

### Foreign News

**BERLIN, Germany.**—The sudden death of Field Marshal von Haeseler, Germany's veteran soldier and strategist, from heart failure is reported. He was 84 years old.

—The gravity of the financial condition of the nation was frankly admitted by the government in a public session of the national council, Oct. 25. Government representatives stated that the national debt is already 172,000,000 marks, and that by April 1, 1920, after all credits under the budget have been realized upon, it will rise to 204,000,000 marks. Germany's pre-war debt amounted to 5,000,000,000 marks.

—Hugo Haase, minority Socialist leader, died Nov. 7th from the effects of an operation for the amputation of a leg. When entering the reichstag Oct. 8th he was shot three times. Blood poisoning set in which made the amputation of his leg imperative, but it was found that the operation came too late to save his life.

**LUXEMBOURG.**—Reports on the election of members of the chamber of deputies, which will replace the constituent assembly, tend to show that the vote of newly enfranchised women will give a majority in the chamber to the clericals. Out of 48 seats, the Socialists will hold 10; the Radicals 7; the Clericals, 24; the Independents, 2, and the pro-Belgian party, 4. The latter is a faction of the Catholic party.

**LONDON.**—A despatch to the Exchange Company from Johannesburg reports the purchase by an Anglo-American commission for \$1,000,000 of all Germany's private and state interests in the diamond fields in what was formerly German Southwest Africa. Some protests are expressed over what is called the "secrecy of the deal,"

and allegations are made that the purchase was effected through undue influence in political quarters.

—The cabinet committee on Ireland on Nov. 3rd accepted the proposals of its sub-committee providing for the creation of two separate Irish parliaments—one in the Protestant counties of Ulster, and the other for the remainder of Ireland—with some form of supreme authority representative of both, to embody the idea of a united Ireland.

**PRETORIA, Africa.**—A drought described as the worst in fifty years exists over large areas of the Cape province, the Orange state and the Transvaal. The farmers are losing heavily in livestock. It is estimated that the crops which have already been very poor, will show a shortage of thirty-five per cent.

**BUENOS AYRES, S.A.**—A bubonic plague is ravaging in all parts of the territory of Formosa, in the northeastern part of Argentina, according to despatches reaching here. The inhabitants are panic stricken many of them having fled from the district. Medicines are scarce and the sanitary stations are unable to cope with the situation, and have asked assistance from the National Health Department.

**HONOLULU, T.H.**—Announcement has been made here that complete cures of leprosy are being made at the Kolihi Territorial Hospital in this city. Within the last few months twenty patients have been paroled without one recurrence of the disease. Chaulmoogra oil, obtained from the seeds of the Taraxogenes kurzii, for fifty years known as the specific for leprosy, was the only medicine used. The oil has been perfected for the treatment by a refining process discovered by Dr. A. L. Dean, a chemist and president of the university of Hawaii.

**MELBOURNE.**—The total cost of the proposed Australian navy is

estimated at £4,024,000 annually, while the total annual cost of the whole far eastern Pacific fleet (comprising vessels of the royal navy, the East Indian Squadron and the Australian, Canadian and New Zealand navies) would be £19,750,000. Upon these Britain would pay 74% while Australia would pay 7.75%, Canada 12.3%, and South Africa and New Zealand the balance. While Canada's percentage is thus fixed at a comparatively higher figure, Lord Jellicoe proposes to bring up the charge against Australia and New Zealand by an additional assessment in view of the fact that they are not called upon to pay any share of the cost in the Atlantic by asking these colonies to bear 25% of the 74 assumed by the British in the far-east. Admiral Jellicoe is now on the way across the Pacific to Vancouver.

—Pres. Wilson has so far recovered from his recent illness that he takes his luncheon and dinner in a semi-sitting position, which adds greatly to the enjoyment of his food.



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