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To-Day's Cables

Food Controller Speaks Must be Economy

First Duty to Ascertain Food Stocks Available a real measure here the ability to against all comers and the assertion And The Stocks Visible.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Baron Devonport DUE TO A speaking for the first time as food controller in the House of Lords today, said: "Solution of food question resolved itself into one rationing. It was not enough be distributed fairly." Food Conto ascertain quantity food stocks available and stocks visible. There said, trying to get hold of supplies who had been asked to form new in excess of their wants. "My rem- | Ministry as Minister of Commerce in edy," said Baron Devonport," will be Stuerghk Cabinet worked out details to adjust supplies coming into the of a new policy which Dr. Von Koercountry so that everybody will have ber regarded as too favourable to equal chance of getting a fair share. Hungary and hence excluded no more, no less. On account many people buying quantities sugar, it cannot be got for all, and remedy must be found for that. Possibly only way wll be by system of rationing. It was obvious, Baron Devonport added, that general diminution of the consumption of staple Munich yesterday where he held food was neccessary and present diminution could only be brought about by voluntary abstinence, but if voluntary abstinance was not successful it would be necessary to make

PEACE NOTES AT WASHINGTON

abstinence compulsory.

man and Austro-Hungarian notes concerning peace have been received at Washington and will soon be transmitted to belligerent Entente Powers. No official intimation has yet come as to whether President Wilson will merely transmit notes received or announce their contents The States hopes that discussion of peace may result. While Britain has not yet officially received proposals her attitude is that her Allies must be consulted with regard to peace was reiterated in Commons Thursday by Andrew Bonar Law, new Chancellor of Exchequer, who said Entente Allies required adequate reparation for past and adequate security for future. That there is to be no abatement of Britain's military preparations is indicated by unanimous vote by Parliament on addi tional credit of 400,000,000 pounds. On fighting fronts everywhere except Roumania and along both banks o Meuse only bombardments of minor operations are being carried out Roumania-Danube army of Teutonic Allies now crossed Jablontza River, All along front advance of invaders shal Von Hindenburg has sent a mescontinues unchecked. No details sage to the Imperial Chancellor con- France, Russia and Britain responsihave come through about French op- gratulating him on his speech in the bility for the war. It is a fresh trap erations along Meuse except state- Reichstag, and adding: ment of Berlin official communica- "I read your speech with deep Entente Powers would be taking uption that French have made advances emotion and great satisfaction. By on their shoulders terrible responsion both banks of river.

HALIFAX, Dec. 15-Grilse got in- land." to bad weather about 150 miles of The Chancellor replied by saying. Halifax Monday night and com- that he regarded Von Hindenburg's menced to make water forward, and words as the voice of the German decided to run to Shelbourne. Storm people's army and adding: "It is the increased Tuesday afternoon, and deeds on land and sea that have clearplight of craft seemed hopeless. S. the way for the high spirited decision LONDON, Dec. 15-In the Com- ping Agency announces British the word tomorrow rhetorically or lit O. S. signals were sent out, but wire- which the Kaiser and our Allies took mons today a question was put by steamer Stursula sunk. Steamer erally. The Times' Syria correspondless aerial was carried away, but yesterday. The death-defying loyalty arthur Lynch, Nationalist, suggest- Harlington previously reported hav- ent, telegraphing under date of Dec. operators Clement and McLean en- to duty and the unshakable bravery of ing that in many particulars the pol- ing struck mine Dec. 9th and sunk, 12th., says: - "Venizelist troops have deayoured to rig new aerial, and our men fighting for Germany is a joy of the British Government regard- crew picked up by steamer Harlyn, just disembarked at Hermopolic, the while doing so terrific sea swept over guarantee to us that if it does not ing the States has been of an irritat- which was sunk later. Nine lives port of Syria, and the Island passes the vessel, mainmast went over, and please the enemy to-day to terminate ing kind without any compensating lost. Harlington and Harlyn were under the rule of the National Govsea. Grilse rolled so much that and lasting peace." water rolled into funnels. At this juncture Chief Engineer shouted it was all over, and jumped into the sea and was never seen again. When LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Entente we regret it I can only say that conit moderated Wednesday repairs were Powers have decided to grant safe sistenly with using our belligerent LONDON, Dec. 15-Premier ex-remainder of the Cyclades will shortly effected and the Grilse was able to conduct to Count Taunowken, recent- rights we have and are doing all we presses hope that he will be able to be taken over by the National Govern- Lords refused the appeal in the tain Blaikie, of the steamer Caledon a. make 8 knots toward Shelbourne, ar- ly appointed Austrio-Hungarian Am- an to make their exercise as little appear in Commons next Tuesday as ment. The new Governor is about to Slingsby legitamacy case without after the steamer had been sunk by riving Thursday night at ten thirty, bassador to the United States.

DISAGREEMENT BERLIN, Dec. 15.—The Tagblatt discussing change in Austrian Government comes to conclusion that fal of the Ministry of Koerber will be due to a disagreement over the Aregleich An agreement between Austrian and Hungary signed in 1907 concerning commercial and customs relationship Newspaper says that Spitz Mueller,

SWISS DOUBTFUL

GENEVA, Dec. 15 .- South German Press attaches great importance the flying visit of the Emperor t Council with the King and Bavarian Ministers. Both peace and military matters were discussed. The Emper or remarked on the absence of young soldiers in the streets. The Emperor carefully read long telegrams concerning the opinion of the Allies on peace proposals.

The Journal de Geneve says: "Ger many will make the Germans believe that the Entente Allies will morally responsible for a continuation of the war. Perhaps the Germans will believe this, but neutrals will not be duped, anyhow not the Swiss.

HOLLAND NEXT

LONDON. Dec. 15.—Premier Cort-

of international situation it was un-belligerents. avoidable that sufficient military forces be kept at immediate disposal TO CAST

the Kaiser's command you made this bility before their own people if speech a great moral demonstration hey stopped war and concluded preof the strength of the Fatherland at nature peace which would nullify home and at the front. We soldiers Il their countless sacrifices. It is know that at this moment there is no the firm resolve of France, Russia THE GRISE higher or holier duty than to prosecute and Britain to carry on war to final mons today, Thomas McNamara, Finhigher or holier duty than to prosecute and Britain to carry on war to final victory with the utmost energy and triumph can be weakened by prolive or die for the Kaiser and Father- posed terms so they may not be announced Admiralty had under

SAFE CONDUCT

McKENNA SUPPORTS NEW GOVERNMENT

the gist of a brief pointed speech in dation. Commons tonight by Reginald Mc-Kenna, former Chancellor of Exchequer, *supporting and supplementing Bonar Law's present action in Britain financial positions. McKenna opened by congratulating Bonar Law on his speech, thus showing entente cordiale between old and new Governments, and then continued: are bound to supply munitions full extent of our capacity, we are bound likewise to meet all demands of our Allies, for we are able to extend our ability to meet these mands. They are enormous. there is one restriction, namely, that it will not be easy to convert sterlng wealth into dollars wealth, we must pay in dollars, what, we pay, but not over all over world. That is the limit of our power to help our

Touching on large increase in expenditure during past two months, Mr. McKenna said Bonar Law mentioned our average daily expenditure for past sixty-three days reached 5.700,000 pounds, but that there were brought into account large sums expended in States which ought have been brought into charges in SET FIRE TO DUMP earlier period. I believe the daily expenditure is about five and a half financial year will not be exceeded.

GERMAN AND AUSTRIA NOTES

developments here today.

Peace move in Germany's note, of smoke wand Der Linden addressing the substantially same as published tests, Lower House of the Dutch Parlia- arrived by cable this morning and BOILERMAKERS ment yesterday said that the Dutch was followed later by Austrian's Government still believed that there note. Secretary of State Lansing is danger of Holland being dragged said it was identical with Germany's and neither contained any change.

RESPONSIBILITY

expression regard to peace proposals. was three shillings. AMSTERDAM, Dec. 15.-Field Mar- Central Powers appeal of our enemies is a fresh attempt to cast upon NO CONDITIONS 'or the public opinion of the world. placed in a position to reject peace.

OUR POLICY CONSISTENT

fortunately inevitable that our both been damaged. measures should inconvenience citizens of neutral countries. Much as irksome to neutrals as possible. planned.

SWISS STILL NEUTRAL

PARIS, Dec. 15.-Edmund Schulthess, new President of Switzerland, espondent of the Petit Journal. The policy of Switzerland, President Schulthess asserts, dictated by our traditions or desires, even by our vital interests, is and will remain that of loyal and strict neutrality toward all the LONDON, Dec. 15-The extent to Belligerents. Neutrality is sustained which England is able to convert by an immovable resolution to defend continue to meet wars demands was to the contrary is quite without foun-

GREEK ACCEPTS

spatch says that indications are to the effect that Allies ultimatum will be accepted on principle by King Constantine, and the despatch says that his decision is outcome of Cabinet Council held under the Presidency of

NEW DEMANDS

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The Allies about to hand new categorical demands to Athens' cabinet, according to the "Petit Parisian." The principal stop to the movement of troops, or dered by King Constantine with view to the pending of important for ces into Thessaly. Encounters are reported between Royalist troops and French attachment near Katerine, but no confirmation is received.

LONDON, Dec. 15-War Office tomillions, therefore we may hope that night issued following communicathe estimate of £1,950,000,000 for tion: Last night enemy trenches were entered by us in the neighborhood of Monchy au Zais, South Ar ras, a number casualties inflicted enemy dugouts filled with troops Raid attempted against our trenches in neighborhood of Hulluch, but WASHINGTON, Dec. 15-Arrival of enemy failed to enter them. Prisonboth German and Austrian peace ers were left in our hands. Usual notes. Intimation of Entente Allies artillery activity continues today on Embassies that proposals of Central both sides, our bombardment of Powers would be flatly rejected with- enemy dump in neighbourhood Pys out examination . were outstanding Northeast Albert, set fire to material collected there, causing large clouds

ON STRIKE

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Official According to a despatch from the meaning that from semi-official ver- Press Bureau issued the following Hague, the Premier was speaking on sions stated officially that President statement to-night. Since Satorday the Budget and said that country's had not decided what action, if any, the majority of boilermakers in port supply had considerably increased and he would take in transmitting Cen-at Liverpool have been on strike was daily increasing and that in view tral Powers' proposals to Entente Strike followed refusal on part of same men for period of five weeks to work overtime. Their action has been taken in defiance of urgent requests from the leaders of Union of the Peovisions Munitions Act. Griev-OF WAR ON ALLIES ance of men arises from award given by Committee of production November PETROGRAD, Dec. 15-From a 3rd. They applied for advance of ten lighly authoritative source Novol shillings on the ground of increased Vremya has obtained the following cost of living and the award given

ARMING SHIPS

PARIS, Dec. 15-Peace proposals of Central Powers have been delivered to Italian Government. No detions might be attempted.

LONDON, Dec. 15-In the Commerchant ships.

STEAMERS SUNK

Last Night's Cables

TC-DAY'S CABLES England'S Enormous War Expenditure ARMED MERCHANTMEN

LONDON, Dec. 15-Robert Cecil, Minister of Blockade, in reply to question in Commons concerning armed merchantmen, said only neutral maritime Governments at present refuses to admit defensively armed shps into ports but even that does not impugn the legality of LONDON, Dec. 15 .- An Athens' de- arming merchant ships for defence.

GERMAN SUBS SANK COAL

York to France.

LLOYD-GEORGE

physicians ordered him to remain in bed for few days.

NOT WITHOUT **EXAMINATION**

reply will probably call for state-

TOTAL PROHIBITION

PARIS, Dec. 15-Total prohibition thruout France of consumption of such alcoholic beverages as whiskey, brandy and liquors has been decided on by government.

DANISH WEST INDIES FOR U.S.A

COPENHAGEN. Dec. 15.-Plebiscite held vesterday on question of sale o Danish West Indies to United States favor of sale to 157,000 against such

Stronger Greece Policy Expected

LONDON, Dec. 14.—There is neither an official explanation nor a trustworthy indication here as to the reafinite indications are given as to con- and the announcement is printed here divided among various legatees. with scarcely any comment. One or two papers, however, interpret the change in the command as a first "THE KAISER

earnest consideration the matter of Mail, quoting a statement of Premier Briand in the French Chamber of Deputies, that to-morrow a new front will be formed, says it is difficult to see how this can point anywhere but to Greece, but remarks that it is not LONDON, Dec. 15-Lloyd's Ship-clear whether Premier Briand used Minister of Blockade, said it was un- Lloyd's announced December 10th men of the local forces are detained to-day. for the present under a British safeguard, but several of them have de-HOPES TO BE WELL clared their wish to join the National Army, and have been accepted. The

£3,952,000,000 Spent Since Outbreak of War. A Full Day for Peace Talk.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The total Referring to the increase of loans to phasized by the Chancellor who said

amount of votes of credit since the the Allies and the Dominions the outbreak of the war was £3,952,000,- Chancellor said, "It would be gratify-000, including £32,000,000 for extra ing to the House to know that it had administration expenses. Referring gone largely to Britain's allies, the to the peace proposals of the Central Dominions having been able to finance Powers, Mr. Bonar Law said: "In their expenditures." These advances moving the last vote of credit. Mr. were just as much war expenditure he Asquith used the words, "the Allies said "as the amount expended on Britrequire there shall be adequate secur- ish troops." In response to a ques-AMSTERDAM, Dec. 15-Berlin des- ity for the future. That is still the tion the Chancellor said it was hoped patch says German submarines be- policy, still the determination of His to expedite the business of the House tween November 28th and December Majesty's Government." The state- as much as possible so that it might 28th sank off French Atlantic Coast ment was received with prolonged be prorogued on December 22nd. among other vessels steamships car- cheering. In moving the vote of credit, In regard to the bill introduced in rying coal cargoes which were on Bonar Law said, "Assuming the rate order to avoid the election of new way to France; also English steam- of expenditure was the same as at ministers who are members of the ship with 6000 tons war material present, the vote would carry them House, the Chancellor expressed the which was proceeding from New until Feby. 24th." The total for the hope that the House would allow it financial year would be about £1,950,- to pass through all its stages. Law 000,000. "The biggest estimate for said the House would be occupied the financial year," he said, "was with the Appropriation Bill on Monexceeded by £250,000,000. The loans day and Tuesday, by which time any WORSE to Allied Governments amounted to business might be discussed. Being £400,000 daily. An additional £200, asked by John Redmond as to the LONDON, Dec. 15-The condition of 000,000 would be required from Feby. possible length of the recess after Premier Lloyd-George has taken a 24th to which time to-day's vote is ex- prorogation, he replied, "I have been slight turn for the worse. He suf- pected to suffice until the financial considering that, but the Prime Minfered considerably from a severe chill year which would bring up the total ister is ill and the doctors will not contracted early in the week. His vote for the year £1,950,000,000 o allow me to see him, so that I am £350,000,000 in excess of the estimate unprepared to answer." Philip made some months ago by the Chan | Snowden urged a full day be given for cellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Reginale a discussion of the speech before the McKenna. The enormous increase Reichstag by Chancellor Von Bethman in the output of munitions was em. Hollweg, at which there were cries of "No" from all parts of the House. if he could give the figures for June Two great advantages are possessed WASHINGTON, Dec. 15-Embas-1915 and those of to-day the difference by the Germans, said Bonar Law. One sies of Entente Allies here today re- would be almost increditable. "Some- is their preparedness for war. They flected view that Germany's peace thing has happened which I think have to-day another advantage, that is proposals will not be rejected with-necessary that I should say a word that circumstances have so fallen out out examination, but that Allies in about." Bonar Law continued. "Nat that the control of all the resources urally the papers are full of peace of our enemies is practically in one proposals from Berlin. Until now no hand. One of the drawbacks of the proposals have reached His Majesty's alliance is that it is very difficult to Government. It is obvious, under get this control. To secure it has been these circumstances, no member of the object not only of this Governthe government can make any state- ment, but of the Governments of our ment on the subject, considering its Allies. A great deal has been done nature. Referring to the country and in this direction during the last year, how entirely its energies had been de- particularly during the last six voted to peace, Law went on to say months. In my belief the success of "it was marvellous to consider how this war and the rapidity with which she had been organized for war. No we can bring it to a victorious conmore striking proof of the vitality of clusion must depend on the extent upthe country from an industrial point on which the resources of the Allies of view was found than the enormous in men, money and munitions can be extent by which the output of muni-pooled and thrown into one common tions had increased during last year, cause.

FRANZ JOSEF'S GIFT TO WOUNDED AND DEPENDENTS

OUR RECRUITER"

CARDIFF, Dec. 14.-Field Marshal would succeed. The proposal of the Viscount French speaking here to-day Central Empires had not been receivsaid "Germany's so called peace pro- ed at the Foreign Office this mornposal will only serve like the Zeppenn ing, and as it is understood simply to raids to draw the nation closer to offer negotiations containing no terms. gether. The Kaiser will thus prove the consultations of the Entente Alour best recruiting agent. His latest lies regarding it are expected to be piece of arrogant insolence will only purely normal, preliminary to the prompt us to additional efforts."

TORONTO, Dec. 14,-Hon A. E. CAPT. BLAIKIE'S Clement knocked insensible and the war they will fight the more to good, and is in danger of producing both British steamers, former 11,000 ernment. Crowds cheered the troops Kemp, Minister of Militia, was electwashed away at one time in terrific secure for the Fatherland a strong misunderstanding. Lord Robert Cecil, gross tons, latter 3,495 tons gross as they landed. Royalist officers and ed by acclamation in East Toronto

calling upon the respondents.

MEN! MEN!

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The supplementary estimate issued to-day pro-MUNICH, Dec. 14.—The Neueste Na- vides for an additional 1.000.000 men chrichten says that sixty millions of of all ranks for the army service durcrowns were willed by Emperor Fran- ing the present fiscal year. The oricis Joseph of Austria-Hungary from ginal estimate was for 4,000,000 men. his private fortune, for a fund for the In moving the vote of credit of £400,benefit of the wounded soldiers, in- 000,000 to-day Bonar Law has decided valids and relatives of the men wno to confine his speech entirely to the were killed in the war. Two daugh- financial side of the war, and in the son for the replacing of Admiral Du ters and one grand daughter receive absence of Premier Lloyd George and Fournet, the Commander-in-Chief of twenty million crowns each. The re- former Premier Asquith, owing to illthe Entente Allies' sea forces in the maining ten million crowns of the ness, it was expected the debate would Mediterranean, by Admiral Gauchet, late Emperor's private fortune are be merely along this line. However, this will not prevent members of a small group of peace advocates from asking questions in an effort to draw out the Government in regard to Germany's peace proposals, although it was regarded as unlikely that they

transmission of a joint reply. In any event Great Britain will make no official comment until Russia, France and her other Allies express their views.

CASE

LONDON, Dec. 14-The Times says it understands an important statement will be made in the House of Commons to-day with regard to the mak-LONDON, Dec. 14.—The House of ing prisoner by the Germans of Capla German submarine."