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Reuter Messages.

REPUDIATES GERMAN STORY.

LONDON, Dec. 16. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of Blockade, has informed Reuter's that what purports to be the German reply to Mr. Balfour's statement in parliament regarding German peace overtures in September is quite untrue, Lord Robert says that following the lead of President Wilson the Government of Great Britain has been continually endeavoring to discover what are Germany's war aims and repeatedly endeavored to get this information by means of ministerial speeches, but hitherto without success. It is, however, utterly untrue to suggest that any private enquiries have been addressed to the enemy with the knowledge of the British Government.

Telegraphing to-day from British headquarters, Reuter's correspondent says that quiet continues on the Cantal front although the dry clear cold weather favors active operations. Referring to the transfer of German troops from the eastern front, the correspondent points out, firstly, that the Germans have not been sending their best troops to the eastern front for a long time; secondly, that they have been milking the eastern front for the western front; thirdly that the morale of the men from the eastern front is probably not improved by fraternizing and the absence of fighting; hence it is questionable if the fighting value of the men from the eastern front is really so high. I do not wish, says the correspondent, to minimize the situation which may arise from a Russian peace, but my confidence in the army to deal successfully with the worst that the Huns can do remains absolutely unimpaired. The enemy's small success at Balderhoek Chateau, he adds, was due to great artillery concentration against shallow waterlogged trenches.

CURRIE DECORATED.

LONDON, Dec. 15. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—General Sir Arthur Currie has been decorated on the battlefield by King Albert with the highest Belgian military honor. The award is made in recognition of his great services in the capture of Passchendaele Ridge.

OPENS WAR MARKET.

JOHANNESBURG, S.A., Dec. 15. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—Addressing a large gathering at the opening of the war market, Viscount Buxton, Governor-General of South Africa, described the conquest of German East Africa as a most creditable record of difficulties and hardships endured and overcome, and of endurance, cheerfulness and energy. Referring to the war situation he said, that neither as regards the empire nor the Allies was there any weakening of the intention to carry on the war to a successful conclusion. His Excellency laid emphasis on the fact that the peace to be secured must provide absolute guarantees of future peace and prevent such an aggressive and wicked war as has been brought upon us by the Germans.

GERMAN ARTILLERY.

LONDON, Dec. 15. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—The Daily Chronicle telegraphing under yesterday's date states that a secret report issued on Oct. 4th by the Chief of the German General Staff and signed by Ludendorff himself shows alarming losses in the German artillery. The report states that during the grand operations the average number of guns lost by a single Ger-

man army in a single month, either by wear or tear or enemy fire is, field guns 870, heavy pieces 585. In other words, the arsenals and workshops are obliged to make or repair pieces to the extent of three-quarters of the whole artillery establishment merely in order to maintain existing strength. The report testified to the efficacy of the Allied counter battery work, and says that an average of 1,455 guns were put out of action monthly.

PREMIER ON LANDSDOWNE.

LONDON, Dec. 15. The British Premier last night before Benchers of Grey's Inn, pronounced his last word in the new phase of the peace discussion which was launched by Lansdowne's recent notable letter. Former Premier Asquith had followed Lansdowne with an utterance which coupled the policy of the Marquis with that of President Wilson and found agreement between the two. The Premier's statement of his platform had been awaited with great expectation and heralded by discussion. His speech was pointed as all his words are. He also endorsed the President, but found not common ground in the paths of President Wilson and Lansdowne toward peace. It was with painful amusement, the Premier said, that he had read the Marquis of Lansdowne's letter. He declared that the danger of the country was not from the very active minority of extreme pacifists but from men who think there is a half-way hope between victory and defeat. The speech generally was more restrained than Lloyd George's utterances usually are. The Premier was silent as regards a new specific statement of war aims which Lansdowne had urged, and for which the pacifists are making demands. The Premier also spoke of aerial warfare declaring that the nations possibly would determine that this must be the last war in which air weapons are used, as they bring the perils and horrors of the battlefields to civilians at home who previously have dwelt in security. Baron Rothmere, the new Air Minister, in speaking after the Premier, said advisers have asked me to make a precise statement of our air policy. The question of reprisals comes first and foremost. At the air board, we are wholeheartedly in favor of reprisals. It is our duty to avenge the murder of innocent women and children. As the enemy elect therefore, so be it, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. Von Indendorff proclaims this is a war of nations, suggesting that the civil population equally is a mark for bombs along with fighting men. We detest this doctrine, holding it to be grossly immoral, but fighting for our lives and the lives of our women and children we will not consent to its one-sided application. The enemy has to learn in this as in larger things that outrages on the civilian population of this country do not pay. Baron Rothmere's statement was loudly cheered.

NOT SATISFIED WITH BOLSHIEVIKI.

LONDON, Dec. 16. Lord Robert Cecil, in his weekly talk with the Associated Press replying to a question in regard to the allegation of the Bolshievi Government in Russia, said we shall gladly recognize any Government which we believe represents the Russian people either de facto or de jure. We are not yet satisfied that the Bolshievi are entitled to such recognition. When asked whether the United States would join in all steps taken in regard to Russia, Lord Cecil said I should be sorry to see any considerable step taken in the ending of war or any preparation made for peace without American participation. In

regard to rumors that the Bolshievi government now was planning the establishment of a constitutional monarchy, the Minister said in considering the rumors I always remind myself that nine-tenths of what is said in a revolution is untrue, but some such scheme may be in the German mind. Certainly the Germans would have no sympathy with a Republic. However, I cannot imagine any man so foolish as to wish to be a constitutional monarch under the Bolshievi regime.

STORMS IN NEW ENGLAND.

BOSTON, Dec. 15. The loss of one steamer and four sailing vessels during a week of exceptional storms which culminated last night in a blizzard, was reported to-night. Ten men were reported in imminent danger on the wreck of the four-masted schooner Horace A. Stone, pounding to pieces on Stone Horse Shoal, three miles off Cape Cod, with the sea too rough for rescue work to be attempted. From an Atlantic port came word that the British steamer Knight of the Thistle had foundered at sea and that 84 of her crew had been picked up. Whether this included the ship's full complement was not announced. Aside from the sinking of the six thousand ton steamer, the most serious loss was that of the two four-masted schooners, loaded with coal, the Stone and the Edward F. Brier. The Brier was pounding heavily on Great Point, Kentucket, and it was feared she would go to pieces. In view of the general shortage of coal in New England and the need of tonnage in the coal carrying trade shipping circles here were shocked to hear of the loss of two well known carriers. The other known losses include the 45-ton British schooner Wanita, and the two-master Omaha. Last night's gale not only wrought great damage along the coast but seriously crippled land transportation. The snow was wet and was piled up in great drifts which held up some trains for seven or eight hours and deranged all long distance train schedules and trolley service.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

PARIS, Dec. 16. The following official was issued by the war office last night: A violent cannonade prevailed in the region of the Meuse river. A surprise attack against the enemy's trenches to the south of Juvincourt succeeded. We brought back some prisoners. On the right bank of the Meuse after violent bombardment, the Germans launched an attack in the region of Bois le Chaum. Our fire compelled the assailants to disperse. The artillery action was spirited throughout the whole sector.

THINK FLANDERS OFFENSIVE CLOSED.

BERLIN, Dec. 16. The official communication from general headquarters making reference to the front of Crown Prince Rupprecht in Flanders, says for over four weeks the British have discontinued their attack in Flanders. Their violent offensive, which had for its objective the possession of the Flanders coast and the destruction of our submarine bases, may therefore be considered closed for the present.

ON THE BRITISH FRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 16. A report from General Haig last night says, yesterday evening the enemy made another local attack east of Bullecourt but was completely repulsed. This afternoon we carried out a successful raid north of the village, in which we captured prisoners and destroyed enemy dugouts. On another portion of the front a few

prisoners also were taken during the night by Portuguese troops in patrol encounters. On the Ypres front there has been further local fighting during the day in the neighborhood of Polderhoek Chateau, without material change in the situation. Hostile artillery has shown considerable activity to-day in the neighborhood of Hargencourt and Flesquieres, between Gavrelle and Lens and in the Passchendaele sector.

LOOKING AFTER NFLDRS.

HALIFAX, Dec. 16. Hon. J. R. Bennett and Major Montgomerie have been busy looking after the interests of Newfoundland people affected by the disaster. They have visited all the hospitals and talked with the injured and have met many Islanders. Mr. Bennett, speaking of the disaster, said its terribleness went far beyond anything he had imagined. Arrangements have been made with the committee to attend to the wants of the Newfoundland people. They will be enabled to communicate with relatives and friends at home and all who desire to return will be provided with free transportation. The presence of Mr. Bennett in Halifax at this time has greatly heartened his countrymen. Mr. Bennett and Mr. Montgomerie will leave on Monday evening for home.

PROPOSES TO MAKE PEACE OFFER.

LONDON, Dec. 16. Emperor William, in his Christmas message, proposes to make a final peace offer to his enemies, on whom in case of rejection will fall the responsibility for the bloody warfare, according to unofficial Berlin despatches from Geneva.

HONORING THE OLD CONTEMPIBLES.

LONDON, Dec. 16. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—An historic event was celebrated in London yesterday afternoon when a choral commemoration of the first seven divisions, the men of the old British army who at great sacrifice and at tremendous odds stemmed the German tide in 1914, was held in Albert Hall. Their Majesties were present, also seven hundred survivors of the old army, many of whom had been wounded. These men marched in procession along the Albert Hall embankment after being entertained at lunch by the Lord Mayor. The whole music at the commemoration was by British composers. The centre piece was an ode dedicated to the first seven divisions, the fallen, the prisoners, the disabled, and those still fighting. After the music, Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour read a passage from Ecclesiasticus beginning "Let us now praise the famous." Lord Derby read the order of battle for the first seven divisions. The commemoration closed by the singing of the hymn, "For all the Saints," and sounding of the revellie. The transport of this "contemptible little army" was composed of upwards of two hundred motor cars, the majority with khaki clad, women drivers, and one large motor bus, in one corner of which was a stack of crutches. Several armless sleeves and other signs of battle were in evidence. Some were in mufti but the majority were in khaki, being still in active service and looking wonderfully fit. There was an abundance of little gold wound stripes and ribbons, betokening valor on the battlefield. The officers contented themselves with beaming upon the enthusiastic crowds, but not so the men, who cheered, sang and waved back salutations. "Here we are again" was heard once more as in the brave old days. The procession grew as it approached Albert Hall, the men discovering and picking up comrades en route. The whole cere-

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HENRY BLAIR.

Milady's Boudoir.

DIET FOR BEAUTY'S SAKE.
Despairing women with sallow, muddy, pimply skin will find a speedy cure in diet of rare beef, small quantities of coarse grain and fruit in abundance. Eat all the oranges you wish, eat one whenever you are hungry, body, also a song by the big girls. There cannot be too much of this. As a local application to the skin,

Oranges, prepared in various fashions have no superiors. Orange flower skin food, for which I have many times given the formula, is one of the best cold creams for your toilet table, and an orange flower astringent is an aftermath to the cream or even when used by itself is good. It will freshen and tone up the skin wonderfully, if used constantly, granting the face a many years reprieve from wrinkles and giving it a velvety softness. Its main mission is to close up the large pores.
It should be dabbed upon the skin by a bit of absorbent cotton which has been moistened with the liquid. A close cousin to the orange flower astringent is orange flower vinegar, which should be sprayed over the body after the bath to stimulate the skin and make it fresh and glowing. No woman should ever be without a toilet vinegar on her toilet table.
But the orange does not confine its ministrations wholly to the skin. It possesses equal virtues as far as the hair is concerned. Oil of orange rind, massaged into the scalp daily will keep the hair glossy and full of life and color.
This morning, Bridget (Bride), oldest daughter of Patrick and Mary J. Myrick, aged 22 1/2 years; funeral on Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m., from her late residence, 15 Monkstown Road; friends will please accept this, the only intimation.
Passed peacefully away this morning, after a long and painful illness, Mary, the beloved wife of Joseph Bonnell, aged 63 years, leaving a husband, 3 daughters and two sons—George, in the R. N. R., and Joseph in the Scots Guards, to mourn their sad loss; funeral on Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m., from her late residence, 53 Cook's Street; friends will please accept this, the only intimation.

Here and There.

GOES TO HOSPITAL.—A young woman named Kelly, of Wickford St. was removed to the General Hospital this morning in the ambulance suffering from acute rheumatism.

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NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. L. H. Simmons and family wish to thank all kind friends who sent telegrams and letters of sympathy, and all who visited them in their sad bereavement; also the ladies of Dicks & Co., who sent a beautiful wreath.—adv.
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THE "KAREN" SUNK IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.—Word has been received by the Hon. J. G. Crosbie that the steamer "Karen," which left here about a month ago with 25,000 lbs. of fish, has been torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean. We have no information as to the fate of the crew.

Gem Rings, Pendants, Brooches, Chains, Wrist Watches, and all the different lines of pretty Jewellery most suitable for Xmas Gifts, just now in at TRAPNELL'S—dec12.t

Brassieres made of wide moire gros-grain ribbon, in white and light colors, are very pretty under sheer blouses.

A quarter teaspoonful of cinnamon added to each gallon of chocolate ice cream greatly improves its flavor.

When the shell of squash is too hard to pare, boil them until tender and scrape the soft part from the shell.

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IN MEMORIAM

Of our dearly beloved and noble son Herbert William Hele, who was killed in action, probably in front of Passchendaele—while fighting with the Canadian Forces on Oct. 30th, Dec. 16th, 1917. W. W. and IDA BLACKALL.

On the 16th inst., after a short illness, Ann, oldest daughter of the late Thomas and Anastasia Lawlor, aged 81 years, leaving one brother and 3 sisters to mourn their loss; funeral on Wednesday, at 2 o'clock, from her brother's residence, Mr. Richard Lawlor, Cove Road.—R. I. P.

Killed at Halifax, on December 6th, William Power, aged 49 years, son of the late James and Mary Power, of this city, leaving a wife and four children, four sisters and one brother to mourn their sad loss.—R. I. P.

On Sunday, December 16th, after a long and painful illness, Martin Kitchener, eldest and dearly beloved son of Reuben and Rose A. Adey, aged 13 years, leaving a father, mother, one brother, four sisters and a large circle of friends to mourn the loss of a loved and loving one; private funeral, Monday, at 2.30 p.m., from his late residence, 98 Morymeston Road.

"Nip by the winds unparching rays Or broke by sickness in a day. The momentary glories waste, The short lived beauty died away."

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