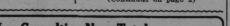


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Estimates of the Russian casualties in the war, made hast week by the Russian Information Bureau Director, A. J. Sack, in New York, fig-ured the total at "not less than 8,000,000 men, of whom 3,000,000 were killed and about 1,000,000 disabled for life." Figures compiled by the Cologne Gazette and published November 25 placed the total German casualties at more than 6,000,000. Of this in fiber it was estimated that about 2,000,000 were killed. The French soldiers killed in the war, according to a statement made in the French Chamber of Deputies on December 20 by Lucien Vollin, a socialist Deputy, number 1,406,000. Italy lost 500,000 men in killed or dead of wounds. A statement to this effect was made in Paris December 1 by Salvatore Bardiel, one time a member of the Italian Cabinet, who accompanied King Victor Emmanuel on his trip to the French capital.

Emmanuel on his trip to the French capital. The British army official losses in killed total 658,704.

School for Blind, Among Passengers—Here to Help Blinded Soldiers.
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the government its connection, ne said. The chamber was again in an up-roar, in which it was noted that oth-ers joined with the Socialists. The chamber is holding a session this evening, as the budget must be voted before midnight, December 31, by both the chamber and the Senate. There were three sessions today, and two have been held every day this week. But only one vote on strict party lines was taken. This was on Friday, when the government did not lose any strength, in spite of the widely advertised onslaught of lis opponents. To Protect the Kaiser Berlin, Dec. 28.—A 'league for the protection of the personal lib-erty of the Kaiser' has been form-ed, and will issue an appeal to the former advisers of the ex-Emperor, as well as diplomats, with whom he was associated, to submit all possible documents to prove the Kaiser's innocence of the outbreak of the war. Prince Henry of Prus-sia, who was proposed for Prest dent of the league, suggested Von Hindenburg for the post.

Honolulu, Dec. 28.-A Tokio cable to Nippy Jiji hero, today, says that the Japanese War Department has announced that half of the Japanese Chords will be withdrawn

MUNICIPALITIES

Object is to Promulgate the Welfare of the Urban and Rural Municipalities of the Province. .

UNION OF QUEBEC

Montreal, Que., Dec. 29.—At a fully stiended committee meeting of Muni-ipal Executives, held on Saturday in the law offices of Messrs. Campbell, MacMaster and Papineau, here, it was decided to recommend a union of Quebee municipalities be formed, to promulgate the welfare of the ur-man and rural municipalities of the province.

to promingate the wentre of the ur-ban and rural municipalities of the province. The committee, which was appoint-ed by a convention of municipalities of the province, recently called to-gether, is composed of Mayor Bouch-ard of St. Hyncinthe, the precident of the Union of Canadian Municipalities; Mayor Bublen, of Ourremont, Mayor Thurber of Longueuil, Alderman R. Ryan, of Three Rivers, Alderman R. Prieur of Pointe Aux Trembles, Fred-erick Wright, and Aug Angers. The first convention of the new union will be held in the early part of the year, when vital questions touch-ing the municipal conditions of the province will be taken up.

(Associated Fress.)

Paris, Dec. 29 .- King Nicholas, of Montenegro, speaking to the Associated Press today, said:

"The aspirations of Montonegro are in common accord with those of the other peoples of the same race-to become a part of the Jugo-Slav confederation, but preserve its autonomy, independence and cus toms. Montenegro wisnes Europe to make it possible for it to have its own intellectual life, although maintaining cordial and fraternal relations with neighboring peoples. Montenegro might be called the dean of the Jugo-Slav peoples. It was first to insure its independence fighting for five centuries against Mussulman oppression for the Hberty of itself and its neighbors.

"Montenegro has never ceased to shed its blood and in the bogin-ting of the great war showed its solidiarity with Serbia's cause. In 1914 the whole Montenegrin population took up arms. It provided 45, 000 soldiers, which, considering the number of its inhabitants, is the largest proportion of men given by any nation during the struggle. Every Montenegrin citizen from 18 to 63 years of age is a soldier.

"Montenegro was nearly exhausted by the sacrifices it made dur-ing the Balkan wars, in which it lost 13,000 men and almost all its war material. The new war constituted a new series of privations. Our dead on the battlefields number about 10,000, the number of prisoners is as yet unknown, and many succumbed to starvation and exposure."

When asked for his opinion on the proposed League of Nations and other subjects likely to come before the peace conference. King

"I hape that I can live long enough to see such a plan realized. As to freedom of the seas, Montenegro is interested only indirectly. I have not as yet studied the matter sufficiently to give a positive view on such a complex subject. I think the right of self-determination should be granted to each nationality. It is a principle from which the entire world may expect peace and happiness, if applied without restrictions and reserve.'