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# RITISH BOMBARD KUT-EL-AMARA IN MESOPO Wilson's Note an Insult to Allies, Says London Chronicle

General Maude's Batteries Bombard Turk Positions at Sannaivat.

BOMB TURK SHIPPING

Aviators Make Raids Along Tigris — Reconnaissances Carried Out.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

London, Dec. 21.—The British army
on the Tigris River is engaged in bombarding the Turkish works thrown up in defence of Kut-el-Amara and

Michael Brislan Seriously Injured The Situation Deep While Walking

Tracks.

Michael Brislan, of Sharbot Lake, an employe of the C. P R., had his left leg fractured and received a nasty gash in his left side when struck by a westbound train while walking the allowed train while walking the street and Madison avenue last night He mad States. on avenue last night. He was removed to the Western Hospital in the

ice ambulance. Brislan was living in a work car on the tracks. On leaving it last night, he stepped aside to avoid an eastbound freight train and was struck by the one westbound. His cries were heard by his companions in the car, who rushed out to find him lying helpless on the track. Dr. Thompson was called, and ordered the injured man's temoval to the hospital.

German Emperor to Summon Gerard for Talk on Peace

London, Dec. 21.—In Berlin diploma-tic circles, says an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Amsterdam, it is understood that the German Emperor will, at an early date, summon to adquarters the American ambassador, James W. Gerard, with the view to discussing with him possible American mediation and action. Close the Exchanges.

oney was lost in New York yesterday have had tips, and they must have been able to plunder the general public to an enormous extent

No one yet knows what was lost in Europe at the outbreak of the war, not to mention what was lost in London and Paris. Probably every exchange in America was raided by German manipulation at that time.

Just how much longer the people of the United States will stand exploitation of this kind we do not know, but certainly the president of the United States has U. S. President Writes Words at last awakened to the situation when he said in his message of yesterday that they have a supreme concern in the war. He did not speak beyond the truth.

We believe the United States will be forced to close their exchanges this morn-ing and to keep them closed for some

And certainly here in Canada it is ab-Sannalyat, and their aeroplanes and batteries have also bombed and bombarded Turkish shipping north of the changes absolutely to any kind of raiding

batteries have also bombed and bombarded Turkish shipping north of the town, according to a British official communication concerning the operations in Mesopotamia. The communication follows:

"During the night of Sunday British perconaissances were made to the west of the Shumran bend of the Tigris.

"During the last few days the enemy's positions about Sannaiyat and Kut and his shipping west of the latter place were heavily bombarded with satisfactory results.

"The binchory of the great struggle in the country is too recent and too may not call the cautious terms in which it is countried. The buffer of the hall haunted to a man and parliament made into a unit by our

the complexity, to the gravity of the situation. It may not be followed by statements from the belligerents, at least from the allies, where they stand, but it must be followed by a definite statement of the position of the United

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## New Demands Upon Greece

London, Dec. 21.—The new note of the entente allies to Greece, which according to the understanding here was presented today, includes, says Reuter's Telegram Co., the following principal demands:

"The control of telegraphs, posts and railways; the release of Venizelist prisoners, the prohibition of meetings of reservists and an inquiry by a mixed commission into the disturbances of December 1-2."

## \* WAR SUMMARY \*

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

EWS from London last night showed that the allies will give President Wilson no fuller details of their views on peace terms than they will give the German chancellor in their forthcom.

Hon. M. A. McDonald, who sought the than they will give the German chancellor in their forthcom- Hon. M. A. McDonaid, who sought the ing answers to his despatch. Officials of the British foreign office couver on their attainment of port. believe that enough has already been said to show the nature of the folio honors in the Brewster cabinet. allied policy, for the matter has been rather fully debated in the past were returned, D. E. McTaggart, the several weeks. The American note is published in the London independent Liberal, being defeated. morning papers today as well as in the other capitals of the allies. The vote poiled was not large, and It will come as a surprise to the British people, for they expected part of the public, considering the that the speech of Lloyd George would serve to put an end to further vitriolic attacks waged against the atrepetitions of the nuisance until Germany was really prepared to lors with the unusual record of three accept the terms of the allies. The latest explanations given at successful the bitterly contested elec-Washington as to the motives of President Wilson for writing the tion campaigns within the space of washington as to the motives of President wilson for writing the tion months.

The final returns in the by-election especially on the sea, and he is also afraid that the policy of the give Hon. Ralph Smith 7296 votes, British Government in nationalizing and arming merchantmen may Hon. M. A. McDonald 5012, McTagmake it necessary for the United States to modify its rules and to gart 2872. specify on what ships Americans may travel. Close perusals of previous statements show inconsistency somewhere, for one assertion made in Washington was that the note was written and despatched ence committee in Dublin has sent a two days ago, that is, before the speech of Lloyd George. If that circular to the county councils and other public hodies in Ireland asking two days ago, that is, before the speech of Lloyd George. If that case President Wilson could have known nothing of the prother nublic bodies in Ireland assigns at the case President Wilson could have known nothing of the prother nublic bodies in Ireland assigns at the desirability of holding a conference in an endeavor to try to solve the existing political differences.

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## Our despatches this morning say, and we believe it is the truth, that more

than ever before on the stock exchange: and there is a shrewd suspicion the money that was made, and as much was made as was lost, went to German sympathizers or to people who had a tip of what coming; and from before the time this great war broke out some persons

It is time we had it and it is time the people of the United States, as a nation, knew themselves. Men like Roosevelt in the factory and the man on the farm would like to know as to his bearings and

his chartings. The bulk of the Americans, by interest and by conviction, we believe to be with the people of Belgium, and of true and native instinct as to the "scrap of paper." Surely most of them must say in their heart: "For the love of Christ constrain-eth us." For them it must be that or nothing. Otherwise civilization, democracy, this new world of liberty, has been and is a sham and a delusion.

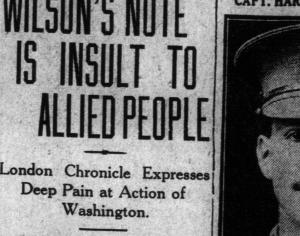
## When the world comes to its suprem moments, and it is at one now, there is only one rock and rule of life, and resting on it we can meet any trial or pass under any rod and emerge victorious in the end.

VANCOUVER RETURNS CABINET MINISTERS

Independent Liberal, Who At tacked McDonald, Meets With Defeat.

there was a singular apathy on the

ANOTHER IRISH CONFERENCE.



of Gross Inopportuneness. London, Dec. 22.—The Daily News. which is the nearest to pacifist among the London newspapers, says today regarding

President Wilson's note: "No one can fail to appreciate the spirit in which the proposal is made or approve the cautious terms in which it is couch-

APPENDIX TO BERLIN

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"As a Liberal newspaper, which has always made a special feature of endeavoring to bring Great Britain and America closer together, and thru evil report as well as good has championed the progressive ideals of the United States in this country, we ask our friends across the Atlantic to believe us when we say no American state paper in our generation has been calculated to cause so much pain, not merely to Englishmen, but to Liberal opinion thruout southern and western Europe.

Liberal opinion thruout southern and western Europe.

"The note is, in effect, however different be its intention, an appendix to that lately received from Berlin."

Saying that it is not based on the grounds of humanity or injury to the United States, The Daily Chronicle says:

"We are bound to observe that, with only the recent exception in the matter of the Belgian slave raids, in which the enemy flouted his remonstrances, President Wilson never in the face of unparalleled openings intervened on the ground of humanity before."

The newspaper then recounts a list of German outrages in Belgium and elsewhere, on which, it says, President Wilson remained silent. It adds that he protested against the Lusitania, Ancona and Sussex "massacres," not because they were inhuman, but because Americans perished by their inhumanity, did not warrant intervention, but American interests did—we have never quarreled," continues The Daily Chronicle; "but since he omitted to intervene to stop crime, is it consistent he should intervene now to hinder others from punishing the criminals?"

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The newspaper considers President Wilson's statement that the objects of both belligerents are virtually the same, is most painful for European Liberals, and adds:

"The president did not intend his words as an insult, but they are deeply insulting, none the less, and none of the allied peoples can be expected to relish them. The good intentions of the note we do not impugn. Behind all its infelicities, its gross inopportuneness stands. The figure of the statesman we respect, but he has made a profound mistake."

Vancouver. Dec. 21.-Hon. Ralph



Advantages of Releasing Men

Outweigh Risks, Says Duke. London, Dec. 21.-The government

has decided to release the Irish prisoners who were interned after the rebellion in Ireland. Henry E. Duk, chief secretary of Ireland, announced in the

now to hinder others from punishing the Russians Regain Heights in Violent Counter-Offensive.

**ENEMY UTTERS BOAST** 

Von Mackensen Says Bucharest One Goal, Not Final One.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. London, Dec. 21.—Northern Dobrudja is now the scene of the most violent fighting in the whole Rumanian campaign and the heavy battle is still procoeding for the possession of some heights. The action was begun by an heights. The action was begun by an attack of the Teutonic forces. This resulted in the gaining of considerable headway amongst the heights by the enemy. The Russians speedily rallied when reinforced counterattacked the foe, and regained some of the lost rostions. The action is of the lost positions. The action is still proceeding for the others. A despatch from Berlin says: Field Marshal von Mackensen, responding to a telegram of Emperor William of-fering congratulations on the capture

of Bucharest, says:
"Bucharest was one goal, but not the final one." North of the Danube fighting is also proceeding. It consists chiefly of advanced guard engagements and artilvanced guard engagements and artil-lery and rifle firing. The Teutons are advancing on both sides of the Insu-were landed at Malta six hours after-Racovitzeri roads, but they are being wards. Four men still are missing,

Mine Sinks Russian Steamer Fifty-nine Killed, One Saved

Copenhagen, via London, Dec. 21.—. (via England) will close at the general The small Russian steamer Skiftet has been sunk by striking a mine near parcel post, at 5 p.m. today; regular to advise a small letters and registered matter. 9

CAPT. HAROLD W. A. FOSTER NEW YORK STOCK MARKET IS SWEPT OFF ITS FEET

> Greatest Day in History of Exchange From Point of Monetary Losses When Bear Attack Broke Loose.

Special to The Toronto World.

New York, Dec. 21.—Following the president's peace note, and in order to turn the tide of a violent crush in the stock market today, the greatest banking interests of the nation stepped into the market. They succeeded for a moment; but the publication of Secretary Lansing's explanation, abrupt and blunt in tone, caused an undercurrent of liquidation, the greatest since the Northern Pacific panic of 1901, swept them off their feet and broke the market in a fashion that was bewildering even to old speculators.

From a business standpoint it was one of the three greatest days in the history of the exchange. From the point of monetary losses, it probably was the greatest in history. The silent panic of 1911, with its failures, looked small in comparison with today's market.

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ATTITUDE OF BRITAIN WILL DETERMINE STAND REPLIES OF ALLIES Vienna Newspapers Unanimous

in Opinion That War Will Be Continued. Vienna, via London, Dec. 21.-The Vienna, via London, Dec. 21.—The Vienna newspapers assume generally that the British Government's attitude will determine the course of the entente powers, which course, the edito-Christmas.

rials unanimously point out will be a continuation of the war. The Neue Freie Presse says:

"England alleges that she is in the war to save Belgium. Is this impossible by peaceful means, or even difcult? Reparation in the sense of reconstruction is possible; in the sense of giving satisfaction it is not." The Fremdenblatt says: "While Sonnino (Italian foreign minister) has not rejected peace, Lloyd George, in the capacity of dictator of England the capacity of dictator of Engiand and dictator of the entente, rejects it. The day is probably near when Lloyd George will regret having placed the entente's head in a noose by failing to meet the central powers half way."

SAYS BRITAIN SHOULD WELCOME U. S. OFFER

Noel Buxton Declares Thirty Thousand Americans Are Fighting for Allies.

ing the terms of peace."

Mr. Buxton paid tribule to the generosity of the United States towards Belgium and to the help it had given the entente in the war, and said. "There are 30,000 Americans fighting for us. America is with us in the wa because of the invasion of Belgium and the German campaign of right-

AMERICANS ON STEAMER SUNK WITHOUT WARNING

British Horseship St. Ursula Torpedoed While Bound for Montreal.

Washington, Dec. 21.-An official report to the state department from the American consul at Malta said that the British horseship St. Ursula, bound from Salonica to Montreal, in ballast, with six Americans in the crew, was sunk without warning by a torpedo from a submarine of unknown nationality on Dec. 13. Two officers reported seeing the wake of the submarine The state department has ordered fur-ther investigation.

NEXT BRITISH MAIL.

The next British and foreign mail (via England) will close at the general

READY FOR KAISER

Notes Will Be Sent Simultaneously and Before

DIFFERENT STATEMENTS General Principles Are the Same, But Conditions Are Different.

London, Dec. 21 .- While the replies of the various allied governments to Germany will be made simultaneously and probably before Christmas, as indicated last night, yet these replies of the week will be devoted to deliberative to the week will be devoted to deliberative to the week will be devoted to deliberative. will not batextually identical and will tions by the war committee under the not take the form of a joint reply. The not take the form of a joint reply. The reason for this is that while all the entente allies are agreed on the general principles of the reply, each came into principles of the reply, each came into the war under different conditions, calling for a somewhat different state-

London, Dec. 21.—Noel E. Buxton, Liberal M.P. for North Norfolk, expressed in the house of commons the hope that "the government will welcome the aid of America in negotiating the terms of peace"

For example, the defence of small nationalities was one of the main causes bringing England into the war, in defence of Belgium, whereas Belgium and Serbia did not enter for that reason, but because their territory was invaded. For example, the defence of small works, Herriot. reason, but because their territory was invaded. Similar differences in the conditions exist as regards France. Ruman'a and other countries, so that while all the replies will agree on the essential particulars of reparation and security, they will not be identical.

International General Staff Proposed by French Deputy

Paris, Dec. 21.—The senate held another long secret session today and adjourned until tomorrow. In the chamber of deputies Patrick Jean Hennessy introduced a bill to-day requiring the government to study the formation of international general staff to serve as the permat int military organization of the allied governments.

THE MILITIA ACT R.S.C., CHAP. 41 Editor World: It has been felt for some time that the government should put the Militia Act in force. The pronouncement of the president of the United States, published this morning, United States, published this morning, renders the need for this action immediate and imperative. Whatever answer the allies may make to that pronouncement, Canada should place herself in a position to reassure the government of the United Kingdom as to her own attitude. Whether or not we fail in the fulfilment of our pledges as to the number of men sent overseas, let us, at least, act now without loss of time, so as to remove from the home government any cauce for anxiety or embarrassment on our own ac-

Lansing, After White House Conference, Modifies Rather Bellicose Words.

WILL REMAIN NEUTRAL

Earlier Impression That U. S. Contemplated War Was Cause of Sensation.

comment on his part.

Mr. Lensing's first statement, made or or his part.

Mr. Lensing's first statement, made or or his language and purpose thrudut official Washington. Its most striking phrases on which the widest speculations were based was that the "U.S. was drawing nearer the verge of war and that the sending of the note "will indicate the possibility of our being forced into the war," and that neither he nor President Wilson regarded the note "as a peace note."

Caused Consternation.

When word of what the secretary of state had said spread thruout the capital it created the greatest con-

(Continued on Page 15, Column 2). FRENCH CABINET WILL

MEET TWICE WEEKLY War Committee Will Hold Ses-

sions on Other Days of Week. presidency of President Poincare and minister of the colonies, Doumergue: minister of commerce and economics

Clementel, and minister of The economic council will have the assistance of M. Claveille, under-secretary of public works for transport, and M. Loucheur, under-secretary for munitions, production. It also will have the aid of managers of railroad

and steam navigation companies.

LIEUT-GEN. BANDENS

REPORTED DROWNED Italian Chief Commander in Albania on Ship Sunk By

Berlin, Dec. 21, via Sayville.—The Frahkfurter Zeitung has received a report from Lugano, Switzerland, saying that a vessel, the name of which is unknown, on Dec. 13, hit a mine in the Adriatic, and sank with its entire year.

crew, according to the Overseas News The report adds that l.t.-Gen. Oreste Bandens, the Italian chief commander in Albania, and numerous sailors,

THE ADVANTAGE OF FURS.



not been the advance in furs that is noticeable in woolens, silks and leather. A well-