

NO LET-UP TO SLEDGE-HAMMER BLOWS CZAR'S FORCES; ASQUITH LAUNCHES NEW CONSCRIPTION MEASURE

ASQUITH'S BILL LEAVES CHANCE FOR ELIGIBLE MEN TO JOIN OF OWN FREE WILL

Can Still be Attested Under Group System, Which Will be Re-opened—Exemptions as Under Derby Plan With Tribunal to Hear Individual Cases—Measure Necessary, Premier Declares—Kitchener Says it is Only a Temporary Deviation from the Established Policy.

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Outside the parliament buildings great crowds gathered, reflecting the deep popular interest, and shouts of welcome greeted the premier as he drove up with his wife and daughters.

Mr. Asquith opened his address with an analysis of the figures in the Derby report. He emphasized the fact that during the Derby campaign, nearly 3,000,000 men had offered their services.

He maintained that Premier Asquith had been chiefly moved in his desire to keep a pledge, whereas this was a proposition involving a reversal of the entire policy of the government, and those chiefly desirous of having the pledge kept were the men who had, for years, taunted the Premier with lack of good faith.

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Other grounds for exemption, from service, the Premier said, included ill-health, physical infirmity, the necessity to support dependent persons and the fact of being engaged in work of national importance.

FIFTH BOATLOAD OF SURVIVORS FROM SS. PERSIA

Arrived at Malta—Rescued Passengers Believe Another Boat Succeeded in Getting Away from Torpedoed Liner.

Bulletin—London, Jan 6 (3.40 a. m.)—A fifth boat from the steamer Persia has arrived at Malta, according to a despatch from that place to the Daily Mail, received through its Milan correspondent.

MANY DROWNED BY CAPSIZING OF STEAMER

Of 65 Aboard the Kanawha, When She Capsized in Ohio River, Only 15 Have Been Heard from.

Gallipolis, Ohio, Jan. 5.—Reports received here say that more than twenty persons were drowned when the steamer Kanawha capsized in the Ohio river near Parkersburg, West Va., tonight.

ALLIED AIRMEN WRECK GERMAN AVIATION CAMP

Harass Enemy's Lines in Balkan Theatre and Interrupt Movement of Troops.

GERMAN ARMED STEAMER WAR PRIZE OF BRITISH

Captured on Lake Tanganyika, Central Africa, After Brief Fight in Which All the Officers on Enemy Ship Were Killed.

WRECK AVIATION CAMP

Paris, Jan. 5.—Allied airmen, bombarding Gjevelli, southern Serbia, in the course of a reconnaissance, destroyed the sheds in the German aviation camp, according to a Havas despatch from Athens, under Tuesday's date.

OPPOSED TO U.S. NAVAL MEN AS TRIBUNAL

American Government Will Not Agree to Their Acting of Board to Investigate Charges Made Against Submarine Crews.

Washington, Jan. 5.—It was authoritatively stated tonight that the United States government would not agree to the suggestion by Sir Edward Grey to Germany that a tribunal of American naval officers investigate belligerent charges and counter-charges of inhuman conduct by naval officers.

RUSSIANS PUT WHOLE ENERGY INTO EFFORT TO DRIVE WEDGE BETWEEN THE TEUTON ARMIES

VON PAPEN HAS BEEN HEARD FROM AGAIN

Attache Dismissed from U. S. Complains British Authorities Opened His Private Papers at Falmouth.

London, Jan. 5, 4.25 p. m.—Captain Franz Von Papen, the recalled German attache at Washington, telegraphed today from Falmouth, where he arrived on the Noordam, to the American embassy here, asking it to communicate with the German ambassador in Washington to protest in the State Department because the British authorities had opened his private papers at Falmouth.

BOMBARD ENEMY'S LINES

London, Jan. 5.—A Reuter despatch from Saloniki says French aviators have been busy during the past few days over the enemy lines. They have dropped bombs on Petrich, Strumitza and other towns where troops are moving.

BORROWS MILLION AND HALF FROM RUSSIAN GOVT

New York, Jan. 5.—Announcement was made today that the Canadian Car Company had obtained a loan of \$1,500,000 from the Russian government, to tide it over its present difficulties, and it is understood more funds will be available from the same source as needed.

London, Jan. 5.—While the battle on the borders of Bessarabia is apparently still far from decision, each day finds the Russians claiming the occupation of additional enemy positions, and Petrograd believes that if this process continues a short time longer, a break somewhere in the lines of the Central Powers must come.

The whole energy of the Russian army is being directed to making a gap between the German armies in the centre, and the southern Austrian forces, and the desperate Austrian attacks in the region of Kolki are designed to prevent this. The fighting must continue for a considerable time yet, but upon the result will depend, in large measure upon the strategy of both sides when spring comes.

London, Jan. 5.—The German armed steamer Kilmant, captured on December 20, by the British naval expedition in Lake Tanganyika, in Central Africa, it was announced in an official statement tonight.

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B. F. SMITH ISSUES ANOTHER CHALLENGE TO F. B. CARVELL

Carvell's Attempt to Pose as the Farmers' Friend Shown Up—Mr. Smith Makes Two Offers that Should Silence Biased Critics.

The following open letter to the farmers of Carleton and Victoria counties has been sent out by Mr. B. Frank Smith, M. L. A.:

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