

## War News.

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### THE ALLIES' REPLY TO GERMANY

PARIS, Dec. 31.  
In the reply to the proffer of Germany and her Allies for a peace conference, the Entente Allies, in a collective note, declared that they refuse to consider a proposal which is empty and insincere. The note was handed to American Ambassador sharp to-day by Premier Briand and was made public simultaneously in London and Paris. The reply is a strongly worded document which says the war will go on until the following terms are secured:

- 1.—Reparation for violation of rights.
- 2.—Recognition of the principle of the free existence of small States.
- 3.—A settlement that will end once and for all the forces which have constituted a perpetual menace to the nations, and will guarantee the future security of the world.
- 4.—Legitimate reparation for Belgium, guarantees and safeguards for all the future.

The Allied note says the German overtures are an attempt to justify in advance a new series of crimes, submarine warfare, deportation, forced labor and enforced enlistments of the inhabitants of occupied territory against their own countries. The Allies call the German overtures a sham offer. A peace concluded on the terms, the Allies say, would be only to the advantage of the Germans, who, after imagining they would reach their goal in two months, have learned after two years that they can never attain it. The Allied note is signed by Great Britain, France, Russia, Belgium, Italy, Japan, Montenegro, Portugal, Roumania and Serbia.

### DROWNED BY FLOODS.

LONDON, Dec. 31.  
One hundred persons are believed to have been drowned at Clermont, Queensland, Australia, by a flood which washed away the main street, all the houses and low lying places, says a Reuter despatch from Brisbane. Fifty bodies have been recovered. The flood was caused by cyclonic weather in northern and central Queensland.

### WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT.

PARIS, Dec. 31.  
The Municipal Council, at the dawn of 1917, which we are convinced will fulfil all our hopes, adopted resolutions addressed to the peoples of the capitals of the Entente Allies fighting with us for the liberty of the world, assuring them of unshakable fraternity and unbreakable resolution to struggle with them to the end for decisive victory and necessary reparations.

### NEW APPOINTMENT.

LONDON, Jan. 1.  
It is officially announced that Earl Granville, Counsellor to the British Embassy at Paris, has been appointed as representative of the British Government to the Provisional Government of Euzharlos Venizelos at Salonika with the title of diplomatic agent.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE EXTREMELY QUIET.

LONDON, Jan. 1.  
The third New Year's Eve of war was extremely quiet in the British capital. The dinner tables of the restaurants were well filled, largely by soldiers, but all establishments closed at eleven. A few persons lingered in the streets and elsewhere to watch the passing of 1916. There was traditional greetings outside St. Paul's Cathedral, but it was a smaller crowd that joined in the singing of Auld Lang Syne. For the first time since the war began the Cathedral clock bell known as Great Paul, chimed the last hour of the year. A few churches held midnight services, but they were sparsely attended. The day has been observed as one of national intercession and recognition of the devotion of the men and women variously serving their country. Special

### GOOD BLOOD

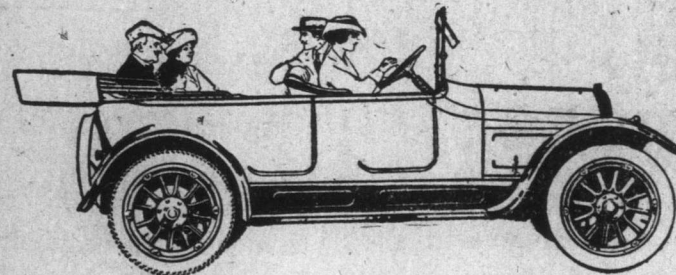
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services were held in the churches of all denominations, the congregations at the leading places of worship being very large. King George and Queen Mary and the Royal Family who had spent Christmas in London passed the year's end at Sandringham where they attended intercession services.

### ARTILLERY ACTIVE.

LONDON, Jan. 1. (Official).  
Our patrols entered the enemy's trenches east of Armentieres at several places last night. Early this morning a hostile patrol reached our lines south of Pilkem, to the north of Ypres but were immediately driven out. During the night enemy artillery was somewhat more active than usual north of the Ancre. To-day there was artillery activity by both sides at various places along the front being most marked on the Loos salient and in the neighborhood of Faquissant and Ypres.

### ROUMANIANS DRIVEN BACK.

LONDON, Dec. 30.  
The Roumanian Teutonic Allies are keeping up their irritations to the kingdom. The Russians and Roumanians are being steadily driven back from the Transylvanian alps and Lower Moldavian region. Their line in the latter district is now resting half way between Rimnik Sarat and Fokoshany. Around Braila on both sides of the Danube the invaders have further driven into the defenders' territory. Near Fokoshany and thence southeast to the Danube, Petrograd reports the Russians and Roumanians have taken up new positions without pressure from the Teutonic Allies.

### WHY GERMANY SEEKS PEACE.

LONDON, Dec. 30.  
The Morning Post, commenting on General Haig's despatch says: What is the lesson of the Somme? There are many, but the moral with which we are chiefly concerned to-day is that the battle was scarcely ended, indeed it is not ended yet, ere Germany asked for peace. Haig tells us

by our fire. West of Oranburg was carried out a successful surprise attack on the enemy.

### CAUSED A GREAT IMPRESSION.

PARIS, Dec. 31.  
A Havas Agency despatch from Madrid says, the Spanish note, coming so soon after the declaration by the Minister of Foreign Affairs concerning the torpedoing by the German submarines of neutral vessels, caused a great impression in the Spanish capital.

### FRENCH CRUISER SUNK.

PARIS, Jan. 1.  
The French armored cruiser Galea was torpedoed in the Mediterranean sea on December 27, and sank in half an hour, according to an official announcement. Owing to the cohesiveness of the crew and the arrival of patrol boats there were only four victims, two of whom were killed by explosion. Naval registers list the Galea as a battleship of 11,200 tons displacement, complement 631 men. She carried 42 guns. The Galea served in the Dardanelles operations, but was sent back to Toulon in March, 1915, for repairs. It is possible she was reclassified as an armored cruiser.

### BRITISH OFFICIAL.

LONDON, Dec. 31.  
A mine was successfully blown by us on Friday evening, northeast of Neuville St. Vaast. Artillery carried out effective bombardment during the night on enemy positions in the neighborhood of Serre, shelling a number of places of military importance behind enemy lines east of Arras. To-day enemy trenches south of Le Transloy were bombarded with good results. East of Tilloy, north of Neuve Chapelle, a bridge across the River Lales was destroyed by our fire.

Turkeys, Ducks, Geese and Chicken at ELLIS.

### Prisoners' Parcels Are Stopped

Colonial Secretary Bennett was in receipt of a cable from Mr. Reeve of the Mtd. War Contingent Association, London, on Sunday, asking him to acquaint the relatives here of Sergt. Combs and Private P. Barron, who are prisoners of war at Giessen, Germany, that Christmas parcels sent them had not been forwarded because the parcels contained metal coverings. Such is contrary to regulations and in consequence the Central War Prisoners' Committee stopped the parcels.

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### Here and There.

INDISPOSED.—Mr. H. A. Winter, B.A., Editor of this paper, is indisposed to-day.

Ayrshire Bacon and Scotch Beef Ham at ELLIS.

VOLUNTEERS BACK.—Several volunteers who had been on leave to their homes in the outposts, have resumed duty.

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LIONEL MUNN WIRES.—On Sunday, Mr. W. A. Munn was in receipt of a cable from his son Lionel that he had arrived in London and was going to Cambridge to join an officers' training corps.

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