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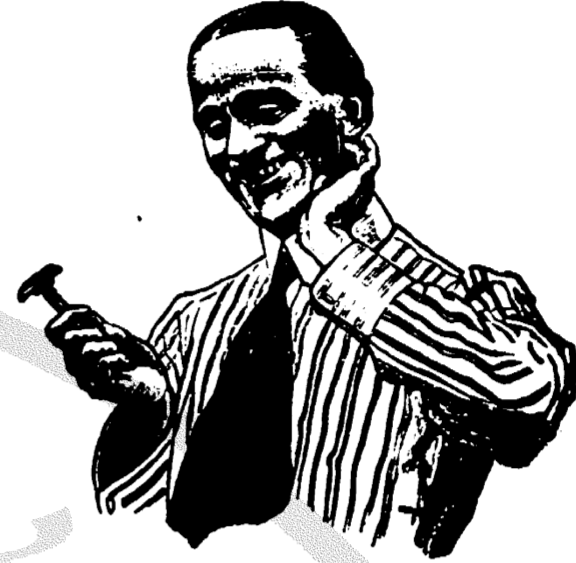
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The deep financial anxiety of the year was relieved by the generous gift received from H. S. M. Government and by a kind anonymous gift of Ticals 3,000 from a friend in Bangkok.

At present there are 192 under the care of the institution. Of this number 8 are untainted children. Last year there were 178 making a net increase this year of 14. During the year 21 of the inmates died. There was this year a fairly widespread epidemic of pneumonia throughout the province and a number of the deaths were due to this cause. Fourteen patients ran away during the year. The results of the new treatment are given below.

Patients under treatment during the year 145. Died 4 (Pneumonia 2, Malignant Malaria 1, myocarditis and endocarditis 1). Stopped treatment 3. Still under treatment 138 as follows:—Not benefited 6, Improved 53, Much improved 50, Very much improved 16, Free from all objective and subjective symptoms except slight stain in area formerly involved, the sensation has returned to this area 2, New patients 7.

Note:—No patient has been classed as "very much improved" unless tubercles have practically disappeared and sensation and perspiration have returned to most of the anaesthetic areas.

Many visitors have noticed the great change in the general appearance of the lepers and the general health of the patients has certainly improved very much since treatment was instituted.

The Field Case.

London, Jan. 20.—The War Office announces that the offices of the Field were not raided, and not searched. Sir T. A. Cook was visited there, but on giving his word of honour that he had no papers connected with the White Powder Syndicate, whereof he is chairman, no search was attempted. Cook's allegations in his letter of Jan. 18 are being investigated.

London, Jan. 19.—The Daily Mail says Lord Derby has ordered an inquiry in the raid on the Field Office.

Spanish Submarine's Voyage.

London, Jan. 19.—There is an extraordinary and unexplained tale in the evening papers that a Spanish submarine of five hundred tons has arrived in the Sound from America bound for some Swedish port.

Copenhagen, Jan. 20.—The Spanish submarine mentioned on Jan. 19 visited America, with despatches. The Corrier is of opinion that the visit is connected with the Spanish proposal of an agreement between neutrals for the defence of their interests.

Greek Government's Attitude.

London, Jan. 19.—Router learns that the Allies are thoroughly satisfied with the present attitude of the Greek Government and if it continues loyally to carry out the remainder of its obligations a speedy return to normal relations with the Entente can be expected.

Athens, Jan. 20.—The situation is improving daily. Negotiations for the application of the Entente demands began yesterday. The Chief of Police assured the released Venizelists they would not be molested. Officers for the mixed military control have arrived.

The Duma's Difficulties.

London, Jan. 19.—A fresh adjournment of the Duma on the eve of its re-assembling surprises no one in view of the recent changes nullifying the late hopes of cordial cooperation between parliament and ministers. In connection with the resignation of the War Minister Shuvaisoff it is recalled that it was whose demeanour and patriotic speech in the Duma in November aroused an outburst of enthusiasm. The latest developments also comprise the resignation of Prince Volkowsky, assistant Minister of the Interior who was most popular with the Duma.

In Rumania.

London, Jan. 19.—Berlin Official. Enemy attacks on the heights in the region of Marasti north of the Susita valley were repulsed with severe losses.

A British company attacked Serres but was easily repulsed.

London, Jan. 20.—Wireless. German Official. The Rumanians made desperate attacks to the northward of the Susita valley and five times were sanguinarily repulsed. We took prisoner four hundred. Mackensen has captured Mancest on the Sereth, despite snow-storms.

Fire At Munitions Factory.

London, Jan. 20.—Official: An explosion in a munitions factory in the neighbourhood of London took place this evening. It is feared that there was considerable loss of life and damage.

The number of killed in the factory and neighbourhood is not ascertained. Owing to warning, the casualties are not nearly as heavy as anticipated. Between thirty and forty bodies have been recovered. About a hundred are reported as seriously injured.

Later.—The explosion in the east end yesterday evening was one of the most terrible ever experienced in the metropolis. The entire city to the outlying suburbs was shaken while the echoes of the ear-splitting report had scarcely died away when an angry scarlet glare filled the eastern sky. The wildest rumours were spread but gradually the facts filtered out and were found in very truth to be dreadful enough. Fires caused by the falling burning debris broke out in the area enveloping in addition to a flourmill, other industrial concerns and many houses.

Firemen, police, the military and ambulances rushed to the scene. It was impossible to remove all to hospital in the available ambulances so street vehicles were requisitioned and military ambulances and waggons summoned. A five minute convoy was organised thus the most injured persons were removed to hospitals which were commandeered. The forty killed is only an estimate. Apparently the first accident happened in the factory without warning and a vast irruption(?) resulted which blew up the entire establishment. A scene of utmost terror occurred. Masses of burning liquid timber, and red-hot iron were projected in all directions. It was found essential to demolish several buildings to check the progress of the fire.

Twenty one persons died in ten hospitals yesterday therefore the deathroll through the explosion is now between 50 and 60, in patients to the number of 112 and 265 more slightly injured have been treated.

The Local Government Board and the local authorities are undertaking to apply funds raised. Meanwhile the Ministry of Munitions has requested the Borough authorities to provide the immediate necessary relief.

The Ministry of Munitions state that the accident will make no practical difference to the output of munitions. The Minister of Munitions visited the scene to-day. Every effort is being made to deal with the unfortunate effects. The King twice enquired as to the damage and loss of life and expressed his solicitude for the victims and their families.

Turkey's Future.

London, Jan. 17.—Referring to Turkey Mr. Balfour ceased in the hands of Germany it ceased even in appearance to be a bulwark of peace and is openly used as an instrument of conquest. Under German officers Turkish soldiers are now fighting in lands from which they have been long expelled and the Turkish government controlled, subsidised and supported by Germany has been guilty of massacres in Armenia and Syria more horrible than any recorded in the history of even those unhappy countries.

New York, Jan. 19.—Mr. Balfour's note has been cordially received by the American press.

The World says that nobody has stated the case anti-Germany with less passion and clearness.

London, Jan. 18.—A Constantinople telegram says that General Townshend has been removed from Prinkipo Island to another place of internment as a "precautionary measure." It is believed the removal is a retaliation for the proposal to expel Turkey from Europe.

New German Defence Tactics.

London, Jan. 20.—A French communique says there was reciprocal artillery work on the sectors east of Auberville, Hill 304, and les Chambrettes.

London, Jan. 1.—French Official. There has been an artillery duel south of Lassigny. An enemy coup de main failed. A French raid northwest of Soissons captured prisoners.

There were patrol encounters at Burnhaupt in Alsace and a strong enemy reconnaissance southwest of Altkirch was repulsed.

Paris, Jan. 20.—The Petrograd correspondent of Le Temps says that the Germans are resorting to a number of ingenious new methods with the object of reducing the troops holding the front line of trenches. These no longer extend along the whole front but break off at certain points in powerful redoubts, forts and blockhouses, thickly wire entangled, constructed in the intervals between the trenches. More barbed wire is laid out low on the ground before the redoubts and forts, thick enough to resist ordinary clippers. These measures obviate the employment of supporting reserves nearer than two miles from the front.

Paris, Jan. 18.—The Germans are concentrating large forces on the Swiss frontier.

The Hague, Jan. 18.—German papers state that Hindenburg will shortly visit the Alsatian front.

The German Raider.

Sends 500 Prisoners To Germany.

London, Jan. 19.—With regard to the new German raider it is now recalled that a month ago the Chilean German owned barque Tinto escaped from the little port of Calbuco, Chile, after loading a considerable supply of provisions and livestock. It was then suspected she was intended for privateering.

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 18.—The raider is undoubtedly the Moewa. It is believed that she left Kiel under the Danish flag with a cargo of hay heaped on her deck to conceal the torpedo tubes. She carried mine laying apparatus and telescopic funnels, and many supplementary plates for the purpose of changing the appearance of the deck. When last seen she was painted black but probably often changed the painting, as traces of the Danish colours were noticeable on the hull beneath the last coat.

The Minister of Marine, interviewed, says that the Hudson Maru will not be interned at Pernambuco but will remain there as a German prize, the Brazilian authorities considering it a German ship.

Pernambuco, Jan. 20.—The raider stopped the Dramatist on Jan 18, breaking out the German ensign as she went alongside. Simultaneously the side of the raider dropped, revealing two guns. The Dramatist surrendered and armed Germans boarded and took off the crew, subsequently transferring them to the Hudson Maru, together with 237 others. The Hudson Maru followed the raider till Jan. 12.

When any vessel was sighted the crews were driven below and the watertight doors closed. The heat was stifling and the sanitation inadequate. The food was wretched, an ounce of meat daily.

London, Jan. 20.—The cargoes of the vessels captured by the auxiliary cruiser in the Atlantic included six thousand tons of wheat, two thousand tons of flour, 1900 horses. The Yarrowdale's cargo included 117 motor lorries, 6,300 cases of rifle cartridges, 30,000 reels of barbed wire, 3,300 tons of steel bars, much meat, bacon and sausages.

London, Jan. 20.—Berlin official: The steamer Yarrowdale has been brought to Swinemunde.

A New Point of Friction.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The German Admiralty statement that neutrals in crews of vessels captured by the German raider have been removed as war-prisoners raises another issue between the United States and Germany if Americans are included therein. It is maintained the men could be considered war prisoners only if the vessels were considered war vessels. The State Department has held the view throughout that a vessel could not be classed as a warship unless under naval orders, naval flag and with naval crews.

Admiral Dewey Buried.

Washington, January 20.—Admiral Dewey has been buried at Washington with highest national honours in the presence of President Wilson, the Cabinet, Judges of Supreme Court etc. All American war vessels fired a nineteen gun salute.

Canada's Parliament.

Ottawa, Jan. 20.—At the opening of Parliament the Duke of Devonshire stated that a resolution would be presented requesting the Imperial Parliament to extend the life of the Canadian Parliament. He declared that Canada was determined to continue an increase its efforts, until a lasting peace is possible.

Thanks to General Smuts.

Dar es Salaam Jan. 20.—The King has sent a message to General Smuts "As you are relinquishing the chief command in East Africa I desire to congratulate you on the effective manner in which you so successfully conducted operations notwithstanding the unusually difficult conditions. I wish to thank you for your valuable services recently rendered to the Empire."

General Murray's Success.

Cairo, Jan 19.—The King, the War Cabinet, the Sultan, Sir R. Wingate, the Egyptian Premier and General Milne have telegraph to General Murray congratulating him on the expulsion of the enemy from Suai. The War Cabinet adds "the operations promise further successes." Our cavalry continue to round up stragglers.

London, Jan. 20.—Sir Archibald Murray has been awarded the Grand Cross of St Michael and St George.

Serious Accident to Troop Train.

Paris, Jan. 18.—Ten persons were killed and forty injured in an accident to a British troop train at Masey-Palaiseau. The train, crowded with men on furlough accidentally broke in two. The driver not noticing it, slowed on entering a station and the back part rushing downhill collided with the forepart. Several coaches were smashed to atoms. The uninjured soldiers were most active in rescuing the injured.

General News.

London, Jan. 19.—Killed in action, Lord Gorell.

London, Jan. 18.—Sir Maurice Hill succeeds Mr. Justice Deane.

London, Jan. 20.—The death has occurred of the Duke of Atholl.

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—20,000 have enlisted in Canada since the beginning of the war.

London, Jan. 19.—The annual meeting of the Bankers' Association, in resolution, to admit women to practice.

London, Jan. 19.—Naval and military separation allowances and allowances for children have been increased owing to higher cost of living.

London, Jan. 18.—The new Rubber Sharebrokers Association has applied for £80,000 in the war loan.

London, Jan. 19.—The war loan boom is undiminished. Twenty subscriptions yesterday totalled 24 1/2 millions.

Amsterdam, Jan. 18.—Doctor Roessike, President of the German Farmers Union in a speech declared that: "Our dear old god has given us a hint that he has caused the world harvest to be so bad that Britain is finding it difficult to feed herself." He urged Government to seize the god-given opportunity and sink every wheat laden ship from India and Australia.

Starvation at Lebanon.

Milan, Jan. 20.—The Vatican is informed that 100,000 have died of hunger at Mount Lebanon, Syria. Turbans carry off the dying through the streets of Beirut.

Sinkings.

London, Jan. 18.—Sinking, steamers Solving, City of Tampico and Otto (Norwegian).

Madrid, Jan. 19.—A submarine torpedoed the Spanish steamer Manuel and towed the crew in a boat till it met a Swedish steamer which picked up the men.

New York: Marine insurance rates to South America and the West Indies have been advanced from 2 1/2 to ten centum, but it is believed that the raider will avoid the North Atlantic lanes.

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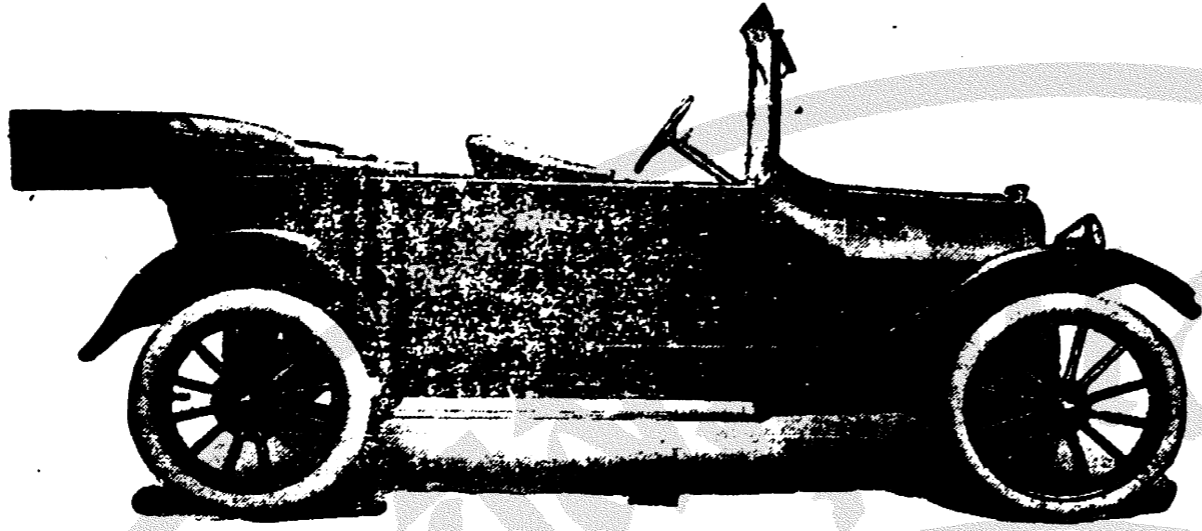
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Items of Interest.

London, Jan. 15.—Mrs Austen Chamberlain has given birth to a son.

A telegram from New York says it is reported that a new British loan of sixty millions sterling is imminent.

London, Jan. 18.—The War Office is calling up half the unexempted agriculturists and arrangements are being made to place thousands of men, unfit for service in the ranks, at the disposal of farmers.

London, Jan. 17.—The Press Bureau states that Mr. Lloyd George and his colleagues of the War-Cabinet held a series of important conferences with General Nivelle and Sir Douglas Haig on Monday and Tuesday.

London, Jan. 19.—The death is announced of Lord Elgin.
The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine was 67 years of age. He had been Viceroy of India from 1894—99, and Secretary of State for the Colonies 1905—6.

Mr. Ward Price from Salonika wires that the Greek troops are moving northward, violating the neutral zone. Hostilities are apparently imminent. The reported arrival of Falkenhayn seemed to indicate Greco-German plans of combined action had matured.

London, Jan. 17.—Thirty-one Chinamen were arrested in police raids last night in opium dens in Liverpool, and much opium was seized. The police at one place were attacked by a large retriever dog and by a number of Chinamen who threw boots and other things at them from the house top.

Sinkings: The Manchester Inventor, Wrapsy, Garfield, Auchencrag (British); Omsk (Danish).

A telegram from Stockholm says that the Finnish steamer Skiftet was torpedoed in the Gulf of Bothnia on Dec. 14 with the loss of 180 lives.

A telegram from Rotterdam says that the Pangerman agitation for submarine frightfulness is intensifying. A conference of the Centre Deputies at Cologne acclaimed a speech demanding sharper submarine till Britain was defeated and "the last acre of our colonies returned."

Cairo, Jan. 12.—The British capture in twelve hours of the strong position of Rafaa whereby the Turks were cleared out of Sinai was a masterly surprise. The Anzac mounted troops covered thirty miles of difficult ground in twelve hours in the darkness. The enemy consisted of Turkish regulars.

London, Jan. 12.—Obituary: Lord Binning.

Colonel Lord Binning commanded the House Guards till 1903. He was Lord Lieutenant of Co. Berwick, A.D.C. to the Viceroy 1888-9.

London, Jan. 13.—Sir Charles Cayzer, Admiral Jellicoe's father-in-law, left £1,899,125 sterling.

London, Jan. 13.—The "Times" states that a Ministerial conference on the Manpower question was held at Downing St. yesterday. It is expected that the previous ruling that all eligibles under twenty-six years of age be called out will shortly be extended to men under thirty-one.

London, Jan. 14.—Prince Goltz, Russia's new Premier, has telegraphed assuring Mr. Lloyd George of his loyal cooperation in rendering more intimate the Anglo-Russian union, ensuring the triumph of honour and right. Mr. Lloyd George replied that he was happy to feel he can rely on Prince Goltz's support.

Petrograd, Jan. 18.—It is understood that the ex-Foreign Minister M. Bazonoff will succeed Count Benckendorff in the London Embassy.

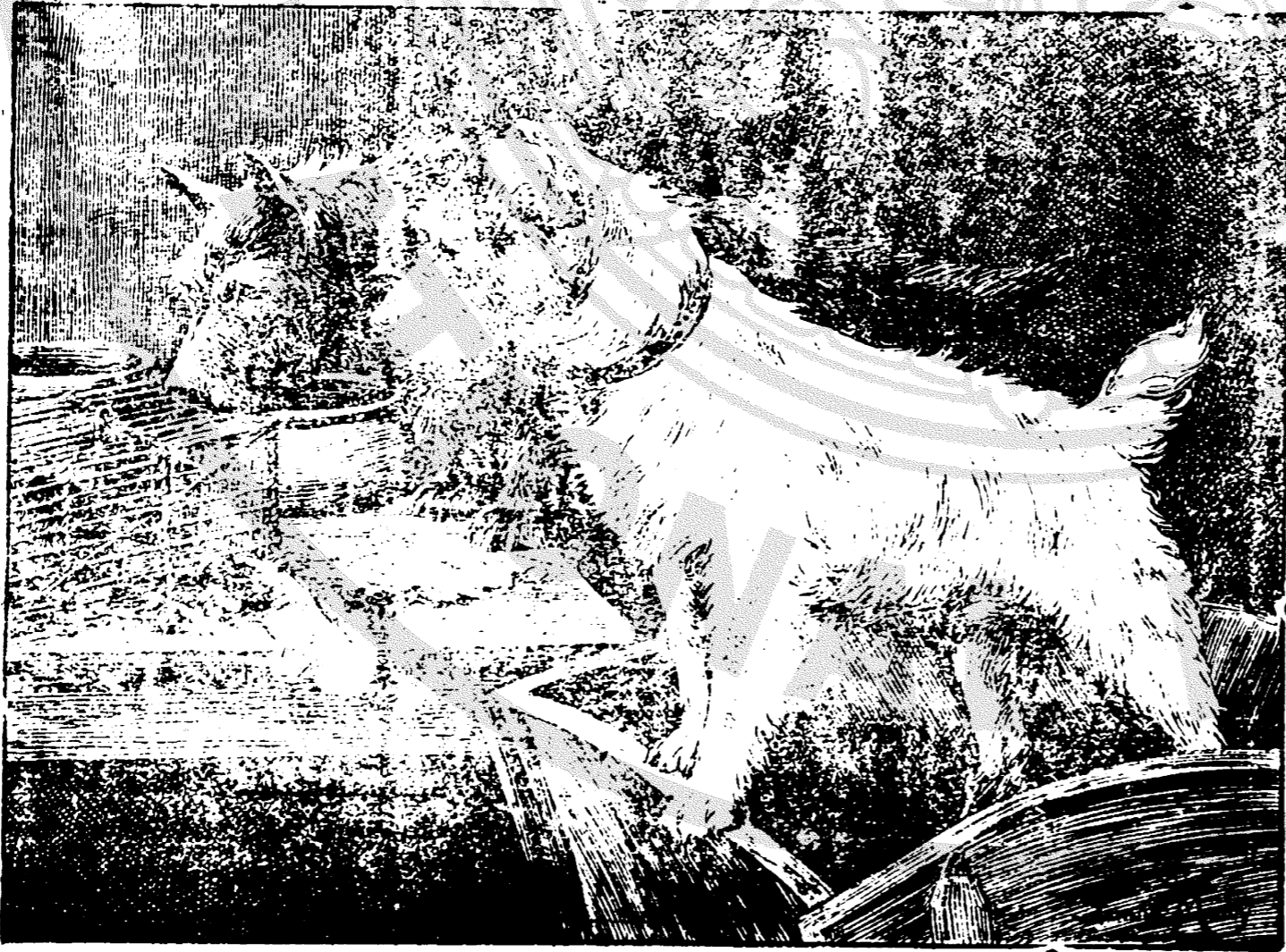
Various religious bodies are petitioning President Wilson to fix Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22, as a day of humiliation and national protest against the Belgian deportations.

London, Jan. 10.—It is announced that the Manchester and Anglo-Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Societies have bought 10,000 acres of cultivated land in Saskatchewan to supply wheat to the co-operative flour-mills in Manchester, Glasgow, Newcastle, Bristol and London during 1917. They have also made large purchases of land in India and Ceylon.

Paris.—M. Poincare interviewed by an American said that the war had improved the good Franco-American relations. Not a day passed since the outbreak of war that he, M. Poincare, had not received shoals of letters and gifts for the invaded populations, widows and orphans.

France would never repulse the generous ideas of Wilson regarding postwar agreements to ensure peace, but they must be preceded by the restoration of violated rights.

Amsterdam, Jan. 17.—The Prussian Diet has been reopened. The President said he hoped that the new year would bring peace to "our great leaders and glorious troops, not the least our brave submarines would soon answer the exorbitant and impertinent demands of the Entente."



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