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## War News.

### Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.

#### THE RUSSIAN SITUATION.

LONDON, Dec. 20.

Despatches from Petrograd indicate that the struggle between the Cossacks and Maximalists in Southern Russia is increasing in severity. The correspondent at Petrograd of Reuters Ltd., telegraphing under date of Tuesday, says that the flame of civil war is spreading northward along the Volga River from Astrakhan to Samara. The Maximalists hold Astrakhan, from which place the Cossacks were reported on Monday to be 20 versts distant. Fighting probably has now begun. The Maximalists are said to have many machine guns, but are almost without cannon. The Cossacks are reported to be equipped with light field guns. An extraordinary state of affairs is depicted at Tsaritsyn, in the province of Samara, where neither the Maximalists nor Cossacks have gained the mastery, both being beaten by the forces of Hallidorus, Abbot of Tsaritsyn, and known as Lladore, the mail monk, who advanced against them, singing "Save, Lord, thy people." Orenburg Cossacks, commanded by General Dutroff, are advancing against Samara, the Maximalist garrisons on route being dispersed by the Cossacks, who have occupied all the eastern part of the province of Voronezh, a province in South Central Russia. Fighting continues at Odessa, where Ukrainian troops hold the arsenal and telegraph and telephone stations. The Municipal theatre repeatedly changed hands before finally remaining in possession of the Ukrainians. The Maximalists hold the port, which the Ukrainians shelled with heavy field artillery, in response to the bombardment of the town by naval guns. Ukrainians are clearing and removing the Maximalist troops from the province of Kiev and at Konople, about 100 miles east of Tchernigov. Ukraine, in Central Russia, has issued a message to the Ukrainians, proclaiming Ukraine a democratic republic, pending the meeting of the Ukrainian Constituent Assembly in January. Rada, in its message, recognizes the principle of expropriation without compensation, of private lands, monastery land and some church land for the benefit of the labor classes. In expectation of an early peace, Russian soldiers in increasing numbers are leaving the northern front, urgent telegrams being received from Petrograd for reinforcements of soldiers, who are being promised the best of conditions and food. Dr. Petrofsky, a lecturer at Mezek University, has been deported by the Bolshevik Government to discuss peace questions with the Germans at Brest-Litovsk. According to the Russian official news agency, the delegates of the Ukrainian Council of Workmen and Soldiers Delegates, recently met at Elzackow and resolved to regard Rada as Bourgeoisie, and an anti-revolutionary institution, and to oppose it.

the lines of those said to have been written by Foreign Minister Von Kuehlmann last summer. At the time they were denounced as having been written purely for political purposes. The so-called peace terms which must be appraised only at their face value, are said to include the following: To leave the disposition of Alsace-Lorraine to a plebiscite of the inhabitants; England to pay Germany for her East African colonies, the money to be used for the rehabilitation of Belgium, Serbia, Roumania and Northern France. Russian provinces bordering on the Baltic and Black Sea and Prussia, to become independent under German plan. Poland to be called an independent state under Austrian suzerainty. Disarmament and freedom of the seas, and commerce to be left to the peace conference. Roumania, Serbia and Montenegro to retain their original boundaries, with the right of access to the sea being granted to Serbia. Turkey to remain intact. Whether such a proposal of terms is merely another step in the German propaganda to impress the public mind that the Allies are responsible for the continuance of the war, or whether it is really a feeling for peace, is a subject for the estimate of the Governments concerned. At first glance some are inclined to regard them as the Kaiser's much-advertised Christmas peace terms, probably designed in a large part to keep the German people under the illusion that they are fighting a really defensive war against a foe which insists on the dismemberment of their country. There is a very decided impression in competent quarters, however, that Germany, having gained

great advances in Russia, might think it to her advantage to yield to demands in many other directions, which is the estimate her own statesmen would strike in the balance. This is one of the reasons which some close observers believe, as the offer of peace coming at this time, has probably more real intentions of peace behind it than the previous ones. No one here believes Germany's best terms would be put on the table at the first offering, and those inclined to this view think the proposal of peace now is at least an attempt to start a discussion of terms. From what may be gained of the war aims of the Allies' Governments as explained by their statesmen and by President Wilson, such offering of terms as outlined in the foregoing couldn't be considered as a basis of a satisfactory peace, although it might contain some of the elements.

#### CONSCRIPTION VOTE IN AUSTRIA.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Dec. 20.

A special Vancouver "World" cable from Sydney, Australia, states that the first return of the conscription plebiscite, gives a majority of 120,000 against Conscription, with more than a million votes counted. Another million votes remain to be counted, including the soldiers' vote.

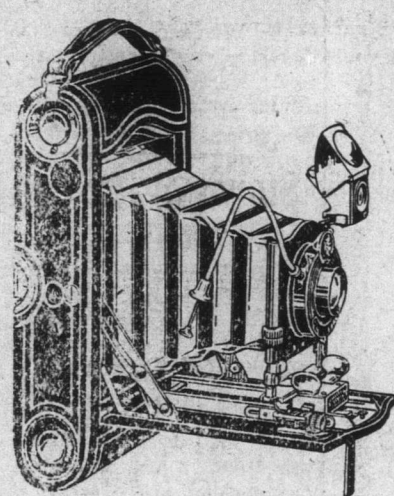
#### GERMAN INTRIGUE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.

Evidences of a German plot to align the nations of South America against the United States, is revealed in telegrams sent to Berlin by the notorious Count Luxburg, former German

Charge in Argentina, were made public to-day by the State Department. In one of the messages, of which there are some forty, Luxburg reports that he induced President Irigoyen of Argentina to enter into a secret agreement with Chile and Bolivia, for mutual approach and protection, versus North America, and that he did his utmost to have Peru included into such an agreement. Translations of the despatches were given out by the State Department in agreement with the Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs who in an accompanying statement gave a general denial of Luxburg's account of the negotiations with his government. The telegram shows a number of inaccuracies. It is surprising that no epithet will fill them said the Foreign Minister's statement, as they are at complete variance both in substance and form with the terms in which negotiations were entered into and carried on and brought to a conclusion. The message referring to the South American alliance freely said that the President had made up his mind to conclude such an agreement with Chile and Bolivia. There was nothing in the correspondence to clear up just what negotiations were carried on with these countries. A telegram dated July 20th last announced the completion of the "receiving plant" and asked for the wave length of the great wireless station at Nausau. The concluding message said that as long as Chile is neutral Germany will be able after the war to carry out her South American policy just as well, if not more easily, in opposition to an infatuated and misguided Argentina, as well as with Argentina on her side.

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the Russians are endeavoring by all means to sound the Allies.

#### INTERESTING.

LONDON, Dec. 20.

The engagement is announced of Esther, daughter of Grover Cleveland, former President of the United States,

to Capt. Besanquet, of the Coldstream Guards. Captain Besanquet, son of Sir Albert Besanquet, has been decorated with the D.S.O. Miss Cleveland came to London last year and took up work as a volunteer at St. Dunstan's Home for blind soldiers.

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#### BALFOUR REPLIES TO PACIFIST.

LONDON, Dec. 20.

Foreign Secretary Balfour made a spirited reply in the Commons this afternoon to attacks by Arthur Ponsonby, Liberal member from Sterlingburg, pacifist, regarding the aims of Britain and her Allies, the published versions of which Ponsonby said, didn't tally with a proposal of secret treaties. Balfour in his response declared that President Wilson's statements on the war policy were absolutely identical in spirit with the theme of thought in Britain. He didn't think there had been in the whole history of the war more powerful state documents than those issued by the President of the United States.

#### NO INFANTRY ACTIONS.

PARIS, Dec. 20.

The official statement issued to-day by the war office says there was moderate artillery activity along the front last night. There were no infantry actions.

#### GERMANY TO OFFER PEACE.

LONDON, Dec. 20.

A report that Russia has been informed by the Central Powers that they intend to make peace proposals to the Allies, is published in the Evening Post, which says the representatives of the Central Powers at the first preliminary peace conference with the Russians, held yesterday, announced that their Government intended on principle to put the question of peace before all the Powers and that they had asked their Allies to do likewise. Russia was requested to take similar steps. It is stated

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