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War News.

Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.

WEMYSS SUCCEEDS JELlicoe. LONDON, Dec. 26. Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss has been appointed First Sea Lord in succession to Admiral Sir John R. Jellicoe, according to an official announcement issued to-night. Admiral Jellicoe has been cleared to the peerage in recognition of his very distinguished services, and the hope is expressed his experience may be utilized in another post.

SHIPPING LOSSES. LONDON, Dec. 26. Losses to British shipping show material decrease for the past week. According to the Admiralty report to-night, eleven British merchantmen of 1,600 tons or over were sunk during this period by mine or submarine, as well as one merchant ship under 1,600 tons and one fishing vessel.

ENEMY ATTACKS CHECKED. ROME, Dec. 26. The text of to-day's official reads: The struggle on the Asiago Plateau was resumed at dawn yesterday. The enemy concentrated his efforts on our extreme right between Col del Rosso and Val Frenzola, but he was unable to advance beyond the dwelling of Sasso. Our Gostalunga and Monte Melago troops several times resumed their attacks on Col del Rosso and on Monte de Val Bella, which they recaptured but were unable to retain. In the afternoon the fighting diminished in intensity. On the left bank of the Brenta an attempted attack to the west of Ostili and on Osteria was promptly checked by our barrage.

NOTHING TO REPORT. LONDON, Dec. 26. The war office statement issued this evening, says: With the exception of hostile artillery actions in the neighborhood of Havrincourt and to the eastward of Ypres, there is nothing of interest to report. Spow has fallen along the whole front.

THE SPIRIT OF THE SEAMEN. LONDON, Dec. 26. The correspondent of the Associated Press says: Commanders of German submarines now usually require captains of merchant vessels to give their parole instead of making them prisoners as heretofore. According to the annual report of the London-American Trading Co., a large British shipping concern, when the men are paroled they can't re-enter the merchant marine during the war. The companies employing them give them half pay until they obtain other employment. We have several captains in our employ who have sunk more than one German submarine, and a good many of our ships have had scraps with the enemy, says the report. Some have come home with holes in their funnels or sides, others have failed to return, but when ships have been torpedoed and gone down the survivors hurry back to the office of the firm, make a hasty report, and then ask cheerily when is the next ship to be ready. That is the spirit of the mercantile marine.

FIGHT OR CLEAR OUT. NEW YORK, Dec. 26. Plans for the conscription of British subjects in the United States were described here to-day by Sir Fred E. Smith, Attorney-General of Britain,

who arrived in this country yesterday to lay the matter before the Government at Washington. Arrangements to have British subjects of military age returned to the country of their origin unless they have already joined the military forces voluntarily, have already been made with virtually all of our Allies. After three years of war, Sir Frederick said, it was found there were thousands of Russian Jews in London who had not joined the English forces, and wouldn't return to Russia because they feared political persecution there. They were given the option of joining British forces or returning to Russia, despite the agitation they started, in fact the British Government had no choice, for public opinion absolutely refused to allow the forcible withdrawal of Englishmen from their business while aliens of military age, in a homely phrase, "stole their jobs," he said.

FROM THE ARCTIC. SEATTLE, Dec. 26. The arrival of Vilhjalmur Stefansson at Fort Yukon, apparently ends the voyage of arctic exploration that began when he left Victoria, B.C., July 17th, 1913 at the head of the Canadian Government expedition aboard the steamer Karluk. The fact that Stefansson arrived at Fort Yukon about ten miles inside the Arctic circle indicates that he did not complete his intended eastward trip through the northern passage from Melville Island. Word was brought from the explorer in 1916 by Dr. R. M. Anderson, who was in the party when it left Victoria, who said Stefansson hoped to reach the Atlantic Ocean late in 1917, and end his adventures with an ascent of the St. Lawrence River to Montreal. His plans probably were changed by the fact that ice broke late along the Arctic during the summer of 1917 and made navigation impossible. To reach Fort Yukon, Stefansson probably retraced his steps from Melville Island westward to the mouth of the Mackenzie River, then over several hundred miles along a snow trail across Rat Portage and down Porcupine River to the fort at the junction of Porcupine and Yukon.

THE CONSCRIPTION VOTE. MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 26. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—The latest figures in the referendum are 870,000 for and 1,050,000 against conscription, including the first returns from the Australian military forces, which, it is officially announced, are 17,000 for and 23,000 against.

HIGH COST OF LIVING. LONDON, (By Mail.) The cost of living in Britain has risen 106 per cent. since the war, according to official figures presented in the Commons.

PROFITING BY EXAMPLE. LONDON, Dec. 26. The Halifax explosion has resulted in the adoption of much stricter regulations in connection with the manufacture and transport of explosives throughout Britain.

RUSSIANS' SHORT NOTICE. PETROGRAD, Dec. 26. It is reported the German delegation that was expected at Petrograd on Thursday is proceeding to Drinsk instead, fearing that the visit to Petrograd would be misinterpreted. There is an unofficial report which cannot be confirmed that the Russians have given the Germans 48 hours in which to accept or reject the Russian peace proposals.

PRIVILEGES FOR BREWERS. LONDON, Dec. 26. The Food Controller has issued an

order permitting brewers to increase their present output by twenty per cent. in the first quarter of the New Year. The order also permits an additional increase of thirteen and one-half per cent. for brewers supplying munition areas.

THE U. S. and RUSSIA. WASHINGTON, Dec. 26. Great forbearance will be exercised by the American Government in dealing with the chaotic Russian situation because it is realized that German intrigue, working through thinly disguised agents in the ranks of the Bolsheviks is doing its utmost to bring about a breach between the United States and Russia. It was authoritatively stated to-day that American representatives in Russia, diplomatic, economic and others, will carefully avoid any interference with the internal politics of the country and will be guided in their conduct by the strictest rules of neutrality as between Russian factions. It is purposed to permit the Russian people themselves to work out their own salvation free from any American interference. Despatches to the State Department show that every opportunity is being seized upon by German agencies to misrepresent the attitude of America towards the Bolshevik movement and particularly to inflame the excitable Russian people against the personnel of the American embassy and its head, Ambassador Francis.

MAILMAN MURDERED BY MEXICANS. EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 26. Mickey Walsh, American driver of the mail stage, was hanged and his throat cut yesterday by Mexicans, who crossed the line, raided the border town of Candelaria and held up the mail stage. After killing the driver, the raiders looted the mail sacks.

ITALIAN COUNTER ATTACKS FAIL. BERLIN, Dec. 26. (Via London.)—Violent counter attacks against the Austro-German positions on Col del Rosso and neighboring heights on both sides, broke down yesterday with heavy losses, says the official statement issued to-day by the German General Staff.

YOUR BOYS AND GIRLS. Here are some valuable hints for the coming baby's layette: Four abdominal bands, soft flannel unbuttoned, six to eight inches wide and twenty inches long; four shorts, silk and wool or cotton and wool, size two; four flannel shirts, hung from the shoulders not with hands, to bind about the abdomen; four night-gowns or wrappers of outing flannel open in front; three knitted bands, wool and cotton with shoulder straps; six very simple white slips; four dozen diapers of cheesecloth, birdseye or stork diapering which looks like old, soft Turkish toweling; three pairs of long stockings; one simple coat and hat; one pair of mittens; two short, loose sacques for sudden changes in temperature; two crocheted or knitted, or flannel, blankets.

There are three essentials if you would keep your children healthy, happy and amiable. They are an early light supper, a warm bath and proper bed clothing. A warm plunge, followed by a rub with a rough towel will soothe to sleep the most excitable lot. If the weather is warm use tepid water. Let the tots romp in a warm room without their clothes. The skin requires a daily bath of fresh air. Regular bathing and exercise are the source of good looks.

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