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Our Xmas Poultry

will arrive by S. S. Stephano, due 20th inst., viz:

TURKEYS, DUCKS, CHICKEN and GEESE.

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FINEST MALAGA TABLE RAISINS.

NUTS—Almonds, Brazilian, Walnuts, Filberts, Peanuts, Barcelona.

MOIR'S CHOCOLATES—

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MOIR'S CHOCOLATES—5 lb. bxs, many kinds.

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FIGS—in glass; plain and stuffed.

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PURE SPICES, dredge tins8c. up

FLAVOURING EXTRACTS, 1 oz., 7c; 2 oz., 10c

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To arrive S. S. Stephano, 20th inst.:

HALIFAX SAUSAGES.

"INTERNATIONAL" SMALL RIB PORK.

CALIFORNIA ORANGES, BANANAS.

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EAGAN'S COCOA (British Standard), 10c. pac.

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C. P. EAGAN,

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There is not the least doubt about the quality of our Tobaccos, Cigars and Cigarettes. We beg to draw special attention to the following brands:—

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Our Pipes and Smokers' Requisites are imported from the leading manufacturers and are of the very best quality.

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"THEY LAUGH AND SING,
THEY LAUGH AND SING."



Clearance Sale. All reduced. Get one for the Festive Season.

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232 DUCKWORTH STREET.
(Head McBride's Hill.)

Over 40,000 People
Read The Telegram

TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.30 A.M.

NEW BULGARIAN FORCE.

SOFIA, To-day. It is reported that recruits from the occupied districts in Serbia have been invited to join the Bulgarian army. These with the soldiers chosen from men hitherto exempted and men 70 years of age, it is declared, are expected to produce a new force of 150,000.

PROCLAMATION OF MONARCHY DEFERRED.

PEKING, To-day. The Chinese Foreign Office issued a semi-official statement concerning the latest representations of the Entente Powers. In Cheng Hi Shang, the Foreign Minister assured the Entente Powers that the promulgation of a monarchy could not be made for the time being.

NEW SWISS PRESIDENT.

BERNE, To-day. Camille De Coppet yesterday was elected President of the Swiss Republic.

SITUATION IN GREECE SATISFACTORY.

LONDON, To-day. King Constantine, though slightly indisposed, received Premier Skouloudis yesterday in his bedroom and conferred on the situation, which it is announced from official sources to be normal, says Reuter's correspondent at Athens. The progress of the negotiations between Greece and the Allies in regard to military circles is quite satisfactory. At the same time negotiations with the Central Powers, directed against the possibility of Bulgarian incursion, is going on so well that the highest optimism prevails in authoritative circles. The possibility that the Bulgarians will cross the frontier is regarded as having been excluded.

WILL NOT QUIT SALONIKA.

SALONIKA, To-day. "You make this as final. The Allies will not quit Salonika until European peace is signed," said an officer of the Allies to the Associated Press correspondent yesterday. Outgoing ships are crowded with foreigners, particularly with Germans and Austrian inhabitants of Salonika, leaving the city in fear of seige. The British Consul is advising civilian British subjects, especially women, to take their departure. Hundreds of Serbian refugees and Greeks, living between Salonika and the frontier on the contrary are arriving hourly. The greatest misery exists among them. They are coming on foot because of the suspension of railway traffic between Salonika and Gjevel. Refugee camps are now well established at Volo where the Allied naval base will be located.

LAW OFFICERS GIVE UP \$50,000 A YEAR.

LONDON, To-day. Attorney General Sir Frederick Smith said to-day he and the Solicitor General, Sir George Cave, recommended to Premier Asquith immediately after their appointment, that the salary of each of them be reduced by £1,000, that a large reduction also be made in scale fees. The net result he estimated, was to be the saving of at least 10,000 pounds. At the same time, Sir Frederick said, they informed the Premier, they were prepared to consent to any further reduction which the Cabinet might believe to be required by the necessities of the times. This announcement was made in the Commons by the Attorney General to-day. It was the first information that the amount of reduction of the salaries of the law officers of the Crown was 10,000 pounds per year. Premier's Asquith's statement last week that a cut had been made did not give the amount. Sir Frederick's statement was received with cries of "Hear, hear," from an appreciative House. The usual salary of the Attorney General is £7,000, Solicitor General, £6,000 and each receives fees of large amounts.

GREECE WANTS ALLIES TO HOLD SALONIKA.

LONDON, To-day. Replying to a request for a statement as to the position of Greece and the Entente Powers, Lord Robert Cecil, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said to-day: The immediate object of the Allies has been to regularize our military position at Salonika and deny to Bulgaria or the Central Powers any control direct or indirect over Salonika. This, we believe, to be in accordance with the wishes of Greece herself. The British Government hopes the negotiations may reach a satisfactory conclusion and possibly more presently.

THE WILSON WEDDING.

WASHINGTON, To-day. The license for President Wilson and Mrs. Gault's marriage was issued to-day. The wedding takes place on Saturday.

INSTRUCTED NOT TO DISARM SERBIANS.

PARIS, To-day. A despatch from Athens, dated Dec. 15th, received to-day by the Havas News Agency, says: Several groups of Serbian soldiers after the retreat from Monastir, were disarmed by Greek troops that entered Serbia. It is stated this was done through misinterpretation of instructions given by the Minister of War after complaint had been made by the Ministers of the Entente Powers. The Greek Government ordered the arms to be returned to the Serbians and gave instructions to troops at the frontier to avoid a recurrence of the incident.

GERMANS HAVE FEW TROOPS NEAR FRONTIER.

PARIS, To-day. The Havas correspondent at Athens quotes the Journal Embros as saying, the British military authorities regard it as likely that military operations will be suspended for some time on the Greek frontier, the Germans not having sufficient forces to pursue the Entente Allied troops. The German and Bulgarian forces which were at Monastir, the newspaper adds, have left in the direction of Gjevel, leaving only a detachment of Bulgarian cavalry behind to maintain order.

GREEK TROOPS OCCUPY FRONTIER STATION.

PARIS, To-day. According to information from reliable source, says a correspondent at Salonika of the Havas News Agency, 60,000 Germans now at Gjevel, and other German troops are reported to be descending on the Valadavo-Doiran Road toward the Greek frontier. The railroad station has been occupied by Greek troops.

11.45 A.M.

CHURCHILL'S NARROW ESCAPE.

LONDON, To-day. Winston Spencer Churchill, who resigned his portfolio recently, had a narrow escape a few days ago, according to a wounded man, who arrived home. These men say Mr. Churchill's dugout was hit by a German shell.

WILL LET RED CROSS SUPPLIES PASS.

LONDON, To-day. The Foreign Office announced to-day that hereafter American Red Cross may send medical supplies to its units operating with Germany or the Allies, provided the States Government gives an undertaking that such supplies shall be used only by the American Red Cross doctors and assistants. When such undertaking is given, the announcement states, medical supplies will not be stopped by British blockade.

SMALL SUCCESSES.

LONDON, To-day. Last night two small enterprises were successfully carried out near Armentieres, hostile trenches being captured and their occupants disposed of. The enemy losses are estimated at 70 killed. Our losses were trifling. To-day there has been artillery bombardments by both sides at Ypres. The report of the German wireless on the 15th that we lost four aeroplanes is untrue.

HEAVY TURKISH LOSSES.

LONDON, To-day. General Townshend reports, from Kitchnamara that according to Arab reports, the Turks lost 20,000 men in their attack on the evening of Dec. 2. Townshend cannot affirm this, but he himself estimates the Turks lost 10,000. They have not resumed the attack since.

NO CHANGE.

PETROGRAD, To-day. (Official)—No change on either the Western or Caucasus fronts.

GREEK SITUATION MORE HOPEFUL.

LONDON, To-day. There is a more hopeful feeling in London with regard to the Balkan operations, now that it is definitely announced the Italians have effected a landing on the Albanian coast and that the Anglo-French which had fallen back toward Salonika has been strongly reinforced with men and guns including some heavy naval guns. It is not stated how large the forces the Italians will send to the assistance of the Serbians and Montenegrins, but from the fact that the official account intimates the landing has been made at more than one point, it is taken for granted that an army of considerable proportions is to be sent across the Adriatic. This with the Montenegrins and Serbians who escaped into Albania will be a serious threat to the Central Powers' right flank, while they can never look on in idleness at the concentration of the army at Salonika which at the chosen moment would undertake an offensive, and on the gathering Russians in Bessarabia. It is anticipated therefore the Germans will strike at Salonika before the Anglo-French forces grow too strong, and it is believed with that end in view they are now negotiating with the Greek Government. If their plans include the participation of the Bulgarians in the attack they are likely to meet with opposition from Greece, as Greece is strongly adverse to any Bulgarians crossing her frontier. This applies also to some extent to the Austrians whose ambitions always have been for a port on the Aegean, preferably Salonika. On the whole therefore, it is thought here, that the Greeks might prefer to see the Entente remain there until the end of the war. In fact Lord Robert Cecil, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said in the Commons yesterday that the Anglo-French plan was to keep the Central Powers from that city, in accordance with the wishes of Greece. Reports that the Germans are preparing for an offensive in the west are persistent.

but thus far there have been little but artillery engagements and aerial fight raids.

THE AUSTRIANS INDIGNANT.

VIENNA, To-day. The Austro-Hungarian Government's reply to the American note of the Ancona, was transmitted at noon yesterday to the American Ambassador Penfield. The American note as published in the Vienna morning papers resulted in a high state of public indignation, while the text of the Austrian reply has not been made public. It is understood common ground is indicated on which the United States and Austria might come to an understanding.

MAY SEVER RELATIONS WITH AUSTRIA.

WASHINGTON, To-day. The United States will regard Austria-Hungary's reply to the American note, regarding the Ancona, as being entirely unsatisfactory and unacceptable, should the official text, which last night was momentarily expected, be identical with the unofficial version received in press despatches from Amsterdam and London. The United States is described as being prepared to insist that Austria-Hungary shall promptly comply with the demands for disavowal and punishment of the submarine commander and reparation by payment of indemnity for Americans killed or injured in the destruction of the Italian liner, making it clear that failure means immediate breaking off of relations.

OBJECTS TO MCKENNA AS VICE-ROY OF INDIA.

LONDON, To-day. The Morning Post, in an editorial to-day, refers to the persistent rumor that Reginald McKenna, Chancellor of the Exchequer is to succeed Baron Harding as Viceroy of India, and makes a strong protest that McKenna is a party politician totally unsuitable for such a high position.

SIR EDWARD GREY RESTING.

LONDON, To-day. Sir Edward Grey, British Foreign Secretary, is again taking a rest in the country. His place in the Foreign Office is being filled by Marquis Crewe, the Lord President of the Council.

A FLAT DEFIANCE OF THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, To-day. As in the case of the American note to Vienna, the London morning papers show little disposition to comment on the Ancona case. The majority of them carry no editorials on the subject. Among the exceptions, however, is the Daily News, which considered that there can be but one issue, namely rupture of diplomatic relations. The Daily News says the extraordinary insolence of the Austrian reply is veiled somewhat by its extremely bad composition, but its general tenor is clear. There could scarcely be a more flat defiance to a peremptory demand. The full seriousness of the situation depends upon the degree in which Germany may be implied. In view of the new developments, the note certainly could not have been sent without Germany's approval, for nobody seriously doubts that the campaign as in all the rest of her policy, Austria is a subservient tool of her ally. Open rupture with Austria will definitely free the United States Government from even a seeming condonation of "submarine crimes and will do much to restore her prestige and authority among civilized nations, which she will need if she play adequately the part which her greatness and destiny calls for.

1.15 P.M.

BULGARIANS CAPTURED GUNS.

PARIS, To-day. The Salonika correspondent of the Havas Agency sends the following under date Dec. 15th: In the course of the fighting during the Franco-British retirement from Gjevel towards Salonika, the Bulgarians captured two French machine guns and two batteries of British artillery as well as 200 British prisoners.

CULTIVATING CLOSER RELATIONS.

LONDON, To-day. The project for the formation of a Committee of the Lords and Commons to cultivate closer relations with the foreign affairs committee of the French Senate and French Chambers has been successfully launched. An executive committee with Viscount Bryce as chairman, has been organized to carry out this plan. It is expected that all through the work of the Committee will be entirely unofficial, and visible results will be obtained.

RELATIONS WITH ROUMANIA GOOD.

LONDON, To-day. In a written reply to a Parliamentary question, the Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs states that the relations between Roumania and the Entente Allies are perfectly friendly, but that she is not in a position to reveal the military plans of Russia.

HUNGARIAN COUNT ARGUES FOR PEACE.

LONDON, To-day.

A sensation was caused in the Hungarian Parliament on December 7th by the speech of Count Karolyi, leader of the Independence Party, demanding that the Government should make peace proposals to the enemy powers, according to a letter received by the Morning Post from Budapest. The speech was heavily censured in the Hungarian papers and all despatches to foreign papers, dealing with the speech stopped by the censor. The correspondent gives extracts from the verbatim report, according to which Count Karolyi argued that Hungary had achieved everything she wanted by the war and had saved the country from invasion, and had preserved the monarchy and throne. Her Allies could demand nothing further from Hungary who had given incontrovertible proof that it was her sons that the Emperor and King had to thank for the integrity of his empire, owing to the fact that it was the Hungarian army that had brought the war to its present stage, said Count Karolyi, we have a perfect right to come forward with our claims for compensation.

1.30 P.M.

TWO MILLION ENLISTED IN THE DERRY CAMPAIGN.

LONDON, To-day. It seems to be generally taken for granted that during seven weeks when the recruiting plan of Earl Derby was in operation, an aggregate of two million men enlisted, of whom over a quarter of a million men made direct enlistments for immediate service. These figures are now being freely quoted in political circles, but it has been impossible to ascertain what percentage of single men enlisted. Asquith yesterday received a deputation of Liberal and Labor members of the Commons who are opposed to conscription. The question of how

to deal with single men who have not yet enlisted, was lengthily discussed. Nothing definite was decided, however.

KITCHENER'S ENGAGEMENT.

LONDON, To-day. The World says it is learned that Kitchener's engagement to Dowager Countess Minto will soon be announced.

ITALIAN STEAMER SUNK.

LONDON, To-day. The Italian steamer Porto is said to have been sunk. According to the latest records of her movements, she sailed from Genoa on Nov. 17th for Alexandria.

Here and There.

Stafford's Essence of Ginger Wine only 10c. a bottle.—d14,tf

FOGOTA.—The Fogota left Seldom at 8.50 a.m. to-day, going north.

No advance in price, Stafford's Essence of Ginger Wine only 10c. a bottle.—dec14,tf

GASPE ARRIVES. — The barq. Gaspe, 33 days from Pernambuco, reached port this morning in ballast to James Baird, Ltd.

One 10c. bottle of Stafford's Essence of Ginger Wine makes 3 quarts of Ginger Wine.—d14,tf

CARD TOURNEY.—In the T. A. Club's card tournament last night the prize was awarded to Mr. Robert Smith, who won the greatest number of games.

For Xmas. Lockets set with stones and beautifully engraved. Prices ranging from \$2.00 up to \$12.50, at Trapnell's.—dec13,tf

PREPARING SPECIAL MUSIC. — The C. C. C. Band are preparing special music to render during mid-night Mass on Christmas Eve, at the R. C. Cathedral

PIANOS and ORGANS.—The famous Kohler and Tonk Pianos. The Needham, Godrich and Mason & Hamlin Organs. CHESLEY WOODS, 232 Duckworth Street.—aug7,tf

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Calif. Seeded Raisins, pkgs.
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Evaporated Apricots,
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