Reinforcements Needed for Allies' Advance

TEMPERANCE PEOPLE TO ACT ON COMMISSIONER'S LETTER

Gall the the Published Statement Interference With Democracy.

SAY IT IS UNCALLED FOR

Resent Attempt of Government Official To "Dictate," They Say.

Action will be taken by the license reduction committee of the London Ministerial Alliance and the other organizations that are co-operating to secure the cutting off of six licenses in this city, as a result of a letter which appeared in a local paper today over the signature of A. B. Greer, chairman of the license commissioners of London. Chairman Greer declared that the commissioners would not take the licenses away from the King street hotels singled out in the report of the social survey, and which the license reduction committee is working to eliminate.

Rev. H. A. Graham, one of the press committee of the reduction committee characterized the letter as "most amazing," and made the declaration that action would be taken.

"It is most amazing that a man, who is supposed to be a judge of conditions, would defend conditions that the citizens of London are endeavoring to rectify," declared Mr. Graham. "The letter was entirely uncalled for, and is interference with democratic institutions. It is, indeed, strange that a Government official would try to dictate to the people what he thinks should be their ac-

As to what action would be taken to protest against a Government official a hand in such a question as the reduction one. Mr. Graham declined to make and statement. "That is for the committee to say,"

The committee had been called to gether for a meeting this afternoon consider the letter and decide on the

SOCCER PLAYERS RALLY TO COLORS GENERAL HUGHES

Form Battalion To Go On Service At End of Season.

CAN FINISH CONTRACTS

Permission Given To Leave Training Camps For Necessary Games.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Dec. 31 .- A cable from London to the Herald says: "Professional football players from all parts of the country have at last made a strong rally to the colors, and will go on active service when the soccer sea. son is ended. A battalion of players has been formed, and permission given Lord Kitchener to all professional undertaken to keep the supply up to players joining, who are under contract, for time off for their engagements until

the end of the season. All expenses for travelling from their and will leave for Winnipeg next week. training centres to their Saturday games will be paid by their clubs. That they might be induced to join at once, thet army pay starts from the time they are attested, and this pay is in addition to the salaries received from their clubs. To Join "Die Hards."

It was arranged at first to form the battalion from the London professionals only, but, at a meeting recently held, so many of the country teams were represented that it was decided to receive applications from professionals throughout England. Joynson-Hicks, M P. who presided, announced, amid intense enthusiasm, that the battalion will be attached to the Middlesex Regiment, which is well known as "The Die-Hards," and will be at the front

At the close of the meeting nearl one hundred professionals stepped forward to enlist, and, after being sworn n, were marched off amid enthusiastic mes to pass their medical examina-

Splendid Response

This showing was considered a splendld answer to the attacks that may have been made upon the professional

Clapton Orient, the second division lub, made the best response at the neeting, no fewer than ten of the regar league team volunteering, but with every club in the country giving valuable assistance in obtaining recruits the battalion will be completed speedily and ready to give an account of itself thy of English soccer.

MEAT PRICES DECREASE

United States Statistics Show Consid

erable Drop in Year. [Canadian Press.] Washington, Dec. 31 .- Although the lume of food products exported by the United States in the last few months, the level of prices of meat ani-mals in this country has declined as compared with prices a year ago.

An official computation of prices issued today by the department of agriulture, showed that on November 15

cluding hogs, cattle, sheep and chickens, crease of just fourteen cents a hundred es which prevailed No-

THE ADVERTISER SLATE ON

CANDIDATES AND BYLAWS While desirous of leaving the question of selecting officeholders with its readers, The Advertiser believes that the nost efficient city government to be ecured is to be had by electing the

following candidates: MAYOR. (One to be elected).

DR. HUGH STEVENSON.

UTILITIES COMMISSION. (Two to be elected).
F. G. MITCHELL.

BOARD OF CONTROL. (Four to be elected).
HUBERT ASHPLANT, W. W. GAMMAGE.

SAMUEL STEVELY, J. H. SAUNDERS. CITY COUNCIL. (Twelve to be elected)
HENRY B. ASHPLANT,
F. W. DALY,

M. J. DONAHUE, MAX LERNER. S. R. MANNESS, J. C. MACDONALD, H. MERRIFIELD, H. C. SIMPSON, CHARLES W. SUMMERS

J. A. TANCOCK.

WILLIAM A. WILSON, HENRY WINDER. BOARD OF EDUCATION. JAMES HUSSEY, CLAIR JARVIS, L. H. MARTYN, W. T. STRONG,

H. H. BLACK T. H. JANES. THE BYLAWS. TO REDUCE NUMBER OF HOTEL LIQUOR LICENSES BY SIX YES

TO SPEND \$40,000 FOR A BRIDGE OVER THE THAMES AT THE SOUTH END OF RICHMOND STREET YES.

TROL SYSTEM OF GOVERN-MENT

TO REPEAL THE BOARD OF CON.

MENT TO EXTEND THE MU. NICIPAL FRANCHISE TO MAR.

RIED WOMEN HOLDING PROP.

TO TOUR IN WEST

Going To Pacific To See Men Enlisted Along the

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The Pacific coast and intermediate points will be visited by Major-Gen. Sam Hughes early in the year. The Minister of Militia has been running about over a good deal of Canada since his return from Salisbury, He has done Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario. called at every place in the East where enlisted men have been gathered. The Canadian West has shown great generosity in supplying men, and has the end.

The Minister of Militia wants to the enlistment operations in the West,

THREE MEN KILLED

Four Others Seriously Injured in Explosion at lowa Mine.

[Canadian Press.] Knoxville, Ia., Dec. 31.—Three men were instantly killed and four injured, two of them probably fatally, in an explosion in a coal mine at Flagler, a that their advance was to be decisive mining town near here.

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MAIL FOR BRITAIN.

The next British mail (parcel post) closes today at 2 p.m.

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 37; lowest, 18.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 19; lowest, 7.

TOMORROW—LIGHT SNOW.
Toronto, Dec. 31—8 a.m.
Forecasts.
Today—Fair and moderately cold.
Friday—Southerly winds: light local snow, but mostly fair, with stationary or a little higher temperature.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours pirevious to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria 48 42 Cloudy Calgary 34 18 Clear Winnipeg 8 20 Cloudy Cloudy

Father Point... 28 0 Cloudy
Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.

A depression has spread into the Western Provices from the Pacific Ocean, while pressure is now highest over the Central States.

Fair weather prevalls in Canada, and it is for the most part moderately cold except in northern localities, where the temperature is decidedly low.

Cloudy
morning. Arrests made after 11 o'clock this morning will be dealt with on Saturday. January 2, 1915.

The chief cause of the increased number of cases during 1914 is shown by the police records to have been drunkenness. Practically every disorderly case heard in the police court is also a case of drunkenness. The chief cause of the increased number of cases during 1914 is shown by the police records to have been drunkenness. Practically every disorderly (see heard the signal of what will be done.

Interesting Story of Night Trench Attacks

Almost Sole Method of Warfare in the Present Underground War-Scouting Party, Armed to Teeth, Leads Way-Men Mak e Their Wills.

When night falls the artillery usually ceases fire, and all becomes momentarily silent. Then begins the task of relieving the men in the dugouts. Companies and trenches, their movement being as slow and as silent as possible, because the slightest noise brings forth a fusillade of bullets.

Make Their Wills.

from head to foot. Bring Wounded.

Ambulance men follow out of the ditches with the wounded borne on their Continued

shoulders, as stretchers are unable to Mont Saint Eloi, Department of Pas pass through the narrow parallels. le Calais, France, Wednesday, Dec. 30. Shortly after the operations of relief has -(Delayed in tran mission).-German been completed the new occupants of the artillery today again bombarded at long trenches, who have been refreshed by a range the double-towered church and the fifteenth century abbey here, but without doing great damage. Night attacks have become the sole method of making an advance in this underground war, as all attempts to assault the positions in the daytime fall before the terrific rifle and machine-gun fire.

When pight falls the artillow, usuals.

Make Their Wills.
The men make their wills and hand battalions which are about to take a turn on the firing line warily approach the serpentine parallels leading to the advanced trenches.

The men make their wills and hand them to their comrades before starting on a daring exploit, as it is likely that some of the soldiers will never return. The first platoon advances and makes Scouts often succeed in evading the its way through the zig-zag, sunken path to a trench out of which the soldiers, tanglements in front of the German Mexican revolution who have been there in most cases 48 trenches, thus preparing the way for hours, make an exit, covered with mud general attack before dawn. Those left of them who return to the Allies' trenches make a report of the result of their operations. Then a whispered

Six Thousand Arabs Frozen, Unwillingly Marching to War

[Canadlan Press.]

London, Dec. 31 .- The correspondent of the Daily Chronicle telegraphs from Petrograd: "Forty Arabs brought into a hospital after having been found freezing by the Russians, say they left Bagdad numbering 10,000, not knowing whither they were going and unwilling to fight, having heard only of war having broken out between the Germans and the Russians. They had not received clothes to equip them for the journey, and 6,000 had been frozen on the way.

SAYS GRAHAM REGIME HAS BEEN CRUELLY WASTEFUL

Time For Present Mayor

William Wilson's letter, although having this German. all his facts are absolutely true, it's a terrible thing to think and know for positive fact, the number of Engdone for London working class? or affairs. years and during that time he has wish for prosperity. Yours, practically done nothing, and

Prisoners Taken Tell of De-

pression In Their Ranks—

Terrible Losses.

London, Dec. 31 .- The Daily Tele-

Petrograd: "There are sanguine per-

and final and bring the war to an end.

were once in their hands peace would

once more to turn their face toward the

Carpathians and Cracow, a spirit of

depression took hold of the army, and

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"According to a statement printed in

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together lost 600,000 men in their en-

The Tiflis correspondent of the Bourse

cessfully engaged the Turks in the re-

patched all his forces from Erzerum,

MORE THAN EVER

Police Court Cases Number 3,828 Up

The police court blotter for 1914

closes today with more cases listed for 1914 than have come before Mag-

istrate Judd than in any previous year. Case No. 3,828 was disposed of this

Till This Morning.

renders reported daily from Galicia.

When they were compelled

terial for recuperation.

graph's correspondent telegraphs from Monetary Times' annual.

sons who believe this the last time the of the Empire, will not only make the quarters.

were told by the commanding officers Usual'-commends itself to us," says

gagements with the Russians since No-vember 9.

as usual' on jour farms and in our shops, mills, mines, warehouses, fac-

morning. Arrests made after 11 o'clock centrated efforts of governments, busi-

this morning will be dealt with on ness bodies and people must be devoted

where the enemy dis-its forces from the re-where the enemy dis-its forces from the Empire at large."

Workingman Says It Is High Setting. Look at the city overdraft. Ah! for the wisdom and care, the thoughtfulness that Ald. Richter showed when he was in office. This money that Holt, editor and peace advocate, who To Step Out.

To Step Out.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

I read in tonight's paper with hor
To the Editor of The Advertiser:

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Note that has been cruelly wasted, and this is no time for wasting money. This Glaubitz affair is an awful thing to have lying at the fact of the gitzens of London, and, I am thinking, that the good people don't realize the danger in having this German.

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net of the principal speaker at a All over the country the Germans have been getting back daily, and here we had this man | drawing up a code of international drawing an enormous salary. not the people demand an Englishman lishmen and Canadians in this city out of work, all their positions being taken by foreigners. Now if you will all no.

SHOT LAST BOLT? In Annual Messages To Mone tary Times, Indorse Britain's

[Canadian Press.]

debouched from the Carpathians they Britain's watchword — Business as Back to the Land

be the capture of Warsaw and of Lvoff, welfare - keeping every activity going, the immense program of railway con-

Mr. Hearst predicts that Ontario in

able to the cause of right and justice;

and therefore, firm in the trust of 'Dieu

et mon Droit,' we are doing 'business

tories and offices, looking confidently for-

Manitoba Preparations.

consisting of several army corps. A force of infantry and Cossacks fell on the Turkish detachment in mostly and cossacks fell on the Turkish detachment in mostly and toba, says that never was so large an As to the immediate future, we have that never was so large and the immediate future, we have the company to helieve that the company to helieve the company to helieve that the company to helieve the company to the company to

the Turkish detachment in greatly superior strength like an avalanche and almost annihilated it. Heaps of Turkish dead testify to the ferocity of the fighting."

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Saskatchewan Loyal.

One and all recognize that the con

toward priming agriculture and produc-

The people of Saskatchewan, says

an agricultural point of view, is much of hostilities, the brightest in Manitobas history.

That the p

Gazette reports that the Russians suc-ever of long-continued peace and pros. Scotia, Hon. G. H. Murray says:

ward to the dawn of a brighter era than

Sir Lomer Gouin says: "We all have "We do not confidence in an issue of the war favor-requirements,

by foreigners. Now if you will all notice the names of the people that are attached to this Graham scheme are the big bugs; not a workingman's name is on it. Workingmen of London (the one is on it. Workingmen of London (the latter) by the sweet of his this town. Do the citizens know how together in the organization and taken this matter up, and trust, with the help of some of the wise people, we will put Graham down, the man of pomp, who would not even acknowledge or associate with the workingman of league and submit to its rules, he said, this town. man that toils by the sweat of his this town. Do the citizens know how if these countries could lead the way. brow), wake up; put in a man that is many foreigners have got situations a man. Dr. Stevenson is of value to here right in London, and how many war would approach 5,000,000 men. Mr. London; he desires to give the workingman a show. What has Graham

mere right in bounds, and he streets alingman a show. What has Graham

most starving? Tr's a terrible state of what has he done for London? He Once more I say, working people of direct economic loss was incalculable has been mayor of this city for three London, you must oust Graham if you and the moral effect on the races in-

OPTIM STIC AND DETERMINED

Attitude and Tell of Prep arations For Stimulating

Toronto, Dec. 31.—A note of confidence, optimism, and of linked arms be compelled to trim their programs to

with other units of the British Empire, the dimensions of restricted credit and

of the forces of civilization over the their obligations without any artificial

mines, warehouses, fac- production of all kinds."

nost substantially. The outlook, from downfall of militarism and the cessation

Hon. Walter Scott, premier, have been statement of Hon. J. A. Mathieson, pre

heart and soul-and pocket-with all mier. Referring to the fur-farming in

British authorities in the policy and con- dustry which has attracted so much at

duct of the terrible war, eager to make tention in recent years, he says, this in

all and any sacrifices to help maintain dustry has assumed larger proportions

British arms, principles and institutions. than in any previous year.

Economy Necessary. 259,000,000 bushels, or 114,00 Hon, A. L. Sifton, premier of Althur, was produced last year.

without hindrance.

ts struck in the annual messages of meagre capital supply, but considering

Agricultura 1 Activity.

PROVINCIAL PREMIERS ALL

BOTH INTEND TO KEEP COOL



SIR CECIL ARTHUR SPRING-RICE. British imbassador to the United States.



dor to Great Britain, who will take up with Sir Edward Grey the protest lodged by Washington against interference with

SUGGESTS WAY TO UNIVERSAL PEACE

Must Be Politically Reorganized.

FORM LEAGUE OF PEACE

If Britain and United States Could Start All Would

New York, Dec. 31 .- The way to universal peace, according to Hamilton

world organization with a view of rules. He proposed that the United

volved, he said, would stretch over ONE OF THE WORKING CLASS. three or more generations.

| berta, gives a reminder that municipali-

Discussing agricultural production,

of industry which is likely to receive a

"We do not produce equal to our ow

adds that the back to the land move

ment has become very marked since the

beginning of the war, and "we may

look for astonishing increases in local

Nova Scotia Optimistic.

After describing conditions in Nova

"Our trade conditions have been up

That the past year has been one of

general activity and prosperity in Prince

Edward Island despite the war is the

RECORD APPLE CROP

doubtedly good, and while the financial

stringency prevents expansion, we

SERVIAN CROWN PRINCE ANNOUNCES ALL ENEMY SWEPT OUT OF COUNTRY

Hamilton Holt Says the World Tells His Soldiers He Is Proud of Their Fine Achievements.

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, Dec. 31 .- An address delivered by Crown Prince Alexander of Servia, commander-in-chief of the Servian army, to his troops, is given n a dispatch from Nish to the Havas

"Five months have passed since the enemy attacked our beloved country," said the crown prince. "Although we had been tried by two glorious but difficult wars, we awaited the attack manfully and beroical-After having defeated the enc-once at Tser and Jadar, we have, by bloody and glorious combats, de-livered a blow harder than any they e inflicted on us up to the pres Thousands of prisoners, hun dreds of dealer and immense amounts of booty which we have

captured, bear witness to the ene-my's defeat and our glory. "Soldiers, I am proud to announce that no one of the enemy is now o Servian territory. We have expelled him and put him to flight. In thi proud Belgrade the flag of victorious Servia flies, I desire before all to give recognition to your valor.

The prince then eulogized his men, comparing them with the ancient heroes who brought glory to Servian arms. "The end of this gigantic combat

now is in sight, although not yet achieved," he continued. "Then will come a peace worthily crowned with victories for our grand Servia. Our country will be greater, more powerful and happier than ever. For that, my heroes, Servia will be grateful to

FRENCH HEROISM TOOK ST. GEORGE

Six Bluejackets Faced Almost Certain Death To Bring Up Gun.

[Canadian Press.] Paris, Dec. 31 .- How the heroic self-

Canada's provincial premiers to the the enormous development that has Monetary Times' annual. Ontario's taken place along these lines in the last new Premier, Hon, W. H. Hearst, says few years, Canada is not likely to sufthat that province, like every other part fer from enforced economy in these sacrifice of six French bluejackets made Austrian army will be able to rebound, best of the prevailing adverse conditions, as it has already used up all its ma. but will strain every effort to hasten progress will continue unchecked, and port, is described by the Matin's war cussion, frank demands and rational is the overwhelming defeat of the Austrian army will be able to rebound, best of the prevailing adverse conditions, but will strain every effort to hasten progress will continue unchecked, and port, is described by the Matin's war but will strain every effort to hasten progress will continue unchecked, and port, is described by the Matin's war the day of complete and final triumph that all classes will be able to discharge correspondent in Flanders H. says. "The attackers had driven the Germans Back to the Land.
Sir Richard McBride contributes an ing refuge in the houses in the village, the Germans soon placed their assail-Its results, they were assured, would province—for its material and moral states that one of the most significant ants in a difficult position. The situavelfare -keeping every activity going, things in that province is the fact that tion of a force of Belgians isolated on fully appreciate, and it is certain that confident belief that, with the Austrian a strip of land surrounded by a flood ing new avenues for the employment of struction is being carried on practically became critical, and the artillery alone was able to effect anything against the 1915 will produce more food than ever which Sir Richard says is another phase enemy. The British batteries at Ramscapelle tried, but their shells burst over great impetus in his province, he says: the French.

Sallors to Rescue "Six bluejackets then hoisted

three-inch gun on a large punt and poled along the canal behind the village, running the gauntlet of the Ger man rifles. As one was hit another took the pole and continued until he in turn fell stricken. The sixth man was mortally wounded, as with a last push he sent the punt to the bank, where the French advance guard was waiting. Soon Effective.

"The gun was quickly landed and a few shots at 30 yards brought the ouses on top of the Germans, who rereated into the arms of a battalion of Belgians. The latter completed the nemy's rout. "Meanwhile the French column tri-

umphantly took possession of the heap of ruins which was formerly St. Georges, and before night the engineers had established a bridge head, enabling the Allies' artillery to debouch bank of the Yser.'

BRITISH TAKE ISLAND

Union Jack Hoisted Over Biggest of Solomons.

[Canadian Press.]

[Canadian Press.] Washington, Dec. 31.—This year's ap-Melbourne, Australia, Dec 31 .- Via ple crop was the largest ever produced in the United States. Estimates announced today by the department of agriculture placed the 1914 yield at 259,000,000 bushels. or 114,000,000 more that was uncolored by the British flag has been hoisted over more the British flag has been hoisted over the island on December 9

GENERAL OFFENSIVE TOO COSTLY AS YET

Allies Probably Awaiting Arrival of Some of Kitchener's New Army—La Bassee Must Be Taken, and Is Proving Big Stumbling Block.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Dec. 81.—12:30 p.m.—There are increasing indications, in the opinion of British observers of events on the continent, that a serlous allied offensive movement against the whole German line in the western arena of the war will be postponed until such time as larger tingents of Lord Kitchener's new army take the field. The losses of the Allies sustained up to the present time in the tentative thrusts forward here and there have been heavy in proportion to the gains achieved and it is understood that the various leaders unite in the opinion that the sacrifices entailed by a general advance at this time would be too

Keeping Enemy Busy.

The turn of events in the eastern theatre of hostilities, where Russia appears to be more than holding her own, necessitates nevertheless continued hard pressure against the German lines in the west, to prevent them from moving any more of their troops to the eastern field.

In the west the town of La Bassee, still held by the Germans, is proving to be one of the hardest problems the allied forces have to solve. he invaders have thrown up exceptionally strong earthworks around La Bassee, and they have two army corps quartered in the city. To take this stronghold by direct assault would mean a terrible loss of life, but its taking is essential to any concerted move forward in order to afford protection to the communications of the Allies. Situation Develops.

All the news reaching London from the eastern field tends to confirm the rout of the forces of Austria, which now appear to be endeavoring to make their way laboriously back over the Carpathians. There are indications in London that the entire continental political situation, which involves Greece, Italy, Roumania and Portugal, is developing day by day. Even the participation in the war of at least some of these states soon will become a reality. This is the view of certain of the British commentators on the situation. Among the factors contributing to this situation is Italy's occupation of Aviona, and the reported racial unrest in Austria-Hungary.

The German air raid on the channel port of Dunkirk, in France, gives basis for the belief that visits of this kind will be more frequent from now on. It would appear that the British raid on Cuxhaven aroused in the Germans a spirit of retaliation. England, judging from the expressions appearing in the newspapers, is just as anxious to deliver blow for blow in this respect.

New York Tribune Advises Clear Thinking On Contraband Issue.

LAW HOPELESSLY VAGUE

Situation Where Compromises Must Be Made On Disputed Points.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Dec. 31.—The Tribune this gave us a slight advance morning, in its leading editorial, under the caption of "Friendly Settlement of in the region of the forest of Morte the Contraband Dispute," says: "Coming out of what was conceived trenches fell into our hands. to be a clear sky, the contraband pro-test addressed to Great Britain cannot fail to arouse surprise and some hard feeling on both sides of the water. The cables from London report considerable irritation expressed in unofficial opinion. There are signs that anti-British Americans here are ready to welcome opportunity for renewing their avortte international quarrel. It seems portant, therefore, to point out the ecessity of clear thinking on this

ch-abused subject-clear thinking and calm speech which cannot be misunderstood by anyone. "The moment we concede-as we mus concede under the unquestioned of international law-the right of Great Britain to halt our merchant ships on the high seas, board them and search

providing material for wrangling and

Calmness Needed. "The fact that definitions of contraband are hopelessly vague, and the whole doctrine is in a state of flux, it is plain that here is no sure ground on to the Herald says: "The most important to the Herald says: "The most for reaching the same than the sam

tration is approaching the question in received additional confirmation yesterexactly this spirit. At any rate, a day in the official statements spirit of entire friendliness pervades the Vienna. note of protest. This the London papers

A Practical Joker. an affluent practical joker or a German rivers. nsurance policy collectible in the event pressing on the offensive. of a declaration of war between Great
Britain and America within twelve
months from date." At Lloyds they will
insure you against anything. They will
been added largely to by disease, for write a policy against an earthquake on the men have fought under dreadful cliany given day, against failure of the matic conditions, and in mud, for which to rise or set, against the coming of his imperial majesty of Germany to pay a holiday visit to King George. The mprobability of any of these happenings is no greater or wilder than the occur ce of war between the United States and Great Britain, especially a war re sulting from the position we have taken in respect to searches and seizures of our cargoes at sea. It is surprising that the London newspapers have made se

much of the note.' FEW IMMIGRANTS

United States Has Not Half Number 1913 Allen Arrivals. [Canadian Press.]

New York, Dec. 31.—Immigration through the port of New York for 1914 fell off to the extent of 601,410 persons, or 45 per cent, as compared with 1913, according to figures compiled by the are difficult. commissioner of immigration, and

made public today.

Paris, Dec. 31-2:55 p.m.-The official statement, given out by the French war office this afternoon, follows:

"From the sea as far as the Aisne yesterday passed with relative calm. There were artillery exchanges on some points of the front. In Champagne, to the west of the Alger farm, which is north of Sillery, in the Sector of Rheims, the enemy during the night blew up two of our trenches and then delivered against these positions an attack, which our men repulsed "To the north of Mesnil-Kes-Hurlus same region, at a point to the north of the farm of Beausejour, we also occupled some trenches. The enemy delivered a counter-attack, but he was driven back. We then resumed the offensive, and we were successful in gain-

ing some more ground. Germans Dispersed. "In this same zone and further to the east, certain German forces, which were advancing to deliver a counter-attack against us, were brought under the fire of our artillery and dispersed. "In the Argonne, in the vicinity of Fontaine Madame, we exploded a mine and occupied the resultant excavation; "Between the Meuse and the Moselle,

mart about 150 yards of German "In Upper Alsace, French troops have entered the village of Steinbach and have occupied, with house-to-house fighting, one-half of the community.

MOST IMPORTANT

Correspondent Says This Is View In London—Turning Point Reached.

hich to pick a hasty quarrel with anysettlement through the compromises by trians in Galicia, and the complete colwhich every disputed situation at law lapse of that offensive. This is the opinion of the military authorities here "So far as now appears, the Adminis- The news of the great Russian victory

the British Government will reply in defeat and the retirement of the Germans across the Bzura River west of "It was doubtless reached in the battles along the Polish The chief fighting is occurring sympathizer who paid at Lloyds a pre- along the Pilica, where the Germans mium of 15 guineas per cent for an have brought up heavy guns and are

Poland is notorious.'

NO HELP REQUESTED

Japan Has Not Been Invited to Send Army to Europe. [Canadian Press.]

Tokio, Dec. 31.-4:30 p.m.-In its de-nial of reports that Japanese troops had been landed at Vladivostok or any other place, en route to Europe, the foreign office included this statement: "Japan has not been approached by Great Britain or any other country to send an army to Europe.'

It is learned from other sources here that France and probably Russia are favorable to the project of sending Japanese troops to Europe, but that England hesitates to ask for Japanese help. The financial phase of the matter, it is stated, could be arranged, but the economic and political questions involved

Meantime frequent meetings are called in Tokio by partisans of the project to During 1913, arrivals numbered 1,334, awaken public enthusiaem in this direc-914 persons, of whom 1,163,993 were aliens and 170,921 were returning American citizens. In 1914, arrivals were only 733,504, of these 573,675 being aliens and 159,829 citizens of the premier, has been solicited by supporting the plan to dispatch volunteers. It is stated that the assistance of Count Okuma, the premier, has been solicited by supporting the premier.