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## ITALIANS OCCUPY DURAZZO

Durazzo is a Peninsula in the Adriatic, 40 Miles South of the Montenegrin Border—German Staff Left For Berlin

GENEVA, Dec. 30.—It is reported here on good authority that Italian troops have occupied the Albanian seaport of Durazzo. This report is corroborated by the fact that the German Consul at Durazzo and members of his staff with fifty other Germans passed through Bellinzona, Switzerland, yesterday on their way to Berlin.

Durazzo and Avlona are the principal Albanian ports. Avlona was occupied by the Italians several months before Italy entered the war. Durazzo is a peninsula in the Adriatic Sea, 40 miles south of the Montenegrin border. There have been previous reports of Italian activity there, principally in connection with landing supplies for the Serb army.

## Trades Unions and Conscription

LONDON, Dec. 31.—If the Trades Unions agree to compulsory service, says the "Star" to-day, they may demand as a corollary exceptional taxation of members of the community exempted by age or incapacity from bearing arms.

The Press Association says it understands the conferences of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, which was sitting in London to-day, is strongly opposed to any form of compulsory service and that a resolution will be passed to this effect.

## SEVERE PENALTIES For SHIRKERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The London correspondent of the New York Herald this morning cables the following: "Premier Asquith will make a complete statement of the result of Earl Derby's recruiting campaign in the Commons next Wednesday, and I am informed that he will follow this with the presentation of a Bill which will compel the enlistment of those among the half million of single men who are physically fit, and who have refused to respond under the group system, to the call of their King and Country.

"Severe penalties will be imposed upon all single men who do not respond to this final call."

## WEDDING BELLS

WILLIAMS—McGRATH.  
A very pretty wedding took place Monday night at the R. C. Cathedral, when Mr. Harvey Williams led to the altar Miss Belle McGrath. The bride was attired in a handsome costume of navy blue silk with hat to match and was assisted by her niece, Miss Bella Wilson and Miss Stella Squires, who were dressed in creme serge. Mr. W. Wilson, nephew of the bride, attended the groom. Rt. Rev. Monsignor McDermott, V.G., performed the ceremony, after which a reception was held at the residence of Mrs. Capt. Wilson, sister of the bride. Both received many handsome presents. The Mail and Advocate extends heartiest congratulations.

## MISSING VESSEL TURNS UP.

Mr. H. W. LeMessurier of the Customs had a telegram to-day saying that the British schooner "Little Secret" which had been out over 80 days to Marytown, salt laden to Santa Polo, arrived back at Fowey O.K. All will be glad to hear of this. Her captain and crew are well-known here and so is the vessel. Many had feared that the worst had occurred to her.

## Miners' Federation Are Opposed to Conscription

CARDIFF, Wales, Dec. 31.—The Executive Committee and Miners' Federation of South Wales met to-day, and unanimously adopted a resolution against the efforts of certain party of politicians and a section of the Press to impose conscription on the people.  
A resolution asks the Miners Federation of Great Britain to call a National Conference immediately to protect against any legislation for conscription.

## ALLIES EFFECT NEW LANDINGS IN NEAR EAST

London, Dec. 31.—Two new landings by the Allies in the Near East are reported. The British have transferred some troops from Saloniki to Orfano, a small Greek port 60 miles East of Saloniki, and the intention of thus cutting off any possibility of any hostile advance in this quarter. The second landing was made by the French on the Greek Island of Casteloro, Southeast Coast of Asia Minor, not far from the important sea port of Adalia.

## AUSTRIAN DESTROYERS ARE SUNK

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Two Austrian torpedo-boat destroyers have been sunk as a result of an encounter with sea forces off a point outside of Gattaron, in the Adriatic. The purpose of the Austrian ships was to bombard Durazzo and an Allied squadron went to meet them with the result as above set forth.

In addition, the remainder of the Austrian squadron was pursued by a warship of the Allies and compelled to flee towards the Austrian base.

## BONAVENTURE SOLD AT LAST.

Though assurances of late have been repeatedly given that the Bonaventure had been sold to the Russian Government the formal transfer of the ship did not occur until yesterday, after a strict survey had been held on the ship.

She will leave Gibraltar shortly, a Russian crew taking her to Archangel, while the Newfoundland crew who took her to the Rock will return here.

We hear that, considering her size and capabilities, a better figure has been obtained for her than the other ships.

The Russians have now all our good steel ice-breakers, viz: the Lintrose, Bruce, Nascope, Beothic, Bellaventure, Adventure, Bonaventure and Iceland, with two or three Canadian ships also fitted to cope with ice. On these ships are several Newfoundlanders, who are doing good work in the employ of the Czar's Government.

## ENEMY AEROPLANES FLEW OVER SALONIKA

LONDON, Dec. 31.—A despatch to Reuters Telegraph Co. from Salonika says:

"Three Taube aeroplanes flew over the town and harbour this morning. They were heavily bombed by warships, but owing to their great altitude, apparently they were untouched.

"Three French aeroplanes went in pursuit."

## A DROWNING ACCIDENT.

Yesterday afternoon Hon. R. A. Squires, Minister of Justice, had the following wire from Magistrate Somerton of Trinity—"William Hyde of New Bonaventure was accidentally drowned in a pond to-day. He leaves a wife and one child. The body has been recovered.

The herring fishery at Green Bay still continues good and fine catches of the fish are being made, the fishers are making good wages as fine prices are given for the fish. Several vessels at Bay of Islands could not get cargoes there are on the way to Green Bay to load.

## OVER 100 STEAMERS ON BLACK LIST

Complete Black List Has Been Issued by the British Government—Total Gross Tonnage of Ships Amounts to 80,000

LONDON, Dec. 30.—A black list of neutral shipping has been issued by the government for the guidance of British shippers, who are advised not to charter the ships appearing on it.

The list now shows the names of 102 steamers. The gross tonnage of these vessels is 80,000 which means a carrying capacity of 200,000 tons which is unavailable to British shippers and neutral charterers in any way dependent on British shipping.

The neutral nations represented in the list now brought up to date with the number of ships of each nation, are as follows:—United States 11, Norway 38, Sweden 37, Denmark 8, Spain 1, Holland 4, Brazil 3.

The work of putting on the new propeller on the S.S. Shabonee is progressing favorably and it is expected will be finished this evening, when the ship will likely resume her voyage.

Last night Const. Tobin arrested a resident of Twillingate under warrant and he will appear in Court to-day.

## SENDING MILK TO GERMANY

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—One hundred five-pound cans of milk powder, equivalent to three tons of milk, were wrapped up by the Citizens' Committee for food shipments, to be sent by registered mail to German and Austrian babies.

The milk-powder will be shipped tomorrow for Gobenburg. Postage on shipment is \$345. The powder is sent by mail, as parcel post to the Central Powers has been discontinued.

No answer has yet been received from Great Britain or France to Secretary of State Lansing's request for safe convoy by freight of milk for babies in Austria and Germany.

## Russian Force Enemy Withdraw

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Germans and Austrians have begun a general withdrawal on their entire front in Macedonia, according to a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Rome, quoting the message from Salonika to this effect.

The reported withdrawal is attributed to the Russian advance in Bessarabia, the message states.

## GENERAL TRADE CONGRESS FOR JAN. 6

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Labor Party to-day called a general Trades Union Congress for Jan. 6th to consider the Government proposals regarding compulsion for single men.

## WILL INTRODUCE A BILL

LONDON, Dec. 31.—It was announced this afternoon that Premier Asquith would introduce in the House of Commons on Wednesday next, a bill dealing with Conscription.

## HARCOURT TO BE VICEROY OF INDIA

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Lewis Harcourt who holds a place in the Cabinet as First Commissioner of Works, has resigned to become Viceroy of India. It is understood Harcourt is one of the Cabinet Ministers opposed to compulsory enlistment of Britons.

His retirement from the Cabinet may be due to this.

## NORWEGIAN STEAMER SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Norwegian steamer Rigi, 1912 tons, from Charleston for Gobenburg, with a cargo of oil cakes, has been sunk by a mine. The crew were saved.

## DUTCH STEAMER SUNK

THE HAGUE, Dec. 31.—The Dutch steamer Ellewoutsdijk has been in the North Sea. The crew were picked up.

## ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

## MEMBERS OF COMMISSION ARE NAMED

Disputes Between States and Britain Will be Referred to Members of Investigation Peace Treaty—Nansen Explorer Will be Umpire

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The entire personnel of the international commission which will represent Britain and the United States in any dispute which arises under the so-called Investigation Peace Treaty negotiated by former Secretary Bryan has been chosen, and soon will be announced formally. George Gray, of Delaware, as previously announced will be the national member for the States, and Dominico da Gama, Ambassador for Brazil, will be the non-national member for the United States.

Great Britain has chosen Viscount Bryce as her national member and Max Koreski, of the Imperial Russian Council, as the non-national member.

Fridtjof Nansen, the celebrated explorer and former Premier of Norway will be the umpire.

The treaty provides that if any of the British Colonial possessions are involved in the controversy they shall be represented and Sir Charles Fitzpatrick has been chosen from Canada, Sir Geo. Reid from Australia and W. P. Schreiner from the South African Union.

## AUSTRIANS RETIRE

CETTINGE, Dec. 30.—After heavy fighting for three days between Austrian and Montenegrin troops the Austrians are in retreat on one part of the front the War Office announced to-day.

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## OFFICIAL BRITISH

To Governor, Newfoundland:

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Headquarters in France report an unsuccessful enemy attack on one of our aerodromes. No damage done. Enemy's trenches successfully raided near Amentieres, and many casualties inflicted.

Elsewhere in France, despite violent counter-attacks Hartmannswillerkopf and a series of German works have been captured. Three hundred prisoners have been captured during the last two days.

The Russians report an encounter south of the Pripet, and in Galicia. The Austrians claim that local Russian attacks in Bessarabia have failed with great loss.

The Bulgarians are pressing the Serbians in Albania.

Balfour's speech points out that the whole allied operations from Archangel to the Persian Gulf is on dependent the British fleet, and is assured that victory will be at least as much a gift of the British Navy as of the splendid valour of the Allied troops.—BONAR LAW.

## BIG BATTLES SAID BE IN PROGRESS

PETROGRAD, Dec. 31.—German and Russian official bulletins regarding operations on the South Pripet River declare battles of importance are proceeding.

General Staff commentaries lay stress on the difference between these struggle and the last notable collisions between Russians and Teutons before the period of calm.

Battles at Czartorysk, Nova Alexianice and elsewhere between the Pripet River and the Carpathian Mountains were sporadic and designed to correct the positions in different parts of the line before a cessation of the strategic movements, on account of the approaching winter. It is agreed now that the struggle is proceeding on the entire Southwestern line, and that apparently it is equally ardent everywhere. It is intimated that both sides are aiming to accomplish exceedingly important tasks.

The Russians and Teutons are equally alert and each here in taking the initiative. The expectation here of the outcome of this gigantic, but still obscure struggle, will be a transformation of military positions in the Russian theatre of war. While it is pointed out that Germany has not lost interest in the northern half of this theatre, it is intimated that her activity here is designed to inspire the belief that she has not removed her troops from there. It is unanimously agreed among military observers that the aspect of the Eastern front will be changed within the next three or four days.

## INSURANCE RATES ARE INCREASED

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The recent menace to shipping by way of the Suez Canal, both from land and by submarines, caused the underwriters to considerably raise the insurance rates on cargoes of steamers following the Canal route. Until recently cargoes of steamers have been underwritten at twenty shillings per cent, but risks are now quoted at anything between 60 and 80 shillings per cent.

Although certain lines have announced the abandonment of the Canal for the present there is still quite a good business going on in that direction, which even the advanced rates of insurance have not checked.

In the card tourney at the T. A. Hall last night Mr. John Coady won a fine turkey and Mr. F. Woods a large goose. About 80 players took part.

It is not well to place too much confidence in a man who cannot lift his feet from the ground when he walks.

The man who can drink or let it alone nearly always drinks.

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## MAILS ARE AGAIN UNDER DISCUSSION

Secretary of State Lansing and Netherland's Minister Confer of Action British Government in Holding up Mail Between Holland and States

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—British interference with first class mail passing from Holland to the United States was discussed to-day by Secretary of State Lansing and the Netherland's Minister.

The Minister informed Hendring that until the receipt of a report from Ambassador Page at London of more specific information than now in possession of the State Department, and from other official sources, no definite action would be taken by this government. Requests for information have been sent to a number of the departments' agents abroad.

## HAD NOTHING TO SAY

LONDON, Dec. 31.—"I have nothing to say," was the answer of Lewis Harcourt, First Commissioner of Works in the British Cabinet, when questioned over a long distance telephone regarding the report that he had resigned for the viceroyalty of India.

## AUSTRIA'S REPLY A LONG ONE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Ambassador Penfield, at Vienna, has received Austria's reply to the second American Note regarding the sinking of the Ancona. Official announcement to this effect was made by Secretary of State Lansing, to-day. The Ambassador reports that the reply was about 3,000 words long. That considerable time would be necessary to place the communication in the code of the Embassy at Vienna, there was nothing in his despatch to indicate the tenor of the reply.

Officials in the State Department believed the Note would arrive some time before Sunday.

## MAY MEAN ROMANIA JOIN ALLIES

ATHENS, Dec. 31.—A despatch says the occupation of Adalia is with the object of landing. A railway runs north of Adalia and the presence there of a strong Allied force would menace the communications of any hostile force operated against Egypt or the Lower Tigris region. These movements indicate the Allies' positions around Salonika are now secure, and also indicate the campaign around Salonika will develop into a long drawn-out warfare on the other fronts.

Reports are current that the Central Powers have begun a general withdrawal from the entire Macedonian frontage, also of a serious Russian campaign in Bessarabia, but these lack confirmation in the Entente capitals. However, there is the opinion that the Russian campaign in Bessarabia, is likely to have an important bearing on the situation. According to one version, Russia's new move is forerunning of an impending Rumanian entry into the war on the side of the Entente Allies.

## EMPEROR OF ABYSSINIA FAVORS ENTENTE ALLIES

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The young emperor of Abyssinia is so favorably disposed towards the entente allies that he has not only resisted efforts of German agents to induce him to abrogate treaties with Great Britain, Italy and France last year, but offered 200,000 soldiers to be used by the allies as their military necessities demanded, according to Pierre Alysse, a member of the colonial committee of the Chamber of Deputies.

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