

BRITAIN'S FLEET SILENT BUT PLAYING BIG PART

ALLIES' SUCCESS ON LAND DEPENDS ULTIMATELY ON THE FLEET, BALFOUR SAYS

Without Its Powerful Presence, Though Guns May be Silent, Allies Banded Together Against Tyrannical Foe Would Become Isolated From World and Cut Off From One Another.

London, Dec. 29.—The British grand fleet, which as a grand fleet has never yet had the opportunity of being in action, has nevertheless been the foundation upon which everything else has rested, was the summing up by A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty, of the lessons to be learned from a moving picture record of the activities of the fleet over the first production of which he presided this afternoon.

LONDON PRESS ON CABINET SITUATION

All agree Government decision is in favor of Compulsory Service — Difficulties may be remedied without resignations.

London, Dec. 29.—The evening newspapers today all concede that the decision of the cabinet is in favor of compulsory service.

The Evening Standard agrees that now a decision has been reached all difficulties will assume quite measurable proportions, and contends that the nation will welcome this as a sign that the cabinet has "at last been aroused to a sense of the realities."

BELIEVED WHOLE CREW OF BRITISH STEAMER LOST

Str. Morning torpedoed by submarine — Three neutral ships sunk by mines in British waters.

New York, Dec. 29.—A news agency despatch from London today, says: The crew of the British steamer Morning, sunk by a submarine today, is believed to have been lost.

SOLDIERS' COMFORTS ASSOCIATION MAKE SPECIAL APPEAL

Owing to the urgent and constant appeals from our Overseas Contingents now in the trenches for socks, the above association has decided to hold a "Special Sock Week" commencing January 3rd, 1919, when it is hoped that every town and village throughout the province will make a special effort to assist by donating socks or money to buy the same.

CONFIRMS NEWS OF SIMPSON'S ARREST

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—Attorney-General Hudson this afternoon confirmed a special cable from England, reporting that Dr. R. M. Simpson, the Winnipeg physician, had been arrested in England on charges in connection with the receipt of \$100,000 from the province of Manitoba.

FEDERAL JURY WILL PROBE GERMAN ACTIVITIES IN U. S.

Three of Defendants Indicted for Conspiracy to Foment Strikes give themselves up— Indicted Congressman claims he is immune from Arrest.

New York, Dec. 29.—Warrants for the arrest of Congressman Frank Buchanan, of Illinois; H. Robert Fowler, former congressman from Illinois; H. B. Martin, and Herman Schulteis, four of the eight men indicted yesterday for conspiracy to foment strikes in American munition factories, were sent to Washington tonight.

OVER HUNDRED SHIPS TIED UP IN WHITE SEA BY ICE BLOCKADE

Berlin, Dec. 29.—Reports from Copenhagen say that more than 100 ships, chiefly American, British and

Except in the bottle— No!

You cannot get real Bovril except in the Bovril bottle. Bovril is so strong that it cannot possibly be manufactured in cheap cubes. It takes the beef of a whole bullock to make a dozen bottles of Bovril. Add Bovril to make your cookery more nourishing and to save butchers' bills. But it must be Bovril.

MAKE EVERY SCHOOL A POLITICAL TOWN HALL, SAYS MISS WILSON

President's daughter urges use of schools for social centres for citizens to discuss matters on which they vote.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Every school building in the United States was pictured as a potential town hall at today's session of the American Civic Association, at which Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of President Wilson, presided.

FAVOR ARBITRATION OF ALL DISPUTES BETWEEN THE AMERICAN NATIONS

Closer Political Union between Americas outstanding feature of Pan-American Scientific Conference.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Arbitration of all disputes between the American nations was the keynote of practically all the addresses at today's session of the Pan-American Scientific Congress.

QUICKEST REMEDY EVER SOLD IN ST. JOHN.

SECRETARY LANSING ISSUES DENIAL

Washington, Dec. 29.—Secretary of State Lansing today formally denied published statements that the real purpose of the visit to Europe of Col. E. M. House was to settle differences between Ambassador Page at London, on one hand, and Ambassadors Gerard and Penfield at Berlin and Vienna, on the other.

The appetite of youth quickly restored. Appetite is useless unless digestion is good. Dr. Hamilton's Pills make tremendous appetite and keep digestion up to the mark as well.

CALENDARS RECEIVED. A couple of neat calendars containing a number of novel features which make them of particular value to an office are being issued this year by the Bank of Montreal.

Paris, Dec. 29.—A new model of French dirigible made its appearance over Paris this afternoon and attracted much attention from large crowds.

Bread, Cakes, Pies, Buns— anything made from flour — is best made from



PURITY FLOUR

More Bread and Better Bread

9-12 Market Square

VIA CAPE OF GOOD HOPE TO ESCAPE SUBMARINES

London, Dec. 29.—With the sailing today of the steamer Kitano Maru from London for Japan the Japan Mail Steamship Company inaugurated its new route by way of the Cape of Good Hope, instead of through the Suez Canal.

ST. JOHN AND QUEBEC RAILWAY. Notice of New Train Service for Xmas Week.

EX-SENATOR THORNTON DEAD

Monticello, N. Y., Dec. 29.—William L. Thornton, ex-senator, dropped dead in front of his home here today, a victim of heart disease, aged seventy-two.

"KING OF THE COCOS ISLANDS," IS DEAD.

Wellington, New Zealand, Dec. 29.—Andrew Ross, known as "King of the Cocos Islands," is dead.

"BLACK & WHITE" SCOTCH

BUCHANAN'S CHOICE OLD SCOTCH WHISKY, AT HOME & ABROAD, RENOWNED FOR QUALITY AND EXCELLENCE. AT ALL STORES & HOTELS.



HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY

GILLESPIES & CO., MONTREAL, AGENTS FOR CANADA.

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Harry Rowley presided at the... and about forty friends... had been done to the good... offered by the caterer, the... were passed and the... called back in their chairs... of home and enjoyed an... programme. The King and the... were toasted, and there were... Harry Langley and Dr. Frank... while readings were given by... Ferguson and Frank Adams... songs broke up with cheers for... and the singing of the... anthem.

OF 4,000

PLE WIPED OUT BY EARTHQUAKE

Salvador, Dec. 29.—The earth-shocks which began early Monday are still being felt here, collapsed during a shock toiling two persons and seriously... of two others.

AY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY

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THE WALLINGFORD PICTURES WILL NOT BE SHOWN THIS WEEK-END.

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(AND (LEMAN) SONGS AND DANCES

"AST" PATRONS

Are Daily Com- meeting as One Improved Program; and well they might, as they are the very cream of Montreal output, and are shown here just 30 days after being released.

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NS PLAYERS

DAY and SATURDAY (New Year's) NIGHTS, the Best of all comedies

"BABY MINE"

SATURDAY (New Year's) MATINEE TO BE ANNOUNCED.

re 50c. Seats now on sale for all performances... 35c. ... 25c. PHONE MAIN 1863

RS FOR Harness, Horse Furnishing Goods

from \$9.50 to \$15.00 each... 5.00 to 7.00 each... with Girths 1.25 to 3.50 each... Robes... 9.50 to 10.00 each... 6.75 to 10.00 each... 12.00

avellers Samples... 2.50 to 15.00 each... 1.75 upwards

ts and Gloves... 25 to 1.25 pair... .40 to 2.50 pair... 1.25 to 3.25 each

each; Nickel Mounted Driving and Rubber Mounted Driving line of Horse Furnishing Goods

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