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fleet, which as a grand fleet has nev- have to be sharply cut, and it is er yet had an opportunity of being fortunate that the early orders were in action, has, nevertheless from hour usually accepted upon a basis covto hour, day by day, through all the ering not only liberal profits but months of the war, been the founda- entire cost of plant and machinery. tion upon which everything else has In many cases the latter could be rested, was the summary by A. J. scrapped and the companies left far Balfour, First Lord of the Admiral- better off financially than before the ty, of lessons to be derived from the war." moving picture record of activities of the fleet, over the first production of which he presided this afternoon.

Mr. Balfour declared the film shown which he presided this afternoon.

was "packed with lessons of deepest import to Britons and to the world." The success of all land Allies from Archangel on the north to the Persian gulf, ultimately depended, he be-Meved; on the British fleet, because, were it removed the Allied nations, have ocupied the important Pernow banded together against the ty- sian town of Kashan, and are marchranny of the Central Powers, would ing toward Ispahan, according to be cut off from the outer world and the Teheran correspondent of Reufrom each other. He doubted whether ters. the magnitude of the task thrown apon the British navy and "so tri- 70 miles south of the Caspian Sea. umphanrly accomplished," was yet Kashan is 110 miles south of Teh-

Lord, "it was performing this mo- east of where the British forces are difference in principle within the ment, not alone for the Allies, but at Kut-El-Amara, Mesopotamia. for the whole world, the greatest, and most important part in the drama now being played out for the manufacture.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—The Czernowitz (Bukowina) correspondent of the Tageblatt sends the following: freedom of the world. The world has attacks against the Austrians on the yet to know how much it owes to Bessarabian border since Christmas' the British fleet, and how it assured night. Despite a tremendous expenthe victory which is coming to us in diture of ammunition and men, the the future and which is coming at attacking forces have not yet succeed least as much as a gift of the Brit- ed in breaking through the lines. ish navy as the splendid valor of Al- Every time the weakened columns of lied troops, whether British or For- the Russians succeeded in reaching

LABOR PARTY TO DISCUSS CONSCRIPTION

being arranged to consider the decis- tion obtained by the New York Cham al since registration there has only is being canvassed eagerly at trades tries. The replies show that the ton- there under the Derby system.

conscription are equally emphatic, the last ten. According to one pro measure of general agreement which Many members of the labor party are minent shipbuilder, the amount of the Premier declares essential." ready to support compulsory service ocean-going merchant tonnage now once they are satisfied it is necessary building in the United States for Amand are assured it will be implied im- erican registry has increased tenfold

Some are still insisting on a further opportunity for unmarried men to volunteer, but it is believed the cabinet has decided against further ficial statement issued tonight says: delay. In view of the expected early "It is ascertained that 45 bags of activities in the field, recruits are rubber, all consigned to a well known needed to take the places of the men enemy forwarding agent in Sweden now waiting in the home camps in were removed from the parcel mail patch to the Times from Tokio says. readiness to fill vacancies at the on board the steamer Oscar II. It front.

morrow to consider the plan of 132, sisted of 734 bags was handed over tion of trades union rules so as to transmission to its destination. increase the numbers performing cortain classes of work. The engineers will discuss Mr. Lloyd George's pill to amend the munitions act, which will come before parliament when it reassembles.

Poisoned Candy Kills Five. Boston, Dec. 29-Five children are dead and several others ill as a result it is believed of having eaten poisoned candy. The police of the Brighton district are investigating the theory that someone may have been criminally responsible.

CLOSE FIGHTING WITH HAND GRENAGES

Paris, Dec. 29-The following announcement was made today by the

war office: "The night was calm except in the sector of Chaulnes, where fighting with hand grenades at close quarters occurred, and in the Champagne where we bombarded the positions of the enemy to the west of the Navarin farm."

Berlin, Dec. 29-The offensive movement by the French in the Vosges, at Hirzstein, is said by the war office to have broken down last night. The report concedes that the French penetrated German positions on Hartmanns-Weilerkopf, but says they were expelled later.

WAR CONTRACTS LET

given to the question of the basis on which the recent large war munitions contracts have been let is contained in an announcement from Henry Clews & Co., of New York. "Henceforth," they say, "the big London, Dec. 29.—The British grand profits on munition contracts may

VICTORS IN PERSIA

London, Dec. 29.—Russian troops

Teheran, the capital of Persia, is "Though silent," said the First Kashan and some 300 miles odd

the Austro-Hungarians, they were

"The Russians maintained a gunfire for 25 hours, which was audible in Czernowitz."

WORKING FULL BLAST

Landon, Dec. 29.-A conference of their output from 15 to 60 per ant, not apply to Ireland. nage under construction or order at "The cabinet will do its utmost to The advocates and opponents of present is double that of any year in meet all objections and secure a

since July 1, 1914. RUBBER IN MAILS.

London, Dec. 29-A British ofis estimated the weight of the rub-

Swedish Island of Kaestholmen opened fire on two German torpedo outlook is not clear. boats pursuing a Swedish steamer off

The Swedish admiralty says the despatch, ordered a strict inquiry into the incident which is regarded as a repetition of the recent violation of territorial waters when Germans Germans abandoning pursuit when they were fired at.

. COLD IN SEATTLE. weather of the season in Western ted. Ald. W. J. Ferguson will be Washington arirved last night, the chairman and a cordial invitatioon temperature in Seattle falling to 32 to be present is extended to everydegrees and in Tacoma to 34. The one favorable to the patriotic movetender garden plants were frozen, A ment. There will be no admission high pressure wave moved south- fee but a collection will be taken ward from Alaska yesterday and is and turned over to the Patriotic now central over British Columbia. Fund. Fair and continued cold weather is forecasted for Western Washington, Farmers' Market will be open on with a fall of temperature to 26 de- Thursday and Friday. grees in Seattle tonight.

One of the first answers to be SINGLE MEN MUST ENLIST

Premier Asquith States It Is Imperative To Provide a Steady Flow of Reinforcements for the Various Battle Fronts.

London, Dec. 29-The followig explanation of the cabinet situation will appear in newspapers of London tomorrow morning, furnished by the Press Association:

"It has been generally expected Premier Asquith's pledge to married men would be carried out in letter and spirit but the view is held in some quarters that a further chance for single men to enroll would not consistent with the fulfilment of the pledge.

"The Premier himself rejected this interpretation of his words and informed the cabinet that the resort to compulsion was called for in his opinion not only to carry through an honorable obligation but also to provide a steady flow of reinforcements for the various battlefronts.

"On the question of compulsory service for single men with regard eran. Ispahan is 90 miles south of to the later group of men engaged in reserved occupations there is no cabinet. Until details of procedure are definitely settled there is no expectation of personal changes in the administration. It is recognized, however, that to pass at the present stage from the well defined

tion would introduce difficulties.

"In a matter which touches so Paris, Dec. 29.—Acrording to re-

proposals, however limited in form. vas Agency. "It is undoubted that the govern-ment will carry a majority of the withstanding the difficulties encoun-House of Commons with them for tered in their retreat. They hold any reasonable scheme and anything strongly fortified positions against Spencer, E. Quennell, Harvey Trad-like an organized obstruction is unthe advance of the Austro-Germans ing Co., J. Sampson, W. Hoggan, New York, Dec. 29. — Shipbuilding like an organized obstruction is unthe advance of the plants in the United States are work-thinkable. For a

JAPAN SUPPLIED MUCH MUNITIONS

London, Dec. 29---- A special dis-The Japanese parliament has adthe bribery case. The Nogi peer- Bulgaria. age case also figured in the resolution, which was defeated by a large majority.

government will be attacked for having signed the "no peace agreement" with the allies without consulting the privy council. The adhesion of Japan is now condemned as unnecessarily binding Japan when the

Financially Japan has made re-

PATRIOTIC SMOKER IN ASSEMBLY HALL TONIGHT

The joint committee representing smoker in the Assembly Hall this evening at 8 o'clock.

A program including some excep-Seattle, Dec. 29—The first cold an entertaining night can be expec-

HON. W. J. BOWSER. The New Premier of British Columbia; Who Has Left Victoria on a Two-

Benefit of His Health.

Paris, Dec. 29. - Italian froops who disembarked at Avlona, Alban- Athens and Salonica regarding the ia, have reached the vicinity of the movements of the troops of the cen northern frontier of Epirus in some tral powers at the Macedonian Lorplaces, according to reports from der, but there are persistent reports the present circumstances is the man voyagers arriving from Santi Quar- that the Greeks have given the Bul- who has a conscientious objection to case of single men and to set up anta, says the Athens correspondent garians permission to cross the borgeneral obligation to military ser- of the Haves Agency. Italian troops der if they and their allies are still vice on the part of the adult popula- also have been seen near Tepeleni, intent to following the entente troops military consequences of a shortage

many ingrained prejudices, the gov- liable information there are Serbian ments indicate that the allies are

Petit Journal

QUIET IN MESOPOTAMIA

London, Dec. 29.—The following of-ficial communication concerning oper-ficial communication concerning oper-Mesopotamia by the Turks, was made public tonight. "General Townshend reports an entire cessation of attack and bombardment since Christmas Day. He also reports a heavy thunderstorm on the 26th."

DICKERING WITH ROUMANIA.

Rome, Dec. 29. - Diplomatic negotiations looking to Russia's intervenjourned until January 20 after a tion in the Balkans, have been resum-

when parliament meets again the AMERCIAN SHIPPERS IN A QUANCRY NEW ROUTE IS

London, Dec. 29.-Representatives of American produce shippers here are watching the developments of the Karlskrona in Swedish territorial markable strides this year. Figures British-Danish shipping agreement for 1915 show an excess of exports with a keen interest that is said to ship route from Norway to Russia 40, who has not already enrolled unnot official, and while it may be atfrom Stockholm to Politiken, for- over imports of nearly \$100,000,- be shared by the American govern- is now established and the Norwewarded by the Exchange Telegraph 000. The government has sold ment, which is now known to have in gian steamship Kong Helge, car-so within a fixed period.

Neutral shippers fear that the publication of the document will show discrimination against other neutrals and not only favor Denmark but Bri. tish traders as well. On the latter point, it is declared in official circaptured the steamer Argo. In the the W. F. Co's. Employees Patriotic cles here that any article allowed to present case the quarry escaped, the Fund is holding a big patriotic enter Denmark under agreement may be exported from the United States and other neutral countries, as well as from the British Isles.

It is denied emphatically that British exporters are given any advantage under the agreement.

NEW YORK STORM SWEPT

and snowstorm held New York in its bers of the crew were saved. grip today. A wind reaching a velocity of 60 miles an hour was predicted before night.

The storm came up from the south

PURPOSE OF NEW RUSSIAN OFFENSIV

And Asia Minor.

Balkans and Asia Minor and to prepress Roumania and Greece by a diversion to the north with the intent of breaking through the Austrian line

Simultaneously comes news of the capture by the Russians of Kayun, Weeks' Visit to Kamloops, for the one of the principal cities of Persia, and of an advance toward Ispahan These points are too remote for their occupation directly to menace the Turks who are fighting the British under General Townshend on the Tigris, but undoubtedly the Russian advance will have an important political eject in Persia and possibly an service and see little ground for beinfluence upon the projected more-lief there will be resignations of cab-Egypt.

Conflicting accounts come from to Salonica.

ernment may be expected to move troops to the number of 75,000 at maintaining the offensive in the west needed at their posts to see comput-

CONSIGNEES WEDNESDAY.

D. H. Beckley, Walker Trust, D.

& Cowie, J. H. Malpass, J. Hardy, Paris, Dec. 29.—The eleventh Bul- J. B. Hodgins, P. Burns, A. Jemson, garian infantry regiment, stationed Imperial Laundry W. Jarvie McRae ion of the cabinet in regard to com- ber of Commerce through a canvass been carried out in a partial manner at Gumaldzina, Bulgaria, has mutin- & Lucier, Workman's Co. Op., W. H. proportions and contends the nation Mr. Duke's company erpects to pulsory military service. The question of the leading shipyards of the conu- and there has been no attestation ed, according to information reach- Ganner, Thompson & Cowie, Mahrer ing the Athens correspoident of the & Co., R. Tabata, G. Roberts, S. D. inet has "at last roused to a sense day from its works at Great Falls, Mains, D. A. Ryan, R. Martin, K. of the realities."

Athens Dec 29-Thousands of Greeks of all classes filed past the to meet the claims of munitions work residence of Former Premier Venizelos today, this being his saint's day and gave him an extraordinary greet-

ing. house all day.

Company's correspondent at Copen- munitions to the value of \$50,000,- its possession a copy of the document rying a cargo of British and American machinery for Russia, has made a trip from Tromsoe, Norway, to Alexandrovsk, Russia, under most favorable conditions, says the Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company.

> As this route will be open throughout the entire year, it is expected that it will be an established benefit to Russia, whose trade difficulties became acute owing to the through Sweden.

London, Dec. 29-The British Waterman. steamer Morning, of 444 tons gross, has been torpedoed, according to an-

CANADIAN RED CROSS FIGURES. CANADIAN RED CROSS FIGURES.

The Canadian Red Cross has received over \$1,000,000 in cash, and supplies to the value of nearly \$300 000. \$180,000 has been spent on ambulances and \$125,000 has been given to the British society. Sixtysix Red Cross nurses and fifty male Flerce Fighting Along Galician the St. John Ambulance Society. Bessarablan Front Will Af- The number of branches has infect the Issue in the Balkans creased in one year from 157 to 320. conspiring with agents of the German The total shipments amount to over 30,000 bales and the average week-London, Dec. 23 .- The fierce fighting ly shipment from Toronto alone at on the Galician-Bessarabian front, of present is four carloads. There are to the federal authorities before nove which mention is made in both Rus- advance supply depots as near the today, and a third was in town. For sian and Austrian official statements, front as possible to supply the Ca- the others warrants were issued. seems to support the forecasts that nadian Find Ambulances. It has These will be forwarded to Wa trans-shipment to France.

London, Dec. 29.-The evening newspapers today all concede a decision of the cabinet in favor of compulsory ment of the central powers against inet ministers or for any serious op- from Columbus, is Frank S. Modest. position from the country. The West- former attorney-general of Ohio. minster Gazette, which voices ministerial opinion, says, "The only man stances and who is willing to face all of men rather than consent to principle."

Other newspapers contend men are warily. The ministers must be pre-pared for some opposition to their the Athens correspondent of the Hatary demand for men will not swamp of the officers of the company ownthe demand of industries equally iming the process. portant for winning the war.

The Pall Mall Gazette expresses the upon a recommendation of Brigadieropinion of difficulties within the gov- General William M. Crozier, chief ernment, and parliament will dimin- of ordnance of the United States

The Evening Standard agrees that be independent of the Chilean beds now a decision has been reached all for the nitrates difficulties will assume measureable powder.

ber of single men not attested reach- cheaply enough can be solved. es a big total. It's estimate greatly The work probably will be carried exceeds any heretofore published, and on in Canada by the Quebec Develif correct the comparative rapidity opment Company, Ltd., of which Mr. with which the cabinet decided upon Duke is the president. This comthe necessity of compulsory measures pany has been acquiring extensive the necessity of compulsory measures water-power rights in the neighboris easily explained. The cabinet, it ious points arising out of its decis- works on the Saguenay river, is understood has fully explored varion and to have made arrangements to meet the claims of munitions work CANADIAN MINISTER bor on the market.

David Lloyd George, whose urgent calls for workers in munitions factor-A meeting of the Amalgamated So- ber seized is about 4000 pounds. The stormy session. The principal fea- ed at Bucharest, Petrograd and Rome soldiers in uniforms, statesmen, forciety of Engineers will be held to- remainder of the mail which con- fure of the session was a resolution it was learned today. Negotiations mer cabinet ministers, politicians decision reached, will now take none to impeach the members of the gov- deal with the attitude Roumania and men of every social rank in the but men ineligible on the fighting Ottawa, Dec. 29 .-- Hon. Frank Coch-Hon. David Lloyd George for relata- to the post office for immediate ernment for failure to prosecute will take in the event a Russian ar- procession, who pushed their way line. If trades unions as is hoped, rane, minister of railways, left for Viscount Oura in connection with my crosses its territory to attack through the dense crowd that re- agree to his proposal for dilution of New York via Montreal this aftermained in front of M. Venizelos's skilled workers on munitions with a noon at 4 o'clock, and will sail for The entente ministers called on able to fill new factories with women tomorrow. the ex-premier and were cheered by and ineligible men quite capable of Carl Hayes, traffic manager of the doing with little training work now government railways, accompanied done by skilled labor.

thod of carrying out the idea of com- rail wheat rates to be put in effect pulsion apparently has been reached on the National Transcontinental as yet, but the Pall Mall Gazette be- railway. So far no definite arrangelieves a proposal which most com- ment has been reached. mends itself is a bill providing ev- The reported six-cent rate from London, Dec. 29-The new steam- ery unmarried man up to the age of Armstrong to Quebec and Montreal is

ENGINEERS COMPAN' IS AFTER RECRUITS

Major Coulthard, who opened a recruiting office in The Herald's old with the Kingston Locomotive works, stand several days ago for No. 2 freezing over of Archangel Bay and Company, Tunnelling Engineers, has the interrupted transit of supplies left for Cumberland, leaving the local office in charge of Recruiting Officer

steamer Erin foundered in the and district should be a splendid field being invalided home. and west and traffic here was badly were killed and three wounded. formation on the subject, are urged He spent last evening in the Returns Eight survivors landed at Ymuiden. to visit the recruiting office at once. ed Soldiers' rooms here.

New York, Dec. 29.-Of the eight men indicted yesterday charged with government to foment strikes in mumitions factories, two had surrendered

Russia, instead of directly atta king been stated by Col. Hodgetts, the ington for immediate execution unless Bulgaria, is operating to reduce the commissioner in England, that not assurances that the defendants will pressure on the entente forces in the one Red Cross case has been lost in come into court voluntarily are received this afternoon.

The two who surrendered were Da vic Lamar, said to have been paymaster for Franz von Rintelen, and Jacob Taylor, of East Orange, N. J. president of Labor's National Peace Council, the medium through whom the government charges von Rinteles sought to direct his activities.

Both entered pleas of not guilty and were released in \$5,000 bail. Taylor denied ever knowing Lamar, and of von Rintelen he said he had heard only through the newspapers.

The third defendant who significat his intention voluntarily to give himself up and who came to New York

EXPLOSIVE FROM AIR

New York, Dec. 29-Nitric acid obtained by extracting nitrogen from the air will be put on the market next Saturday, according to a statement today by James B. Duke, one

The announcement follows close ish as the question shapes itself in army, who in his annual report

will welcome this as a sign the cab- turn out four tons of nitric acid a S. C. The chemical will be produced According to the Westminster Gaz- on a much larger scale if the great ette's parliamentary reporter the num problem of getting water-power

LEAVES FOR ENGLAND

proportion of unskilled, he will be England on the steamship Lapland

him to Montreal to confer further No final decision regarding the me- with the minister as to the new all-

have to be arranged first. To Quebec the government has full power to fix a rate, but to Montreal the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario railway an Ontario government line, and the Grand Trunk are involved.

The government has arranged for the leasing of 33 locomotives from the G.T.P. and has placed an order for 25 modern high-power locomotives

VICTORIA HERO COMING HOME.

Winnipeg, Dec. 29-Private C.F. Leigh, of Victoria, B. C., who spent four and one-half months in the The class of men Major Coulthard trenches as a member of the 16th is anxious to recruit are men ac Battalion, Canadian Scottish, is on New York, Dec. 29.—A heavy sleet nouncement here today. Two mem- quainted with the use of explosives, his way home as a result of that and for this work there are none bet- rigorous period. He developed Amsterdam, Dec. 29 — The Dutch ter adapted than miners. Nanaimo pleurisy and that resulted in his

North sea today following an ex- for recruiting this class of men and He speaks highly of the reception plosion in which three of the crew those who wish to enlist or seek in given the returned men at Quebec.