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The Extended British Front.

London, Dec. 31.—The " Scotsman " says that the extension of the British front has been common knowledge in the Allied armies for some time. The course of events for the past three months has rendered the step inevitable, but a movement of such magnitude and importance could not be carried out rapidly. The enemy was in entire ignorance of what was going on. Various schemes were employed to disguise the situation. One French unit carried out a lively raid on the German trenches at night and was relieved half an hour later to make room for British comrades. Owing to the experience gained in taking over the Albert and Arras sectors and the memorable transportation of British troops from the Aisne everything worked smoothly. The actual taking over of the positions was only possible at night time. The news has been received with the liveliest satisfaction in France where it is regarded as an effective example of the working of the unified command.

State Purchase of Liquor Trade.

The "Daily Chronicle" says the State would shortly buy out and control the drink trade. Although the scheme is, it adds, vast and intricate, Government will be able to utilize Mr. Lloyd George's plans made early last year. He placed a complete scheme before the Cabinet on that occasion but the Cabinet was divided. Many leading Unionists were opposed to the proposals, although Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Balfour supported them. Thus Mr. Asquith was forced to drop the scheme as too controversial. The Treasury objected to issuing the necessary bonds for three hundred million sterling because that would be prejudicial to the war borrowings. Many temperance extremists are also hostile to State ownership and they also helped to kill the scheme.

The "Morning Post" states that the Cabinet has not yet considered any scheme for the purchase of the liquor trade and it doubts whether the attempt will be made.

It considers that nothing would weaken the new Government so much as embarking on such controversial subjects.

The War Council.

London, Jan. 12.—The formation of a Secretariat for the War Council is rapidly proceeding. Its headquarters

will be a hut in the garden of 10, Downing Street. Practically the Council and its staff will absorb the functions of the Committee of Imperial Defence, leaving to the latter the historical work of the Council. The Secretariat will have the services of Sir Maurice Hankey, Colonel Swinton, Major Jones, Sir Mark Sykes and Captain Amery among others. They will form a channel of communication between the Council and the Departments. When a decision is reached the officers of the Council will explain it orally and remain in advisory touch with the departments until the decision is in process of being carried out. The Council itself will thereby be freed from the cares of departmental worry and advice and be able to concentrate on the next problem.

Scottish Nurse in the Serbian Ranks.

London, December 31.—The "Daily Chronicle's" Salonika correspondent telegraphs that the only woman patient in a camp of 1,609 wounded Serbians is Miss Flora Sands, a Scotswoman, formerly a nurse. After witnessing the Serbian suffering and heroism she enlisted as a private during the 1915 retreat and won promotion to the rank of sergeant before the army reached the Adriatic. She next participated in the arduous and successful September offensive. She lived for three months in an atmosphere of bursting shells, whistling bullets and hand-to-hand encounters on towering heights.

Miss Sands was the first out of her trench and across the snow covered ground in an assault of a height on the crest of the mountains. She had reached a Bulgarian trench when a hand grenade burst, inflicting 26 wounds on her right side, leaving it a mass of torn flesh and shattered bone.

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No. 7, Tanjapuri, Mondol Krung Kao,
respectively, lately advertised to take
place on the 29th January, 2459 (1917)
at the Office of the Inspector General
of Finance, Krok Wat Nuang Kae,
Bangkok, at 2 p.m. will take place on
the 19th February 2459 (1917) at
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THE Great War.

Germany's Latest Note.

War on Sea With A
Vengeance.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Feb. 2.

New York.—A dispatch from Berlin
says that a German Note based on Presi-
dent Wilson's address is stated to have
been communicated to neutrals. It de-
clares that the rejection of the peace
offer forces Germany to disregard the
restrictions of naval warfare from
February 1st and asks the United States
to co-operate to prevent the sacrifice of
life by warning American ships not to
enter certain barred zones.

Later.—The harbour of New York
has been closed and all departures are
forbidden. A torpedo boat is stopping
all arrivals at the quarantine island. It
is believed that German merchantmen
are preparing to dash out seawards.
The Police are guarding the docks
where five Hamburg America liners
are interned.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Feb. 1.

Germany has addressed a Note to the
United States stating that owing to the
rejection of the peace offer by the En-
tente, Austria and Germany have de-
cided to torpedo all vessels without
distinction of flag or cargo and that
they give a period of five days begin-
ning from the 1st of February for all
steamers to return to their ports.

An additional memorandum points
out that the regular service of Ameri-
can passenger steamers might be con-
tinued following a fixed itinerary.

Germany has addressed the same
Note to all the neutral countries. Aus-
tria has associated herself in this.

Heligoland Bay Blocked.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Feb. 1.

The British Admiralty has placed a
barrier in the Heligoland Bay against
German submarines.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

TO-DAY'S telegrams appear on page 8.

THE prodigious decline in the birth-
rate in Austria and Germany is arous-
ing the utmost anxiety. One Hungarian
district, which averaged 170,000 births
per annum before the war, has, owing
to the drafting off of the males, averaged
only 10,000 a year for the past two
years.

"EH," said Sandy to the minister,
"you was a powerful deesource on
"Thrift" ye preached the Sabbath!"
"Ah'm glad ye were able to profit,"
said the minister. "Profit! Why, mon,
I would have pit ma saxeence into the
plate wi'out a thought if it had not been
for your providential words. They
saved me four pence there and then!"

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Court Circular.

SANAM CHANDRA,
Thursday, February 1.

This afternoon the King's Own
Regiment of Artillery Scouts was re-
ceived by His Majesty the King at the
Headquarters of the King's Own Legion
of Scout Guards.

Scout-Lieutenant His Serene High-
ness Prince Mongala Pravat, Acting
Commanding Officer of the King's Own
Regiment of Artillery Scouts, read an
address on behalf of the officers and
men of the Regiment expressing their
deep appreciation of the honour His
Majesty had done them by becoming
their Honorary Chief. The fact that
His Majesty had paid special attention
to the study of this particular arms and
had moreover won a certificate in
musketry while completing his mili-
tary training in England is still ripe in
every Scout's mind. As a sign of their
loyalty towards His Majesty's Person
they prayed the King to accept the
uniform of the Regiment.

The King was graciously pleased to
reply accepting the uniform and ex-
pressing his appreciation of the honour
they did him. Artillery is the right
arm of an army, said His Majesty, and
to form a regiment of it in the King's
Own Legion of Scout Guards had al-
ways been constant in his thoughts.
Therefore He had special reasons for
gratification in having found the Regi-
ment making such progress in so short
a period. Finally His Majesty asked
them to regard him as one of their
members, always ready to give them
the benefit of his knowledge and to
help them in every way. The King
ended by calling three cheers for the
Regiment.

The Makha Bucha Festival.

The annual festival called Makha
Bucha will be celebrated on the 6th
instant. His Majesty being away from
Bangkok the Minister of the House-
hold announces that H. R. H. Prince
Sanprasit Thiprasong has been deputed
to attend the religious ceremony at
Wat Phra Kao.

Theft of Valuables.

Discovery of a Clue.

Some weeks ago there was a theft of
valuables from the safe of Phya Dam-
rong, of the Army Medical Service
and an inmate of the house was
charged with the theft. However no
trace of the lost property was discover-
ed until three days ago when, in a Chi-
nese shop where forfeited pawned
articles are sold, the Police found an
article cut up into several pieces which
Phya Damrong has been able to clearly
identify as one of the lost articles. The
Chinese shop keeper says that he had
exchanged this with some other article
but could not give any description of
his customer. The Police has now
entered a charge against the shop
keeper and it is hoped this will lead to
the eventual discovery of all the stolen
articles valued at about Ticals 20,000.

The Race Entries.

Entries for the 3rd and 4th events in
the forthcoming races have been divid-
ed by the handicapper as follows:—
Third Race.—Gladys C., Royal Page,
Lady de Melba, Royal Flush and Lak-
foam.

Fourth Race.—Marie L. Nai Pradist,
Flirt, Icaro II, Buffalo Bill, Kop, Sand-
fly, Varida and Varo.

Tin and Rubber.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

Singapore, Feb. 2.

Tin is quoted at \$92½. At the rub-
ber auction there was a general im-
provement in prices averaging five
dollars per picul.

400 Steel Merchantmen Being Built in America.

Washington, December 18.—The ship-
building boom in America continues.
More than 400 steel merchant vessels
(1,428,000 tons in all) are being built in
private ship-yards.

German Plans for 1917.

London, Jan. 11.—The "Times"
military correspondent, examining pos-
sible German moves, decides that an
offensive in the West would suit us so
well that we dare not hope for it.
Another attack from the Trentino with
greater weight on the Carso than last
year is possible, but the probability is
that the campaign against Russia,
broken off in the autumn of 1915, will
be resumed this year. We must also
have ever in mind the possibility of a
desperate endeavour by the enemy
navies to break the blockade that is
strangling them.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the views of our correspondents.]

The Meklong Railway.

In the Bangkok Times of 31st Jan. I read that the Board of Directors have graciously renounced their fee for 1916 owing to the decrease in income, but it seems they do not know, that in accordance with the Articles of Association they can claim no fees unless a dividend of at least 5 per cent. per annum is paid. As the decrease is stated to be Ticals 25,000 in fish carrying traffic and Ticals 10,000 in passenger traffic, it is possible to pay a dividend of 4 per cent. per annum as the Directors fee of Ticals 8,000 and the balance Ticals 22,300.80 carried forward from last year, go towards paying the dividend, which on 1 per cent. is Ticals 22,300. I have been told the Board of Directors have bought a piece of land for about Ticals 8,000 at a rate of Ticals 6.56 per square wah, and I shall be glad if the Board of Directors will state in public why they have paid such an exceedingly high price for common jungle land out in the country.

ANOTHER DISAPPOINTED

SHAREHOLDER.

[No Director worth his salt ought to work for nothing. It is all well and good in the case of promoters to make such a rule, but what about their successors.—Ed. "S.O."]

Russian Economic Freedom.

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—The new Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs has declared that the close economic union of the Allies after the war will give freedom to Russian trade which has been paralysed owing to commercial treaties with Germany. The Minister added that Russian relations with Japan were assuming the character of an alliance. Japan had rendered eminent service to Russia in providing munitions.

South Africa.

Johannesburg, December 17.—The greatest gathering of Dutch since before the Boer War celebrated Dingaan's Day at Paarde Kraal, near Krugersdorp. Many families trekked on ox waggons for months, in order to be present. General Botha was the dominating figure, and thousands attentively listened to his quiet and dignified address.

(Dingaan's Day is the anniversary of the Zulu King's massacre of the Boers in Natal, and his defeat by British and Boers.)

The German Peace.

London Dec. 31.—The "Manchester Guardian" says: It is believed that Germany shall retire within her western frontier; she shall rebuild Belgium herself; the Alsace-Lorraine boundary may be altered by a separate commission; Poland and Lithuania shall be independent; Germany shall retire in the Baltic provinces to her old frontier; Italy shall keep Gorizia and that an American commission shall settle the Balkan boundaries. She will agree to the loss of her Colonies except those in East Africa.

Washington Disturbed at Armenian Horrors.

Washington, December 20.—It is learned from the State Department that Turkey's conduct towards Armenians and Syrians has brought to an abrupt termination the extra-territoriality agreements with the United States, and has created a situation that is postponing confirmation of the appointment of Foad Bey as Ambassador in Washington.

In August of last year, the State Department instructed the American Embassy in Constantinople to make representations to the Porte in the name of humanity that it should not permit a massacre of Armenians in Persia such as had occurred in Asia Minor.

The Imperial Conference.

London, December 22.—The "Manchester Guardian" says: What impresses one most in the invitation to the Dominion Premiers is the energy and promptitude displayed. It is a month since the small War Cabinet was initiated and only a week since Mr. Lloyd George made his first speech as Premier. It is hoped that the first meeting will be at the end of February, thus necessitating distant Premiers packing their boxes immediately. Rapidity of decision and promptness of action are supreme virtues. They argue well for the future. Government departments are no longer forts of passivity resisting the influence of new ideas. The article concludes with the hope that the conference will discuss the Irish settlement question.

Training Notes.

The finishing gallops are now being given to the various horses entered at the forthcoming Sports Club meeting. Of the Cup candidates I saw Pung Boon, Mars, Sundowner Townie, Nai Pradiat and Say When at fast work this morning, but the thick mist prevented watching the going during the early part of the morning. I am still of opinion that there will be nothing to beat Mars. What I cannot understand is why an owner should have two or even three Cup candidates. The pick of the lot should surely be enough and I suppose on the day of the races there would be five candidates representing the five stables which have entered. I saw Laksoes, long necked, ugly and lanky but I suppose he makes up in speed for lack of good looks. He was at walking exercise with Dirty Dick up. Gladys C. and Royal Page were sent once round at three quarter speed. I saw the late Thai Raow vainly endeavouring to beat Tuong Chai in a round the course contest. Three other Siamese ponies did an excellent half mile neck and neck together.

Woman Condemned To Death.

Mme Tichelly, a widow, was condemned to death as a spy in Paris. She was born in Paris in 1870, of German parents, but acquired French nationality through failing to refuse it on arriving at majority. Marrying a Swiss she retained, on becoming a widow, the Swiss nationality she had obtained. She served in many hotels as a chambermaid, and was in France when war was declared. Without a scruple, she became a spy for Germany and was paid liberally.

The questions the court-martial had to answer concerning her, according to the "Figaro", were:—

Is the person named Jeanette Antoinette Dufay, widow Tichelly, guilty of having in January and February, procured for Germany information about the situation of French forces which might injure the position of the armies? Is she guilty of having, in June, 1916, attempted to obtain for Germany information about the position of the French forces?

The trial took place with closed doors, and the questions being answered unanimously in the affirmative, the death sentence was passed.

National War Service Scheme.

London, Dec. 22.—The "Daily Chronicle," in outlining the scope of the national war service scheme, says: It is of the boldest and most far reaching character. Men between 17 years and 56 years of age must place themselves at the disposal of the State for the duration of the war and consent to be transferred to occupations and localities where they are most required. It is essential that the State shall have power to control and direct the mobility of labour. There is no guarantee at present that the man released from the army for agricultural work will return to the land. Government proposes that full trade union wages shall be paid to war workers in addition to a subsistence allowance of 2s. 6d. daily if the men are transferred so as to necessitate their maintaining two homes.

A schedule of indispensable and non-essential trades has been drawn up. Non-essential industries will be shut down without compunction in order that labour may be available for munition and productive industries. The mobility of labour is important. It is estimated that 40 per cent. of war workers are at any given time idle owing to lack of mobility.

One of Sir Neville Chamberlain's chief functions will be the transferring of batches of men to places where workers are urgently required. He will have power to billet war workers in private houses. The trade union leaders are associated with Sir Neville Chamberlain in this work. Following the lines of Lord Derby's recruiting scheme a short period will be allowed for the voluntary enrolment of war workers and, if the necessary men are forthcoming, Government will appeal to Parliament for compulsory powers. The War Office has released 12,000 miners who are unfit for general service and these have returned to the mines.

Sir Neville Chamberlain, who was Private Secretary to Earl Roberts during the Boer War, had been on a visit to London and was returning home on Tuesday afternoon. He was about to enter a train at Euston Station when he received a message that Mr. Lloyd George wished to see him. He had not the remotest idea what Mr. Lloyd George wanted, but the Prime Minister offered him the post and pressed him to give an answer before he (Mr. Lloyd George) made his speech in Parliament.

Mr. Worthington Evans announced yesterday that the badges and certificates issued to unskilled and semi-skilled workers on munitions will be withdrawn, thus freeing them for the army when their places could be filled in the munitions factories.

The Capture of El Arish.

London, December 27.—The "Daily Chronicle's" Cairo correspondent telegraphs that the evacuation of El Arish ends the Turco-German pretension to attack the Suez Canal. The Turks have quit this most important and strategic point of Eastern Egypt and have relinquished a strong natural position offering many difficult points to assailants. The attack on the part of the British column was at the rail-head and concentration began at daybreak. The desert all day long presented a wondrous spectacle. As far as the eye could reach lines of Australians and New Zealand horsemen with English yeomanry, cavalry and Territorial infantry wound over the high scrub-covered sand dunes, some hidden in valleys while others cut the skyline like razor blades. Our airmen according to the column kept off the enemy aeroplanes. The bombing on the previous days had rendered it necessary for four airmen to be on the wing from dawn to dusk and, besides the work of patrolling to protect the column, they denied all opportunity to the enemy to reconnoitre. Meanwhile the heavily laden trains carried forward stores while thousands of transport camels followed the fighting force, moving in almost uncanny silence on a comparatively narrow front.

The information was brought to the rail-head early in the evening that the Turks were leaving El Arish. It was decided to push forward one division to secure the town, which, after a difficult night march, our horsemen and cavalry completely surrounded by daybreak. The bulk of the population of El Arish remained to welcome the British and Imperial troops. The majority were hungry and immediate arrangements were made to feed them.

El Arish has several times been bombarded from the sea and if proof is needed of the Navy's desire to spare the civilians and of its good gunnery, it is to be found in the fact that while a strongly built stone fort on the southern edge of the town was demolished, hardly one mud or brick house among the many in the immediate vicinity was grazed or touched.

Mr. Massey in a message from El Arish warmly praises the horsemen and camelry for their day and night march through extremely difficult country, with great precision of movement.

Mr. Massey accompanied a convoy to El Arish. He says the first eight miles consisted of rolling billows of sand and deep valleys with plentiful scrub. The dunes have sharp crests and steep sides like cliffs thus necessitating long and tortuous windings. The hoof marks of the whole regiment showed the giddy paths in yielding sand. It is almost incredible that these intrepid horsemen ascended. Perhaps here is explained the Turkish neglect to construct trenches.

Church Services.

Assumption Church.

February 1917, 4th Septuagesima Sunday.
5.20 a.m. 1st Mass.
6.10 a.m. 2nd Mass for the Siamese Community.
8 a.m. 3rd and last Mass for the Foreign Community.
4 p.m. 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 Septuagesima Sunday 4th February 1917.
Processional 540 Fight the good fight.
Hymn 214 Lord of our Life and God of our salvation.
217 Thy Kingdom, come, O God.
172 Praise to the Holiest, in the height.
Special Psalm No. 23.
Magnificat.
Nunc Dimittis.

S. Mary's Mission.

Sunday, February 4th Septuagesima Sunday.
9 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.
Hymns. Oh, how fair that morning broke, Shall we not love thee, Mother dear, Those, Whose Almighty Word.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Hymns. Creator of the world, to thee, How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds, Sun of my soul, Thou Saviour dear.

Telegraph Lines.

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War Supplies.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—The German Admiralty reports: In the North Arctic Ocean, east of the North Cape, the steamer Suchan, of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, was captured a short time ago. The steamer carried a cargo of war material and was bound from America to Archangel. After the Russian officers of the ship had been taken prisoners on board of the German submarine, a German naval officer assisted by a non-commissioned officer took command of the steamer and she was brought to a German port accompanied by the submarine. There it was discovered that the steamer had belonged to the Hamburg-America Line, under the name of Spezia and had been confiscated at the beginning of the war by the Russians in the port of Vladivostok. The cargo of the steamer, which is worth many millions, is composed of: 100,000 shrapnel, calibre 7.5 centimetres; 75,000 blasting grenades, calibre 7.5 centimetres; 150,000 projectiles, calibre 3.7

centimetres; 250,000 fuses for blasting grenades; 100,000 time fuses; 125,000 screws for fuses; 150,000 kilograms of nitrotonol; 175,000 kilograms of tube powder; 40,000 kilograms of black powder; 127 projectiles, 150 projectiles, calibre (?) centimetres; 150 cylinders with acids; 1,230,000 kilograms of lead in bars; 7 truck automobiles; 200 bales of sole leather; 500 spools of barbed wire; 6,000 pieces of railroad rails.

Christmas Hampers from the Pope

Rome, December 17.—The Pope is sending 20,000 Christmas hampers, each containing 2 lb. of bread and tinned meat, a tin of sardines, chocolates and dried fruit to the Italian prisoners interned at Malhausen.

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German Hopes of Spain.

Madrid, December 18.—The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Don Amelio Gimeno, referring guardedly yesterday to the peace proposition made by the Central Empires, only said that the King has received a letter "similar to the one addressed to the Pope." But it transpired last night that the letter addressed to Don Alfonso by the German Government contains a pressing appeal, reminding him of his humanitarian efforts to mitigate the suffering created by the struggle.

It has been informed that the text is very skillfully drafted in order to impress Don Alfonso personally, through his humane sentiments, and move him to a step beyond the mere transmission of the message by the Spanish Government to the Governments of Belgium and Portugal.

No time has been lost by the Spanish Government in sending the Note to Lisbon and at the same time handing a copy of it to the Portuguese Minister in Madrid. The Spanish Government has not added a word to the Note of the Central Empires. It has merely transmitted it.

Portugal Will Stand Firm.

It is reported that Senhor Alfonso Costa has said that Portugal has no answer to give to such a vague and obscure document, but will merely endorse whatever her allies may say—if they say anything. Portugal is linked to the end to France and England. The same opinion, says a despatch, prevails among all elements of the Portuguese people. Moreover, the proposition is regarded by every member of the Portuguese Cabinet as another proof of Teutonic bad faith and malice, being designed to impress neutrals, to divide the Allies and to prolong the delusions of the Germans themselves, making them believe in the nearness of peace while the German Government has time to carry out its scheme of mobilization and thus prevent any revolutionary outbreak at home.

As to Spain, Senor Maara's declarations that no matter what efforts Spain may make to keep aloof from the struggle, sooner or later she must be involved in it, have made a profound sensation. The famous statesman refused to-day to say more, merely adding that the opportunity for Spain to step in is a matter for the Government to decide.

Neither the Premier nor any member of the Cabinet will speak about the German offer, but they do not conceal their disbelief in peace at present, a feeling openly confessed by the "Diario Universal," Conde de Romanones' organ.

I am in a position to say, after con-

vincing every important man for all dynamic parties, from the Premier to Senor Dato, that the German proposition will not alter Spain's prudent and cautious attitude; and that, unless clearly asked by one of the belligerents to make in its name clear and specific proposals of peace, the Spanish Government will not intervene in that sense. It is universally agreed here that any other attitude would put in jeopardy the loyal neutrality Spain has carried out so far, with the approval and gratitude of all nations.

Washington, Dec. 18.—There is no report current here to the effect that the diplomatic representatives of Spain and Switzerland are understood to have informed Mr. Lansing, Secretary of State, that their countries, following the example of the United States, will forward without making any comment, the German peace proposals to the Powers of the Entente.—"Media."

Austria's Reply.

New York, December 29.—The text of Austria's reply to Dr. Wilson differs slightly from the reply as originally issued. The text contains the following paragraph: "The Austrian Government likewise concurs in the opinion that only after the termination of the present war will it be possible to undertake the great and desirable work of the prevention of future wars." At an appropriate time Austria will be ready to co-operate with the United States in the realization of this noble aim.

The German text contains the following paragraph: "It is the view of the Imperial Government that the great work of the prevention of future wars can be first taken up only after the ending of the present conflict of armaments."

The "World's" Washington correspondent understands that Germany is prepared to abandon her demand for the independence of Poland and Lithuania and will agree to evacuate Russia, Belgium and France and to restore and indemnify Belgium. She admits that the invasion of Belgium was illegal but an unavoidable military necessity. She demands the territorial integrity of Germany's allies and the restoration of her own colonies.

The German Embassy at Washington has inspired a statement that the Entente Powers consider that guarantees for the future are essential. They might make some declaration as to the principles to which they are willing to subscribe, leaving the details for settlement by a conference.

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soldier applies, and will continue to apply, them better than his German enemy.

Terroristic Fire.

The weight of fire which such an attacking line can bring to bear is terrific. The rifle grenades sent up a continuous barrage far in advance of the line. The grenades coming in the face of an advancing enemy a wall of flame and flying steel through which nothing human can pass.

Of the formidable volume of fire which a handful of men armed with such weapons can discharge we were afforded ocular proofs. A detachment was ordered to concentrate its fire on a given line representing the front of an enemy attack. Grenadiers, rifle grenadiers, and machine gunners stood to attention.

A bugle sounded, and an instant later a line of roaring explosions marked the head of the supposed enemy attack. Bullets whistled, splinters sang through the air. In a few seconds an impenetrable curtain of smoke hid the line of bursting grenades. No one could have advanced over that ground.

"Smothering" A Given Point.

Armed with rifles only, that handful of men would doubtless account for a good many of the enemy, but they could not have set up an impenetrable barrage as they can with the new weapons.

An object lesson in the gentle art of "smothering" with fire a given point in which the enemy may be holding out after wings have been driven back was equally convincing. The given point was smothered, smashed, and suffocated a few seconds after the bugle sounded the signal for the infernal cacophony of grenades and machine-guns to begin.

It must be remembered that these displays, however imposing, by no means represent the entire weight of fire the French attack possesses.

A little girl has figured in most of the fighting on the Somme, and did excellent work in many engagements, notably at Morval, where one of them knocked out the two last German machine-guns in the wall of a wrecked house at a range of 50 yards when the French were too close for their artillery to support them.

The value of the new tactics has already been abundantly proved on the Somme and Verdun. In the first four months of the Somme offensive the French actually had fewer casualties to set against their brilliant successes

than in the few days of the Champagne offensive last year.

But we have not by any means reaped full value of the new methods.

As more and more divisions have been trained in these tactics the French High Command has been able to reduce steadily and surely the price paid in lives for each gain of ground, until in the past few weeks we have had the important advance south of the Somme in October and the recapture of Douaumont and Thiaumont at Verdun, in both of which the total casualties of the French were well under half the number of prisoners taken.

The Art of War.

These results have been attained in a short time through unremitting labour. But it is not the infantry alone that is profiting by the lessons of war. Every French army has its infantry, artillery, and engineering schools, in which new methods are being worked out and new possibilities carefully studied. Each army corps has within its own organisation smaller schools where the work is less intensive. There are even divisional schools for special subjects.

The French soldier divides his time between fighting and learning. He returns to the front after his three months' course in the army school charged with fresh knowledge of his profession. After a few months in the rougher school of the battlefield he often comes back to the instruction school for another three months to rub up his "speciality." And in the intervals of study he imparts the knowledge he has gained to the Germans in the form of practical demonstration on the battlefield.

Rush for Whisky in Glasgow.

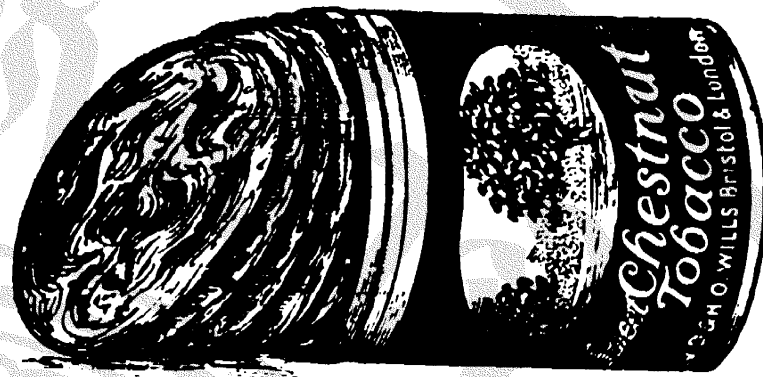
London, Dec. 19.—There was an extraordinary rush in Glasgow to obtain supplies of whisky, a belief in coming prohibition being prevalent. As soon as the premises of the wholesale and retail wine merchants were opened they were invaded by waiting queues, and large travelling hampers were used in which to take away bottles. The merchants state that the rush was unparalleled. Many shops were cleared of their stocks soon after midday. The rush for supplies is said to be due to the Clyde shipbuilders' pronouncement that there must be prohibition if they are to execute the mercantile tonnage on hand.

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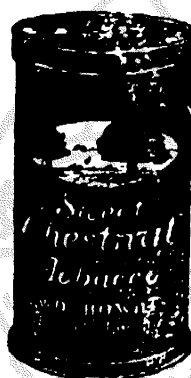
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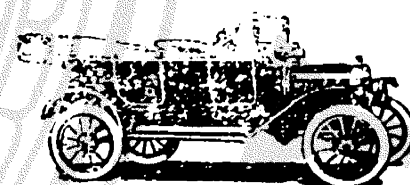
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THE Great War.

Eastern Theatre.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

London, Feb. 1.

Wireless Russian Official.—After a bombardment with chemical shells the enemy strongly attacked along the Kalucem-Chlok high road and also northeast of Kalucem pressing us back two-thirds of a mile. He occupied a small sector of our trenches east of Kalucem.

We advanced in the snow and captured at the point of the bayonet heights east of Jacobeni. We captured prisoners and booty.

The Irish Prisoners.

London, Dec. 21st.—In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. John Dillon moved the adjournment to urge the release of Irish prisoners before Christmas, and thus create a better atmosphere in Ireland.

The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. Duke) said rebellion had been prepared all over Ireland. The Government's policy had been that if a man's release would not detract from peace he was allowed to go. Lately there had been an improvement in appeasement; but he could not authorise a wholesale release. The Premier had authorised him to say he would approach the subject with a desire to release the prisoners and that the Government hoped to reach an immediate decision on the subject.

London, December 22nd.—The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. Duke) stated yesterday in the House of Commons that steps had been taken to return the interned Irish prisoners to their homes. He hoped this act of condonation would result in unmixing good.

Mr. T. P. O'Connor expressed satisfaction and said the Nationalists were assured that this measure would not be attended by an insecurity of law and order.

It was announced in Dublin that the majority of the political prisoners at Frongoch were being released tonight.



BRITISH OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AT THE FRONT IN FRANCE.

Moving day in a Captured Village

Tidal Wave in Japan.

Details of the storm in the northern districts of Japan extending from the Tsuruga Strait to Toyama prefecture on the Japan Sea began to reach Tokio on the night of December 31, showing the great extent of the disaster caused by the storms. The typhoon arose on the previous Thursday. On that night high waves attacked the coast between Ichifuri and Oyashirazu on the Hokuriku railway line.

About 5 o'clock the following morning a tidal wave swept the shore, wiping away an embankment thirty feet high. The houses along the Itoikawa-Machi were washed away and many lives lost, says Kanazawa report to the Tokio Asahi, although the death toll is not

known. Part of the railway line between Oyashirazu and Aomori was destroyed and the train service demoralised. Travellers attempted passage on foot, but were driven back by the heavy snow, at some places 1 ft. 6 in. deep. Rescue parties have gone in search of the railroad officials and workmen.

A despatch from Nagasaki confirms the report from Kanazawa and adds that thirty-one houses were destroyed and seventy-three boat sheds swept away. Reports from Toyama estimate the loss at ¥100,000. Takata despatches say that owing to the damage to the train service, trains from Ueno Station bound for Himeji were halted and 2,000 passengers marooned in Itoikawa-Machi, which village is in great confusion. Other despatches tell of trains being blocked at several points

in the northern part of the country. The destruction of the stone walls of the public hall at Aomori was included in the damage done at the city. A great quantity of goods, being transhipped by rail, was water-soaked, causing a loss estimated at a high figure. Boats cannot land passengers either at Aomori or Hakodate. Two thousand travellers from Tokio and other southern cities have been forced to remain in Aomori, where all the hotels are filled and are turning guests away.

Forecast of German Terms.

A telegram from Switzerland says:—The newspapers state that, from authentic reports, Germany and Austria are

preparing a second Note with peace proposals and the important conditions are as follows:—

- 1.—As the troops will evacuate Belgium, the Belgian Congo is demanded.
- 2.—As the troops will evacuate the northern part of France, the German colonies now under their occupation.
- 3.—A new kingdom of Poland to be established within the area of the Duchy of Warsaw and the Duchy of Yutai (?).
- 4.—A new kingdom of Vilna, Kovno, Swaliki and Oselisania (?) and Courland (?) will have local self-government.
- 5.—Eastern Galicia to the River Dniester (?) will be ceded to Russia.

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