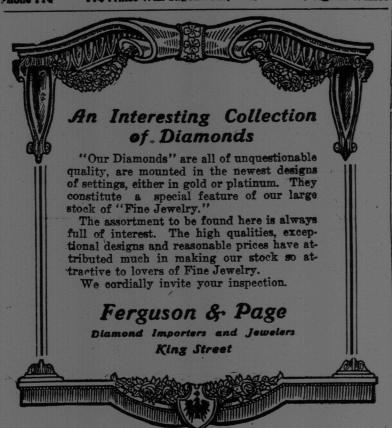


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put a stop to military operations of an important nature along the great-er part of the battlefront in Belgium and France. In this territory the positions of the opposing forces remain virtually the same as they have been for weeks past.

In the eastern arena the official reports indicate a similar condition of affairs, so far as progress on the part of either side is concerned. Petrograd reports, however, that be-tween the Pilica river and the Up-

tween the Pilica river and the Upper Vistula the Germans are now on the defensive.

The Russians also report the capture of more than twenty thousand prisoners, to which reference was made in previous announcements. A Petrograd despatch by way of London, says that all the important passes on the Carpathians are again in Russian hands.

The United States government has made strong representations to Great Britain, insisting on an early improvement in the treatment of American commerce by the British fleet. A long note has been forwarded to the British foreign secretary through Ambassador Page, covering the relations between the United States and Great Britain as affected by the British naval policy which is considered "highly objectionable" by the American government.

The British government through the naval nad military authorities, apparently fearing a raid over British towns by German airships, has issued a warning to the people to take cover should the sound of firing be heard.

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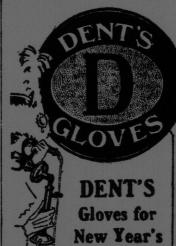
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