Rs. 700 per share on 100 shares of Rs. 2,500 each and Rs. 35 per share on 40,000 Rs. 125 each for the year ending May 31, 1916.

### Pollard Cup.

England Vs. Denmark.

The first tie in the Pollard Cup competition was played off at the Sports Club on Saturday. The Danes were first to get away and bore down on Jenkins in a body but the ball went behind. From the goal kick England secured and visited the other end, the ball again going behind. Play was very even, each set of forwards having nice but fruitless runs down towards their opponents' goal. England's right wing were playing good football, and carried the ball down a time and again. After about 15 minutes play the Danish defence gave away a corner, which was only cleared at the expense of a second corner, which in its turn was cleared by giving away a third corner. The ball came right into the goal and from a melee, it struck the inside of the post and was over the line, giving England the lead. The Danes were by no means disheartened and Gronne- man led his men down the field again but England's defence had now steadied up again and cleared all right. Coleby and Walsh got away again and Walsh put in a fine shot, this was cleared but the ball came back again into the goal-keeper's hands. Owen rushed up and bundled both ball and goal-keeper into the net. England were now clearly gaining the upper hand and when the right wing got away again after some very pretty play Walsh sent the ball in. Bagger tried to clear, but missed his kick and diverted the ball out of the goal-keeper's reach. Half time went soon after this with the score of 3 goals to nil in favour of England.

In the second half the Danes tried hard to reduce the lee-way, but the English halves broke up their attack time and again. England's left wing came more into the game in this half, and had some very promising runs from one of which Jones should have scored, but his parting shot was weak and far from the goal. When about 20 minutes had gone, Plinius got a hot shot to save, which he did, but the ball came to Owen's feet and he had no difficulty at all in again finding the net. This was all the scoring, although near the end the Danes tried hard to score and almost succeeded, Jenkins being a trifle lucky in clearing. Full time came with Denmark pressing, but their efforts were fruitless, England retiring winners by 4 goals to nil. Thus they qualify to meet Scotland in the final next Saturday. It was quite a good game to watch, and the winners thoroughly deserved their victory.

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and sends his special benediction to the suffering flock and pastors.

The clumsy and feeble attempt of the Germans to turn the tables by accusing England also of exploiting dispossessed Belgian guests for profit was immediately and finally frustrated by the universal testimony of the Belgians themselves.

There is prospect in England that the recent food regulations will shortly be relaxed and altered. The New War Loan has embarked on a career of the greatest prosperity, amid scenes of unexampled enthusiasm from high and low.

### Belgium's Note.

London, Jan. 15.—The text of the Belgian reply to President Wilson's Note is published. It avows that the latter seems to believe that the objects of the belligerents are identical. The example of Belgium proves the contrary. Belgium never entertained desires of conquest. The barbarity with which Germany is treating the Belgians does not indicate that she will guarantee in the future the rights of weak nations, whom she has not ceased to trample and enslave. Belgium welcomes and relies on the assurance of the United States to co-operate after the war in measures to protect small nations from violence and oppression. If any country is justified in saying that it is fighting to defend its existence that country is Belgium. She was forced to fight or submit to disgrace. She passionately desires that the unprecedented sufferings of her population should be ended, but she can only accept a peace assuring reparation and security for the future. The generous assistance of the American people justifies them in the hope that the United States will echo the demand of the Entente for the restoration of Belgium's place among civilized nations.

#### Other News of Notes.

Washington, Jan. 15.—It is expected the State Department will issue a statement explaining Mr. Gerard's speech mentioned on Jan. 9 with the object of allaying German feeling. The official version of the speech agrees with the press version.

London, Jan. 13.—The papers consider that the last German note only strengthens the good impressions of the Entente's reply to President Wilson.

Amsterdam, Jan. 15.—A telegram from Sofia says Generalissimo Jekoff in an Army order announces the rejection of the peace offering by "our insatiable enemies and relies on the army's brave endurance until it has accomplished the holy task of unification of Bulgaria."

#### Germany's Most Faithful Ally.

Berne, November 8.—King Constantine's brother, Prince George is now making a royal progress on his tour through Germany. During the last few days Prince George has been received with royal honours at the Courts of Bavaria, Saxony, and Wurtemberg. At the end of this week he will visit the Emperor and will then go to see the Emperor at headquarters. Everywhere he has been welcomed as the brother of "Germany's most faithful ally."

### The American Side.

Washington, Jan. 13. The reply of the Entente to President Wilson's note was discussed in the Cabinet to-day.

Mr. Lansing afterwards conferred with President Wilson on the matter. It is understood the President was most appreciative of the frankness and courtesy of the Note and still hopes the Central Powers will indicate to their terms. It is reported in diplomatic circles that the Germans are disappointed at the uncompromising tone of the Allies as they expected concessions.

The New York Times says the German note to neutrals is another diplomatic blunder. It was obviously timed for a propaganda purpose at the presentation of the Allies' reply, the effect of which is heightened by the inept and extravagant German assertions.

#### Russian Views.

Petrograd, Jan. 15.—The Russian new year's day newspapers are full of military and political reviews and greetings to the Allies. The general note is a confident anticipation of a decisive victory in 1917. The frankness and dignity of the Allies reply to President Wilson is contrasted with the Austro-German running amok among facts. There is much amused comment at the German reference to the Boers as the Russians have been most impressed with the success of the British policy in South Africa.

The Novos Vremya says paper guarantees are useless in the case of Germany and her rapacious claws must be cut.

### Rush for British Loan.

London, Jan. 12.—There was a great rush for the war loan at the Bank of England early in the morning. Hundreds of thousands of prospectuses were handed out in the first hour. The Prudential Assurance Company has applied for twenty millions.

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It is stated that the first hundred million was reached at an early hour.

San Francisco, Jan. 12.—The chief witness at the trial mentioned yesterday was the informer Louis Smith whom the German Military attache von Brincken engaged at a salary of sixty pounds sterling a month and expenses, with a bonus of sixty pounds for every munition ship etc., blown up. Smith placed pieces of wood in ships instead of bombs and bluffed von Brincken for months and then confessed, fearing revenge.

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London, January 1: The "Times" after pointing out that the evidence concerning the Armenian outrages has hitherto been supplied by Armenians, Americans, and certain German missionaries, prints confirmatory statements by two Muslim eye-witnesses, one of whom states that the massacres were not religious but political, being part of the Young Turks' policy of exterminating non-Turkish races in the Ottoman Empire.

and sends his special benediction to the suffering flock and pastors.

The clumsy and feeble attempt of the Germans to turn the tables by accusing England also of exploiting dispossessed Belgian guests for profit was immediately and finally frustrated by the universal testimony of the Belgians themselves.

There is prospect in England that the recent food regulations will shortly be relaxed and altered. The New War Loan has embarked on a career of the greatest prosperity, and scenes of unexampled enthusiasm from high and low.

### Belgium's Note.

London, Jan. 15.—The text of the Belgian reply to President Wilson's Note is published. It says that the latter seems to believe that the objects of the belligerents are identical. The example of Belgium proves the contrary. Belgium never entertained desires of conquest. The barbarity with which German is treating the Belgians does not indicate that she will guarantee in the future the rights of weak nations, whom she has not ceased to trample and erfoot. Belgium welcomes and relies on the assurance of the United States to cooperate after the war in measures to protect small nations from violence and oppression. If any country is justified in saying that it is fighting to defend its existence that country is Belgium. She was forced to fight or submit to disgrace. She passionately desires that the unprecedented sufferings of her population should be ended, but she can only accept a peace assuring reparation and security for the future. The generous assistance of the American people justifies them in the hope that the United States will echo the demand of the Entente for the restoration of Belgium's place among civilized nations.

#### Other News of Notes.

Washington, Jan. 15.—It is expected the State Department will issue a statement explaining Mr. Gerard's speech mentioned on Jan. 9 with the object of allaying German feeling. The official version of the speech agrees with the press version.

London, Jan. 13.—The papers consider that the last German note only strengthens the good impressions of the Entente's reply to President Wilson.

Amsterdam, Jan. 15.—A telegram from Sofia says Generalissimo Jekoff in an Army order announces the rejection of the peace offering by "our insatiable enemies and relies on the army's brave endurance until it has accomplished the holy task of unification of Bulgaria."

#### Germany's Most Faithful Ally.

Berne, November 8.—King Constantine's brother, Prince George is now making a royal progress on his tour through Germany. During the last few days Prince George has been received with royal honours at the Courts of Bavaria, Saxony, and Wurtemberg. At the end of this week he will visit the Empress, and will then go to see the Emperor at headquarters. Everywhere he has been welcomed as the brother of "Germany's most faithful ally."

### The American Side.

Washington, Jan. 13. The reply of the Entente to President Wilson's note was discussed in the Cabinet to-day.

Mr. Lansing afterwards conferred with President Wilson on the matter. It is understood the President was most appreciative of the frankness and courtesy of the Note and still hopes the Central Powers will indicate to their terms. It is reported in diplomatic circles that the Germans are disappointed at the uncompromising tone of the Allies as they expected concessions.

The New York Times says the German note to Neutrals is another diplomatic blunder. It was obviously timed to be contemporaneous with the presentation of the Allies' reply, the effect of which is heightened by the inept and extravagant German assertions.

#### Russian Views.

Petrograd, Jan. 15.—The Russian new year's day newspapers are full of military and political reviews and greetings to the Allies. The general note is a confident anticipation of a decisive victory in 1917. The frankness and dignity of the Allies' reply to President Wilson is contrasted with the Austro-German running amok among facts. There is much amused comment at the German reference to the Boers as the Russians have been most impressed with the success of the British policy in South Africa.

The Novoe Vremya says paper guarantees are useless in the case of Germany and her rapacious claws must be cut.

### Rush for British Loan.

London, Jan. 12.—There was a great rush for the war loan at the Bank of England early in the morning. Hundreds of thousands of prospectuses were handed out in the first hour. The Prudential Assurance Company has applied for twenty millions.

London, Jan. 12.—Applications for the war loan are pouring in from all classes. Many big applications from banks, insurance companies, municipalities are coming in.

It is stated that the first hundred million was reached at an early hour.

San Francisco, Jan. 12.—The chief witness at the trial mentioned yesterday was the informer Louis Smith whom the German Military attache von Brincken engaged at a salary of sixty pounds sterling a month and expenses, with a bonus of sixty pounds for every munition ship etc., blown up. Smith placed pieces of wood in ships instead of bombs and bluffed von Brincken for months and then confessed, fearing revenge.

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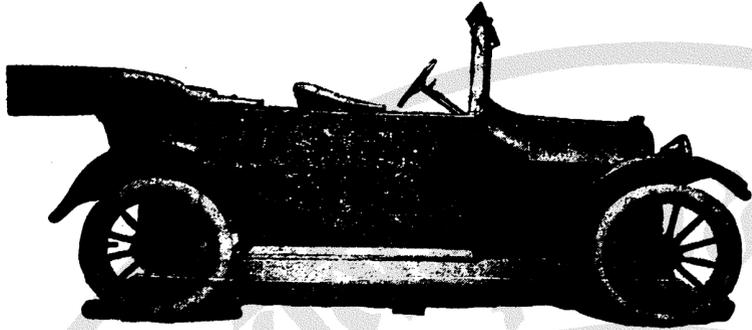
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German Pressure.

At the Reichstag the German Government answering a question asked by the Deputy Bassermann, concerning the measures of retaliation against the seizing of German property in Portugal, declared:

"Portugal has forbidden all commerce with Germany, and has ordered the sequestration and administration over movable and immovable properties of German subjects."

"Germany has begun by protesting, and afterwards has taken retaliation measures; every payment with destination to Portugal is forbidden. The Portuguese properties in Germany must be declared and remain under tutelage; and Portuguese enterprises in Germany shall be under sequestration."

"Regarding the liquidation of Portuguese fortunes in Germany the Imperial Government will take definite steps as soon as the result of the last protest becomes known."

Reformist Interviewed.

The Reformist Party of the Spanish Parliament has visited Lisbon. Many festivities and banquets were arranged in their honour; and they were received and welcomed by the President of the Republic.

The Reformist Party is one of the most advanced in Spain, and the leader is one of the celebrities of the neighbour kingdom.

Don Luiz de Fulueta, journalist and famous speaker, made in an interview the following statements:

"The Spanish Reformist Party may be defined as the most radical. Its aim is to implant in Spain a liberal and democratic regime. It is one of the most enthusiastic parties who feels the most enthusiastic over the cause of the Allies. Its trip to Portugal is independent of any political tendency; we came as Spaniards, that is all!"

"Regarding the Spanish neutrality we think it must be maintained. Spain has not, as Portugal, duties of honour concerning England. It goes without saying that we see with pleasure the attitude of our neighbour country; but the attitude of Spain was to be another one. It is necessary that this relationship should be perfectly friendly and affectionate towards the Allies, going in accordance with the strictest respect to official neutrality."

Spanish Neutrality.

"On the other hand, neutrality, as very well expressed by our leader, Melquiades Alvaser, only binds the Government, not the public opinion, which gradually is becoming more and more definite in favour of the Allies,

in conviction that in this war it is they that find the just cause fighting for the ideal of liberty."

The Spanish reformists bear a cordial friendship towards the Portuguese Republic, and they think that notwithstanding that Portugal has an historic mission different from Spain, there ought to exist between the two countries a closer friendship, based on a thorough acquaintance and on mutual respect and devotion.

"Melquiades Alvaser and his friends and the great personages of his party had come to Portugal to express to this country their affection and their wish for a still closer relationship between the two nations."

"We knew we would be received here with the same feeling of cordiality that brought us."

Mobilisation Proceeds Steadily.

The mobilisation in Portugal is steadily growing. The reservists from the Provinces are flocking to the towns, and training and manoeuvres are going on in all military camps.

The already completed divisions, with all the contingent ambulances, surgeons, artillery and flying-corps, are continuously in exercise. Other divisions are being mobilised; and the Minister of War has announced that in a short while the soldiers of Portugal will be in France.

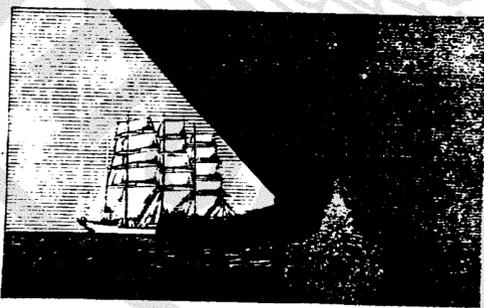
An Anglo-French Commission which came to inspect our army when returning to France and London gave the highest praise to our preparations.—Ex.

The Recent Fracas in China's Parliament.

In connection with the recent fighting in the meeting of China's Constitutional Conference, the Vice-President has sent the M. Ps. the following telegram: "The people of this country have been eagerly looking for the promulgation of the Constitution, which can never be completed if the Constitutional Conference should come to a deadlock. To the great disappointment of the people, the members of the National Assembly have neglected to perform their duties towards the country, but have selfishly followed their own prejudices. They fought in the meetings, thus losing the respect and confidence of the public. Therefore the M. Ps. in order to redeem their offences should sacrifice their differences and do their best to save the situation. If they should stop their legislative business, they will be condemned by the people of the whole country. It is hoped that all the political parties in the Central Government may unite together to settle the trouble, so that the Constitution may be completed and promulgated as soon as possible, and the foundation of the nation be well laid."

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**The Kaiser's Proclamation.**

Amsterdam, Jan. 13.—The Kaiser has issued a proclamation to the German people: "Our enemies have dropped the mask after refusing, with sworn hypocritical professions of the love of humanity, our honest peace offer. They now, in replying to the United States, admit the last of conquest, the business of which is enhanced by their columns. They aim at crushing the German and the enslavement of Europe and the seas under the same yoke that Greece, with gnashing teeth, is now enduring."

The Proclamation declares the glorious victories and the iron will with which the Germans have borne the hardships and distress of unscrupulous economic war, guarantee that the beloved Fatherland has nothing of fear. Our burning indignation and holy wrath will redouble every German's strength, and God will give us fully victory over the enemy's rage for destruction.

**Britain's Unambitious Programme.**  
London, Jan. 13.—The "Daily Chronicle" comments on the significant absence of any British demand in the Allies' reply, even to the silence of the wordings as to the conquered Colonies. This self-effacement is bound to impress public opinion in the United States, proving that we entered this war simply with an overwhelming sense of duty; also reminding Americans of their disinterestedness in relinquishing Cuba and our action in granting autonomy to the Boers.

The "Daily News" says that nothing could be better for the Allies than that neutrals should be able to compare the Entente's and Germany's Notes simultaneously. The next diplomatic step is doubtful, but it is already a material advance to have approached within reasonable distance of negotiation.

**German Note to Neutrals.**  
Amsterdam, Jan. 12.—The German note to neutrals reiterates that Germany took up arms to defend her existence. It says this aim is now attained. It alleges the Allies have departed more and more from their original expressed aims which are now directed towards conquest and it complains that the Allies have not examined Germany's peace offer and have made no counter proposals. It makes a series of allegations against the Allies referring to Ireland, South Africa and Greece and accuses the Allies of breaking treaties, ill-treating prisoners in Africa and Russia and deporting civilians. It endeavours to throw the responsibility for the fate of Belgium on Britain, France and Belgium herself protests that the accusations of German atrocities in Belgium are "calumnies."

It asserts that Germany made an honest effort for peace but the Allies declined therefore they are fully responsible for the continuation of bloodshed.

**A British Answer.**  
London, Jan. 23.—Reuter authoritatively issues a statement which may be regarded as expressing the views of the Allies on the German note mentioned yesterday.

The statement re-emphasizes that it

was Germany who refused a conference in the critical days of July 1914. With reference to Germany's allusions to Ireland and South Africa, it says that whatever past differences there may have been in connection with these countries, Germany knows to her cost that they are now united with the rest of the Empire in repelling Germany's aggression.

Replying to the German assertion that our starvation policy is inhumane, the statement asks if Germany was of the same opinion in 1870, when she starved Paris?

Regarding the attempt to defend the over-running of Belgium, the statement reminds Germany that Bethmann-Hollweg in the Reichstag stated that the invasion was justified by military necessity.

**Some Press Views.**  
New York, Jan. 12.—The Herald says: The Allies reply to President Wilson is a new Declaration of Independence on behalf of civilization.

The Times says: If Germany has the effrontery to say the terms are unjust the judgment of the whole world will be against her. It is for Germany to say whether there shall be peace now. If she continues to fight defeat is inevitable and the final terms will be harder.

The World says: Unless Germany is willing to follow the example of the Allies and state her war aims and peace terms she can have no standing before the tribunal of popular opinion.

The pro-German New York American says: If the Allies insist on their demands there will be no peace until one side conquers or both are exhausted.

Denver, Colorado, Jan. 10.—The death has occurred of Colonel Cody, of Buffalo-Bill fame.

The Hague, Jan. 9.—Sir W.B. Townley has been appointed British Minister to the Netherlands.

London, Jan. 10.—Mesopotamia Official. An India division dashing captured on Tuesday a thousand yards of trench on the Tigris, on the bank of the right bank north west of Kut, and took 162 prisoners.

Batavia, Jan. 9.—The Java Bode reports a new revolt fomented by a new religious sect in North Sumatra, in which a Government official named Muller has been killed. The revolt is being militarily suppressed.

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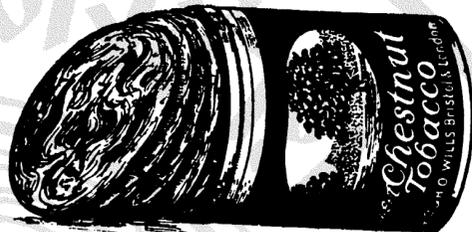
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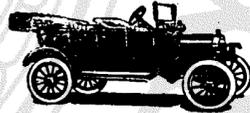
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## THE Great War.

### Intense Artillery Duels.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)  
London, Jan. 19.  
The French communique says: There were artillery duels of considerable intensity in the Vosges, Lorraine and Soissons sectors. The rest of the front was quiet.

### General Haig's Report.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)  
London, Jan. 19.  
General Haig reports:—We progressed at night time towards the north of Beaumont and bombarded defences eastwards of Bois Grenier and eastwards of Ploegsteert. Enemy artillery was active southward of Sully Saillisset and eastward of Bethune.

### Russian Front.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)  
London, Jan. 20.  
A wireless Russian official says: The enemy took the offensive in the region of Zborov. Part of the detachment entered our trenches but was promptly driven out.  
The enemy bombarded Okna and Hordanehti and the valleys of the Trotus and Oituz.

London, Jan. 19.—Mr. Lloyd George has had an audience of the King.

Brisbane, Jan. 10.—The floods in Queensland are the greatest for half a century. Pianos lodged in the trees at Clermont.

London, Jan. 10.—The Admiralty denies the German claim that the cruiser Shanon was mined and sunk off the south coast in November.

London, Jan. 9.—Mr. Lloyd George has arrived in London.

London, Jan. 9.—Mr. Lloyd George will speak at the Guildhall war-loan meeting on Jan. 11.

### The German Artillery.

Colonel F. N. Maude, C.B., says:—Of all the many signs of the growing disintegration of the German army which have been flowing into us during the last few weeks, none strikes me as of greater importance than the circular issued by von Bulow to the artillery commanders of his group of army corps, calling their attention to the rapid deterioration of the artillery material due to want of proper care in the handling of the pieces by the gunners. Falkenhayn's first memorandum counselled only extreme caution and economy, von Armin also emphasised the fact, but von Bulow underlines it, and fixes the responsibility on the battery commanders, thus indicating a defect which in the nature of things cannot be remedied in the firing line, and one which is certain to increase rapidly as losses in the personnel continue in a growing ratio, as they must do now that we have obtained a well-marked ascendancy in the continuous artillery duel which, practically speaking, never ceases day or night. It is in this artillery duel that the law of increasing returns shows itself most unequivocally. If 100 guns engage 100 guns, the odds of course are equal, but when one side has silenced, say, fifty on the other, it is no longer only a case of two to one, because while forty-nine guns on the winning side continue a direct fight with forty-nine on the other, the remaining fifty-one guns can concentrate on the single gun, and so on down the whole line until, at last, arithmetically, it is 100 guns against one. And any one, two, or more up to the whole 100, may hit it simultaneously. Of course, this extreme case is never or rarely obtained in practice, for long before it is reached the side which is getting the worst of the game withdraws, taking its infantry covering screen with it, and until the aeroplane became a dominating influence in these struggles, such a withdrawal was generally possible owing to the great range at which these duels have generally been fought. The presence of aircraft makes it however, exceedingly doubtful whether such retirements are still practicable—for not only do they guide the fire of the winning side on to such roads as still remain practicable for a retreat, but of late we have seen them swooping down to within 300ft. and using their machine-guns on all kinds of retreating bodies offering suitable targets and of all targets one can conceive the mass of horses and men involved in the excruciation of these modern monstrosities would seem to be the very best that any airman could desire.

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