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## War News.

Messages Received Previous to 9 A.M.

### OFFICIAL.

**LONDON, Dec. 18.**  
The Governor, Newfoundland, in France report a small enemy bombing night attack near Loos which was easily repulsed. Elsewhere in Belgium, Arras and Champagne heavy bombardments.

Russia reports the enemy offensive checked near Lake Drivisvitz, north of Pskov and on the Str.

### MEMBER OF COMMONS DEAD.

**LONDON, Dec. 18.**  
Albert Stanley, member of the Commons for Staffordshire, North-west, died yesterday.

### WILL SETTLE ALL CLAIMS.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 19.**  
The White Star Line has agreed to pay \$1,000 in settlement of all claims arising from the sinking of the Titanic in April, 1912, when more than 1,500 were drowned, attorneys for the line announced today.

### DERBY'S RECRUITING SCHEME.

**LONDON, Dec. 19.**  
The British public was surprised today by the appearance of a Royal proclamation in public places calling for four classes of Derby recruits, the first of which appears to be the 1890-1891 class.

### BERLIN ACCOUNT OF FRENCH ATTACK.

**BERLIN, Dec. 19.**  
French aviators launched another attack against the German fortress of Metz last night, but the only result was damage to property.

### GERMAN TROOPS ON THE WAY TO WESTERN FRONT.

**GENEVA, Dec. 19.**  
Masses of German troops passed through Rhine towns towards the Western front recently, according to news that has reached here since the re-opening of the frontier between Constance and Lindau. The frontier is still closed at Basle.

### CRUISER 'QUEBEC' GUARDED.

**HAVANA, Dec. 19.**  
The French Consul at Santiago has requested the Cuban authorities to give protection to the French auxiliary cruiser 'Quebec' lying in that port. The Consul made the request on the ground that the ship was in danger of being blown up by conspirators. The Cuban Government furnished a guard patrol of boats around the cruiser.

### GERMAN GENERAL KILLED IN ACTION.

**LONDON, Dec. 19.**  
Major General Von Stockhausen of the German army has been killed in action, according to a despatch from Amsterdam to the Central News Agency.

### THE GREEK ELECTION.

**LONDON, Dec. 19.**  
A despatch to the Times from Athens says that only 450 candidates are presenting themselves for the 516 seats in Parliament which will be voted in a general election on Sunday. This is due to the complete abstention of the followers of former Premier Venizelos who elected 384 deputies in the last election. Nearly all of the present candidates have declared themselves in favor of a policy of neutrality, with the exception of about 20 followers of M. Dimi, who was Minister of Justice under M. Venizelos. All the candidates are ministerialists.

### THE SERBO-GREEK SITUATION.

**PARIS, Dec. 19.**  
The Salonika correspondent of the Temps, writing under date Thursday, concerning the fighting along the Serbo-Greek front, says that the situation is stationary. The French and British troops have settled north of Salonika, and entrenching is being carried out vigorously. The Bulgarians continue inactive on the Serbian-Greek frontier. Their number is estimated at 100,000. It is confirmed that the Greek and Bulgarian Governments are in accord to create a neutral zone a mile and a quarter wide, on each side of the boundary line, so as to avoid incidents between pickets of the armies.

### INFORMATION IS STILL CONTRADICTORY AS TO WHAT THE GERMAN ARMY, WHICH INVADIED SERBIA, IS NOW DOING.

According to reports, which are probably true, the German forces are leaving Serbia for other fronts, Russian, Roumanian and, in part, French, but according to other information the Austro-Germans are preparing to attack the Allies in Greece with the support of Bulgarians, whose halt at the frontier is only temporary.

### BALKAN DEVELOPMENTS.

**LONDON, Dec. 19.**  
A threat that the German Minister at Athens is said to have made to the effect that Germany would be compelled to take action to drive the Allies out of Salonika, if fortifications of that base continued, brings the Balkan developments a step nearer to a crisis. How soon the Austro-Germans cross the Greek frontier will apparently depend upon how soon they are able to collect sufficient troops. Despatches to the Daily Mail from Athens estimate the total available German forces as 200,000, who, however,

are fatigued by continuous mountain marching. According to the Athens Embros, the Ministerial organ, the Greek Government will address a fresh protest to the Entente Powers against fortifying Salonika.

### GERMANY THREATENING.

**LONDON, Dec. 19.**  
Germany has threatened to expel the Entente Allies from Salonika, according to the Times Athens correspondent. Replying to Greek diplomatic representations, which had as their aim the prevention of entry of Austro-German troops in Greece, the minister declared that fortifications which the Entente Allies are constructing at Salonika would compel Germany to take action to drive out the Allied forces. Premier Skoufzidis rejoined that in no case would Greece allow Bulgarian troops to set foot on Greek soil.

### FRENCH CAPTURE GERMAN HYDROPLANE.

**LONDON, Dec. 19.**  
A British official statement on Friday afternoon said that a French torpedo boat had brought down a German hydro-plane off Newport taking the occupants prisoners. Quiet on the west front.

### ANOTHER CAPTURE.

**PARIS, Dec. 19. (Official.)**  
Between the Somme and Oise there was intense bombardment of German trenches in the region of Frise. One of our patrols surprised an enemy patrol in the bend of the Oise and captured it.

### ITALIANS OCCUPY MOORE PEAK.

**ROME, via London, Dec. 19.**  
Officially the conference of the Tora Estico Valley our troops by a methodical advance succeeded in occupying the Moore Peak, dominating the upper course of the Estico.

### FRENCH ARTILLERY ACTIVE.

**PARIS, Dec. 19.**  
French artillery last night bombarded with excellent results, German positions southwest of St. Mihiel, at Apremont Salient. Forty bombs were dropped on buildings and stations at Sablonis just south of the German fortress of Metz.

### SCOTTISH OFFICIAL.

**SCOTTAR, Albania, Dec. 19.**  
The following Serbian official statement was issued yesterday: The Austro-Bulgarian official statement recounting the capture of an enormous number of prisoners and a great quantity of war booty, contain exaggerations. The Serbian army did not leave a single line. Anything that could not be saved was completely destroyed. It may be pointed out that the Bulgarians, in including civilians in their list of prisoners, are but following the example of the Austro-Germans. We feel sure the press has already grasped the real state of things and suspected the truth.

### TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES.

**PARIS, Dec. 19.**  
A despatch from Salonika states that representative of the Minister of Railways has taken the necessary measures to assure transportation facilities for the supply of the Allied army troops at the front in conformity with an agreement between the Greek General staff and the Generals commanding the Allied forces. Arrangements are also being made to increase telegraphic communications.

### WILSON-GALT WEDDING.

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.**  
President Wilson and Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt were married here at 8.39 last night with a simple ceremony, spoken at the bride's home in the presence of less than thirty guests, virtually all of whom were relatives. They left soon after for a two weeks' honeymoon at Hot Springs, Virginia.

### T. A. Meeting.

At a special meeting of the T. A. & B. Society the following were appointed as Guardians of the Junior branch of the Society: — Thomas Dunn, M. J. Tobin, T. J. Walsh, W. Billingsby, P. Dreen, M. Walsh, F. J. Woods, F. Hickey, J. O'Toole and W. Brennan.

### "One Hundred Years Ago."

At Saturday afternoon's meeting of the Current Events Club Miss E. Morris read an interesting paper on "One Hundred Years Ago." Miss Morris also exhibited curios, such as grenades and bullets which are used by the Turks in the present great war. At the close Miss D. Ayre served tea.

### HOME FOR XMAS.

Upwards of one hundred men who had been working in Sydney and Glace Bay, crossed over to Port aux Basques by the S. S. Kyle yesterday morning. They are returning home to spend Christmas with their friends.

### Moard's Lintment Cures Diphtheria.

gears exposed sixty Serbian prisoners of war to French artillery fire. All of the prisoners were killed.

### GERMAN CRUISER BREMEN SUNK.

**AMSTERDAM, Dec. 19.**  
It has been officially announced in Berlin that a small German cruiser the Bremen and a torpedo boat accompanying her, were sunk by a submarine in the Eastern Baltic Sea. The announcement stated that a considerable portion of the crews of both vessels were saved.

### RUSSIAN OFFICIAL.

**PETROGRAD, Dec. 19.**  
Northeast of the Drinsk region, near the villages of Minischel and Sarkani, our artillery made fortunate hits on a column of the enemy's infantry, dispersing it. In the Caucasus in the region of Khystapore southwest of Ardanchap, only encounters of secondary nature occurred, but all resulted in our favor.

### WOMEN FOR STREET CARS.

**BERLIN, Dec. 19.**  
Women will begin doing work as motormen in the Berlin street cars next week.

### TURKISH OFFICIAL.

**CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 19.**  
Anglo-French squadrons and Allied land batteries yesterday bombarded the Turkish position at Avl Burnu and Alji, on the Gallipoli Peninsula. In Mesopotamia the Turkish troops are said to be destroying fence works of every description in front of a British main position near Kut-el-Amara.

### GREEK GOVERNMENT'S PROTEST.

**LONDON, Dec. 19.**  
The Athens correspondent of Reuters is authority for the statement that the Greek Government has lodged a formal protest with the Entente Powers against the fortification of Salonika by the Allied forces.

### A PARIS BUDGET.

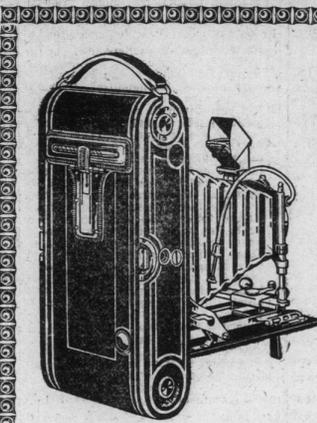
**PARIS, Dec. 19.**  
Telegraphing from Athens under date Dec. 18th, the Havas correspondent says: Premier Skoufzidis declared to a representative of an Athens newspaper to-day that the Saturday report that the German Minister had informed him that the Central Powers intended to violate Greek territory, was unfounded. The inaction for four days of the German-Bulgarian troops on the Greek frontier, the correspondent adds, is attributed as much to diplomatic, as to military reasons. It is thought that the Germans are not sufficiently strong to attack the Allies alone, and are trying to overcome objections to Bulgarians' actions on Greek soil. In political circles it is stated that no official negotiations have begun. It is believed that the Government have opened diplomatic conversations on this subject with the German Minister, setting forth the complications which are likely to result from the entry of the Bulgarians into Greece, which would offend the pride of the Greek population and provoke the army. The optimism shown in official circles is explained by the supposition that Greece's representations will be taken into account. Another despatch from the Havas correspondent says, Government and diplomatic circles give the impression that the Central Powers will turn their attention to the Serbs and Italians in Albania unless the Entente Allies are reinforced at Salonika, and so change the military equilibrium to the Balkans.

### NEWS FROM SALONIKA IS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE SITUATION AT THE FRONT IS UNCHANGED.

Air scouts of the Entente Allies report concentration of the Bulgarian troops in the proximity of the Greek frontier, and the arrival of reinforcements at Doiran.

The German and Austrian Consuls have left Salonika for Monastir with their staffs and the contents of the archives. Before leaving, the Austrian and German Consuls warned the subjects of their countries to prepare to leave the Greek port within fifteen days.

Bulgar deserters declare that during the battle of Valanbovo the Bul-



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| Kimonos . . . . . \$1.50 to \$3.50           | Belts . . . . . 30c. to 70c.       | Painting Sets . . . . . 20c.          |
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| Wool Sets, \$1.45 & \$2.70                   |                                    | Telephones . . . . . 23c. pr.         |
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