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OIL DISCOVERED IN NICARAGUA. Managua, Nicaragua, Feb. 11.—Petroleum springs which produce considerable quantities of oil have been discovered in the department of Chontales, on the northeastern shore of Lake Nicaragua. This adds new resources to the department, which has been exploited for its gold deposits for several years.

DROPS DEAD AWAITING RETRIAL.

OUTLINES TWELVE IMPORTANT COGS IN

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work come such subjects as the Armenian massacres and the white slave and opium traffics, which are to be handled by the co-operation of several or all governments in the league. The United States, Spain and Brazil, at the council's invitation, have agreed to use their influences to end the Armenian horrors, and the Allied powers, through their representatives at Con-

through their representatives at Constantinople, are now ascertaining the best methods of approach.

Fifteen nations, including Canada, Persia, Siam, Austria, Bulgaria and Germany, are giving financial aid to combat typhus, which has been raging in Fastern Europe more than a year. in Eastern Europe more than a year.

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Constantinople, Peh. II.—Half the total Bolshevist forces are grouping for military operations, according to latest instead of the control of the case of the cas

CHINESE POPULACE SUFFER OPPRESSION FROM ROVING TROOPS

and Shops.

An international conference on the white slave traffic is to be held this summer. A commission of three qualified residents of Armenia and Asia Minor, one of them a woman, is to be appointed by the council to report on the traffic in women and children in that part of the world.

Suppression of the trade in opium and other narcotic drugs, especially in China, is to be undertaken by an advisory committee, aided by experts from all the countries involved. The Netherlands Government, which heretofore has taken the lead in the suppression of the opium trade by cooperative action, has turned the whole problem over to the league.

In conclusion, Mr. Sweetser declared that "the months between now and September are going to be full of very careful and detailed study of every phase of league interest. The league," he asserts, "instead of slowing up, is going ahead with greater intensity than even."

Hankow, China, Feb. 11.—Appalling stories of a populace oppressed to the point of extermination by an uncontrolled soldiery have been coming to Hankow for weeks from the upper reaches of the Yantsze River. The re-ports are principally from missionary sources. The people in the western part of Hupeff Province, these advices say, have been reduced to the direct straits by troops who demand tribute, levy taxes, selze and occupy homes and shops and live on the land without restraint, and those under the yoke have no possible channel open to them to voice their grievances.

Shihnan and adjoining districts in the western part of the province are said to be wholly under domination of the soldiers, The area is not far distant from the Yangtsze trans-shipment port of Ichang, which was selzed and looted by mutinous troops in December. In ordinary times it is secluded from the rest of China with little or no communication with the other provinces due to the utter lack of routes of trans-

portation over the rugged heights.

It was in the early months of 1918, as a development in the strife between north and south, that the soldiers appeared here under the name of the "pacifying nation troops" of Hupeh.

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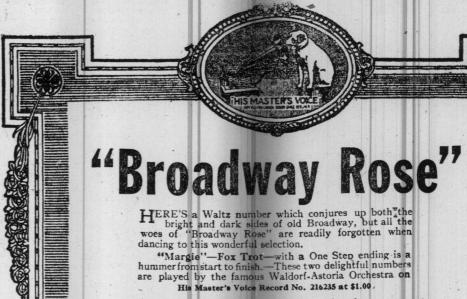
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