WAR REPORTS FROM ALLIES

BRITISH REPORT.

Lordon Cable -The British official

communication issued to-night says: "In the neighborhood of Souchez and on the southern half of the Ypres salient the enemy's artillery was very active during the morning. Elsewhere there was intermittent artillery activity by both sides."

FRENCH REPORT.

Paris Cable — The official communication issued by the War Office Wednesday night reads: "The usual cannonade took place at various points along the front."

RUSSIAN REPORT. Petrograd Cable — The Russian official communication issued Wed-

nesday, says:
"Western (Russian) front: Enemy aeroplanes have displayed considerable activity and dropped bombs at able activity and dropped bombs at various points. One machine was brought down by our artillery near the Vinage of Iva, near Vishnevka Lake. The aviators were made prisoners. In the region of Pershnia Vulka, southeast of Kolve, our aviators brought down two aerollanes.

tors brought down two aeroplanes. Both were smashed and the four avia-Both were smashed and the four aviators killed by the fall.

"In the direction of Zalogev the enemy bombarded with a strong artillery fire the Village of Butkuv, Manauv and Garbuzov, after which his infantry took the offensive along the above front. Notwithstanding our artillery fire the enemy succeeded in breaking into a trench occupied by one of our companies but as a result of our counter attack he was immediately driven out and dispersed. Simulately driven out and dispersed. Simulately driven out and dispersed. ately driven out and dispersed. Simultaneously the neighborhood of the Village of Manilovka was bombarded

smoke which took a long time to disappear.
"On the Dnicster in the region of lezupol, our artillery fire drove away a working party which was preparing entrenchments, and also successfully

with shells, which sent out a yellow

bombarded lezupol.
"Cancasian front: West of Kalkit our scores broke through the Turkish Guards and by hand-to-hand fighting captured prisoners and a cannon."

ITALIAN REPORT. Rome Cable An official statement assued to day by the Italian War

Department says: "There was the usual reciprocal artiflery activity along the whole front. There was nothing of importance be report."

DARING DEEDS BY ITALIANS

Three Torpedo Boats Explored Pola, Austria.

Best Defended Naval Harbor in World.

Rome Cable Three Italian torpedo boats have succeeded in breaking the boom at Pola, the best defined and most strongly fortified naval harbor to the world. They spent two hours "exploring the harbor a few nours exploring the larbor a few hundreds of yards from the forts, and came out safely after they had accom-plished their most difficult and deli-cate mission, when numerous powerful searchlights vainly illuminated sky and sea and the batteries fired wildly and inefficiently.

The most difficult and delicate mis eion consisted in torpedoing a man-o'-war. In fact, when the torpedo boats reached the "customary anchorage of part of the Austrian the good roadsters! in the channel of rasana, the entrance of which they had successfully forced, torpedoes were fired against a large enemy war vesset, but it was ascertained that both remained entangled in the nets protecting the ship, and as they failed to strike a hard substance their charges were not ignited and the torpedoes did not explode.

Had the torpedoes exploded the latin warships would not have been able to come out of Pola and Probably would have been lost. In fact, they owed their salety to the non-explosion of the torpedoes.

SWISS HEAD O. POSED IT

Was Not in Favor of Note Eacking Wilson

Newspapers Discuss Cologne Gazette Article.

Geneva, Cable, Who Journal Democrate state the dissent scaultness. Albert, N.B. report. The coroner's and form a president Motta and de jury which investigated the death of Coppet voted against the recent Swiss note supporting President Wilson's communication to the belligerents in the form that it was control and issued,

but that they were in the minority in the Federal council.

There is much discussion in the Swiss newspapers of a statement credited to the Cologn · Carette concerning neutral nations-"that the Swiss Con federation has the greatest interest to see peace concluded rapidly, because

the meaning of "the future fate" of

The German Minister at Berne, in The German Minister at Berne, in an interview with the Bund, is quoted as having said that Switzerland has nothing to fear from Germany, which country will strictly respect and guard Switzerland's neutrality. The rumors to the contrary published in Ententenewspapers, the Minister added, were without foundation and were circulated to disrupt the traditional friendly relations between the two countries.

ly relations between the two countries.

La Suisse, commenting on the interview, agrees with the Minister's state ment, but asks: "What about the neutrality of Luxemburg and Belgium?"

DENOUNCE HUN KING.

Jugoslavs of South America Loyal to Serb Ruler.

Santiago, Chile, Cable.-The Committee for the Defence of National Jugoslavism of South America has received from twenty-two towns protests against the Coronation of King Charles, of Hungary The protestants unanimously declare their loyalty to King Peter of Serbia, who "has guided the Jugoslavs to liberty and unifi-

They express their firm conviction in the justice of the cause and the triumph of the Entente.

The President of the committee, Pascual Baburizza, has sent a communication in this sense to Prince Alexander of Serbia at Saloniki and the President of the Serbian Council, Nikola Pachitch, at Corfu.

SHOULD KEEP LIVE STOCK

Department of Agriculture Appeals to Farmers

To Do So, Even If It Entails Loss.

Toronto Cable-In consequence of the shortage of coarse grains and the high cost of concentrated feeds, farmers in some sections of Ontario have been disposing of their breeding

A communication sent out by the Department of Agriculture says: "It is felt that a shortage of live stock in is felt that a shortage of live stock in this Province would be a very serious problem is something is not done to encourage the farmers keeping their breeding stock, even though it may appear to be at a loss at the present time. With this in mind the Ontario Department of Agriculture, in co-Department of Agriculture, in co-operation with the Dominion Live Stock Branch, is making arrangements for a special speaker to accompany
the better farming special which will
run over Grand Trunk lines for
twelve weeks, beginning early in

January.

"He will take up the question from "He will take up the question from the special ata national standpoint, and special at-tention will be given to the swine in-dustry, as it has probably suffered more than any other. A special bulle-tin is being distributed by the Do-minion Department of Agriculture which takes up the whole problem, and will serve as a guide to those taking part in the campaign."

THE IVERNIA SUNK BY SUB

British Transport Lost in the Mediterranean.

120 Soldiers, 33 of Crew, Reported Missing.

London Cable. The British trans port Ivernia has been sunk by a submarine, it was officially announced to-night. The text of the report reads: The Ivernia was suck by an enemy sebmarine in the Mediterranean on oan, 1, during bad veather and while carrying troops. Four military officers and 116 soldlers, as well as 32 of the crew are missing. The surgeon and chief engineer are among the missing officers."

The Canard liner Ivernia, a 14.278 to, steamer, has been for some time in the British Government service as a transport, having at various times carried troops from Canada and between British ports and the Darda-neles. There has been nothing in recent reports regarding her movements. She was built in 1909 at Newcastle. Her leigth was 582 feet and she was 64 feet in beam and 27 eet in draft.

TOOK CAREONIC IN MISTAKE.

Allan W. Bray, of Hopewell Hill, judge of probate and clerk of the poace, at the Waverly Hotel here last night, returned a verdict that he came to his death by taking a dose of carbonic acid, which he mistook for lemon extract.

POPE APPEALS FOR RHEIMS. Lordon, Cable.—Cardinal Hartmann has conveyed to Emperor William a re-quest of Pope Benedict that the German see peace concluded rapidly, because it is now impossible to foresee the future fate of the nations which have remained neutral up to the present."

The Geneva Tribune sarcastically asks the Cologne Gazette to explain

SAVED FORCE IN DOBRUDJA FROM CAPTURE

Russians Evacuated Roumanian Province Without Great Loss.

GAINS ELSEWHERE

Bulgar Field Post Annihil ated in a Surprise Attack.

London Cable. - Except for a nar now strip of land projecting into the Danube marshes toward the Moldavian town of Galatz, all of the Dobrudja has been cleared by the Tentonic allies of Russians and Roumanian troops. After the fall of Matchin and Jijila the defenders began a retreat across the Danube toward Braila, and, according to Berlin, a force of Russian rearguards on the peninsula projecting toward Galatz comprises the only Entente troops now in Roumania between the Danube River and the Black Sea.

In Moldavia the Teutonic allies, despite heavy snows, are continuing their invasion of the country from the front of Field Marshal von Mack-ensen in the former region they are meeting with strong resistance at var-ious points from the Russian and

ious points from the Russian and Roumanian troops.
Petrograd Official says: "After artillery preparation our detachments attacked heights south of Botochu Mountain. They broke through the position of the enemy, who displayed a stubborn resistance, and captured 600 prieoners, three cannon, 16 machine guns, some mine throwers, and trench mortars. Six persistent attrench mortars. Six persistent at-tacks by the enemy on our trenches southeast of Brushurgasu, in the Tatroch valley, were repulsed with great losses for the enemy. Two attacks on one of the heights north-east of Somezo were beaten back by our fire.
"Along the entire front from Fokshani to the Danube there is infantry

"In Dobrudja during the night a Bulgarian field post was annihilated by a surprise attack. In the morning the enemy launched an attack in the region of Matchin, but was beaten back: Later in the day the enemy resumed his attacks and pressed back our detachments, which began to withdraw towards Braila. Enemy attacks on the heights east of Vokorono, 15 versus east of Braila, were remulsed."

pulsed. TOOK 1,000 PRISONERS. Dobrudja has been cleared of Rus sian and Roumanian defenders, with the exception of a Russian rear-guard which occupies a narrow strip of land leading towards Galatz, says the Berlin War Office announcement to-day. About 1,000 prisoners and ten machine

guns were captured in the taking of Matchin and Jijila. The official state-"Front of Archduke Joseph: In the wooded Carpathians Russian detach-ments succeeded in gaining a footing in a most advanced positon north of Meste-Cancect. German and Austro-Hungarlan troops captured the north of Oituz Road and both sides of Soveia, in the Suchitra Valley, taking several heights by hand-to hand fight

ing, and maintaining them against strong hostile attacks. "Army group of Field Marshal ven Above Odobechti, northwest of Fokshani, our troops were vic-torious in the Milcov River, sector. A strong force of Russian cavairy attempted to advance west of the mouth of the Buzeu River, but were repulsed. German and Bulgarian regiments. fighting shoulder to shoulder, stormed and captured in hand-to-hand fighting, the tenaciously defended towns of Matchin and Jijila. About 1,000 pri-coners and ten machine guns were trought in.

"Dobrudja was thus cleared of the enemy except for a narrow spit of land leading toward Galatz, which still is held by Russian rear guards."

POPE'S NEW MOVE.

For a Reunion of Various Christian Bodies.

Washington, Report-Private letters from the Vatican received by Dr. A. Palmieri, of the library of Congress, a recognized writer on ecclesiastical salieds, appounce that Pope Benedict XV. is about to appoint a commission of four cardinals to renew a movement begun by Pope Leo XIII. and attanded by Pope Pius X., looking to a reunion of Curistianity and the to a reunion of Gurishamiy and the cultivation of friendly rolations with the Angilean Church. A public announcement on the subject from Rome is expected shortly.

Dr. Palmieri said to-night that the new movement, as outlined in his advices, will be directed particularly toward the establishment of a reunion of the Russian Church and the Papacy and to a thorough re-examination into the validity of Anglican or Epizeopal ordinations, which was settled in the Legative in a Papal bull "apostelical

sedis' by Pope Leo X.

The friendship of the Angliean
Church is appreciated by Rome, for
she may be as a link of union between Roman Cathelicism and Russian Orthodoxy.

Any man can greet misfortune with a smile, especially if it happens to be long to see some other fellow.

SHORT ITEMS OF THE NEWS OF THE DAY

Sweden Asks Spain to Outline Measures to Defend Neutral Interests.

HOG CHOLERA AGAIN

Manitoba's Population is Now 521,123, Assessment \$554,219,469.

Robert Tyson, a veteran court re-porter, is dead in Toronto at the age of 71.

The coal situation is so serious that Toronto foundries have had to close

Trustee Miles Vokes was elected Chairman of the Toronto Board of Education for 1917. Toronto Empire Club passed a re-solution urging the Government to stop the importation of luxuries.

A Derby scheme suited to Canadian conditions of recruiting was advocated before the Toronto Canadian Club by Mr. John M. Godfrey. Toronto Trades and Labor Council

endorsed national registration and approved a petition to force the Inter-national Nickel Co. to pay higher taxation to the Province. Galt Y.M.C.A. already has \$22,000

promised of the \$37,000 it is to seek to raise by a campaign next week. Alvin Martin, a farmer, was fatally njured when caught between freight cars on a crossing at Spring field, Ont.

The inquiry into thefts of nickel and copper scrap from Quebec Arsenal has established that none of it went to the United States.

Dominie Maribito was shot through the lung, and Rachel Riccelli and Peter Seigliano were less seriously wounded, in a gun fight at Welland Wednesday night, supposed to have arisen in a quarrel over the women,

The name of Sir Rodolphe Forget is being coupled with that of Hon. Speaker Sevigny for the Postmaster-Generalship.

Figures compiled by the department of the Provicial Municipal Commis-sioner give the population of Mani-toba as 521,123. The total assessment is placed at \$544,219,169, and the num-ber of acres under cultivation at 6,-919,341.

Mr. A. McClashan's residence with its contents was destroyed by fire at Fonthill. The family was away from home. A gas explosion is thought to have been the cause of the fire. The loss is \$6,000, with insurance of \$2,-

Mr. J. C. Saunders, Chief Accounttant of the Finance Department, at Ottawa, and Dominion Bookkeeper has been promoted to the position of Assistant Deputy Minister, of Fin-ance, left vacant by the resignation of Mr. Henry T. Ross. The police of Windsor and Detroit

have been asked to locate Sidney Ouellette, 23, member of one of the oldest families of Windsor, who dis-appeared from his home in Detroit last Saturday, and has not been been last Saturday, and has not been heard Woods Lyons, a resident of Brant-

ford for over 70 years, died at the home of his son, A. C. Lyons, of Lyons Electric Company, in his 89th year. He came to Canada from Ireland when 18 years old. The epidemic of hog cholera which

ane epidemic of nog choiera which is reported at Courtright, 12 miles south of Samia, has been taken in hand by the authorities and the animals disposed of. The farmens state that the epidemic was caused by feed corn that was shipped in here from the west.

Charles C. Blackadar, who was appointed a director of the Royal Bank of Canada, to succeed the late Hon. David MacKeen, is the proprietor of the Halifax Acadian Recorder, a newspaper more than one hundred years old.

R. Ruddy, K. C., of Ruddy and Burnham, Peterboro, has received the appointment of County Court Judge, and it is understood he will be assigned to the bench of his native County of Cutario, and will probably reside at Whithy. revide at Whithy.

Word reached Delhi that Mrs. Geo. Word reached Delhi that Mrs. Geo. Keyes, a native of that town, was killed Tuesday in an automobile accident in Los Angeles, Cal. Her husband was seriously injured. Mrs. Keyes had only arrived home last Satorday after visiting in Delhi and other parks of Western Ontario.

Madrid newspapers say that according to advices received from a diplo-matic source, the Swedien Govern-ment has sent a note to the Spanish Cabinet asking it to outline what measures the Cabinet considers be suitably taken to defend the in-

Ending a tobaggan slide by crash Ending a tobaggan elide by crashing into a stone abutment of the G. T. R. subway on Birch street, Il-year-old Johnnie McArthur, of Galt, broke his skull, two pieces of bone penetrafing the brain, and he is in the hospital in a serious condition. At tending physicians hold out some home for his recovery. hepe for his recovery.

TO AID BLINDED SOLDIERS. New York despatch—Two hundred thousand dollars will be sent abroad by the British-French-Belgian Permanent Blind War Relief Fund, it was anent Bilnd War Relief Fund, it was amounced .-night, for the establishment of am exchange to care for coldiers of the three countries blinded in battle. Officers of the fund explained that their nian was to about ed that their plan was to obtain an amount large enough so that the capital might be kept intact and the reflect work carried on with the interest

VOTE POSTPONED

On Senate Endorsation of Wilson's Peace Note.

Washington Report .-- A vote or Senator Hitchcock's resolution to Lave the Senate endorse President Wilson's peace note was again postponed to day. The debate the auto-matically cut off by the expiration of the so-called morning hour. The debate to-day was marked by the closing of Senator Lodge's argument against the Hitchcock resolution and a reply by Senator Lewis in defence of it.

Senator Lodge, completing his argument against the Hitchcock resolution, declared its adoption would be a leap in the dark and precipitate Congress into the midst of uncompleted negotiations, concerning which

Senator Lewis, Democrat, of Illinois, began a defence of the resolution, contending it did not involve the

nation into the unprecedented situa-tion suggested by Senator Lodge. Senator Lewis urgued that the reso-lution would merely approve the action of the President in sending a not the contents of the note, which might involve other issues.

AWFUL USAGE TO THE SLAVES

Further Details of Outrages Told by Belgians

Who Were Sent Back Dying, From Germany.

The Hague, Cable .-- According to the statements made by the Belgians who have been sent back, dying, from Germany, to which place they had been deported, while in the civil camp at Soltau they received at 6 o'clock at Soltan they received at 6 o'clock in the morning a bowl of some decocion made from acorns. At midday they received half a litre of soup, containing much water and a few turnips, carrots and shrimps, served without bread or petatoes. At 3 o'clock in the affernoon there was given to them. afternoon there was given to them 250 grams (slightly more than half a pound) of black bread, bad and often mildewed. In the evening, as at mid-day, they received half a litre of soup. sometimes containing bran or brown maize.

Under this regime the stronger men went under and the weak soon fell ill. so that, the Belgians cay, deaths oc-curred daily.

Two of the Belgians are said to have

become ineane the first week. The torment of hunger drove them to such

extremes that they crept into the kit-chen and collected peelings of pota-toes turnips and carrots. One workman who attempted to escape is reported to have been brought down with a shot and finished with the bayonet.

Nearby was a prison camp for cap-tured Belgian soldiers. The soldiers were better fed than the civilians and came in contact with them on being permitted to attend funerals of civilans. Pitying their countrymen, they

took to them secretly bread and pre-served articles of food. The civilians at Soltan received no soap and were advised to use sand in-etead. Notwithstanding their suffer-ings, most of them refused to work, although promised good food and

on one eccasion forty artisans were taken away, and returned eight days later. They said they had been taken to the Grand Duchy of Baden where abundant ratione, being told that if they accepted work they would re-ceive such food regularly. On refus-ing they were knot and ing they were kept without food for thirty-five hours.

According to these accounts, there

are 11,000 Belgians in Soltau who re-fuse to work and still hope their release may be brought about. sels and Liege thus far are said to have escaped forced labor regulat-

HUNS MUST SOON COME TO TERMS

London Cable .- The Daily News . analyzing the comments in the German newspapers on the Entente reply, and citing reports of the sufferings of the peoples of the central powers, sees indications that the central powers are indications that the central powers do not regard the prospect of negotiations as ended, and comes to the conclusion that the time is fast appreaching when they must have peace at any cost. It finds confirmation of this in Count Andransy's state have

tion of this, in count Annual to the ment, saying:
"Whatever the motives for the decision of the central powers to submit their peace terms to President Wilson, the country for the their peace terms to President Wilson, it becomes more imperative for the Allies to make a clear, full and temperate statement of their terms in their reply to the President."

WHO IS WINNIPEG'S MAYOR? Winnipeg Report.—In the recount of 73 boxes out of 96 in the mayoralty election here. Mayor Dysen has lost his majority of eighteen, and Ald. P. P. Davidson, his nearest opponent, now leads by eighteen.

EXCHANGE MALES OVER 45. London, Cable.—The War Office save out to-night the correspondence tween the American Amhassandar. Walls is Governments, showing that the section and the German and Daits tracted agestiations for the exchange of all interned male civilians averaged the side of the same of the same

SITUATION IN **GREECE BAD**

Tendency of Rulers is to Reject Allies' Note.

More Terrorism Against Ally Supporters.

London Cable.-The correspondent whose uncensored messages kept us informed of the course of events in Greece describes the increasing has tility of the Royalist press in Athens as a significant indication of the unfavorable attitude of the Government toward the allies' note de-manding reparation. He wires: "Since the presentation of the allies' note to the Greek Government on Dec. 31 the Government press has become increas-ingly hostile and impudent. The note is denounced as unacceptable. As the pro-ally press has been destroyed and all the Venizelist journalists mapris-ened, the Government journals emourage each other to greater deeds of heroism on paper. 'Public opinion' is invoked in each line, though such factor is now almost non-existent under the terrorist regime, which imunder the terrorist regime, which imprisons each person daring to oppose the present policy of the directors of Greece. Without encouragement from the Covernment, the press would never dare to write as they do to-day. The tene of the press since Dec. 31 has undoubtedly tended to provoke resistance to the acceptance of the mote. Some minor manifestations have been organized in the streets of Athens by persons familiar with the methods of persons familiar with the methods of

the Germanophile clique.
"Certain numbers of roughs and reservists paraded the streets with the tacit permission of the Government, shouting 'Down with the note!' and 'Vive la Guerre!' The Government organ, Esperim, desiring doubtless to revive the objective of the Royalists' plot of Dec. I, the outrage and plage of peaceful citizens, asserts that Venizelos drafted the allied note of Dec. 31.

Daily arrests of Venizelists con-tifue in Athens and the provinces, An employee of the British Legation, a naturalized British subject, who fee 23 years was an interpretor of the British Mediterranean fleet, was arrested in Athens three days ago and imprisoned on a charge of being a propagament. A protest to the Greek Government A protest to the Greek, Government from the British Minister requesting the release of the employee was not the release of the Government. The be trease of the Government. The country house of William Noel a long-established British resident of Greece, situated on the Island of Euboca. has been occupied by Greek soldiers."

2,000,000 BRITISH ON FRENCH FRONT

Paris Cable.—A special Havas depatch from the British from in France says:

"Gen. Sir Douglas Haig to-day com-Gen. Sir Pouglas Halg to day commands the largest army Great Bertain ever levied on her soil. The number of effectives in the Pritish army in France on Jan. 1 was nearly 2,600,600 men, completely frained and ready, day or night, to receive orders from their commander-in-chief commander-in-chief.

"This figure only refers to the Eritish forces in France, and is exclusive of those employed in the defence of Great Britain, Ireland, India. Saloueki, Frynt. Macontents. Egypt, Mesopotamia and Africa."

HARDEN WARNS

Says Allies' Resources Cannot Be Exhausted.

London Cable.- Maxmilian Marden, editor of Die Zukunft, delivored a speech a Berlin Saturday, pleading for peace by agreement, according to Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent, who quotes the Berliner Tageblatt.

After referring to the enemy mis calculation of Germany's strength, Herr Harden warned his hearers not to allow themselves to be decayed about the enemy's strength.

"Russia's resources cannot be ex "Russia's resources cannot be exhausted," he said, "for, indeed, the war proceeds only on the edges of this World Empire. England's kunger, moreover, is only a catchword, for which there is no foundation, will be Brance's lack of men can be halenced by British troops." by British troops."

KNEW THE BEITISH.

Italian Poltician On Caillaux's Peace Move.

Paris, Cable (New York Was l' canie).-Regarding ex-Ministe: Gall-keex's reported attempts in Resau q leax's reported attempts in Resso quesional staly and France to make a separate peace, the Figure to-day suggests that Deputy Francilla-Bouldon will set in rection a government never through the ambasement in Rome on behalf of the radical and Socialist puries and that the findings of the investogation will be published.

It now develops that although Collinux failed to interview the Pope, She saw a cardinal privately. The lettern signent states that an Italian pelitician objected to the Callinux separate page plan, remarking: "Two million Bright Soldiers in France; will they shand for that?"

GERMAN TERMS VERY LIBERAL