minions Ask Admission to National League.

lshevism Menaces the East---Royalists Form Government at Oporto---Wrecked Crew Landed at Portland.

DOMINIONS' CLAIMS.

PARIS, Jan. 21.

the A.P.)—New claims which aracterized in official circles ong the most momentous that me before the Peace Conferill be raised by the selfling dominions of the British In connection with the formaa League of Nations. The ons will ask to be admitted to ague with the status of indinations, whose sovereignty as internal affairs are concerned e recognized clearly by the although the right of Great to control their foreign relais admitted. Canada, Australw Zealand and to a lesser deouth Africa will claim the o enter the League on the as Belgium and other similar s. In some quarters this is to mean that should the occarise the Dominions might ope mother country in discussion oblems brought before the e. Canada, Australia and New d have for several years claimthemselves absolute independas far as the conduct of interfairs was concerned, but this gle never has been formally adby England. The Dominions aid will now ask for it.

ANGER OF BOLSHEVISM.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—learns that, according to the and most reliable news from Russia, the Bolshevik for a time past have been organizing elaborate propaganda for reons in China, India and Persia, re now ready as soon as the opity offers to send agents backlarge sums of money to stir up throughout Asia. The cle with which the Bolsheviks ed in their revolutionary plans existence of the Omsk army at present effectively bars the o Asia, via the Ural front. If, ver, Admiral Kolchak's army bes weakened, and owing to lack pport and encouragement were integrate, the Bolshevik plans very seriously threaten the of Asia. Dangers of Bolshevik s towards expansion on the are gradually becoming realized, he danger of their activities in is also very real. The most reinformation received from Britquarters shows that Bolshevism reading in the Ukraine. The Ukraine directorate with headers in Kiev, is a weak body towithout any decided policy. Its de towards Bolshevism is most cided and there is a current on that it favors an agreement the Bolshevists. Although GenPotlura's troops are nominally ing the Bolshevists in the eastUkraine, there are many Bolshein his army upon whom he canreply. At the same time in Kiev the surrounding districts the hevists are showing great activmany well known Bolshevists g returned there.

BELIEVES IN INTERVENTION.

PARIS, Jan. 21.

e Russian question was again n up by the Supreme Council of peace conference when it met for y's session at 10.30 o'clock. e was a full attendance of the bers of the Council for this ing, Vittorio Orlando, the Italian mier, being present for the first since his recent trip to Rome. old Scavenius, the Danish Ministo Russia, who had been asked to his views on the Russian situato the Council to-day, arrived at Foreign Office as the members mbled and immediately went inhe conference chamber. The minrecited his experiences in Peprad where he took charge of the French interests upon the withdrawal of M. Noulens, the French Ambassador. It is understood that M. Scavenius contended even more emphatically than did Ambassador Noulens yesterday that intervention in Russia was necessary to check the regime of terrorism there.

MONARCHISTS FORM GOVERNMENT.

MADRID, Jan. 21.

The Monarchist Government in Petrograd headed by Paiva Conceiro, has been successful in Northern Portugal and a government has been formed at Oporto, according to a report received by the Spanish government from the Governor of the province of Pontevedra, Northwestern Spain. The report adds that Lisbon is believed to have joined with the movement.

THE GERMAN ELECTION.

BERLIN, Jan. 20.

(By the A.P.)—Returns from all sections of Germany are coming into Berlin slowly. Based on incomplete election returns available at 8 o'clock to-night, the Majority Socialists had from 43 to 45 of the total vote. With the Independent Socialists and the German Democrats the Majority Socialists will constitute the left of the Nationalist Assembly, with 65 per cent. of the seats. The Democratic Party has made an excellent showing and may outstrip the Centrists in the final count. The Independent Socialists made a strong eleventh hour rally in Berlin and probably will get four out of fourteen seats from Greater Berlin. The Majority Socialists will get five seats from Greater Berlin, the Democrats two and the three parties on the right one each. The official final count of the national vote probably will not be available before Wednesday. Numerous votes in Berlin are being contested by Independent Socialists, who charge the Majority Socialists with having used an illegal caption on their party ballot.

PRINCE JOHN'S BURIAL.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

The body of Prince John, the youngest son of King George, who died on Saturday night last, was buried with simple ceremonies in the Sandringham churchyard at noon today. King George, Queen Mary and all the members of the Royal Family were present at the services. At the conclusion of the ceremony King George cast a number of bouquets of flowers into the young Prince's grave.

SHOT FROM BEHIND.

BERLIN, Jan. 20.

(By the A.P.)—The autopsy on the body of Dr. Karl Liebknecht, the Spartacan leader, who was shot and killed last week as he was trying to escape from the party of soldiers which had arrested him in suppressing the Spartacan revolt, showed that he was shot from behind and that the bullets which struck him were from some distance. Rosa Luxemburg's body has not been found despite a continuous search.

BOLSHEVIK DEFEAT.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

A notable success has been won against the Bolsheviki by Esthonian troops operating in the northeast of Lake Peipus, according to an Esthonian official statement received by wireless in Stockholm to-day and transmitted here. They have taken the town of Narv, on the Reval-Petrograd railway line, together with a large number of prisoners. Leon Trotzky, the Bolsheviki War Minister, it is said, was present in Narv during the fighting and fled after the Bolshevik defeat.

LANDED AT PORTLAND.

PORTLAND, Jan. 21.

Capt. Jos. F. Porter and crew of the British barque John, abandoned one hundred miles southwest of Cape Race, Nfld., on Sunday, were brought here to-day by the British steamer Bayano. The John sailed from Cadiz with a cargo of salt for St. John's, Nfld., her home port, on Dec. 12. On the night of Jan. 12, she ran into a southwest gale that stripped her of her sails and left her helpless in heavy seas. The barque drifted for two hundred miles while the crew suffered from the biting cold, with a short supply of biscuits and fresh water.

England has furnished two Queens for Europe, Maud, of Norway, who is the third daughter of the late King Edward VII., and Victoria Eugenie, of Spain, a grand-daughter of the much beloved Queen Victoria.

Our American Letter.

Charleston, South Carolina, Jan. 15.

I have referred in a previous letter to the marked resemblance which the mountaineers of North Carolina bear to the people of the Newfoundland outports. It is somewhat startling to hear expressions which one believed were confined to parts of Conception Bay like Harbor Main and Caplanear. It is pure Anglo-Saxon that is spoken, undefiled by the many strange idioms which have crept into the language since Shakespeare's day and it seems like going back to the golden age of English letters to listen to the speech of these illiterate farmers. The customs and manners of the people also suggest the simple God-fearing lives of our outport residents, if we except the family fends which have sometimes lasted more than a century. At Christmas time they have their "mummers," dressed in outlanish costumes and acting in the same manner as in Newfoundland. One must go beyond the fashionable hotels at Asheville and other resorts in order to see these people at their best. Hendersonville, a beautiful mountain town, is but a short carriage ride from the homes of these sturdy people.

Their hospitality is most marked and they do not stand on ceremony in making the acquaintance of the stranger. One must be prepared after a few days sojourn to be familiarly called by his first name and invited to scores of their simple functions. To refuse without an excuse that seems to them good and sufficient, would be to commit the greatest social faux pas that the mountain region knows. And to the person who is tired of the stiff formality and the artificial decorum of so-called civilized society their entertainments are a never ending delight. One becomes a boy again and seems to see in retrospect the sweet face of mother and the golden, carefree days when life was young. These arenature lovers, these children of the wild, and what they cannot tell about woodcraft is not worth the knowing. Tales of ghosts, of bears of were-wolves and the strange happenings in the brooding silent mountains form the theme of their stories. And these stories are told with a strength of expression that a master of word wizardry well might envy. The novelist would here find an almost untapped source of virgin material if he took the trouble to study the ways and habits of these people.

I have just read "Ricketts, V.C.," by Dan Carroll. It is splendid. Congratulations to the author and to the glorious hero who inspired the poem.

Field Marshal Haig gives the American troops credit for breaking the Hindenburg line and the tribute he pays to the soldiers of this country is as handsome as the knightly gentleman who pens it, is brave. American troops reciprocate by saying that their hats are off to the men of the bull-dog breed who faltered not in the dark days of the war but "carried on" with a courage that was sublime. When the line was broken it was South Carolina troops who were the first to enter the breach. The Southerner is always in the lead when there is a "scrap" in sight.

I have never thought much of Ella Wheeler Wilcox's poetry especially the machine made stuff she was wont to contribute to the Hearst papers but her recent poem in the London Mirror on Wilson's reception in the British capital was a splendid effort. The last verse is:

It was not a pageant of victory
Or a triumph tour of man,
That rode through the bannered city—
It was part of a mighty plan,
'Mid the sound of old barriers falling
Rode there where those rulers trod,
For deep unto deep was calling,
In the resonant voice of God.

We have always loved the French for their nobility of character, their humanity and their chivalry, but the following letter makes those qualities shine with a lustre that time can never dim. An American soldier driving a heavy auto-truck in France had the misfortune to run over and kill a young French woman. The fatality was the result of an accident pure and simple, but the soldier was arrested and held for courtmartial. The bereaved father thereupon interceded with the American Commanding officer to be lenient with the soldier. Here is his letter!

"In the name of my daughter, victim of an accident caused by an auto truck in the service of your army, in the name of my late husband who died in France with decorations by order of the army, of his daughter and by my whole family; considering the correct attitude and considering the painful position of the military autodriver, under the strict rasb of military discipline. I have the honor to plead in his favor for your kind indulgence.

"After the pain and suffering resulting from the accident which I hope is only temporary, it will be profoundly painful to us to think that a brave soldier who came to defend us may be punished severely for an act for which he is not to blame.

"Trusting in your kindness, Commander, will you receive kindly the assurance of our high regard."

The present plight of Europe is pitiable. While diplomats of the old school are wrangling over economical and geographical boundary lines, the Red Terror is spreading over a large section of the war-torn continent. In Germany the various groups of agitators have complicated the situation to such an extent that heroic measures must be taken if we are to wrest from our erst-while enemy the indemnities we demand From Russia comes the tide of Bolshevism sweeping before it the few conservatives who stand for a sane government and rallying to its standard the murderous elements who for four years made peaceful Franco and Belgium a veitable hell. Even in France, Italy and England the poison of this dreadful menace has spread to an alarming extent. Unless it is quickly checked the possibility of terrible political and social upheavals will be even present. By the irony of fate Germany has been called upon to bear the brunt of the fight against the hideous new enemy. But as Germany is deficient to a great oegree in high moral perception it is doubtful if she can do much to stem the tide.

If Bolshevism, as it exists in Russia, succeeds in gaining the upper hand in Germany the danger of the rest of Europe will be no more figment of the imagination. Here is where General Pershing's advice to his soldiers on the eve of battle will be needed. "Look to the Cross," said the brave commander on that dark day preceeding the taking of Chateau-Thierry. And "look to the Cross" must be the watch-word of the nations in the present crisis. The Cross saved the French Army at the first battle of the Marne and it is all powerful still. Atheism and irreligion must vanish from the councils of the nations or our armies with all their prowess and clan will go down like chaff before the merciless flail of the outraged One who has waited patiently for many years the return of the old belief in the omnipotency of God. The nation which flouts God cannot expect anything but disaster. If the war has restored the old faith and trust in the Heavenly Father we may rest assured that it has not been fought in vain and that Bolshevism or a similar enemy to peace and happiness cannot long prevail.

W. M. DOOLEY.

Nfld. Scotch Cured Herring.

Following closely upon the arrival of new stocks of Newfoundland fall pack Scotch herring in New York, which are reported to have cost upwards of $23 per barrel at the point of packing and which sold here at prices ranging from $25 to $33, according to size and quality, telegraphic advices from St. John's tell of offerings there at $19 per barrel. This inconsistency in the price of this variety of herring has given ample confirmation to the trade that the high market could not hold. It is reported also that herring of Scotch style is selling at Green Bay at $22 and less in some instances, although those who bought there paid $23 and up to $24.50. The New York importers who declined to enter the market to purchase at the extreme high prices at which herring was offered at the beginning of the packing season, appear to be content to remain out of the buying field for the present, and some have declared that they do not intend to buy at all. The developments of the season in Newfoundland have been of an unusual character, and now that the packing will soon be over many are of the belief that they have made no mistake in refusing to be influenced by the packers into buying. The fact is that the general run of herring in Newfoundland this season has been poor. It does not begin to compare with the herring received in the New York market a year ago. There is a predominance of matfuls and smaller fish, and the selection and grading of the several sizes has not been carefully made, if, in all cases it has been attempted at all. Stocks received here last week were of an ordinary quality. In some of the barrels there were spent herring or large size and in others the middle of the barrels were packed with small fish. These packages are not suitable for New York market, and it is doubtful if the trade will be able to market them without first repacking and grading the fish at a considerable expense. According to New York representatives just returned from Newfoundland there is a great percentage of herring packed this way this year. The proportion of fancy herring is small, they state, and it is difficult to find lots that run consistently good. Those who paid the top prices have not fared much better than those who purchased at low figures. It is reported as an evidence of this that some packages of Newfoundland Scotch cured herring have actually been sold here as low as $24 per barrel. So far as the trade is concerned there will be little Newfoundland herring handled here this year unless there is further decline in prices. Importers do not appear to be willing to "take chances" on uncertain quality at the unreasonable prices that have been asked. Although some have purchased, it is estimated that the entire purchases do not aggregate more than 7,500 barrels, and this, as one puts it is "only a drop in the bucket." The fishery in Newfoundland has not been large, and it is indeed unfortunate that the quality of the fish was not better. The trade, however, is making plans to purchase elsewhere, and in all probability there will be a great demand for Scotch herring during the summer of 1919. Many importers who have withdrawn from the Newfoundland market are preparing to send representatives or to purchase direct from exporters in Scotland. Some are making inquiries in Holland and other herring producing countries.—N. Y. Fishing Gazette, Jan. 11th.

Change of Business

On and after the 1st day of January, STAFFORD'S PHARMACY, Duckworth Street, will be closed for all RETAIL BUSINESS, and in future be used as a WHOLESALE MANUFACTURING DEPARTMENT for all kinds of DRUGS, CHEMICALS, PATENT MEDICINES, SUNDRIES, etc. All Prescriptions for STAFFORD'S PHARMACY, Duckworth Street, may be repeated if necessary at Theatre Hill. jan2,tf

Deceptive Methods.

Newfoundland Scotch cured herring at $19, f. o. b. St. John's for immediate shipment, is vastly more interesting to the trade here than the same herring at $23 @25, f. o. b. Newfoundland outports. But the lower price comes at a time when herring importers are fully acquainted with the fact that the quality of the fish this year is inferior to that of a year ago and that grading has been undertaken only in a haphazard sort of way. Some of the packages received here in the first shipment have contained an assortment of large fulls, empty herring of large size and a percentage of small fish. Newfoundland packers who have sold to the New York market in years past know that packing of this kind is not desirable here. If the fish were costly, and it seemed expedient in such circumstances to use all sizes in a single barrel when packing, the experiment doubtless was temporarily profitable; but this kind of deception does not work for good, and the trade of New York cannot let the matter pass unnoticed. In another year there may be a keener desire on the part of Newfoundland packers to sell their products to this market, and then the New York importer will have the opportunity to express his dissatisfaction perhaps in a more-to-be-felt-manner. With Scotch and Yarmouth and Holland herring available, the Newfoundland packers of herring will have to make their goods competitive, both as to quality and price, and they must understand that no such herring will sell here then. The belief prevails in New York that the Newfoundlander, because of his overzealousness and greed this year, will be the loser when the New York importer is more favorably situated and the Newfoundlander is not in so advantageous a position.—Editorial, N. Y. Fishing Gazette.

For something different in the cake line, there's fruit gingerbread.

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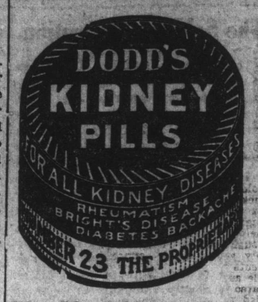
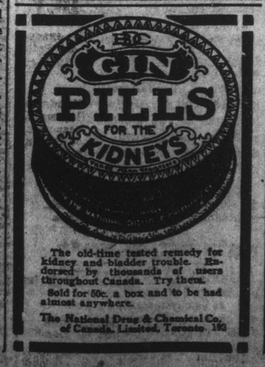
TO-NIGHT'S CONCERT—The members of the Cartwright Mission Circle are holding a concert to-night in Canon Wood Hall. The concert starts at 8 o'clock. A good program has been prepared, and promises to be very enjoyable.





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