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THE BRITISH WAY.

the British nation in all parts of the world has expected of him after all the things that have after the armies had got to work, and been admirable since the outbreak of the war. happened to him. There have been a few cases of blatancy, of course, a few cases of individual indiscretion, a few cases of local hysteria; but the people, the have issued "papers." Britain's is white as is British people, have conducted themselves also Germany's, although it should be black. Candid Admission Made of Failure of worthily. They have done almost as well as Belgium's is grey, Russia's orange, and France's the Belgians and French. No higher complibly becausee her case is too bad, and, as for the news is the candid admission by the ment than that need be paid them. They have "unspeakable Turk," if he ever appeals to the Austrian Government of the defeat of ment than that need be paid them. They have "unspeakable Turk," if he ever appears to the the Austrian army in Servia, and appear calm, dignified, resolute. They have acjudgment of the world his paper should be blood-parently of the abandonment of its third attempt at invasion of the tercepted hostilities as a disagreeable duty offen- red. sively thrust upon them. They have proceeded in a simple business-like spirit. What they had Everybody's Magazine, at the close of his second extended retirement and many losses. to do, they have done without hesitation, and without ostention. They have borne their losses uncomplainingly. They have set about retrieving them and accomplishing victories in only to Amiens on that date was a losing Gerdefensive line. Against its repulse the same simple, manly spirit.

tomary amount of grumbling and fault-finding to change my views." with one another. Every little man who propounded some wise theory several years ago which was quite properly disregarded at the the holding of a General Election in the spring. Her Influence Over Egypt Will Have time is now rising to remark: "I told you so." It says: That was to have been expected; and that does not count. The truth is that all have been doing, tion will be held early in the spring. This will Lord Cromer, former British Agent and all have done, the best they could. None meet with decided opposition from business inthe greatest living authority on Egypt, appears in The of us are omniscient. Many of us saw, or thought terests of the country. This includes employees Times. He says:—

we saw, that this war was coming. No one foreas well as employers. For the last two weeks

Khedive has unwisely thrown in his saw how it was coming or what it would be when the first evidences in many months on an im- lot with the Germans, his defection it came. But we were just as ready for it is we proved undertone to business have been felt, will probably be of no great political

science or her "Kultur" could anticipate confidence, but would be the cause of or excuse artificial connections between Turkey has been left unprovided for. And what has for further economies, reduction in wages and by detrimental to the interests of the Germany accomplished? England as usual is discrimental of workers are the complete that the interests of the complete the complete that the complete the complete the complete the complete that the complete the complete that the complete the complete that the complete the complete the complete the complete that the complete Germany accomplished? England, as usual, is dismissal of workers among the scores of con-latter country. Egypt, as a result of accused of trusting (ewerything to "muddling cerns who are to-day foregoing part, if not all, the war, must be wholly and irrevocable about the period of th through." Is Germany any better or England of their profits in order to maintain their busithe worse? There is such a thing as being over- ness connections and carry through their orwise in preparation. There is such a thing as ganization until conditions improve and sales being justified in trusting somewhat to human improve." nature and Divine Providence. Germany left nothing to God, nothing to ner own peop ain trusted in God, and kept her powder dry, as in the good old days.

By keeping her powder dry we mean that Britain saw that her seas were safe. Had she All day they drum their dreadful dirge along the been compelled to descend upon the been led by even so persuasive a voice as the late Lord Roberts into dividing her preparations I hear the crowds give cheer on cheer of fierce seaplane becoming disabled. between the land and sea-had she weakened her Navy to provide a little bigger Army where And wonder if they see him there, my little, whould she be now? Between two stools, nations as well as individuals are always in danger A baby only yesterday, with soft and sunny hair, aviators had been flying over Belof coming to the ground. Britain's Navy is the So helpless and so innocent; so fragile and so gium, where they dropped five supreme and determining factor in this war. What could have compensated for any weakening of it? What could have compensated for So strong I felt to shield him then; safe shieltersuch weakening to her Allies or to her Overseas Dominions, or, for that matter, to the neutral It seemed to me the whole wide world could world?

glected as some would have us believe. At the outbreak of the war that Army, small as it was To fight away the pain that racked his little comparatively in numbers, was by no means small otherwise. Man for man it was, at least, I fought his battles for him then: he leaves my twice as effective as any force which even the boastful Germans could oppose to it. It was, To fight for greater ones alone, and, oh, so far in short, by far the best trained and most effective army in the world. And it was the nucleus around which vast forces could speedily be clus- The little dimpled hand that lay so trustingly 3,466 men. tered. It saved the situation in France in the first days of the war. It has been the centre of Must grasp a rifle barrel soon along the firing the western campaign ever since. A few months from now it will be a mighty irresistible force, My baby boy I held so close I felt his fluttering of Trained Nurses, that incompetent fresh and ready for action when the great conscript armies of the Allies and of their oppo- Has left me empty-armed and gone to see the Secretary, has called on the council nents are weary and stale. It will inspire new life and new energy into its associates, and And never mother's voice to soothe, nor mother's spread blighting terror among its opponents And behind it, sustaining it, allowing it to be fed From all the direful perils of the smoke-hung for positions as nurses. While the motives of these young women are to and furnished, ever drawing closer with it the deadly enfolding net around the common foe,

will be the invincible Navy. Britain is not "muddling through," Britain has never "muddled through." That is the Beside the baby that must look in Death's restupid, misleading piece of verbiage for home consumption. Britain WINS THROUGH, be- The years have wrought a change in him that cause she has the ability and the will; because she has great statesmen and a great people who for all the soldier uniform he's still a boy to me, she has great statesmen and a great people who for all the soldier uniform he's still a boy to me, farmer and stock-raiser should keep a supply of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil trust one another, believe in one another and in Sent forth to kill, he knows not why, a perilled for ills in the family, but because it cause she has the ability and the will; because God. They know their own strength. They know where their safety lies, They are aware, While I must wait and pray at home-my baby, without vain glory, of their latent strength. They make adequate preparations and leave the

rest to Providence. Thank God, they are not Germans. They do not impiously undertake to provide in advance for every possible contin- Austrian General Officially Propo gency and then announce to Deity that if He wishes to be on the winning side he must join

At Port Said, Egypt, the Belgian system of armies at the front, has now learned warfare is being practiced, a large part of the that the use of cholera cultures as adjacent territory being flooded to keep out the description of the de will have to be fought by the submarines.

Considering that the German Crown Prince and warmly opposed by Count Berchtold, Austrian Minister for Foreign has been mortally wounded several times by Affairs, who threatened, if such meassome of the war correspondents, and killed sevsign his official post. eral more times by others, he is making a fairly It is not to be denied that the behavior of successful commander. Too much should not be army during this war. It was created

Practically all of the belligerent countries

Frederick Palmer, who is at the front for many and a Germany that had not taken Paris Austria As was to have been expected from all our and demoralized the French army by October Belgrade as an asset to the good. An unofficial despatch to Reuter's Telepast history as a people there has been the cus-

The Financial Post of Canada is opposed to

"The story is revived that a General Elec- letter on the future of Egypt from

could possibly have hoped to be when it did come but conditions are so delicately adjusted at the of his highness in Egypt is at present Germany has been preparing for "The Day" present time that an election campaign would slight. Whatever may be the future Germany has been preparing for "The Day" present time that an election campaign would political status of that country, Abbas for more than a generation. Nothing that her not only stop any progress towards a return of Hilmy can no longer be its ruler. The

THE MOTHER.

I hear the glaring bands go by; I hear the Nassau has picked up two aviators in not so bady, the British were singled marching feet;

the dusky street.

delirious joy, little boy.

ed in my arm

never do him harm,

But Britain's Army was by no means ne- And, oh, the long, long nights I watched beside his trundle bed

> fevered head, side to-day

away!

in mine

line; breath.

face of death,

arm to shield. battlefield.

Oh, why must mothers stay behind? Is not a mother's place

morseless face?

only others see nation's toy,

baby boy!

_J. J. Montague.

CHOLERA AS WEAPON.

to Use Germs In War.

LONDON, Dec. 15. — The Morning cost correspondent at ... trograd

mal proposal was presented to the Supreme Military Council of Austria

is circulated practically only at the front. It is a perfectly trustworthy

AUSTRIA ADMITS DEFEAT.

LONDON, Dec. 15. - The. striking feature of the day's official ritory of its small Slav neighbor.

While attributing the failure to the enemy's superior force, the Austrian War Office announces plainly an Belgrade as an asset to the good. An that "the Servians, after a fierce bat-tle, have re-occupied Belgrade."

TURKEY MUST GO.

LONDON, Dec. 15 .- An interesting

THEY WANTED TO KNOW. British Airmen Refused Rescue If It

Meant Internment. LONDON, Dec. 15 .- A telegram to

says that the Dutch steamer Orange The aviators proved to be a British

At first they refused to leave their craft until they were assured they would not be interned in Holland, whither the Orange Nassau bound. It was reported that the

OFFICERS LOSE HEAVILY.

British Casualties Up to Nov. 80th Total 3,466.

LONDON, Dec. 15 .- The official officers' casualty list for the week end-British forces on the continent lost 79 officers killed, and 151 wounded and that 33 were reported missing. This gives a total of 253 for the

Added to the previous totals, the last report shows that since the out- sole duty of the House under prevailbreak of hostilities Great Britain has had 966 officers killed and 1,918 eye on the Cabinet, which with the wounded, while 582 have been reportaid of the Defence of the Realm Act. ed missing. The total of casualties of officers up to date is, therefore,

Society Nurses Inefficient.

LONDON, Dec. 15,-As a result of protest from the National Council in hospitals, Lora Kitchener, the War

The press some time ago directed public attention to the fact that many eager young women, either wealthy or socially prominent, were clamoring be commended, it has been said that meagre training was hardly beneficial to the wounded.

for ills in the family, but because it is a horse and cattle medicine of great

Turkish Battleship Is Victim of British Submarine.

VICTORS ESCAPED SAFELY

ubmarine B-11, In Command of der Holbrook Enters the Dardanelles by Driving Under Five Rows of Mines, Destroys Turkish Ship Messudieh and Gets Away.

LONDON, Dec. 15. - The Official Bureau issued the following statement yesterday:-

"Yesterday (Sunday) submarine B-11, in charge of Lieut.-Commander Norman B. Holbrook of the royal in the operations around Lowicz. The navy, entered the Dardanelles, and fact that the Russian cavalry was pressure which is being exerted by in spite of the difficult current dived under five rows of mines and torpedoed the Turkish battleship Messudieh, which was guarding the mine fields

easion, for nine hours. "When last seen the Messudieh was

sinking by the stern." The Messudieh was a very old oat, having been built at Blackwall, Eng., in 1874, and reconstructed at Genoa in 1903. She was 332 feet long, 59 feet beam, and of about 10,000 tons burden. She had a speed of 17 1-2 knots, and her main battery consisted of two 9.2-inch guns in turrets, and twelve 6-inch guns in bat tery. In the war with Greece in 1912 the Messudieh was reported badly damaged in a naval battle in the Dardanelles. She carried a crew of of German officers and netty officers

on board. Lieut.-Commander Holbrook of the submarine B-11 is one of five brothers all serving with the colors, the sens of Col. Arthur Holbrook, a news-

paper owner of Portsmouth.

The "B" class of submarine displace 314 tons, and have a surface accepted the attacks and repulsed cult terrain and the superior and submerged speed of 13 knots and them with loss every time, until the German defensive positions. 9 knots respectively. They are armed with two torpedo tubes, and carry a crew of 16 officers and men. were built from 1904 to 1906.

Two Torpedo Boats Sunk. ROME, Dec. 15. - Two Austrian torpedo boats are reported to have been sunk in the Adriatic, according to a message received here from Tri-

este yesterday. The terpedo boats were en route to Lisha when they struck mines, the message states. The crews of both

CRUELTY TO BRITISH.

vessels were lost.

German Prison Guards Single Them Out for Appalling Brutality.

ROME, Dec. 15 .- A French priest, who has returned from Minden, where a number of British prisoners were confined, has given a friend of mine an appalling account of cruelushing While the French prisoners were very tive safety. well treated and the Russians were diers," said the French priest, "kick the British prisoners in the stomach and break guns over their backs. sea on account of the motor of their They force them to sleep out in marshy places, so that many are now consumptive. The British are almost starved, and such have been their tortures that thirty of them have asked to be shot."

TO WATCH GOVERNMENT.

House of Lords Will Meet While the Commons Is Adjourned.

LONDON, Dec. 15 .- The determination of the House of Commons not to sit again until Feb. 2 has excited considerable criticism, and the decision of the House of Lords, to reconwene on Jan. 6 is praised by the cried Nav. 30 has been made public. It sties, who maintain that both Houses shows that in these seven days the should sit intermittently for the purpose of keeping an eye on the executive branch of the Government.

> Long sittings would not be neces sary according to these critics, as there is no question of legislation or finance immediately impending. The ing conditions would be to keep an is in a position of almost arbitrary

> After Two Years' Search. MONTREAL, Dec. 15. - George Tremblay, for whom the local police had been searching for two years, was taken into custody on Saturday when he was located hiding in a tren the basement of a house on Cadieux street. Tremblay had literally "dug himself in" and was found by dent by detectives under several feet

of loose earth. Tremblay was condemned two years ago by Judge Lafontaine to a fine of \$500 or a term in prison for erecting and operating a still for the distilling of whisky. He was on bail at the time and when an effort was made to collect the fine or take Tremblay to Bordeaux, it was found he had left the city.

A Remedy for Bilious Headache.— on a line south of Przemysl and Cra-To those subject to bilious headache, cow, but nearer to the former, with Parmelee's Vegetable Pills are recom-the capture of 9,000 prisoners. Taken according to directions they will subdue irregularities of the stomach and so act upon the nerves and blodd vessels that the pains in the potnecy. As a substitute for sweet head will cease. There are few who oil for horses and cattle affected by colic it far surpasses anything that can be administered.

SUNK BY TORPEDO COLUMN IS CRUSHED ENEMY DRIVEN BACK

German Army From Mlawa Is Further Gains For Allies Report-Now in Full Retreat.

ANOTHER VICTORY IS NEAR STRASSBURG IS THREATENED

After Brilliant Successes on the South and North Flanks, Grand Duke Nicholas Is Almost Ready to Shatter German Line Along the Lowicz Front - North-

LONDON, Dec. 15. - The Daily Telegraph's special correspondent at Petrograd telegraphs:-

ern Attack Is Disposed Of.

It is expected that the Russian success on the front at Przasnysz and to official announcements made last Czenstochowa will soon be reflected retreat has been hurried, and none tween the Meuse rortresses and Meta, too orderly. The Russians have takthe developments in this region are en into their own hands the initiative the most significant of the day. "Although pursued by gun-fire and to the north of the Bzura river. A violent cannonade directed torpedo boats, the B-11 returned safether are grounds for assuming that against the German artillery positions located on the heights along the

flank is quite satisfactory. at Petrograd telegraphs as follows: draw to the north. Vistula has now been disposed of. It in the Mortmare forest, in the Woevre was not a very large force as matters region, the French finally taking the go nowadays—about two army corps
—but its attacks were repeated, stubing for 500 metres along the edge of ed from the direction of Mlawa and directed against to and were met and repulsed with troops, in an effo 600 men, and probably had a number heavy losses somewhere in the neighborhood of Przasnysz and Ziechanow the onslaughts the -that is astride of the railways from to maintain their au Danzig to Warsaw. They went to tively repelling the attacking forces. ground, establishing themselves on

the line of Przasnysz-Ziechanow, and still threatened by the French adfrom this position delivered an endless series of attacks. During the made daily against the German resistnext six days the Russians quietly ance in this territory, despite the diffiardor of the Germans somewhat cool-

Russia for victory.

to the west of Hellebeke, but their On the 12th the moment came attacks were met successfully, and

for by the Russians. They delivered their attack and captured the enemy's fortified positions and drove him back towards the Office last night:political frontier, nearly 30 miles away, but as battle was arranged by French troops have resulted in prothe Russian commanders the Gergress along the Ypres canal and to mans have been compelled to cover the west of Hollebeke. Several victies practiced upon our captured a great deal more than 30 miles with- lent counter attacks have all been recountrymen by their German jailers. out yet reaching home and compara- pulsed by our troops.

It appears the Russians directed their attacks mainly upon the German left, and by a successful flanking movement drove the Germans out from their fortified position. Pressing still heavily upon the left, the Russians flung the Germans back from the line of railway and roads leading directly towards the German frontier. The Germans, therefore, were compelled to retreat due west until they reached a point at the village of Boghan, where the roads fork north and northwest. The main body appears to have taken the shortest road me, and Russian horse charged into the thick of them at Zuromin,

doing fearful execution. The General Staff of the Russian army has given out the following communication under date of Sunday,

"There has been no engagement of importance on any of the fronts. In the region of Mlawa we continue to force back the German troops, who are in retreat.

"On the left wing of the River Vis tula there has been no change. "In the region of Mount Duekla Austrian columns are coming down the northern slope of the Carpath-

More than 500 Polish towns have been ruined, according to various accounts from the correspondents. Both armies accuse the other of looting and cruelty. The flight of the civilians from Lodz was one of the most tragic episodes of the war, while one correspondent pictured the fate of Kalicz as a repetition of Louvain. A distressing feature of the fight-

pitted against each other. There are several hundred thousand Poles in the Russian ranks and several hi dred thousand more in the ranks of the Germans and Austrians. The Germans claim a distinct gair in their position in northern Poland, although they are not believed to be as near to Warsaw as the report last week indicated. On the other hand,

ing in Poland is the blood kindre

the Russians announce a strategic re alignment of their forces in that field, which strengthens their posi-In a late report last night the Aus-In a late report last they have re-trians announce that they have re-occupied the important point of Duek-cape from the country, despite the occupied the important point of Duek-cape from the country, despite the fact that they had given their parole, on a line south of Przemysl and Cra-

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 15 .- A Zeppe lin, proceeding in the direction of Dunkirk from Nieuport, Sunday was compelled to return, by the heavy gun fire of the allies, says a despatch

ed From Western Side.

French Advance In Alsace Is Almost Within Striking Distance of Strong German Fortresses - Heavy Ar-

tillery Fire Along the Meuse Near Metz Compels Germans to Abandon Positions

PARIS, Dec. 15. - In Belgium. along the Lorraine frontier in front of Metz, and in Alsace the French forced the Germans back, according

night. Owing to the constantly increasing able to strike a blow at the retreating Gen. Joffre's right wing army against enemy as far northwest as Zuromin, the Germans in the Woevre region, only five miles from the frontier of where the invading forces are stead-East Prussia, shows that the German ily being forced back on the line be-

gle will be to the advantage of the Meuse river failed to provoke any Russians, in spite of the fact that it considerable response, and air scouts was necessary for them to fall back a made a reconnaissance which resultlittle in order to take up a new line. ed in the discovery that the German The general situation on the right batteries had abandoned their positions, the fury of the French fire evi-The Morning Post's correspondent dently having forced them to with-

The German advance north of the Infantry engagements were fought born and fiery. The Germans advanc- the wood. Two counter-attacks were the violence of

Strassburg and Muhlhausen are cult terrain and the superiority of the

Following a lull of about twelveed, which was on the 8th, when an hours in the fighting in Flanders, the official bulletin reported that fighting French resumed the offensive with here "has acquired a less strenuous great vigor, utilizing considerable numbers of the recently arrived re-Subsequent attacks were only par-inforcements. In several attacks tial, and obviously directed towards which they directed against the Ger-the forestalling of expected Russian man positions on the east bank of attacks, or possibly to draw the Rus- the Yser they drove the invaders sians. Three days later the official from their first lipe of trenches and bulletin simply noted the fact that occupied the pits, which they immediately strengthened for their own oclines, which is one of the Grand cupancy. The Germans retaliated Duke's modest expressions to describe with a series of violent counterwhat often passes elsewhere than in attacks against the British trenches which had been waited and prepared the massed divisions of Germans

hurled back. The following official communication was issued by the French War

"In Belgium several attacks by the

Department of Meuse, was bombarded yesterday by batteries firing from a very great distance, but insignificant damage was done

"In Alsace an offensive movement resumed by the enemy to the northwest of Cernay has been repulsed. "On the rest of the front there is nothing to report."

The following official report was given out in the afternoon There is nothing important to re-

port between the North Sea and the Oise. In the region of the Aisne to the northwest of Soupir the enemy has violently bombarded our trenches We have replied and thrown them into disorder. There was no infantry

"Our artillery has destroyed important works on the slope of the Argonne "In the forest of Crurie we have advanced slightly by mining. There have been no attacks by the enemy

"On the heights of the Meuse there was a violent cannonade, the enemy's batteries seeming to have been forced to withdraw toward the north.

"In the region of the Woevre, after having taken a line of trenches on a front of 500 yards in the forest of Mortmare our troops repulsed two violent counter-attacks. "In Alsace our advance has carried

our front as far as the line of Hill number 425, to the south of Steinbach, the bridge of Ashpach, the bridge of Drinighoffen. Big Guns Busy In Alsace. BERLIN, Dec. 15. - (Via The Hague to London.)—Despatches from

the southwestern war zone report that a violent artillery duel was in progress Sunday in upper Alsace, arising apparently from an attempt by the French to advance in the diection of Altkirch. The firing lasted rom 11 in the morning until late in the afternoon. The result of the fighting has not been reported.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 15 .- Two Gerat Bergen, in the Dutch Province of have arrived back from Germany,

With Czar's General Staff. OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—Lt.-Col. Her-bert Mackie, of Toronto, and formerly of Pembroke, is now serving as a Staff officer with the Russian forces. Col. Mackie wired the Minister of Militia yesterday from Petrograd to

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