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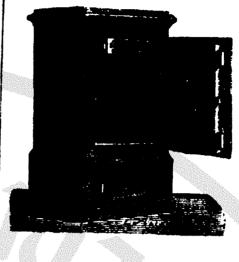
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Paris, Dec. 5th. - Sub-Lieutenant Viney (British) and Lieutenant Desincay (French) describe the destruction of a German submarine off the Belgian coast on Nov. 29th. They state: "We were cruising at an altitude of 10,000 feet on a French biplane seeking for a submarine when we sighted two on the surface to the west of Newport about five miles from the coast. We were pretty sure they were not escorted, and diving was out of question for them as the sea was shallow. Descending in spirals, we selected one for attack. Our conjecture was correct as the vessel was over a sandbank and it was impossible for it to dive. It sought to escape in a hurried zig-zag flight and seeing there was little chance of shifting it we turned our attention to its escort, which answered to the helm less readi ly and could not get out of the circles we described about it. We descended to 650 feet from the sea, and then being certain of our aim we dropped the first bomb, which proved effectual. Even the naked eye could see the damage done to the deck. We made two more circles above the doomed submarine and then dropped a second bomb with the result that she broke in two and sank. We had no time to lose as the other submarine might give warning and bring a swarm of aircraft to cut us off, so we rose immediately. Watching the spot we saw an ever-widening sheet of oil spreading over the surface and this told us all we wanted to know.

'The "Matin" states Sub-Lieutenant Viney will get the Victoria Cross and Lieutenant Desincay the Legion of

Russia Ready.

Four Army Corps in Bessarabia.

M. Marcel Hutin writes as follows in the "Echo de Paris": - "In one of my previous bulletins I called attention to the concentration of an imposing Russian force in Bes-arabia. In

this connection it is right to consider carefully the importance of the tour of inspection now being conducted by the Czar and Czarewitch in the region of Odrssa. This fresh inspection of troops concentrated in Bessarabia testifies to the interest that confessedly attaches to this journey, especially when one realises the real size of the forces. These are estimated at over four army corps, concentrated in this quarter for the defence of the southern territories

of Russia. "General Alexief accompanied the Czar, and it beems certain that the Russian Headquarters Staff has some plan of intervention in the Balkans What is the plan? It is not stated, and this is right, for the Germans may meditate a plan of aggression northward through Moldavia against Bessarabia. We know them by experience. The violation of Belgium is sufficient proof that Germany would not hesitate to trample on treaties so as to make an irruption, especially if operations in Rumanian territory appeared to be feasible. Whatever may be the real intention of the armies of Mackensen, one may be sure that Russia is ready to face all eventualities.

10,000 Miles of Trenches.

Mr. H. Warner Allen, the special. correspondent of the British Press with

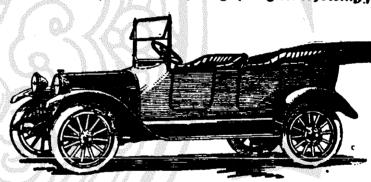
the French Armies, says:
In a section of the French lines I have just visited, on a front of just over ten miles, there are slightly over 234 miles of trenches. To make certainty still more sure, another 46 miles of

other trenches are being dug. Elsewhere a certain division has 250 miles of trenches to look after, while a certain army corps has 450 miles. In is estimated that there are 20 miles of trenches to every mile of front, so that between Switzerland and the North Sea the British and French Armies have at least 10,000 miles of trenches to guard and keep in order.

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Serbian Army Still in Being.

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An authoritative statement regarding the condition of the Serbian Armies after their retreat from the Theatre of War in Macedonia was issued on December 15th through Reuter's Agency. Telegrams, it is stated, are being received daily from Scutari the present headquarters of the Serbian Government, and these are full of hope for the

future. The bulk of the Serbian Army, it is stated, is now in Albania and Montenegro, either on the coast or on its way thither. Although it has suffered considerably in men and material, the Army remains as an important fighting factor, ready to resume_operations

against the enemy at a later date.

This should not be lost sight of, for it is a fact that though the Army has been compelled to retire, it has not been worsted in any big battle. Its retirement has been orderly, and the great bulk of the material that has fullen into the enemy's hands had been previously rendered useless.

In view of these and other considerations the Serbian Nation attaches the highest importance to the decision of the Allies to remain at Salonika. Neither the Serbian Nation nor the Serbian Army has lost heart or confidence in the Allies and their final succass, but it is of the highest importance that their action in the Balkans shall be continued.

Successes of The Future. An Allied force of 250,000 men at Salonika, the base of future operations, should be enough to hold the enemy, and in the near future this force, together with the Russians from Bessara-bia and 300,000 Serbs and Montenegrins, could conduct operations that would drive the enemy from the Bal-kans. It is in the Balkans that the failures, both military and diplomatic, of the past can be transformed into the spacesses of the future.

As regards the present shortage of food, it is certain that the country through which the Serbs are passing is poor and offers no resources, but it is not difficult to send food and other assistance to the Adriatic ports for the Allied Fleets dominate these waters as they do the Mediterranean. So long as the Serbs remain in numbers in Albania they have nothing to fear from the population.

In the meantime the Serbs look with confidence to the future.

Heavy Toll Paid by Enemy.

Paris, December 3.—A message from The war in Serbia has resulted in the fellowing losses to the enemy armies:-

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Grave dissensions have broken out between Bulgarian and German officers. The Athens correspondent of the "Petit Journal" says the French losses are not like those of the Bulgarians, which are enormous. Refugees arriving in Salonika state that there do not exist in the Ghevgeli district any plains or ravines which are not choked with Bulgarian corpses. These hecatombs prove the results of the fire of our

War Points In Parliament.

In the House of Commons on Dec. 13 Lord Robert Cecil informed Sir E. Cornwall that he was not yet in a position to make any statement with regard to the position of Greece and the Intente Power.

Lord R. Cecil informed Sir J. D. Rece that a loan to Montenegro for the purchase of food was contemplated. Mr. McKenna said he did not anticipate any difficulty in raising on voluntary terms such loans as the State my

require.
The Prime Minister said the Government did not intend to propose an allround reduction of Ministerial and Parliamentary salaries.

Mr. Tennant said it was proposed to issue armlets to men medically rejected, under certain conditions, which would be published shortly.

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The German Chargé d'Affaires will Thursday, 27th January 1916. from 10½ to noon, to celebrate the anniversary of the birthday of His Majesty the German

Bangkok, 20th January 1916.



Auction Sale of Launch.

The set going steam launch "Yotha" will be sold by public auction on Friday, Mar. 10, 1916 at 3 p.m. at the Harbour Office, Bangkok. The vessel was built by the Bangkok Dock Company in 1904. Hull composite (steel frames; teak planking). Lengtn O. A. 71 ft., beam 11 ft., depth 6 ft., Engines C. F. C. cyl. 7" and 14", stroke 9." Boiler, ordinary marine type, 6 ft., dia., 6 ft. 4 in. long. W. P. 120 lbs. The vessel passed Government survey in Dec. 1913, and has not been used since. She will be sold as she now lies. Further particulars can be obtained from the Chief Government Marine Surveyor, Harbour Department, Bang-

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Royal Bangkok Sports Club.

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Montenegro.

Fighting Resumed on all Fronts.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 21. Brindisi .-- The Premier of Montenegro has arrived. He announces that Kirg's sons are still in Montenegro amidst the troops and are organising a last stand.

Dedeagatch Bombarded Again.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 21 Salonika.-Nineteen warships bombarded Dedeagatch yesterday. Considerable damage was done and a train destroyed. Several storehouses are on

British Submarine Grounded.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 21. The Admiralty announces that a British submarine has grounded on the Dutch coast.

In Mesopotamia.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 21. In was announced in the House of Commons that General Aylmer is seven miles from Kut.

The Position in Mesopotamia.

British Foreign Office to H. B. M. Legation, Bangkok. London, Jan. 20.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Under Secretary of State for India, said, the weather having moderated, General Aylmer had been enabled to continue the advance of his troops. According to a wire yesterday evening he was close to Es Sinn position, and consequently only about 7 miles from Kut. General Townshend reports no fighting or firing.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Latest telegrams will be found on page 6.

THE R. B. S. C. race programme for the l'ebruary meeting appears else-

Wr. have received a wall calendar from Mesers, Barrow, Brown & Co., sellers of portable petrol fire engines.

YESTERDAY the wedding took place of Mr. Harazio Cottrell and Miss Sophy Yerusalimsky (Engel). The c-remony was performed by the Rev. Mr. R. O. Franklin.

LAST night a Siamese lad of sixteen stabbed a man of thirty as the latter was leaving a house of ill-fame in a lane off the New Road. The injured man died later.

THE German Charge d'Affaires will be at home on Thursday, 27th inst. from 10.30 s.m. to noon to celebrate the A niversay of H. I. M. The German Emperor's Birthday.

THE Phathanakorn Cinematograph advertise a change of programme for to-night. There will be a film showing the fight between Bombardier Wolls and Frank Moran for the heavyweight championship.

A SUM of £25-12-0 has been forwarded to the Secretary for the R. S. P. C. A (War Fund), this amount being the first instalment of money promised at the recent Race Meeting by the members of the racing community.

THE 4 first places won by the Bang-kok Christian College in the annual sports at Suan Kularb this year should have referred to the under twenty and under sixteen year events. Wat Debsirindr School headed the list of wins with six first places.

The Clan Macfarlane.

Crew's Terrible Sufferings.

Malta, Jan. 14.-The experiences of the crew of the Clan Macfarlane which was travelling to Bombay were terrible. They left Malta on Dec.28. and were torpedoed without warning on Dec. 30 in a heavy sea. The crew of seventy four all took to the boats. A submarine till then unseen rose to the surface and asked 'Captain Swanston the nationality and name of the steamer, her tonnage, cargo and destination. They hastened the sinking of the steamer by gun-fire and then disappeared. A laix boats were tied together, and so remained three days battling with a mountainous sea. The ration was only half a biscuit and half a King Nicholas' Government has re-fused all the Austrian terms and fight-ing has resumed on all fronts. The were cheerful but exposure and hardship told on the Lascars. On Jan. 4 the Captain's boat in which already two men had died, broke loose and drifted away. The remaining bate, half filled with water, the occupants half dead from exposure and starvation drifted helple-sly three more long days and nights. The sea never abated. One after another eleven snore Lucars died. The survivors, numbering only twenty four, were in a state of utter collapse when picked up on Jin. 7, after eight days misery and agony.

Amsterdam, Jan. 15 .- The Dutch steamer Masshaven has been miued. Twentytwo of the crew were saved but the captain is dead.

Montenegro.

London, Jan. 15.-A Vienna communiqué says that Cettinje has been

Bologna, Jan. 15 .- The first official

reference to recent events in Montenegro are made in a speech of the Ita. lian member of the Cabinet Sr. Bar-zilai, who said that to save Mount Lovichen would have meant saving Montenegro, which was a huge task, requiring two or three hundred thousand troops, and an effort six times greater than necessary to convey the same forces on home territory. He mentioned that over-rating the importance of Mount Livtchen is due to foreign influences. The Bay of Cattaro is a first class natural Harbour, capable of accommodating the whole of the Austrian fleet, despite the possible menace from the top of Mount Lovt-

Although the barracks at Cattaro are visible from Mount Lovtchen, adequate guns could not be brought up he mountain owing to the al roads. He concluded by saying that the inevitable success of the Allies would nullify the recent bold strokes by their enemies, which were accom-plished in view of their need of hastening peace. Their enemies can no longer count on the inadequate co-ordination of the Allies in material and moral efforts.

Parie, Jan. 15 .- Enemy aircraft dropped bombs on Janes, northwest of Kukus and Doganizi killing a Greek soldier and wounding several.

Austria's Dwindling Fleet.

Rome, Jan. 15.—Detailed accounts of the fighting off Durazzo on Dec. 29 confirm the loss stready reported from several sources of another enemy ship besides the Lika and Trigolar.

London, Jan. 15.—A Paris communique says that the French submarine Foucault sank an Austrian Cruiser of the type of the Novara in the neighbourhood of Cattaro. [The Novara class is torpedo cruiser 3,500 tons completed since 1913.]

Distributing the Forces.

London, Jan. 15 .- The Times correspondent at Athens wires that the Austrian Consul at Corfu has been arrested. From Bukharest comes news that Russian prisoners employed in roadmaking in Serbia escaped to Relag. They have given horrible accounts of their suffering at the hands of the Germans, whose treatment of Serbian women and girls is too revolting to des-

Bukharest, Jan. 14.-It is reported that Turco-Bulgarian troops will be sent to the Italian, Montenegrin and French frents to replace the Austro-Germans sent to Salonika and Buko-

New Year Messages.

Petrograd, Jan. 14. - The Tear in a etirring New Year address to his forces pays a tribute to their glorious selfsacrifice in harassing the enemy and checking his invasion. "Remember," he said "our beloved Russia cannot be assured of independence or develop her resources without gaining a decisive victory. Consequently there can be no peace without a victory which must be achieved at whatever pains."
Petrograd, Jan. 14.—The New Year

message in which Mr. Lloyd George sends "warmest greetings to our valiant allies" adds "the time is soon coming when on both fronts we can face the enemy under conditions of complete equality as regards munitions, and with numerical advantage on our side."

The Navy League.

The subscriptions to the Cruiser Fand on the 20th instant amounted to Tcs. 142. Mondhol Chandaburi sub-- scribed Tcs. 2,077. The total now is Tos. 1,840,414.

Cattle Landing

Says the "Malaya Tribune" :--The system of loading and discharging horned cattle on the Siamese East Coast has met with adverse comment for many years. It is doubtful, however, whether the method employed at Singapore in the discharge of cattle from tongkangs to the shore is not far worse than the Siamese mode. Accidents will occur in every trade and it occasionally happens that the horns, by which the bullock is slung in the Siamese ports, will break. But these cases are very rare. In Singapore every bullock landes comes in for more than an ordinary modicum of ill-treatment by the coolies dealing with it in hoisting it out of the tongkangs.

The handling of imported cattle from tongkungs at the Beach Road front shore requires strict attention by the local Government. Several instances of brutal ill-treatment, caused by endeavours to land the animals, have come to notice lately, and arrangements should be speedily made to cause a stop to this practice.

Loading sheep into tongkangs at the Treasury warterside is also conducted on too harsh lines, especially at low water, and remedial measures in this quarter ought to be assured.

Tidal Wave in Holland.

Rotterdam, Jan. 15.—A tidal wave has partly wrecked the railway to Dordrecht interrupting communication with South Holland.

Considerable damage has been done by floods in Holland, the Island of Marken and the neighbouring town of Monnikendam being submerged. Zwalle is also badly hit and many cattle have been drowned. There was no loss of life. The level of the Zuider Zee is very high.

Amsterdam, Jan. 15.-The havoe caused by the floods is greater than was first supposed. The dykes along the Zuider Zee collapsed at several points and peasants and cattle are everywhere fleeing precipitately from the constantly rising waters. A dyke broke at several points in the Muiden district before the inhabitants realised their peril. The sea burst through the gaps with such force that

it wrecked large portions of the roads. Reports are coming in from North to make a wiser choice. Holland of great distress. They include the Island of Texel and Province of Groningen. The gale also swept the lower Elbe. The sea was twenty feet above normal. The town of Stade subsided.

The dyke at Twielenfeth was severely damaged and is being feverishly repired in the hope of preventing further

[Marken and Monnikendam are show places of Holland freq uented by tourists on account of the quaint dresses and customs of their inhabi-

London, Jan. 15.—Admiral Menx has been returned unopposed for

Portsmouth. London, Jan. 15 .- Lord Bryce has received a telegram indicating the final destruction of the manliest part of the Armenian nation. Fifteen bundred Sassur Armenians, famine stricken, surrendered to the authorities, whereon the Governor of Mush ordered the men to be massacred, and the women and children drowned in the Euphrates.

Presentation to Miss Asquith.

Im the Speaker's library at the House of Commons the Speaker presented on behalf of Members of Parliament of all parties a gift to Miss Violet Asquith on the occasion of her forthcoming marriage to Mr. Bonham Carter, the old Oxford cricket Blue. The gift consisted of a gold inkstand and a diamond brooch. On the inkstand the inscription alluded to the marriage taking place in the eight year of her father's tenure of office as Prime Minister. There was a very large attendance of Members present. Miss Asquith briefly thanked the Speaker and Members for their kindness and good wishes, but remarked that her father could reply for her more ably and more fully. Mr. Asquith recalled the old days of political feud when he first became Prime Minister, and contrasted them with the quieter Parliamentary days now. Former opponents were now sitting on the Treasury Bench by his side, but the small voice of criticism, sometimes very candid criticism, was still heard, not always by old oppenents, but often by old friends. Mr. Henry Chaplin moved and Mr. John Redmond briefly reconded a vote of thanks to the Speaker for making the presentation.

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India's New Viceroy.

London, Jan. 15.—It is officially stated that Lord Chelmsford has been appointed Viceroy of India.

The Daily Graphic says that few Viceroys have better served England in India than Lord Hardinge. Nothing so endeared him to the speople as the defence of the Indians of South Africa, which once seemed likely to provoke a conflict. But public opinion had since rallied to the view that an honourable and adequate place must be found for Indian representatives in the councils of the Empire. Leaving India now is indeed a triumph for Lord Hardinge. It may be some consolation for the sad domestic losses he has suffered. His successor has won distinction in New South Wales. In Lord Chelmsford India possesses a viceroy of sterling character, of proved capacity, and capable of carrying on the best traditions of British rule.

The Daily News says that Lord Chelmsford has done good work in Australia. He possesses many qualifications making for success in a very difficult office, but his task is not easy. Lord Hardinge has proved the greatest vicercy of our time. His very success must have made his successor's task hard even in the quietest times.

The Standard, reviewing the situation in India, says that happily the general fervent loyalty of all classes encourages the belief that no new unforeseen anxieties await the new viceroy, who has already won distinction in the self governing dominions. Lord Chelmsford will be spared the grave anxieties of several of his predecessors. The hostility of Germany and the German-led Turk is the only external menace to the security of India, and it is still a far cry from Kut el Amara to Kermanshah. There is no need to apprehend that Sir Percy Lake in Mesopotamia and the Russians in Persia will allow the enemy to get nearer. The Times says Lord Chelmsford will be accepted with general satisfac-

tion. The acute constitutional crisis in Queensland found him possessing courage and knowledge and his term in New South Wales was reckoned the most successful of recent years. Since his return he has devoted himself to useful work on the London County Council and bas served with the Territorials since the outbreak of war. Such a record sufficiently reveals a man whose life is full and many sided. Lord Cheimsford has proved a valuable keen sense of duty. He had the advantage of acquiring from another angle knowledge of Imperial problems which will not be the least valuable qualification as Viceroy. Difficult times are lying ahead and it would be difficult

Church Services.

Assumption Church.

Calendar of the Week. January the 23rd, 3rd Sunday after Epiphany. 5.45 a.m. 1st Mass for the Native Community. 2nd and last Mass for the

Foreign Community. Rosary and Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament.

Week Days. 5.30 a.m. 1st Mass. 6 a.m. 2nd and last Mass. Devotion of the month: The Holy Family.

Christ Church.

Service for 3rd. Sunday after Evensong and Sermon 6.p.m Processional (Through the night of doubt and sorrow. 114 Chant Bennett in F 115 Chant Camidge in E.

Magnificat Smith's Chant in G. Nunc Dimittis Barnby's Chant in A

Lord, teach us how to pray aright. Lead, kindly Light. The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended. With Thy Benediction.

St. Mary's Mission (S. P. G.)

Wat Takien. Sunday, Jan. 23rd.—3rd Sunday after 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 9 a.m. Mattins and Sermon.

Hymns: Glorious things of thee are Conquering King their titles takes.

We sing the glorious conquest. 4 p.m. Sunday School for children. The Wednesday evening Services of Pruyer for those engaged in the War will be discontinued until Wednesday, Feb. 16.

STRAIGHT AT IT. There is no use of our "beating around the bush." We might as well out with it first as last. We want you had done they flashed their regrets to to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the next time you have a cough or cold. There is no reason so far as we can see why you should not do so. This preparation by its remarkable cures has gained a world wide reputation, and people everywhere speak of it in the highest terms of praise. It is for sale by British Dispensary.

Mexico.

Ex-President Huerta Dead.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The State Department announces that the Americans have captured General Ridriguez second to General Villa in command of the Mexican revolutionists who is said to have murdered Peter Keane, a British subject. Orders have been given for his execution. General Almeida and several other Villa chieftains have been also captured. Almeida was shot

immediately.

El Paso, Jan. 14.—Ex-President
Huerta has died. Martial law has been declared and police and American soldiers and civilians are rounding up Mexicans with the object of evicting them from the city. There have been numerous fights and many have been taken to hospital.

Germany.

Amsterlam, Jan. 4. - In the Prussian Diet Herr Lenz the Finance Minister asking for an authorisation for the issue of a hundred an I fifty million sterling exchequer bonds declared it was false to say Germany was unable to bear the burden of war longer. He admitted a scarcity of foodstuffs and the higher prices of milk, butter and fat but the bighest point had been already reached. He announced huge increases in individual and company income taxes. The German socialist party has expelled Herr Liebknecht "owing to his continual gross offences against his duties as a member.'

Amsterdam, Jan. 15 .- The Socialist Simons in the Reichstag attributed the shortage of foodstuffs to wrong measures taken by the Government. He said that the dimunition of the bread ration was a serious disappointment to the working classes. The increase of potato prices is a catastrophe.

Amsterdam, Jan. 15.—The "Ber-liner Tageblatt" is disappointed at the vagueness of the passage of the speech from the Throne with reference to electoral reform. It describes the whole speech as unsatisfying.

The Kaiser's Birthday Message.

Amsterdam, Jan. 13 .- The Kaiser in proclamation to his people says: For the second time I celebrate my birthday amid the clash of arms. Despite public servant endowed with sound the heroic deeds and glorious successes judgment and determination and a of the German and allied forces the arduous struggle for existence which envy had forced upon us is not yet ended. The whole strength of the German people at the front and at home must be concentrated on final victory for peace and the safeguarding of the Empire from hostile attacks." He de-Bires that celebrations shall b to silent prayer and charitable contributions heal the scars of war.

Clean-Fighting Turks.

New York, Dec. 18.—The United Press to-day publishes the following despatch from Mr. William G. Shep. herd, its special correspondent at

Salonika: —
The Turks fight like gentlemen. This is the testimony of every English officer and soldier who knows anything about the Dardanelles and Gallipoli fighting. The British camp at Salonika contains large numbers of men who have been fighting against the Turks, and I have talked with many of them.

Sitting in the tent of an Irish regiment to-day I heard I rish officers praise the Turks. "The Turks are devilish fighters but always gentlemen." said one Irish captain. "The Germans never grant a truce to bury the dead or pick up the wounded, but the Turks never refused our offer of a truce. Fighting with the Turks always means hard but honourable and civilised fighting." "One day," spoke up another officer, "we unwittingly placed one of our batteries too near to a hospital. It happened through some mistake in orders. The Turks were the first to notice it, and they signalled to us with a heliograph: 'We'll be forced to fire very close to your hospital if you do not move your battery from that neighbourhood.' Of course, we saw that a mistake had been made and we signalled back that we would move the bat-

tery, which we did." I saw them do an interesting thing one day," said a third officer. "During a truce to bury the dead the Turks flashed as a message in French: 'Honour to all soldiers; confusion to all politicians.' Another time a Turkish bullet hit one of our Royal Medical Corps officers in the leg. He fell in sight of both the Turkish and British trenches. The Turks immediately gave us a chance to go out and get him and then sent us a heliograph message apologising for the fact that one of their men had stupidly mistaken the

medical man for a regular coldier." "They apologised to our company too," said another officer. "One of their shells struck a motor-ambulance, and when the Turks saw what they us and said that it had all been a mis-

take and they were very sorry."
"Gallipoli is terrible, though," declared still another officer. "Gallipoli is the bloodiest and the most terrible battlefield in history. I think it will go down in the books as a name of horror when all the truth about it is known.-Exchange.

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Cardinal Mercier in Rome. Italy's Sympathy with Belgium.

Rome, Jan.-15.-Cardinal Mercier eceived a warm welcome here. There were continual cries of viva Mercier, viva Belgia in the crowded streets. All the natabilities of Rome together with obscure citizens made a pilgrimage to

the Belgian college where the Cardinal is staying and pledged themselve. to contribute by all means in their power to the restoration of Belgium.

His Eminence was touched by the demonstrations but refused to make a statement wherenpon those assembled exclamied " the facts speak eloquently enough.'

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Great War.

The Western Front.

(11AVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 90.

Yesterday there was artillery ac

tivity.

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Nancy we bombarded effectively the
stations at Metz and Arnaville.

To-day there were patrol combats between the Oise and the Aisne.

Montenegro Will Fight to the Last.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 20.

A communique says that the Consulate General of Montenegro has informed the King that the Government refuses energetically all Austrian conditions. Montenegro will continue to fight to the last in order to insure eventually the retreat of the army.

Women and War.

The necessities of the times have opened a novel and starding career for wengen, which will be welcomed with special enthusiasm by the advocates of the equality of the sexes who have a grievance with regard to some of the ou, says "The Globe." As Army nurses women have, by their selfsacrifice and devotion, covered their sex with a glory which is freely accorde I them. but still this is on the spindle side. They have now set their foot definitely inside the active branches of military service by obtaining ap-pointments as riding masters and grooms, and in the performance of their duties do not shirk the roughest and hardest work. In the neighbourhood of Reading there are three horse depots entirely staffed by women, and these have been pronounced by a general officer, after a surprise visit, to be the best managed of any under his command. That ladies are also undertaking the instruction of young officers in riding is not surprising, because it is a task for which they have often shown themselves well qualified, buttheir participation in the rougher and harder work of military stable duty will be hailed as a triumph by the ex-

Mrs. Asquith's Libel Case.

Sheaves of Anonymous Letters.

London, Dec. 19.-A sensational libel case came before Justice Peterson in the Chancery Division of the High Court on Friday, when Mrs. Asquith sought to restrain the "Globe" from publishing libels accusing her of lack of loyalty and associating with German prisoners at Donnington Hall describing her as a traitor and a disgrace to her sex. Much public interest was taken in the case, and Mrs. Asquith and her daughter were present in Court. Mr. H. E. Duke, K.C., plaintiff's counsel, stated that systematic and malevelent libels had been published and only suspended after the issue of a writ. The persecution began last spring in certain newspapers which had since publicly apologised, and on plaintiff's insistence paid one hundred pounds to the Red Cross Fund. Fersons who were disseminating these libels through the "Globe" had sent to plaintiff sheaves of annoymous letters, and moreever, imputations had been made upon uer in society. The matter had now come to a head in a form by which tue "Globe" could be brought to account for libeis as gross as ever made against any Englishwoman and calcula-ted to shake public confidence in the administration.

Mr. Neilson, counsel for the "Globe," contented that the jury must decide whether the imputations referred to plaintiff. Mr. Duke said the libels mentioned the wife of a Cabinet minister. He had overwhelming evidence to show that plaintiff was designated. Moreover there was a confession by one of the parties making that clear. The case was adjourned, the defence giving an undertaking not to publish further articles in the meantime.

Count Andrassy's Regret.

Why He Cannot Hope For Peace,

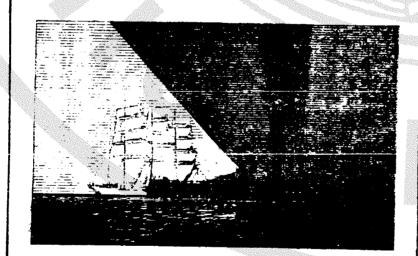
A Budapest telegram says that in the Hungarian Chamber of Deputies Count Andrassy dwelt on the possibility of the conclusion of peace. He said: It is human duty to make peace at that moment when this is possible. I am completely convinced that we shall be able to conquer the extremest resistance of our enemies and continue the war until our adversaries are forced to ask for peace, but it would be a blessing if it were possible to conclude peace before this last moment comes. The circumstance that on the other side I do not perceive a sign of the possibility of the

conclusion of peace at present prevents

me from all actions for peace.

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Transport of Allied Forces to Salonika.

A Misconception Removed.

In some sections of the Paris Press there has been a good deal of misinformed comment upon the conditions under which the Salonika expedition was carried out, and in the common interest it may be as well to set on record the progress of events. The idea of an expedition to Salonika in sufficient strength as to enable it to exert, its action as far as Adrianople or the Danube was first suggested nearly a year ago by M. Briand in France, and it obtained the support of Mr. Lloyd George in England.

There were many arguments for and against the execution of this idea. The favourable arguments are obvious; against the expedition was, among other things, the danger of disease which would have been incurred by an Army operating through suffering Serbia at that time. In any case the matter was not carried into effect and was not again seriously considered until October. Then it was decided that in view of the threatened calamity to Serbia an Anglo-French force of about 150,000 men should be dispatched to Salonika. Of this number Great Britain agreed to contribute 90,000 and France 60,000 men.

It has frequently been remarked in the French Press, and it was repeated only last night in a leading article in the "Tempe," that the British force was late in arriving in Greece. This is not an accurate description of what happened. The first troops to land at Salonika were two divisions, one Freuch and one British. They arrived at the debarcation point neck and neck. The other troops reached Marseilles together. There a fleet of British transports was waiting to carry the British troops. Yielding, however, to the insistence of the French, who chivalrously desired to be first to succour Serbia, the British said in effect, "Messieurs les Français, embarquez les premiers."

This the French did, and they arrived first in Salonika in force. Our men awaited the return of the transports, and then proceeded without delay to rejoin their French comrades in Greece. It is apparently a small point in history, but it is as well that it should be cleared up.—"The Times."

Prince Rupprecht.

"Above all things, be patient, sit tight and win!" This, in freely translated form, is the motto which the Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, commanding the Sixth Army, has given the German army on the Western front. Those who have paid much heed to the Crown Prince Rupprecht's many utterances since the beginning of the war will (says the Central News) note a very significant charge of tone in this latest exhortation of his. It is different altogether from the highpitched predictions of sweeping victory which, on previous occasions, have come from the same quarter. Moreover, the Prince, in communicating his latest "motto" to an interviewer, rather spoilt the effect by adding the doubtful sentence: "This is our programme, and let us hope it may be our future.'

The Crown Prince is entitled to his hopes, but the following frank confession from the "Berliner Tageblatt" is worth noting:—

"We must prepare for the economic war, which, although pacific, will also be pitiless and desperate. And, then, we must think of our children, who will succeed us, and whose most vital interests will be in danger. That is why, since we can hope for nothing in the West, we should turn our regards towards the Orient."

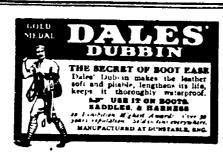
Prince Rupprecht admits that he bases his hopefulness on the fact that the German forces in the West are to be considerably strengthened. He asserts that the German losses have lately been small in comparison with those of the Allies, and lays particular stress upon the heavy casualties among British officers during the last big offensive.

iron Piennigs.

Copenhagen, December 17.—The German Government issued 17,000,0:0 iron pfennig coins in November for home use. Nickel and copper pfennigs are now kept for war purposes. German iron makers recently offered the Imperial Chancellor enough ammunition and war material to the end of the war if they guaranteed that Germany's frontiers would be extended. The Chancellor naively expressed his regret that he could not give the required guarantee.

The Balkans.

London, December 28.—It is now believed that Greece does not object to the Bulgars crossing the frontiers if Salonika is attacked frontally from the Ghevgeli-Doiran line, but does not accede to the Bulgars' desire to cross the eastern frontier of Greece. Bulgarian papers state that M. Redoslavoff told the Agrarian leader that the troops will conserve the position on the Greek frontier. According to an Athens message from Salonika, Bulgar deserters report the prevalence of dysentery and that the whole commissariat is deplorable.





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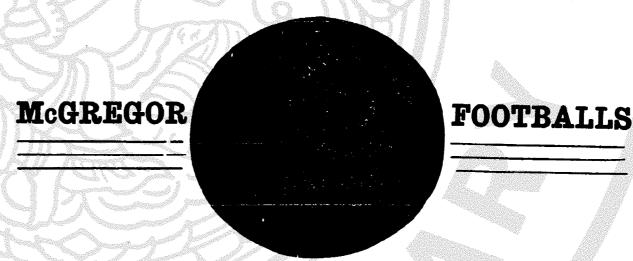
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Terrible Plight Of the Armenian Girls. "These people are being deliberately done to death at a sufficiently slow pace to allow their oppressors the oppor-

Nearly a million Armenians in Turkey have perished in the massaces and whole sale deportations of Christians insigated by the Ottoman Gevernment in Asia Minor. This is the "careful estimate" of a competent anthority quoted by Lord Bryce, formerly British Ambassador at Washington, in the following further reports on the cruelties collected from statements which have come through the United States from sources on which, he says, the fullest reliance can be placed:—

"Some two or three weeks ago, at K., about two hundred of the chief Armenians were imprisoned, then taken at night in wagons, thirty or forty at a time, to the river bank and there killed. Eighteen of the employees of the railway and the director of the bank were among these. I had this on good authority then, and it is confirmed now.

"Within this past week all the Armenian men, whether Gregorian, Protestant, or Catholic, have been taken, stripped to shirt and drawers, tied together and taken away and heard of no more. The women and girls have been distributed to the Turkish villages, and Turks have been coming and looking over the girls and choosing what they wanted. One of the wealthiest men in K', whose wife and three daughters were taken away before his eyes, went crazy.

"These people are being deliberately done to death at a sufficiently slow pace to allow their oppressors the opportunity of choosing out such of their women and their goods as they care for and getting all their money away from them before they die."

A Gallant Subaltern.

No one doubts the splendid fighting qualities of the sportsmen of Australia and New Zealand, who have often sprinted to death under the murderous fire in the Gallipoli campaign. Here is a story of a boy officer taken from the "Sydney Sun": We had a young subaltern from Duntroon College (N. 8 W.), as gallant a boy as ever looked death in the face, and that he did every hour of the day and night for weeks. He commanded men old enough to be his father, and he was the darling of their hearts. One day the inevitable-happened, and he went down (to the sea front) with a big hole in him. Some days afterwards his men were going back to rest camp, and they came to me to inquire after him. I can see them now, half a score of as unsavoury-looking ruffians as ever could be seen. Their faces were shaggy with two weeks' beard, and their eyes were red and bulging with unintermittent vigils. They had cheated death for yet another week. And the tears ran down their cheeks as they begged to know if "there was any chance for the boy." Men like that stir your innermost fibre.



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