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Sinking Of Her Boat Law Imminent In Greece Men's Fine Speech in Gotham

ALA MED AT THE KAISER'S ILLNESS

By Special Wire to the Courier.
 New York, Dec. 23.—A cable to The Herald from London this morning says:
 Despatches from Amsterdam and Geneva agree that the kaiser's illness is much more serious than reported officially from Berlin.
 The committee specialists have been hurriedly summoned to Potsdam and the Crown Prince has been recalled from the front.
 It is authoritatively announced that the kaiser's projected journeys to the western theatre of the war and to Constantinople, have been abandoned. It is said that his illness is due to a recurrence of the malady which proved fatal to his father.

No Advance by Turks on the Port of Aden

London, Dec. 23.—On being questioned in regard to the recent Turkish official statement to the effect that, after successful fighting, Turkish troops were advancing on the British port of Aden, in Southern Arabia, J. Austen Chamberlain, Secretary for India, said in the House of Commons to-day, there had been no material change at Aden for the last two months.
 "On December 20 there was a skirmish between our cavalry scouts and an enemy patrol," he continued, "The enemy lost nine killed and one prisoner. Our casualties were one wounded."
 In the House of Commons this afternoon, Harold J. Tennant, Parliamentary Under Secretary for War, declined publicly to give the names of the officers relieved from the commands in connection with the landing of British troops at Suvia Bay on the Gallipoli peninsula. It was suggested that the names were public property. Mr. Tennant replied that if that were so, an announcement would be more punitive than informative. He denied a report that one of these officers had been cashiered.

POLITE BUT LEAVES NO ROOM FOR EVASION

London Papers Regard Favorably New Note to Vienna.
 NEW YORK PRESS ALSO APPROVES
 Reply to Austrian Argument is Complete and Conclusive.
 New York Tribune Alone Dissents, Disliking the Mild Tone.

MR. ROOSEVELT WILL AGAIN ENTER RACE

Will "Throw His Hat in the Ring" on March 1st, and Will Go After the Nomination.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
 Boston, Dec. 23.—The Boston Advertiser, which is owned by Charles Sumner Bird, the Progressive leader, publishes a despatch from New York dated December 21, which says:
 "Ex-President Roosevelt will again throw his hat in the ring about March 1. Until that time he will remain passive."
 This statement was made to-day by a close political and personal friend of the former president. Here is the manner in which the situation will likely shape up:
 Colonel Roosevelt will endeavor to keep silent practically until after New Year's Day. On January 28, he will issue a bugle call to the Pennsylvania Progressives, who have stood so nobly by him in Philadelphia.
 On February 12 he will talk to the Illinois "Bull Moooses" in Chicago. Following that he will go to the West Indies, where he will remain for three weeks, resting up for the battle that is to follow. Upon his return, it is declared the former president will openly admit that he is a candidate. Ormsby McHarg, who took a prominent part in Col. Roosevelt's campaign in 1912, said to-day:
 "I know that Col. Roosevelt plans to become a candidate for the Republican nomination in many states. You will find him fighting in the open in the Minnesota primary on March 14. He will be with Weeks in Massachusetts; Sherman in Illinois, Smith in Michigan and Cummins in Iowa."
 A spokesman for Col. Roosevelt, however, made this statement: "Col. Roosevelt will not enter either the Republican or Progressive primaries, but if nominated by either of both conventions, he might accept."
 The despatch also adds:
 "Former National Chairman Hitchcock is out for Hughes, as is Governor Whitman, if Hughes is a candidate, otherwise Whitman hopes to be a candidate himself."

STIRRED OVER SINKING OF HER SHIP

Special Wire to the Courier.
 Tokyo, Dec. 23.—News of the sinking of the Yaska Maru, which was sunk in the eastern Mediterranean by a submarine, while the steamer was on her way from London to Japan with 120 passengers and a crew of 109 aboard, was sent to the bottom without warning, according to a report received from Port Said from the agents of the owners. All of those on board the ship were saved.
 The passengers express great admiration for the skill of the captain and officers and for the discipline of the crew. Perfect order was maintained during the embarkation which was carried out with the greatest promptitude.
 The agents in their report say further:
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 Avery Quits.—See Bargain Bulletin on Page 4.

Cutting Down On Eating

Vienna, Dec. 23.—Via London.—A ministerial decree has been issued forbidding the baking of rolls, biscuits and other fancy breads and permitting only the making of loaves of ordinary bread. The order does not apply to households.
 Further order requires persons possessing raw oils, benzol and tar oil to report the quantity on hand on the first and fifteenth of every month. This order authorizes the expropriation of mineral oils if such a step is necessary.

RECRUITING LEAGUE

A Meeting of the Executive Committee—Matters in Good Condition.
 There was a general meeting of the executive committee of the Brant Recruiting League held yesterday afternoon in the city of Brantford.
 Col. H. Cockshutt occupied the chair and gave an interesting review of what had been accomplished. He mentioned that Brant County's levy in connection with the Ontario Recruiting League was \$1,800 and this had been paid. No county was doing better and few as well in recruiting than this.
 Major McLean, speaking for Col. Cockshutt, who could not arrive until after the meeting, stated that recruiting results for Brant County could be regarded as good. They now had over 500 and additions had averaged a little over ten per day.
 Mr. A. E. Watts reporting for the county said that the results might be regarded as encouraging. Many men from the county who enlisted in the Brant County boys visiting from various points and that the claims of the Brant Battalion should be presented to them.
 Mr. W. F. Cockshutt informed Mrs. Livingston that steps had already been taken to furnish a standard for the new Battalion.
 Mayor Spence, during the course of some remarks, said that he considered it the duty of all of them and of the citizens to see that the Dufferin Rifles were kept up to full strength. That regiment had done
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Appeal For Serb Refugees

By Special Wire to the Courier.
 London, Dec. 23.—An appeal for funds for Serbian refugees, signed by the Bishop of London, Earl Curzon of Kedleston, the Earl of Desart and the Right Hon. Herbert L. Samuel, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, was issued here last night.

LOSSES AT DARDANELLES

London, Dec. 23.—12.48 p.m.—Great Britain's loss of officers and men at the Dardanelles up to December 11, was 112,921.
 The losses were distributed as follows:
 Killed—Officers, 2,802; men, 23,670.
 Wounded—Officers, 2,969; men, 29,222.
 Missing—Officers 337; men, 12,114.

HARTMANN'S WEILERKOPF IS RECAPTURED FROM FRENCH IS THE CLAIM OF BERLIN

Martial Law in Greece Said to be Imminent Because of Uneasiness Over Possibility of Bulgarians Advancing on Saloniki—Varna Bombardment Only Minor Operation—Greek Cabinet in Important Council.
 of Varna which was at first depicted as a formidable Russian attack on the chief Bulgarian port, has stirred London. But according to reports from both sides it was nothing more than a minor naval action among torpedo boats, in which the shore batteries participated. However, a large Russian fleet is said to be in the vicinity of Varna, and the action may be merely the preliminary to a serious attack.
 Hartmanns-Weilerkopf is once more a subject of contention. Possession of the summit of this mountain has been disputed so closely by military forces, as well as by those who officially record their movements that an Associated Press correspondent was called upon last April to decide the relative positions of the opposing sides. In the recent instance the French assert they have expelled the Germans from their highest trenches. The Germans admit retirement from the summit which they assert they had occupied since April. The French claim they have not only advanced their positions substantially, notwithstanding the fact that the Germans succeeded in recouping some of the lost trenches, but have forestalled in a measure an offensive which the Germans had been preparing in the Vosges.
 London, Dec. 23.—The Athens correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Co., writing under date of Tuesday, sends the following:
 "The cabinet is sitting in council to-night and important decisions are expected. The aged premier (M. Skoulofidis) finds the strain of office very heavy and is anxious to resign now that the elections are over and there is a majority for M. Gounaris. The latter, however, at the present juncture, does not desire to assume the reins of government, and would rather, continue the support of the present ministry, composed of leaders of all parties.
 The central powers are concentrating their forces in the Gjevsel sector (in southeastern Serbia), and are expected to take the offensive this week."

Women Running Street Cars Now in Hun Capital

Advance Guard of Female Force Which Will Displace Men Eventually.
 By Special Wire to the Courier.
 Berlin, Dec. 22.—Via London, Dec. 23.—Twenty motor-women to-day began their duties on three of the Berlin street railway lines. They constitute the advance guard of the female force which will eventually displace all but the oldest men on the lines if the war continues. The women have undertaken almost every conceivable male occupation, but these twenty are virtually the first to be entrusted with the positions involving the safety of the public.
 For the next ten days the motor women will guide their cars on minor lines under the supervision of experienced men. If they can stand the physical strain and not lose their wits in crowds they will gradually be introduced on all routes.
 To-day's twenty beginners all stood the test well. They operated on the line running from the suburb of Charlottenburg and through the Tiergarten to the business section of Berlin.

Pleasing Annual Custom

Cockshutt Plow Co. Sends Turkeys to All Married Employees.
 Following their usual custom at this season of the year, the management of the Cockshutt Plow Company have sent the home of each married man in their employ a fine Christmas turkey with the Season's Greetings. Wives and families of employees who are on active service or in training were remembered in a similar manner. In all 480 turkeys were sent out.

Young Men Wanted to Travel

The Brant Battalion leave shortly for Berlin, Germany, and will reserve, for a limited period, room for a few hundred good, live men. Get your application in Sunday night at 8.30 at the Brant Theatre.
 The chairman, in reply, paid a very high tribute to the ladies. A more noble band of workers it would be impossible to conceive.
 One of the workers at the Mayor of Kingston's Ladies' Guild, who are sending comforts to the East Surreys at the front, is an old lady, aged 98 years.

Interesting Experiences in German Prison Camp

Pte. Gibbons, first returned Canadian from Gussen prison camp, Germany, will tell an interesting story on Sunday night at 8.30 in the Brant Theatre. Admission free.

Resumes Her Former Route

By Special Wire to the Courier.
 Vancouver, Dec. 23.—The C. P. R. Empress of Japan arrived at Portland yesterday evening to resume her regular sailings. The Empress has been engaged more than a year in the Pacific and elsewhere. She carried eight 4.7 guns and was alongside the Emden after the latter was battered to pieces on Cocos Island. She took an active part in the fighting at Babel-Mandeb near the entrance to the Red Sea.

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A Choice That Should be Easy to Make

This much can be said for Local Option. It stamps out beer drinking and the lighter beverages, but it brings in the place of these, strong, raw liquor commonly referred to as "squirrel." You know what "squirrel" whiskey does to a community when nothing else is available. Are you in favor of "squirrel and bootleggers" or decent hotels and purely distilled beverages? Your intelligence should compel you to oppose the by-law.—Adv.
 Mayor Hugh A. Smith, of Hope, well, N. J., is applying for a divorce from his wife.
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