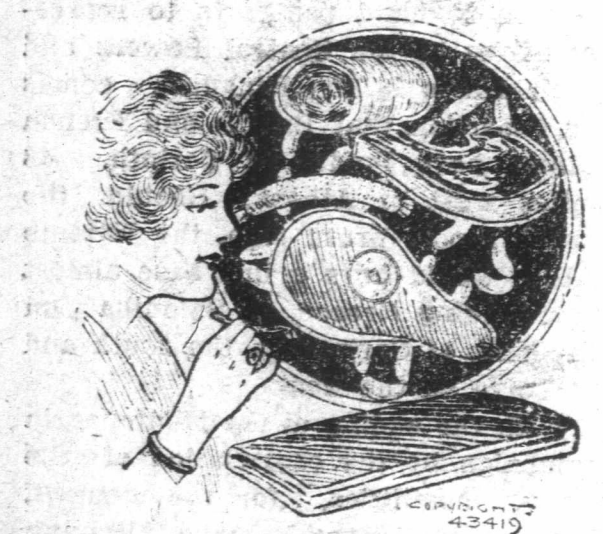


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Dr. Rohrbach's vivid forecast of the future has been justified by events, up to this stage of their development. The road to Turkey through the Balkans has been opened, and a Bulgarian army in southern Macedonia has frustrated the attempt of the allies to close it. Turkey has maintained itself at the straits of the Dardanelles, and has stuck to Germany. The cable news of the past few days indicates that the stage is being set for the most dramatic episode in a struggle replete with dramatic climaxes—an attack by a German-Turkish army upon the "Achilles heel of Britain," the Suez Canal.

Already British shipowners are planning to adapt their routes and sailing to the long voyage around the Cape instead of the short one through Suez. This longer route has been adopted by the Dutch East Indies line. The official announcement by Great Britain that the canal which Lord Beaconsfield contributed to the equipment of Britain's world empire has been closed to traffic, is expected momentarily at every shipping center in Europe.

As the curtain rises slowly on the opening act of the great drama it discloses preparations on a vast scale, both by Great Britain and her enemies. The avenues of approach to Sinai peninsula, the threshold of Suez, have been hurried to an advanced stage of completion by armies of railroad builders, captained by German engineers. A double track of railway from Damascus to the Egyptian frontier will be finished by the first of February, Rome is informed. Pipes to carry drinking water across the desert are being laid. More than 300,000 Turkish troops, officered and trained by Germans, are concentrated along the railway to Damascus, awaiting transportation to the new front.

**British Preparations.**  
On the other hand, the British general staff appears to have been fully alive to the situation, and to have made energetic preparations for the defense of the "Achilles heel."  
Closely bound up with the prospective operations at Suez are the important military events which have taken place on the Tigris river in the past fortnight. In that region to which tradition assigns the site of the Garden of Eden, Turkish and British armies have been contesting hotly for the possession of Bagdad, the terminus of the railroad in the general direction of Constantinople, which had been projected before the outbreak of the war to the accompaniment of a diplomatic battle royal between Great Britain and Germany. Part of that line—the part of greatest importance from the military point of view—is already completed or on the way to completion.  
Soon after Turkey entered the struggle, Great Britain began to send troops up to the Tigris from the Persian Gulf. The mission of Gen. Sir John Nixon, the British commander in Mesopotamia, was to seize that region of potential riches, to establish himself in Bagdad and thus cut off Germany from both communications and supplies.  
This aim of strategy has been frustrated, for the time being at least. The British advanced expedition under Gen. Townshend was barely twenty miles from the goal at Bagdad a fortnight ago, when a renewed Turkish offensive accomplished the task of forcing the invaders back almost a hundred miles to Kut-el-Amara, on the Tigris. The repulse of Gen. Townshend at Bagdad, like

that of the allied expedition in southern Macedonia, causing some anxiety in London, and was made the occasion of attacks upon the management of the campaign.  
**Advantage for Germans.**  
For the Germans the repulse of the British at Bagdad worked decisive advantage for their projected campaign against the Suez canal. Had the British succeeded in taking Bagdad and continuing their advance northward, they would have been in a position to menace the Turkish-German expedition into Sinai peninsula from the rear. As it is, 500 miles of the Syrian desert lie between the British expedition and the theatre of prospective events in the Suez region.  
The Russian campaign from the north, which was designed to join that of the British from the south, has been far more unsuccessful than that of Gen. Sir John Nixon.  
When the Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholavitch was relieved of the supreme command of all the Russian forces last summer and sent to the Caucasus region of operations it was expected in the allied capitals that the Russian advance into Turkey would be greatly stimulated. This expectation has not materialized. A negligible area of Turkish territory has fallen to the Russians so far, and the situation on the line from Mount Ararat to the Black Sea may be described as a deadlock.  
All these operations have a direct

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## Very Little is Known About Them

The mysterious religious order of Arabs of the Senussi, who, it is said, are led by Turkish and German officers, and are out in force along the Egypt-Tripoli border, derive much of their interest from the fact that very little is known about them. They are not a tribe, but a Moslem religious order counting an immense membership among all the various wandering tribes of the African deserts, not only among the Arabs, but also among the Touaregs, Kabyles and other of more nearly Berber race, and even in Egypt and the Sudan.  
The Egyptian Government in times past has tried, without success, to ascertain the extent to which the Senussi have recruited their membership in the Sudan, and has also failed in many attempts to discover the real purpose and aims of the organization.  
The Senussi, however, have guarded their secrets as jealously as the Masons, with whom they have been compared, and probably no one outside their ranks has much idea as to their numbers, their ritual and organization, the real purpose for which the society was founded, or the residence, names or character of their leaders.  
For some time past, however, there have been persistent reports, mostly from German sources, that the Senussi had taken the war path presumably in response to the Sultan's proclamation of a holy war, and had overrun most of the back-country of Tripoli and Cyrenaica.

## Quakers Cheer for Conscription

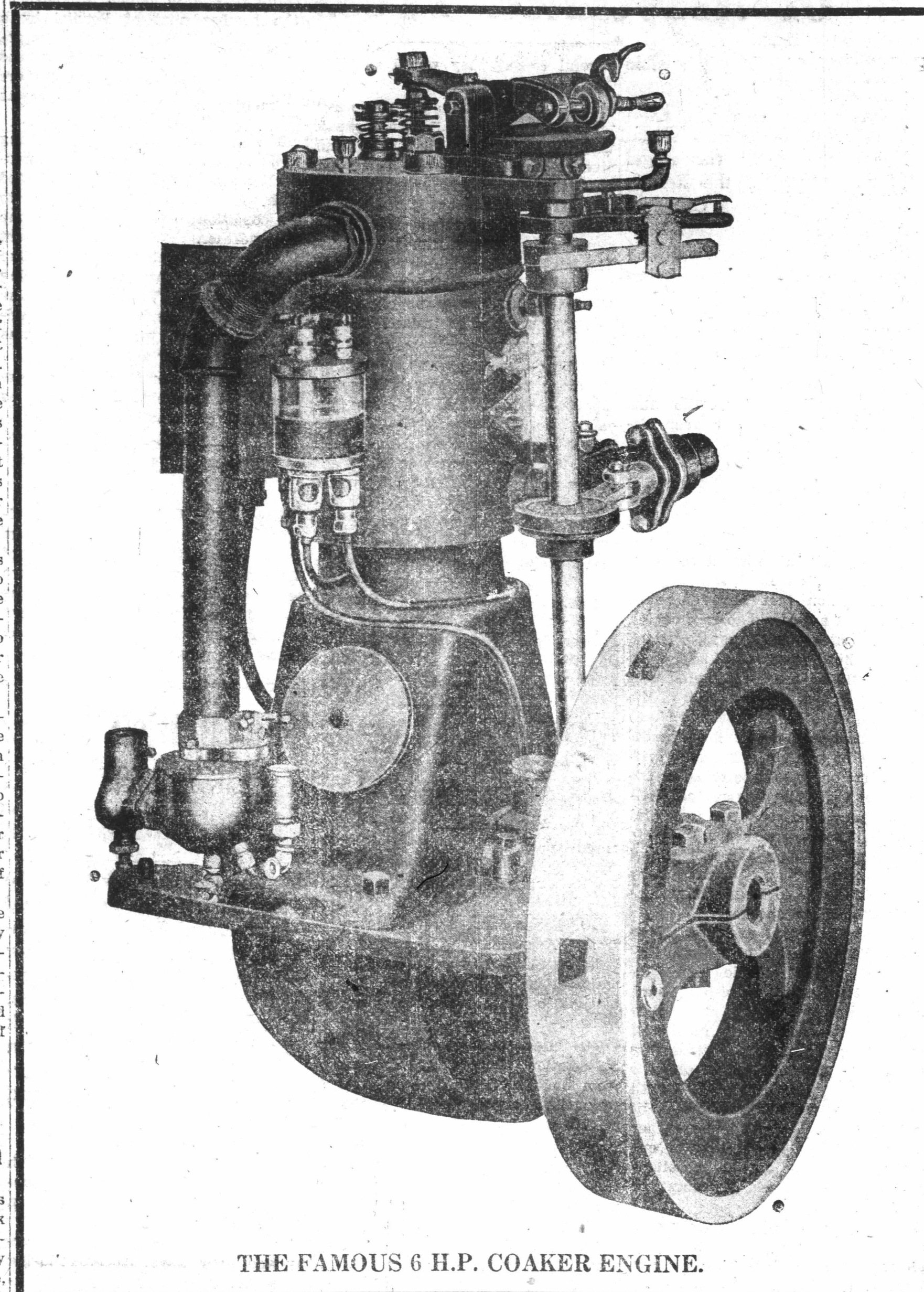
LONDON, Jan. 17.—Suffragettes held a demonstration in Hyde Park to-day to protest against the Conscription Bill. Addresses were made by numerous speakers, male and female, from five platforms, around which large crowds gathered.  
There was considerable heckling of the speakers from the crowd, and soon after the beginning of the suffragette demonstration a group of men wearing Derby helmets organized a counter-meeting nearby, where speeches in favor of conscription continued as long as the suffragette speakers held out.  
The crowds were in good humor and the meetings broke up without any violence after the suffragettes had passed a resolution against conscription and industrial compulsion, and demanding a more democratic form of Government, in which the women shall have a vote.

## Peace Meeting Broke Up Disorder

LONDON, Jan. 16.—A meeting to-night at the Friends Meeting House headquarters in Great Britain, called to discuss "problems of the settlement of the war," broke up after an hour of pandemonium with the singing of the National Anthem and three cheers for conscription.  
The principal speaker at the meeting was to have been Charles Rodden Buxton, but such great hostility to Buxton's view was manifested by the audience that hardly a complete sentence could be heard.  
Mr. Buxton attempted to speak on the freedom of the seas, but those in the hall demanded whether he meant freedom for German submarines to kill women and children. He replied: "There will be no difficulty in getting guarantees from Germany."  
"What good are guarantees from Germany?" was shouted by some of the audience, and there was a great outbreak which lasted until the meeting was brought to an end.

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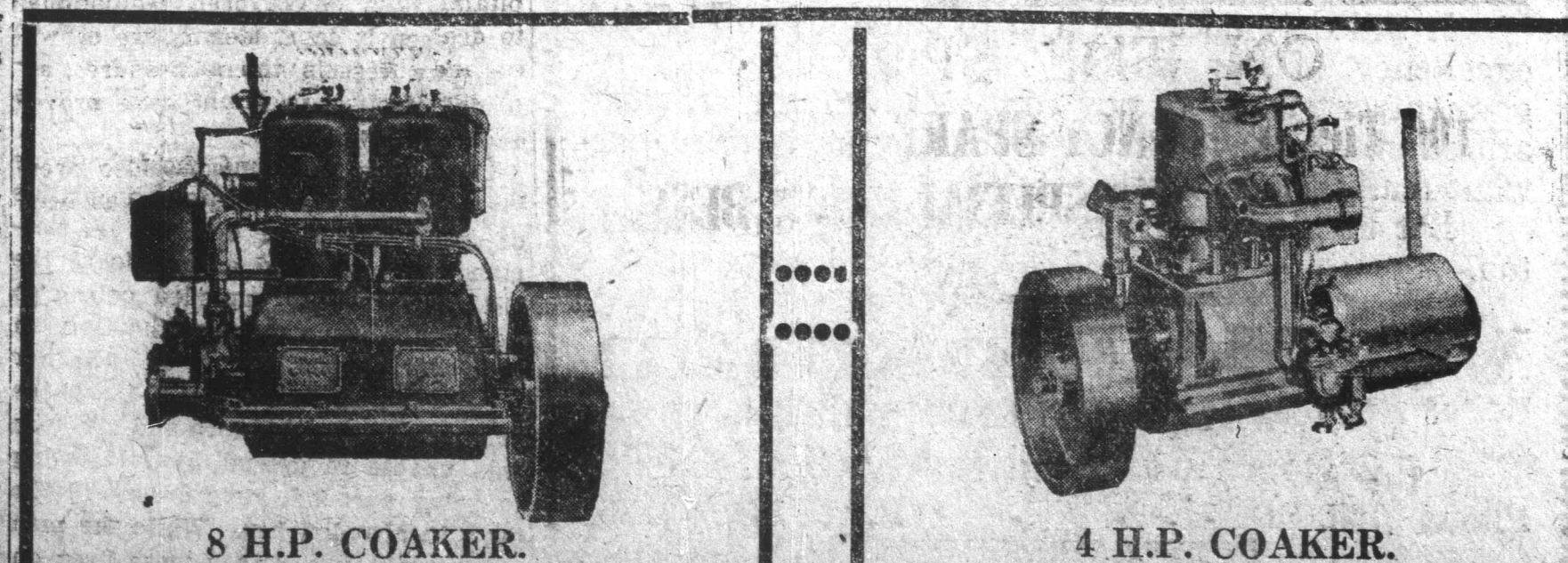
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