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Greece As Germany's Tool.

Athens, Nov. 7.-The Eleutheros Typos publishes to-day an interview with a superior French officer at Salonika who recounts how the Skouloudis Government tricked Serbia when she proposed to attack Bulgaria before the latter could complete her mobilisation. The Greek Government then dissuaded M. Pashitch from such an attack, saying that if Serbia was the aggressor this would eliminate the casus faederis which would only become operative if Serbia was attacked. Serbia stayed her hand, believing that Greece would at least stand by her if she was attacked. When, however, the attack took place King Constantine refused aid and Serbia was crush-

In the course of the interview the French officer affirms that Greece is bound by a secret treaty not only with Germany but also with Bulgaria and Turkey, and that this treaty has been carried to and fro by the two German surgeons who came to operate on the King in the summer of 1915. The accuration is also made categorically that many Greek officers in Macedonia have been employed in espionage in connection with the Allied Armies, and that the Allies hold a copy of an order issued by General Dousmanis to the Greek Army in Salonika to choose such positions as would enable it to keep the Allied troops surrounded and dominated by Greek guns.

The French officer also states that the German Emperor after his visit to Nish came to the Greek frontier and met a number of important Greek per-

A highly placed foreign officer at Salonika states in an interview published in the Eleutheros Typos:

Since the outbreak of war Greece has been in German bands. Pamphlets have been distributed by German agents to all soldiers under treatment in Athens hospitals. The Greek nation does not know that all the Greek public services have long since been placed in Germany's service. The nation is also unaware that German official correspondence is enclosed in the bags of he Greek frontier forces. Does the nation know what a number of German officers knowing Greek and wearing Greek uniforms were provided with passes for entering the Allied ranks?

The above are not simple coisodes, but the result of special orders given in virtue of a secret treaty of which the nation does not know the existence. Greece is bound by treaty to the Central Powers and the Allies of Turkey and Bulgaria. The document was taken to Athens by Doctors Krauss and Esselin an officer's house at Drama and subsequently travelled by way of Fast-ern Macedorian under the protection of the Greek authorities.

Peace Movement.

French Opinion,

London, Dec. 27.-Reuter learns that the Allied reply to the German peace note is being drafted at Paris. The Allies are mutually communicating on the subject. It is unlikely offi-cial action will be taken as regard answering the American or Swiss notes until the German note has been dealt with. The report that Great Britain had received a Swedish peace note is erroneous but it is believed such a note is imminent.

Paris, Dec. 28.—French opinion is that the German reply shows that Germany wants the German hand of peace. which will be wrenched by the Allies, by a ruse, in default of strength to obtain it forcibly. Her deceitful machinations justify the Allies' determination to fight.

New York, Dec. 29,-The newspapers declare the United States will certainly not ask the Entente to inter a peace conference on the terms proposed by Germany, which are obviously evading

the issue. The Tribune however says President Wilson's note is intended to prevent a new outbreak of German submarine policy and asks "will he be blackmailed further into endorsing the Ger-

man proposal for a conference?" Copenhagen, Dec. 28.-Sweden seemingly is endeavouring to induce other Scandinavian Powers to send a joint note in favour of peace but Denmark

and Norway are hanging back. Petrograd, Dec. 28.-All the newspapers agree that the Tsar's message to the forces is the best reply to German and neutral peace proposals.

The "Novoe Vremya" says: the Tsar's words faithfully reflect the sentiments of the entire Russian peo-

Paris, Dec. 24.-Mr. Henderson in an interview said he came to Paris to renew to the French democracy the formal engagement of British workmen and people to pursue the war which was thrust upon us to a final triumph. Disregarding the hypocritical manceuvres of our enemies the British people had made up its mind to suffer all sacrifices to attain the end from which nothing would turn them.

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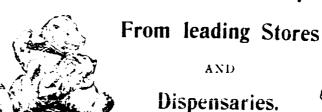
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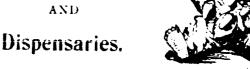


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Hungarian Losses in the Carpathians.

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The Nepszava, commenting on the report, shrewdly points out that at that time the Russians were the attacking party. "Now we are the attackers and it is hardly necessary to say more," says the writer. "What if the Russians in the winter of 1914 15, had had the artillery and munitions that they have now and will have during the winter of 1916-17? How would that have affected the number of casualties in a defensive campaign? A commonsense view of the difference between the defensive campaign of 1914 15 in the Carpathians and the offensive campaign of this autumn affords much food for reflection."

A horrible butchery is, in fact, going on in the wooded Carpathiaus, where thousands and thousands are being sacrificed in the insane endeavour to drive a wedge between the Russian and Roumanian line. Unless something is achieved in the region of Dorna Watra, Mackensen is confied to inactivity, for on events in the northeastern corner, where the three frontiers meet, will depend the success of the operations in the Dobrudja. The plan of campaign is conceived solely with a view to German interests, although the men who lie in those graves among the mountains are mostly Hungarians.

A Vast Cemetery. "From Orsova to the Uzsok Pass the Carpathians are a vast cemetery." says the report, and seven thousand men are being employed in identifying the graves and restoring them. "The work has to be completed before the snow covers everything over and the floods wash away all traces of the resting places of those who have fallen." The Committee, therefore, have but a very short time at their disposal. If General Falkenhayn and the Archduke Karl do not succeed in breaking through the Russian and Roumanian lines, next year the Committee will have to begin their work all over again, for at the present rate of butchery in the Carpathians and the Transylvanian Alps the number of graves will soon be

The much advertised conquest of Roumania and the "sweep across t e Alps and the Danube" seems to be somewhat belated and the people are looking on with a kind of amazement and asking themselves whether they have not been deceived once more. The "irresistible Falkenhayn" seems to encounter a good deal of resis ance, and the coming winter will certainly not add to the chances of an offensive in the snowclad mountains. The Nepszava, in a leading article to-day, says that the only victorious leader in this winter warfare will once more be "General Consumption." The men who return from the Passes and the Bukowina front declare that the whole region is already under snow, that the rain is incessant, specially in the Transylvanian sector, where the weather conditions during this period of the year

are most dangerous, and that hundreds of men have to be sent to the rear every day owing to the sickness.—

In Rumania.

London, Dec. 27.—The Berlin communique claims the bringing down of nine aeroplanes in the western theatre and the breaking through of several Russian positions on the eastern Danube, where the army forced its way into the enemy front after bitter fighting, compelling a retreat from prepared positions. The enemy since Dec. 22 has lost seven thousand prisoners.

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London, Dec. 27.—The German communique says: We captured 5,500 Russians in the last few days in great Wallachia and in the mountains south of Rimnicul Sarat.

The Bulgarian communique says: Enemy monitors bombarded Tulcea. The retreating Russians destroyed the Trans-Danube bridges at Isaccea. Fighting is proceeding for the possession of the bridgehead at Macin.

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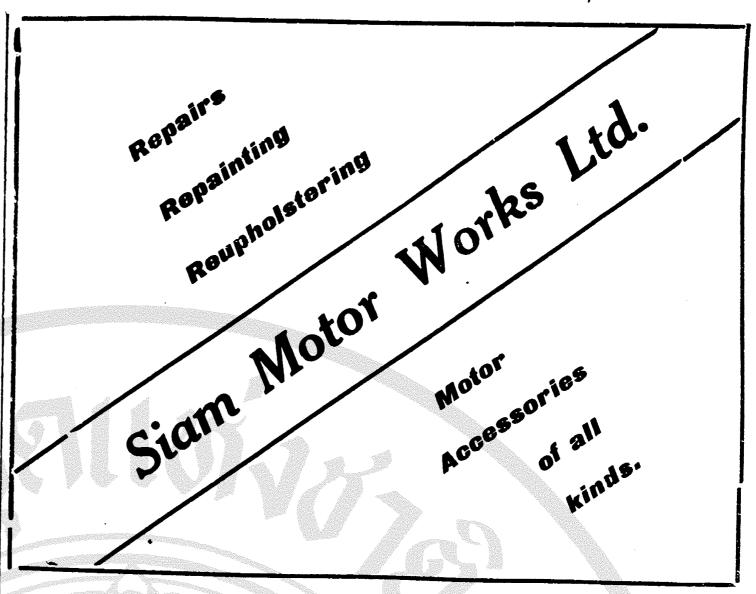
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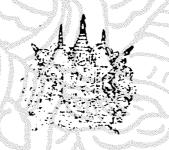
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Allies' Reply to German Peace Note.

From the French Legation we have received a copy of the reply of the Allies to the recent German Peace Note of which the following is a transla-

The French Government having been requested by all the Allied Govern. ments to reply on their behalf to the Note of the enemy on the subject of the proposition to open negotiations for peace, M. Briand, President of the Council and Minister of Foreign Affairs, has forwarded this reply to Mr. Harp, the Ambassador of the United States of America at Paris:

In this document the Allies protest against the pretention of the enemy to throw upon the Allies the responsibilities of the war and against the assertions of the Central Powers tending to attribute victory to themselves.

The Allies recall how the war was willed, provoked and declared by Germany and Austria-Hungary, and how Belginm was violated. They point out that the strictly European map of the war on the basis of which the so-called German offers are made, only shows the external and temporary appearance of the situation and not the real strength of the antagonists; they declare that the ruin caused by the declaration of war by Germany and her Allies, necessitates conditions, reparation and guarantees which the Allies are unanimous in desiring to obtain at the cost of any sacrifice; they point out that Germany is trying to justify in advance fresh crimes; they affirm that there is no possibility of peace without reparation for the rights and liberties violated, without the recognition of the principle of nationalities and of the free existence of small states, without a law definitely suppressing all menace to the nations and giving efficient guarantees for the security of the world. Then the Allied Powers explain the particularly painful situation of Belgium which, for simply having wished to defend its independence and violated neutrality is ruined, devasted. and sullied by massacres, executions and imprisonments.

Maher's Funeral.

Lord Rosebery as Chief Mourner.

Exactly on the stroke of 2.30 a motorcar full of wreaths drew up at the entrance to the Paddington Cometery in Willesden-lane. It was followed by a motor hearse, which contained the remains of Danny Maher. Following the hearse came Lord Rosebery, Georga Blackwell, the Newmarket trainer, who trained Maher's first Derby winner, Rock Sand, and the famous horseman's most intimate friend, "Skeeis" Martin. Employer, trainer, and colleague walked side by side with heads uncovered. Mrs. Maher occupied the next motor. A large crowd assembled at the graveside. "Kate," the veteran race card seller, threw flowers on the coffin, and Lord Rosebery deposited a wreath representative of his own colours. Others present included Father John Caulfield, of Pinner, Bernard Dillon, and the Epsoin trainer, Hyams.

The Late Franz Josef.

The Milan correspondent of the London Daily Chronicle reports :- Messages from Vienna state that when the late Emperor's condition caused grave anxiety Dr. von Koerber sammoned the Archduke to Vienna and sought to induce the Emperor to agree to a coregency. The Emperor at midday on November 20 first expressed a presentiment that the end was near, and sent an urgent summons to the Court Confessor, Eveling, who was closeted with the Emperor for two hours during the night. On the next morning the fever afternoon in an armchair, tormented with the fever and coughing, and with spells of delirium, though he insistedupon listening to the latest war bulletins, and gave audience to the Archdukes and prominent statesmen. Through the Papal nuncio the Emperor sought and obtained a special telegraphic blessing from the Pope. He relapsed into delirium at 6 o'clock, and then followed a crisis of tears. He died quietly at 9 o'clock.

Portugal's Part.

London, Dec. 22.—The President of Portugal, interviewed, stated that at present / 15,000 splendidly trained troops were holding the Rovuma River from the Indian Ocean to Lake Nyassa. Six thousand additional troops were proceeding thither from Portugal. The Portuguese effort in Europe would be made at the moment when it would have the maximum effect.

On the 27th ulto, in the first mag'strate's court in Singapore Captain A. Buhre, of the steamer Wan Li was fined \$100 and costs for making an incorrect statement as to passengers brought on his steamer. Mr. G. G. Seth, the Deputy Public Prosecutor, said four Chinese passengers were not accounted for, and the offence was a serious one in these days. Defendant said he offended through inalvertence, as the passengers were not entered on the manif**es**t.

Ahead of the Mail.

Troubled Belgium.

Washington, Nov. 19.-Germany has acknowledged the protest of the United States in connection with the deportation of Belgians, but has deferred making a statement of her reasons for the action. The New York "Times" states :- "The deportation of Belgians is a most flagrant violation of the law and usages of war, and the Hague Convention. The latter provides: "Requests in kind for services must not be demanded from municipalities or inhabitants except for the needs of the occupying army." America should employ every resource to prevent the present great struggle degenerating into lawless carnage and savagery."

Cardinal Mercier's Protest.

London, Nov. 14 -The "Telegraaf" of Amsterdam states that Cardinal Mercier and the Belgian Bishops have protested that the deportation of Rel: gians to Germany is a violation of General von der Goliz's word of honour that no Belgian citizens capable of bearing arms would be sent to Germany to make munitious or to engage in any form of forced labour.

The "Daily Chronicle's" Rome correspondent reports that it is authoritatively stated that the King of Spain and President Wilson are formulating an argent joint line of action to stop the Belgian deportations.

The "Chronicle's " Amsterdam correspondent says that Cardinal Mercier's protest appeals strongly to all souls, believers or unbelievers in allied, neutral, or even enemy countries. He is doing his utmost to secure the abolition of a system of slavery, under which ablebodied persons are transported none knows whither. Gangs of from 800 to 1,200 are sent daily from some districts, each deportee representing a German worker transferred to the

Washington, Nov. 15.—It is stated semi officially that the deportation of Belgians to Germany is regarded by the United States Government as a violation of Germany's assurances to the American Ambassador on the occasion of the deportation of women motion is popular, and has been splenand children from Lille.

Unavailing,

London, Nov. 17.—A wireless message from Amsterdam states that, despite Cardinal Mercier's protest the deportation of Belgian civilians continues. especially of railwaymen of whom there are still 65,000 in Belgium. Five trainleads of deported persons pass the fron ier station of Welkenraedt daily. They include lawyers, the clergy, teachers, peasants and labourers.

ordered the arrest and imprisonment in reprisal camps of 209 of the most prominent men and women in the occupied territories including Lille. They have also ordered the imprisonment of deputies and other notables at Roubaix, Volenciennes, and Donai. No reason has been given for this step.

Future German Control.

Berne, Nov. 17.-A wireless message from Berlin states that, despite the secrecy of the Reichstag Committee, there is considerable public discussion of its proceedings. The Chancellor has not committed the Government to a definite policy in regard to Belgium. He has outlined possible terms of setilement, in which Belgium must be nominally independent but must remain a German dependency. King Albert must be deposed, as being an implacable enemy he would be a perpetual; the priccipal owner of the largest fleet menace. If the Belgians desire a King he must be a German Prince. Other conditions are a perpetual offen- traffic. Sir F. Cawley is a Lancashire sive and defensive Belgo-German alli- bleacher, Mr. Illingworth, a Bradford increased, and the Emperor passed the ance, the maintenance of the Belgian army of specified strength, a perma-nent German Military Commission biggest coalowner in Wales. Formerin Brussels, a commercial treaty in accordance with German dictates, and the lease of two Belgian ports as German naval bases. Several speakers in the Committee demanded the retention of Belgium as part of the German Empire. None mentioned the possibility and now has the biggest practice at of the Germans being driven out of Belgium.

Trial by Fists.

London, Nov. 16 .- Arising from the incident of the suppression of the Cardiff peace meeting, Mr. Winstone, prosident of the Welsh Miners' Union challenged Mr. C. B. Stanton, the Welsh Labour M.P., to ten rounds, with the gloves or bare fists. Mr. Stanton has accepted the challenge, Mr. Charles Barnett, of Cardiff, has now offered a purse of £2,000, but Mr. Stanton suggests stakes of £600

London, Nov. 19.—The promised fight arising from the interrupted peace meeting at Cardiff, will not take place. Mr. Winstone (president of the Welsh Miners' Union), whose challenge was accepted by Mr. C. B. Stanton, M.P., now treats the matter as a joke, and declines to fight.

Sixpenny Eggs.

London, Nov. 16.—Eggs are being sold at 6d each in several English towns. This is a record price.

The Premier's War Cry.

London, December 8.-Mr. Lloyd George's seizure of the Premiership! is the most dramatic incident of modern political history. His movements had the effect of driving Mr. Asquith ont of office. He disclaimed association with the articles in "The Times," attacking Mr. A quath's administration, and therefore Mr. Asquith consented to a smaller and more powerful War Council; but when it became apparent that Mr. Lloyd George would have sole and unfeitered control of the war Mr. Asquith, refusing further negotiations, resigned Mr. Asquith mended Mr. Bonar Law to succeed Mr. Bonar Law made no serious endeavour to form a Cabiundertook the task which he intended to assume from the very beginning. Mr. Asquith and his intimate friends have refused to serve under Mr. Lloyd George. Mr Asquith also declined the Peerage and the Garter, which were personally offered him by the King. The country is munifestly with Mr. Lloyd George and his policy of greater energy in prosecuting the war. It has accepted Mr. A-quith's resignation with dry eyes. Mr. Lloyd George at once interviewed the Labour representatives, who were to some extent the masters of the situation. By a bare majority they agreed to transfer their support from the "Old Guard" to the New.

The Cabinet Completed.

Mr. Lloyd George has now completed the Cabinet. On Saturday he told a friend that it contained strong commercial and shipping elements, and that the orders were "full steam ahead." By an odd irony Mr. Lloyd George is the head of a Unionist Labour, and Business administration; while he himself is the only conspicuous Liberal in it. "Old Guard" bluntly refused to serve; the Unionists offered their services unreservedly, and most of them remain except Lord Lansdowne. Sir Edward Carson joins. Mr. Churchill does not. Despite violent newspaper attacks Mr. Balfour is to be Foreign Minister, Lord Robert Cecil assisting. Labour is strongly represented, Mr. Barnes' prodidly earned. Sir Robert Finlay becomes Lord Chancellor, thereby giving the new administration further needed weight. Mr. Lloyd George has brought new red blood into the Ministry, by including Sir Albert Stanley, aged 41, the vigorous head of the Tubes and Motor Omnibus systems in London, and other business men, Mr Bonar Law obtains the second position in the Government. Though an ardent admirer of Mr. Asquith, he has been working heart and soul for the new administra tion. Lord Derby becomes War Secre-Paris, Nov. 13.—The Germans have tary, full of enthusium and vigour,

The New Cabinet.

London, Dec. 11.—There is general satisfaction with the Cabinet and surprise that it is so strong considering the refusal of the old Liberals to join. Mr. Lloyd George, confronted by a formidable opposition, intends to leave the direction of the House largely to Mr. Bonar Law, confining himself to the War Council. The inclusion of Lord Curzon and Lord Milner is profoundly distasteful to the followers of Mr. Asquith. Mr. Henderson's selection is less personal than a recognition of Labour.

There is much interest in the business appointments. Sir J. Maclay is trading from the Clyde. Sir Albert Stanley has revolutionised London spinner, and brother of the former ly he delighted to pin-prick Mr. Lloyd George. He has worked well in making munition contracts in America. Mr. Hewart's appointment is a recognition of brilliant success. Ten years ago he was writing for a living the bar.

Mr. Hodge is a solid old-fashioned trade-unionist, slowish, conservative, safe, and carries weight with the workmen. Mr. Fisher, Vice-Chancellor of Sheffield University, is the first Education Minister really qualified for the position. Dr. Addison is gentle mannered and industrious, and will carry on rather than initiate. Mr. Prothero. aged 64, is a young member of the House. He is land agent to the Duke of Bedford. There is general satisfac. tion that Mr. Balfour, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Long and Mr. Duke remain.

The Government is novel in constitution, and the system of a small War-Council with powers and no departmental distractions is equally novel. Sir Edward Carson's inclusion in the Council was expected, but Mr. Lloyd George determined that the War Office and the Admiralty should be executive departments, taking orders from the War Conneil. Exactly a third of the Ministers announced are lawyers, but six offices being legal, the remainder consists of five lawyers and 22 laymen.

Local Liberal associations have been invited to pass resolutions declaring the continuance of Mr. Asquith in the leaderships of the party.

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London, Jan. 3. A wireless Russian official report says that enemy groups which were advancing after fierce rifle and machine-gun firing towards the south-west were driven back. An enemy offensive on the Moldavian frontier was dispersed. All enemy attacks north and south of Oituz valley were repulsed.

A Rumanian counter-attack regained positions on the river Kazina despite continuous fierce attacks. Our Dobrudja detachments with brew to new positions.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

THE B. M. C. have received a new shipment of kippers and haddock by the s.s. Katong.

We have to acknowledge receipt of a date block for 1917 from Messrs, the Siam Forest Co.

A few alterations in the list of departures of the East Asiatic Cals west cast boats are notified.

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for sale an essortment of household furniture and other effects. THE Daylight Saving Act takes effect throughout Australia from 2 a.m. on Jan. 1st, 1917, when clocks will be put

forward one hour. THE s.s. Hapel which arrived from Hongkong via Switow brought 407 Chinese deck passengers and the s.s. Drugar, also fr m the above ports, brought 471.

SPEAKING in the House of Commons, Mr. Lleyd George asserted that the photographs recently published in certain American newspapers bore no resear blance whatever to the "Tanks" in use on the western front.

Viscot ST Habiane was commenceing, before the Society of Arts, in London, en November 28, an address on international relations, when a number of well-dressed women raised cries of "trotor" and " pro-German." Five of them were ejected at intervals, with much struggling, beinte quiet was restored. Viscount Haldane treated the e-pasode with amasement.

THE Berlin correspondent of the New York Times reports : - German financiers are training most elaborate plans for regaining trade after the war. They have arranged a far-reaching avoalgamation of the largest shipping, ir m. and coal owners, including Krupp's, the Norddoutscher Lloyd, and the Hamburg America companies. The bankers are helping to build a shipyard for the construction of many vessels.

Accombine to the New Freie Presse, the Austrian Lloyd is continuing to make additions to its fleet, notwithstanding the fact that Austrian shipping has come to a standstill during the war. It this account is to be accepted, there are now under construction for this company 17 steamers of a total of 150,000 tons. Four of these, of 8,000 tons each and with accommodation for 250 passengers. are being built at the company's own Arsend, w. I five vessels, of 10,000 tons outby are being built at the San Rona Shipyard, while the remaining eight ships, of 8.500 tons each, are being built else where.

Robbery With Violence.

Yesterday: t about 10 p.m. five armed men, it is raid, boarded one of the Menam Motor Boat Co's boats at Bang Kluai in Kloog Bangkok Noi, When asked by the ticket collector for the usual fire, they flatly refused to pay any money. They evidently intended to rob the passengers for when the bost arrived at a place called Bang Nan Dan they drew ont their weapons and threatened to harm the crew and passengers if they interfered with them. One of the crew named Nai Chaan receifed serious injuries and subsequently die l. Two or three passengers were also wounded. The others were so terrified at the sudden violent attack by these men, whom they took for ordinary passengers, that several jumped overboard and made for land leaving all they were carrying with them to the mercy of the robbers, who also cleared off .. Unfortunately there were no police on the spot at the time and the local Kamman and Phu Yai Ban, it is said, did practically nothing towards following the men or giving assistance to the wounded passengers. The Bang Kluai police station was informed about the incident and we are glad to hear that Sergeant Chuer of that station has arrested one of the culprits, Nai Sangyuan, who, it is said, killed Nai Chann. The police certainly deserve the reward offered by Mr. J Brunn, Man-

ager of the Menam Motor Boat Co., for the arrest of the murderer.

Cricket.

The following have been chosen to represent the R. B. S. C. against the Ceylonese in the Cricket Match on Sunday:

P. Christmas (Captain), R. B. H. Gibbins, A. J. Halls, L. W. Horne, Arnold Jones, H. E. Jones, T. Judge, N. Maxwell, T. H. Pollard, G. A. C. Preston, D. B. Robertson, H. Chester Walsh.

The Caylonese team will be selected from:

P. Bulner (Captain), J. Laurence, F. Vandersmaght, P. Campbell, B. Jacobs, W. Jacobs, A. Piroshaw, J. Caldera, A. W. Wendt, A.T. Meynart, K. van Dort, O. van Sanden, D. Hendricks, R.

The members of the R. B. S. C. team are entertaining the Ceylonese XI to

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Allies' Reply to German Peace Note.

From the French Logation we have received a copy of the reply of the Allies to the recent German Peace Note of which the following is a translation:-

The French Government having been requested by all the Allied Governments to reply on their behalf to the Note of the enemy on the subject of the proposition to open negotiations for peace, M. Briand, President of the Council and Minister of Foreign Affairs, has forwarded this reply to Mr. Harp, the Ambassador of the United States of America at Paris:

In this document the Allies protest against the pretention of the enemy to throw upon the Allies the responsibilities of the war and against the assertions of the Central Powers ten ling to attribute victory to themselves.

The Allies recall how the war was willed, provoked and declared by Germany and Austria-Hungary, and how Belgium was violated. They point out that the strictly European map of the war on the basis of which the so-called German offers are made, only shows the external and temporary appearance of the situation and not the real strength of the antagonists; they declare that the ruin caused by the declaration of war by Germany and her Allies, necessitates conditions, reparation and guarantees which the Allies are unanimous in desiring to obtain at the cost of any sacrifice: they point out that Germany is trying to justify in advance fresh crimes; they affirm that there is no possibility of peace without reparation for the rights and liberties violated, without the recognition of the principle of nationalities and of the free existence of small states, without a law definitely suppressing all menace to the nations and giving efficient guarantees for the security of the world. Then the Allied Powers explain the particularly painful situation of Belgium which, for simply having wished to defend its independence and violated neutrality is ruined, devasted and sulfied by massacres, executions and imprisonments.

Maher's Funeral. Lord Rosebery as Chief Mourner.

Exactly on the stroke of 2.30 a motorcar full of wreaths drew up at the entrance to the Paldington C metery in Willesden-lane. It was followed by a motor hearse, which centain d the remains of Danny Mahre. Following the hearse came Lord Rosebery, George Blackwell, the Newmark of trainer, who trained Miher's first Derby winner. Rock Sand, and the famous horseman's most intimate friend, "Skeets" Mortin. Employer, trainer, and colleague walked side by side with heads uncovered. Mrs. Matter occupied the next motor. A large crowd assembled at the graveside. "Kate," the veteran race card seller, threw flowers on the coffin, and Lord Rosebery deposited a wreath representative of his own colours. Others present included Father John Caulfield, of Pinner, Bernard Dillon, and the Epson trainer,

The Late Franz Josef.

The Milan correspondent of the Lordon Daily Chronicle reports :- Messages from Vienna state that when the late Emperor's condition caused grave. anxiety Dr. von Koerber summoned. He has outlined possible terms of set lethe Archduke to Vienna and sought to induce the Emperor to agree to a coregency. The Emp-ror at midday on November 20 first expressed a presentiment that the end was near, and sent an urgent summons to the Court Confessor, Eveling, who was closeted with the Emperor for two hours during the night. On the next morning the fever with the fever and coughing, and with spells of delirium, though he insisted upon listening to the latest war bulletins, and gave audience to the Archdukes and prominent statesmen. Through the Papal nuocio the Emperor sought and obtained a special telegraphic blessing from the Pope. Herelapsed into delirium at 6 o'clock, and then followed a crisis of tears. He died , quietly at 9 o'clock.

Portugal's Part.

London, Dec. 22.-The President of Portugal, interviewed, stated that at present 15,000 splendidly trained troops were holding the Royuma River from the Indian Ocean to Lake Nyassa. Six thousand additional treops were proceeding thither from Portugal. The Portuguese effort in Europe would be made at the moment when it would have the maximum effect.

ON the 27th ulto, in the first in gistrate's court in Singapore Captain A. Buhre, of the steamer Win Li wis fined \$100 and costs for making an incorrect statement as to passengers brought on his steamer. Mr. G. G. Seth, the Deputy Public Prosecutor, said four Chinese passengers were not accounted for, and the offerce was a serious one in these days. Defendant said he offended through inalvertence, is the passengers were not entered on the manifest.

Ahead of the Mail.

Troubled Belgium.

acknowledged the protest of the United States in connection with the deportation of Belgians, but has deferred making a statement of her reasons for the action. The New York "Times" states: -"The deportation of Belgians is a most flagrant violation of the law and usages of war, and the Hagne Convention. The latter provides: "R.-quests in kind for services most not be demanded from municipalities or inhabitants except for the now is of the occupying army." America should employ every resource to prevent the into lawless carnage and savagery."

Cardinal Mercier's Protest.

London, Nov. 14 - The "Telegraaf" of Amsterdam states that Cirdinal Mercier and the B Jean Bishops have protested that the deportation of Belgians to Germany is a violation of General von der Gelez's word of honour that no Belgian citizens capable of bearing arms would be sent to Germany to make munitions or to engage in any form of fore d latour,

The "Daily Chronicle's" Rome correspondent reports that it is authorizatively stated that the King of Spain and President Wilson are formulating an urgent joint line of action to stop the Belgian deportations.

The "Chronicle's " Amsterdam cor-respondent says that Cardinal Mercier's protest appeals strongly to all souls, believers or unbelievers in allied, neutral, or even enemy countries. He is doing his utmost to some the abolition of a system of slavery, under which ablebodied persons are transported best of a Unionit Libert, and Businone knows whither. Gings of from ness a implistration; while he himself 800 to 1,200 are sent daily from some districts, each deportee representing a German worker transferred to the

Washington, Nov. 15,-It is stated semi officially that the deportation of Belgians to Germany is regarded by the United States Government as a violation of Germany's assurances to the American Amba-sador on the occasion of the deportation of women and children from Lille.

Unavailing.

pite Car lin d Mercier's protest the deportation of Belgian civilians continues. Motor Ounibus systems in London. especially of radicatinen of whom there and other incines men. Mr Bonar Law are still 65,000 in Balainm. Facetrain- what is the conclusion of the Govleads of deported persons pass the ernment. In use of admirer fron ier station of Welkenraedt daily, of Mr. Aspir, he has been working They includ lawyers, the clergy, teachers, peasons and laborress.

ord red the arrest and imprisonment in reprisal cames of 202 of the most prominent mer and women in the occulied territories including lille, They have also ordered the imprisonment of depoties and other nearlies at Roubaix, Velencienues, and Dorai, No. reason has been given for this step.

Future German Control.

Berne, Nov. 17,-A wireless message from Borlin states that, despite the Bonar Law, confiding himself to the secreey of the Releasing Committee. there is considerable public discussion of its proceedings. The Chancellor has not committed the Government to a disasteful to the followers of Mr. Asdefinite policy in regard to Belgium, quith. Mr. Henderson's selection is ment, in which Belgium must be nominally independent but must remain a German dependency. King Albert must be deposed, as being an implac able enemy he would be a perpetual menace. If the Belgians desire a King he must be a German Prince. Other conditions are a perpetual offensive and defensive Belgo-German alliincreased, and the Emperor passed the ance, the maintenance of the B lgi m afternoon in an armchair, tormented army of specified strength, a permanent Germon Military Commission biggest coalowner in Wales. Formerin Brussels, a commercial treaty in Lybe delighted to pin-prick Mr. Lloyd accordance with German dictates, and George. He has worked well in makthe lease of two Belgian ports as German naval bases. Several speakers in the Committee demanded the retention of Belgium as part of the German Empire. None mentioned the possibility. of the Germans being driven out of ; the bar. Belgium.

Trial by Fists.

London, Nov. 16.-Arising from the incident of the suppression of the Car. ; tion Minister really qualified for the diff peace meeting, Mr. Winstone, prosident of the Welsh Miners' Union challenged Mr. C. B. Stanton, the Welsh Labour M.P. to ten rounds, with the gloves or bare fists. Mr. Stanton has accepted the challenge. Mr. Charles Barnett, of Car liff, has now offered a pure of \$23.00, but Mr. Stanton suggests stak's of £600

London, Nov. 19.-The promised fight arising from the intercupted pears meeting at Carliff, will not take place. Mr. Winst me (president of the Welsh Miners' Union), whose challenge was accepted by Mr. C. B. Stanton, M.P., now treats the matter as a joke, and declines to fight.

Sixpenny Eggs.

London, Nov. 16,-Eggs are being sold at 61 each in several English towns. This is a record price.

The Premier's Wa Cry.

London, December S .- Mr. Lloyd George's seizure of the Premiership is the most dramatic incident of modern Washington, Nov. 19 .- Germany has political history. His movements had the effect of driving Mr. Asquith out of office. He disclaimed association with the articles in "The Times," attacking Mr. A quality administration, and ther fore Mr. As i'll highesented to a small r and more powerful War Council; but when it became apparent that Mr. Lloyd Googe would have some and unfettered control of the svor Mr. Asquith, recusing further negotiations, resigned Mr. Asqui h cone. mende i Mr. Bonar Lav to succed him. Mr. Bonar Law made no serious endervour to form a Cabi net, and recommended Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Lloyd George immediately undertook the task which he intended to assume from the very beginning. Mr. Asquith and his incimate friends have refused to serve under Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Asquith also declined the Peerage and the Girter, which were personally offer d bim by the King. The country is monifestly with Mr. Lloy 1 Go go and his policy of greater energy in prosecuting the war. It has accepted Mr. A-q ith's resigna-tion with cry eyes. Mr. Lloyd George at once interview dathe Labour representatives, who were to some extent the masers of the startion. By a bare majority they agreed to transfir their support from the "Old Guard" to the New.

The Cabinet Completed.

Mr. Lloyd George has now completed the Cabinet. On Saturday he told a friend that it contained strong com-mercial and shipping elements, and that is the only corspicuous Liberal in it. "Old Guard" bluntly refused to serve: the Unionists offered their services unreservedly, and most of them remain except Lord Lags lowne. Sir Edward Carson joins. Mr. Churchill does not. Despite violent newspaper attacks Mr. Baltour is to be Foreign Minister, Lord Robert Cail assisting. Labour is sirongly represented, Mr. Barnes' promotion is popular, and has been splendilly earned. Sir Robert Fealay becomes for b Chancellor, the raby giving the new ad singleration further needed weight. Mr. Lioyd G orge has brought London, Nav. 17 - A wireless mes- new red blood into the Ministry, by including Sir Albert Samles, aged 41. the vigorous head of the Tubes and heart and only or the new a hainistration. Lo. 5D and becomes War Secre-Paris, New 13.—The German's have tary, full a make it is a well vigour.

The bew Cabinet.

London it 11, . ere is general stesfaction Ata: .. Ceingt and surprise that it so strong considering the refusal of the old binerals to join, Mr. Lloyd Genige, confronted by a formidable opposition, intends to leave the direction of the Houle largely to Mr. War Carrell. The Inclusion of Lord Carzon and Lord Milner is profoundly less personal than a recognition of Lub mr.

There is much interest in the business appointments. Sir J. Maclay is the pri gal owner of the largest fleet trading from the Clyde. Sir Albert Stanley has revolutionised London triflic. Sir F. Cawley is a Lancashire bleacher, Mr. Heingworth, a Bradford spinner, and brother of the former Liperal Whip. Lord Rhondda is the ing munition contracts in America, Mr. Hewart's appointment is a recognition of brilliant success. Ten years are he was writing for a living and now has the biggest practice at

Mr. Hodge is a slid old fashioned trade-unionist, slowish, conservative, sife, and curies weight with the workmen. Mr. Fisher, Vice-Chancellor of Sheffield University, is the first Educahered and industrious, and will carry on rather than initiate. Mr. Prothero, aged 64, is a young member of the House. He is land agent to the Duke of Bedf rd. There is gen ral satisfaction that Mr. Balfour, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. L. n.zand Mr. Duk remain.

The G-vernment is novel in constitution, and the system of a small War-Conneil with powers and no departmental distractions is equally novel. Sir Elward Csrson's inclusion in the Council was expected, but Mr. Lloyd George determined that the War Office and the Almiralty should be executive departments, taking orders from the War Council. Exactly a third of the Ministers announced are lawyers, but six offices being lad, the remainder consists of five lawyers and 22 laymen. Local Liberal associations have been invited to pass resolutions d claring the continuance of Mr. Asquith in the leaderships of the party.

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Indian Representation.

London, D.c. 27.-The newspapers appland the decision that India shall be represented in the Imperial Conference. The Times says India is to be given a place in the Conference to which her enthusiastic and devoted support of the Imperial cause of the war entitles her. The extension of the invitation towards India suggests that the Government does not anticipate any objection from the Dominions. India indeed has buttressed a claim already very strong by the splendour of her devotion to the Imperial Tie in the time of war. The Government now show that they recognise her d-sire and strongly sympathise with her legitimate and moderate aspira-

The Daily Mail says the representation of India by Mr. Chamberlain and two skilled advisers from the East will give due weight to the Indian opinion in the War Cabinet as is only right after the noble contribution which the Indian army and Princes made for the

The Daily Chronicle says that it is right and proper that India should be represented in the Imperial War conference, for her interests are vitally concerned. Her vast population has remained peaceable and loyal under their ruling chiefs. Others have given many touching examples of devotion

The Daily News states: The presence of representatives of India beside premiers of Dominions will mark the opening of a new epoch which will cause profound disappointment if it is not decided that at least one of the spokesmen of India shall be Indian.

Russian Politics. Petrograd, Dec. 27.-M Trepoff has gone to Imperial headquarters. It is understood his visit is connected with

important ministerial changes. Austrian Changes. London, Dec. 27.—The Times says the appointments of the Bohemian

Slavi Counts Clammartiniz and Cheennin as Austrian Premier and Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister respectively seem to have an anti Magyar and anti-Russian tendency and are likely to be viewed with displeasure at Budapest and Berlin.

International Finance.

New York, Dec. 27,-The Federal Reserve Board has been permitted to appoint the Bank of England its agent under the American banking laws. This is a very important de-

After the Fall of Kut.

A special supplement to the "Lon-don Gazette" contained a report by Lieutenant General Sir Percy Lake, on the operations of the Mesopotamia force since the fall of Kut.

During May, he says the pressure of

the Russian advance from Persia towards Baghdad was felt by the enemy, who withdrew from positions in front of Es Sinn. This withdrawal was followed up, and General Corringe was able to clear the enemy from the right bank of the Tigris as far as the Hai

"We now hold positions from which we dominate the Hai and can deny its passage," adds the report, "while we could, if we pleased bombard Kut it-

Si Percy Lake describes the unex-pected arrival on May 20, of the Rus-sian cavalry patrol of three officers and 110 other ranks, which had carried out a daring ride of 200 miles from:Karind.

"The officers, he adds, "came to report themselves to me in person at Basrah, where by command of his Majesty the King, I decorated them with the Military Cross, in recognition of their exploits, and of this, the first meeting of British and Russian troops

as Allies in the field for 100 years. The patrol left on June 4, and returned to their main body in safety.

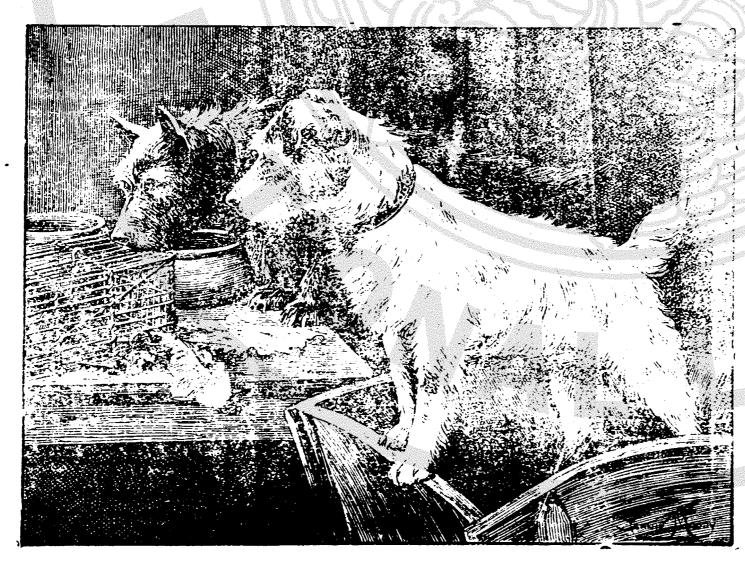
The enemy in May and June, established what was very nearly the mastery of the air, owing to machines of superior speed and the reduction in the number of our pilots due to sickness, but the tables were turned by August.

Increased sickness was experienced in May, and the heat was aggravated by the failure of the "shawel," or north wind, which is usually due in the middle of June, did not commence to blow until July 10. The admissions to hospital then at once lessened.

An outbreak of cholera on the Tigris front was soon got under con-trol, and Sir Percy Lake reports the overcoming of the difficulties against which the medical service had to con-

pected to be noticeable will be a decrease in the use of gold in settlement of international balances.

Wool for Army London, Dec. 27 .- The Army Council orders that no wool of the 1916-17 clip consigned to the United Kingdom from Australia or New Zealand on growers account shall be sold except to the Director of Army Contracts. velopment and a radical departure Persons holding or receiving stocks from existing financial methods as it are required immediately on arrival to practically places the American and furnish particulars thereof to the British governments in direct finan-authorities and to sell the wool as



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General Wire News.

London, Dec. 28.—Reuter learns the German authorities in Schleswig-Holstein are offering farmers and other employers of labour Belgian servants, both men and women whose ages range from 18 to 36, at pay thirty per cent below the rate current in the district. Employers must pay the German Government half travelling expenses but are entitled to deduct this from wages. [Cardinal Mercier says:

The naked truth is this: Every workman taken from Belgium means one soldier more for the German Army. He is intended to take the place of a German workman, out of whom a soldier is to be made. So that the situa-tion which we now expose to the civilized world comes to this. Four hundred thousand workmen have fallen vic ims to unemployment against their will, and, for the most part, as the result of the German regime of occupa-

Troops of soldiers force their way into these poor homes, tear the young men from their parents, husband from his wife, father from his children. They guard with bayonets the doors through which wives and mothers desire to run and bid a last farewell to those taken from them. Soldiers separate the prisoners into groups of 40 or 50, and load them by force into goods trucks. The engine stands under steam, Turkish military power by combine. and when the train is full the superior officer gives the signal for departure, and once more a thousand Belgians are carried off into slavery and, without formalities, are condemned to the hardest punishment known to punitive legislation-namely, deportation. They know neither where they are going nor for how long. All they know is that their work is to profit the enemy

The Cardinal continues by pointing out that it is utterly untrue to say that only the unemployed are taken, for the Germans are now taking men who have never been unemployed, even boys from colleges, students from universities and high schools; "and yet two high authorities of the German Empire expressly guaranteed us the liberty of our countrymen."

London, Dec. 28 .- It is officially announced that the Overseas New Year honours will be postponed to the middle of January. London, Dec. 28.—Mr. J. D. Killey

has been returned unopposed for Whitechapel succeeding Mr. Samue¹, who has resigned for business reasons. London, Dec. 28.—Sinkings; steamers Sno (Norwegian) Frigga (Swedish). Sailing ships: Agnes (British) Johan (Danish).

Amsterdam, Dec. 28.—The Germans have taken the Norwegian steamer Aamot, proceeding to England with a

cargo of artificial manure, into Hamburg as a prize.

The Piraeus, Dec. 27.-The transport of Greek troops to the Morea is proceeding. It has been decided the artillery shall not be sent to the Peloponnesus until the Allies have formulated their demands. It is believe ed the Greek Government is disposed to comply with the claims of the Allies in order to obtain the raising of the biockade.

London, Dec. 28 .- The Daily Telegraph says that the text of the Allies reply to Germany has been approved by all the Allies and make it clear to belligerents and neutrals alike that no hope need be entertained of ever persuading the Allies to surrende a jo ential victory for the sake of a peace which would be only a German peace, so long as German militurism is un-

London, Dec. 28.—The military cor-respondent of the Times says that in order to gain the necessary superiority on the West Front in 1917 and 1918 every possible white division from Salonika, Egypt and Mesopotamia should be withdrawn, native armies from India and Africa replacing them in Egypt. Artillery could be provided by the Dominions. The preservation of Egypt as a base intact is as much an Australian as an English or Indian interest. Egypt is an ideal offensive base of operations for the eastern shores of the Mediterranean, breaking down the action of the Allies in Armenia, Mesopotamia and Egypt as the best means of accomplishing the investment of the Anstro-German armies and checkmating Germany's eastern moves.

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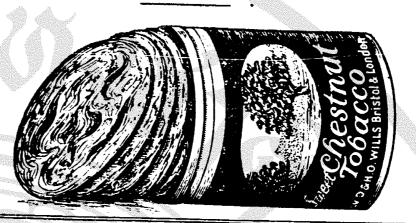
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Man Power.

Most people now understand why Germany has been so successful in her treatment of the problem of man power. Her wise economy of her young contingents; her constant re-examination of the medically unfit; her refusal of claims by conscientious objectors, and by the Civil Service to a privileged position; her success in restoring to the Colours a high proportion of wounded men; her use of prisoners in factories and on farms; the forced labour to which she subjects the population of occupied territories; and, finally, the trap which she has baited to catch Poles, all enable her to maintain her field strengths for longer and Egypt.-Ex. than anyone thought possible. These successes, due to national discipline, to the complete subordination of the interests of the individual to those of the State, and to the militarisation of the entire nation, represent according to the Military Correspondent of The Times, a remarkable achievement to which not one of us should remain blind. By her well organise I system of substitution Germany has already been able to take for her armies two batches of a half a million men each, and is in course of taking a third, from munition works, railways, mines, and other essential national industries. She has been able to build up over 200 field divisions, and cannot now safely be credited with less than 4,500,000 men in in the aggregate in her field armies and on the lines of communication. The new divisions, although composed of infantry abstracted from divisions already existing have required between 300,000 and 400,000 additional men from the reserves and young contingents which have been proportionately reduced. But the rereserves generally owing to all the measures which Germany has taken, cannot even now be safely reckoned at less than 2,000,000 men, which may serve to supply the existing units with drafts up to the autumn of 1917, the exact period depending on the character of the fighting and the resulting casualties. The Allies are one and all faced with the necessity of straining every nerve to place in the field next year every man and gun and shell that their countries can produce to match this colossal but last effort of their principal and most obstinate enemy. We Allies are quite able to match this effort and to overmatch it. We in these islands have still between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 men of military age who are in civil life, we are in a far better position than | mobilisation of national energy on so Germany to maintain the war. Our great a scale as the A t for the mobili-

reserves of man power, and are as de-! will be introduced in the Reichstag termined to win victory as we are at ! to-morrow, home. Russia has still ample reserves and will produce larger armies each year that the war lasts. Italy increases and improves month by month the quantity and quality of her armies, while France has been most successful in drawing more men from civil employments, and now excels in the art of accomplishing great things in the field with relatively slight losses. The troops of our ancient and faithful Ally Portugal have still to figure in the European battle-ground. India is capable of much greater things than she has yet done, and from Africa, now almost wholly in the hands of the Allies, we can draw large contingents of troops suited to service in Mesopotamia

Germany and Peace.

In view of the German peace proposals added interest is lent to the following interview granted by Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German Chancellor. The interview is contained in the Australian papers just receive fat

Colombo :-New York : Interviewed in Berlin by an American Press representative the German Chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, said: "Again we have declared our willingness to enter into negotiations for peace but without response. Our attitude has been represented in some quarters as dictated b**y weak**ness and fear. Surely the events of the past year have demonstrated that we did not speak out of weakness or fear just as the events of the coming year will demenstrate that if we adhere to our willingness to consider a cessation of the struggle we are obeying the simple dictates of any apprehension of the result. I say this without concern for the ultimate issue of the struggle, however prolonged, but under a solemn consciousness of the sanctity of the flame of life which should not be extinguished by human misunderstandings which common counsel might dissipate.

The Chancellor, shrugging his shoulders continued: "But, of course, if our enemies are obdurate and choose to continue their hopeless endeavour we shall only continue to make them pay a bitter price for their folly. The German soul is resolute and against our firm and far reaching lines the billows of attack break in vain. There is nothing to affright us in any quarter. To morrow we embark upon an enter-prise of defence of staggering magnigallant Dominions have still large sation of non military service which

"Germany is absolutely determined to carry the war through by thus summoning the whole power of a united people. Yet, while the will of the people is as determined to carry the struggle to any length necessary for the vindication of our national integrity and destiny as it has ever been, it is now our desire to resume our amicable exertion for peace as soon as we are allowed to do so.

Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg quoted extracts from speeches by Dr. Wilson and Mr. Asquith and also from his own speech in the Reichstag. He contended that all evidenced a desire that eventually a world tribunal should enforce, peace, and commented upon similarity of the sentiment of the speeches. The Chancellor added that the death of the Emperor Francis Joseph only meant the passing of the scepare to younger hands, which had the same firm purpose and determination. Austria would stand shoulder to shoulder with Germany in common impulse to vindicate the Imperial destiny.

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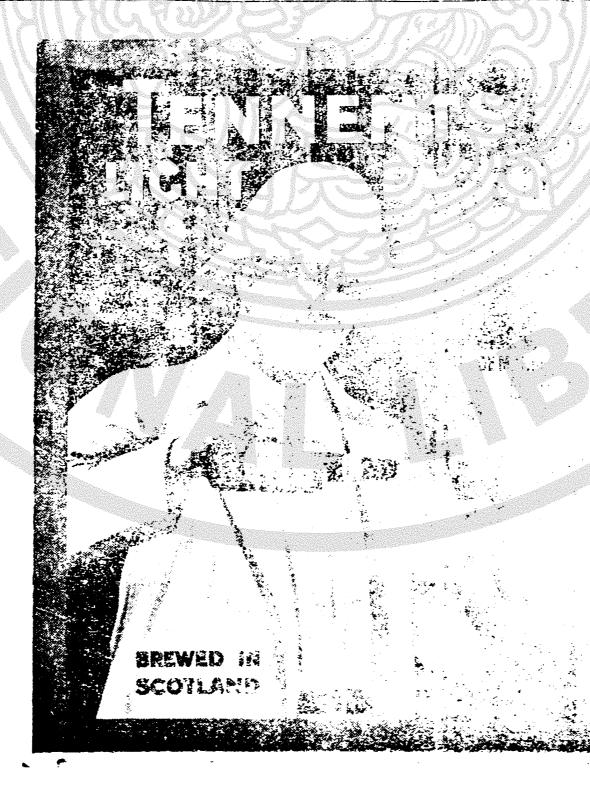
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