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Hints German Navy May Have a Surprise For Great Britain

London "Daily News" Suggests WILL AMEND MUNITION ACT Germans are Arming Their Battleships with 17-inch Guns— "Daily Mail" Says it Knows on Highest Authority that Statement Made by "Daily News" is True—The Writer of the Article in the "News" Express the Conviction that the German Fleet Will Soon Come Out Armed say What Will Happen to Them When They do Sneak Out.

LONDON, Jan. 22-The Daily News gives prominence in an article suggesting that the Germans are paring a naval surprise for Great Britain. The article says the Germans are arming their new battle ships with 17-inch guns.

The Daily News adds, that is believed that shells thrown into Dunkirk, sometime ago, were fired by 1 inch naval guns. The Daily Mail asserts that it knows upon the highest authority that the statement made by the Daily News regarding the 17 inch naval guns is true. The writer of the Daily News' article expresses the fear that the British will be caught napping. He realls that Germany and Austria, concealed over whelming powers of Howitzers. which demolished Belgium and Russian fortresses. Experts of the Alied nations had poopooed them, but experts were proven to be wrong.

The writer asks, anxiously, whether Britain has an effective answer to the new German battle-ship Hinden-Hindenburg armed with 17-inch guns will outclass an invincible; the modern British battleship type armed visions. with a smaller gun as absolutely as invincible outclassed Admiral Von the direction of operations, supplied Sprees, ships off the Falkland Islands.

MAKING LONG VOYAGE.

The brigtn. Lake Simcoe, Capt. Halfyard, is now out 64 days from Naples to St. John's, and though the voyage is a long one, no anxiety is expressed about the ship, which is one of our staunchest marine car-

She is commanded by one of our best mariners and is no doubt delayed by the fierce storms which have of late been sweeping over the Atlantic.

MISSING VESSEL REPORTED

The Norwegian schooner "Thomas" which was practically given up as St. Mary's on Saturday last. The vessel had run short of food and signalling the schooner "Little Annie" of St. Mary's, that vessel gave the starving seamen a supply of muchneeded grub. The vessel must have been detained by stormy weather and should soon make port.

RELEASED ON BAIL.

Archibald Thompson, whose grocery store was gutted by fire Wednesday morning was before Court today charged with arson. He was not asked to plead and was released on the good offices of the United bail till Tuesday next. He gave his States German, Austrian, Turkish own bonds in \$2,000, and each of his and Bulgarian Consuls at Salonika brothers, Messrs W. and Alex Thomp- who have been held under arrest son gave bonds in \$1000 each for his by the Allies on board a French appearance on that date.

SHIP REPORTED ON FIRE

To-day a rumour was about the city to the effect that a large Furness steamer was 200 miles off this Bowring Bros. know nothing of the Rome says, a British submarine has the Daily Mail: do not give it credence.

p.m. with mails and passengers. | craft prisoners.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.-A news agency despatch from London to-day says that a most imperative need for more ammunition has forced the Government to propose a drastic amendment to the Munitions Act.

Premier Asquith informed the Commons this afternoon, to increase the number of persons engaged making shells the Government pro-With 17-inch Guns, But Does Not poses to replace skilled union workers engaged in minor tasks, by men and women classed as semi-skilled, and transferring the skilled union men to more important work. This measure the Premier announced, will be introduced following agreement the Labor Party members.

What reception the Government proposal will receive from radical laborites is not known.

A few months ago the Minister of Munitions, Lloyd George, made unsuccessful attempts to obtain the sanction of unions to such a scheme, but radical leaders declared they suspected a scheme to undermine Unionism, but said they might agree to such a programme if convinced that it was absolutely necessary.

Were Fighting A Force Ten

become untenable," said King Nicho- Gallipoli Peninsula. las to "The Journal's" correspondent German 17-inch guns. He infers that at Cettinje on Jan. 6. "I am fighting HAS DECLARED WAR against an enemy ten times superior burg is armed with these guns and in numbers to my troops who are expresess the conviction that there is brave beyond all description, but they reason of probability, if not certain- have not eaten for five days. What ity, that soner or later the German can I do under such conditions? If battleship squadron armed with 17- the Allies do not come to our rescue, arrived with Albanian forces to join United States Ambassador, that no ment records the capture from the Sea. It is obvious, he adds that a trian army from behind, I do not know what is to become of us."

"But your Majesty is getting pro-

"Yes, the French fleet, while it had us admirably, but for some time we have been getting hardly anything."

Chief Trouble is

LONDON, Jan. 22.-The chief difficulty with British Mesopotamia forces marching to the relief of Kut-el-Amara has been weather, says a despatch from a representative of the British Press. With the exception of a hurricane the past few days, says the correspondent, has made navigation and other operations most difficult. Tigris has risin four feet, the stream is the color of a red brick. A large share of annual rainfall of three or four inches has falllen within a week, aggravating the hardships lost, being 90 days out last Saturday of the troops. Nevertheless active demns the course of the Greek monfrom Europe, was reported off Cape fighting continues with heavy enemy losses, those killed including Turkish General Bekirsamy Bey, former Governor of Tripoli.

ficult by the nature of the ground which affords no protection being unbroken by hedges, roads, trees or wathave been heavy.

THROUGH THE EFFORTS

Washington, Jan. 22.-Through

BRITISH SUBMARINE

ACTIVE IN ADRIATIC

Seizure of Corfu Now Explained

LONDON, Jan. 21.—The seizure by the French of the Greek island of Austro-German submarine base. second base has been located in a narrow channel between Corfu and the Albanian coast. Most of the submarine raids in the Eastern Mediterranean have been directed from these two bases by a fleet embracing German as well as Austrian craft.

The submarine activities by Germans in the North Sea have largely abated, owing to international complications and relentless warfare by British destroyers. German submarines have been diverted to the Mediterranean to such an extent that according to best information, only two small underwater craft belonging to the Germans remain in the North

Co-operation by German submarines with Austrian craft in operations against Italian ships is regarded here as of political significance, it having been stated on good authority that Italy would declare war against Germany if it should be established that German submarines had contributed to the loss of Italian

Was Planned by Entente Allies

LONDON, Jan. 22.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Petrograd says the recent Russian offensive in Bessarabia and Galicia was carried out in accordance with the plan prepared Times Superior by the Entente Allies' war council to relieve the pressure on the Entente Forces while they were fortifying Sal-PARIS, Jan. 21.—"My situation has onika and during the evacuation of

ON AUSTRIA-BULGARIA

LONDON, Jan. 21.—A despatch formed to buy all available grain. from Rome states that Eshad Pasha, Provisional President of Albania, has formed Frederick C. Penfield, the the Montenegrin troops, which are retiring to that point.

sures are being taken with a view of defending Scutari.

It was reported from Paris last month that Eshad Pasha had declared war on Austria and Bulgaria, and that he was said to have 20,000 men who would assist the Allies.

the Weather GETS LITTLE SUPPORT IN

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.-King Constantine's appeal for the sympathy of the United States, made through the medium of newspapers and interviews, finds no response in the American press. On the contrary the New York Press emphatically conarch. Nowhere on earth, it says, is Constantine's policy of defaults and betrayals more bitterly condemned, and more strongly despised, than Attacks on the enemy are made dif- here in the United States. The King he possibly could shoot, when he thinks there is, or can be, American er coourses. British losses, therefore, sympathy for his betrayal of Serbia, and for his default upon his country's bond to the Allies, when Greece begged them to come into her territory and do for her what she could not do OF UNCLE SAMUEL for herself.

MORE SHIPPING LOSSES

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.-A news agency despatch from London to-day, says that the British steamer Sutherhaving died from exposure in the life-

was blown up by a mine off the Dan- near Givenchy. South-east of Fleur- German Commandant Zimmerman LONDON, Jan. 22.-A despatch to ish coast, with the loss of all on port with her cotton cargo on fire. the Exchange Telegraph Co. from board, says a Copenhagen despatch to

matter and shipping people generally sunk in upper Adriatic Adriatic Adriatic an The Sutherland displaced 3.542 LONDON, Jan. 22.—A British offic- where two small French columns ad-Austrian hydro aeroplane, also an tons, was 340 ft. long, and was owned ial issued to-night on operations in vancing from the coast and from the Austrian torpedo boat which went to by the Sutherland Steamship Co., of Kameruns, West Coast of Africa, is French Congo are trying to prevent The Kyle's express is due here at the rescue, taking crews of both Newcastle, at which port she was re-, as follows:

Says Labor Will Support Service Bill

of the Compulsion Bill, bur the possibility of industrial compulsion, are so definite that when they are clearly understood the Bill ought to be received with general support by the organized labor, says Arthur Henderson, Chairman of the Labor Party, in a long statement addressed to his oustitutents. The statement justiies Henderson's support of the moasure on the ground of absolute military necessity, and expresses writers willingness to stand for reelection at any time on a Compulsion

LONDON, Jan. 21.—There has also erations along the front in France and Belgium, and a continuation of artillery duels here and there and infantry attacks on the Austro-Ital- Russians Are ian theatre. In none of these, however, have any great results been obtained, although it has ben reported that the Austro-Hungarians and Mon-

The Vienna Government has in-retreating. ed that they have no information con-lication. cerning the sinking of the vessel.

To Governor, Newfoundland: LONDON. Jan. 21.—The French Prime Minister, after attending the War Council in London, has returned

states that the King and Government laborers are engaged developing the have refused the Austrian conditions, mines which are now chief reliance in and continue fighting. King Nicholas getting the railroad to Egypt in operwith his two sons remains at the ation. head of the Army.

BONAR LAW.

enemy gun positions and trenches.

"After the occupation of Jaunde, Muni.

To Prevent Operations by Enemy Firms

LONDON, Jan. 21.-After a brief debate, the House of Commons passed LONDON ,Jan. 22.—The provisions the second reading of a Bill amending the Trading with the Enemy Act, empowering the Board of Trade to prohibit any person, firm or company of hostile nationality, or associations, ENTIRE PACEL POST from carrying on business in this country during the war.

Solicitor General Sir George Cave explained that the purpose of the bill was to put an end to a situation which enabled German companies to continue business here during the war hoard their profits for their own benefit, and the economic struggle which might be expected to follow the conclusion of peace.

"I have reason to believe that British property in Germany is being treated in a high-handed way," the the boxes in question were seized. Solicitor-General continued. "While there is no desire to confiscate enemy sailed from New York on Jan. 8th for property in this country, it is desir- Bergen, Christiania, and other Norable, on the other hand, that the State wegian ports. She was reported at should be placed in control of such Kirkwall on Jan. 17, and arrived at property, and that it be kept safe Bergen to-day. until it is known what has happened to British property in Germany."

been small engagements in Russia discussion, the supplementary Navy The Commons also passed, without around Pinsk and in the region of estimates, authorizing an addition of Czartorysk, artillery and mining op- 50,000 men to the personel of the

tails have as yet come through as to of the Russians as shown by tonight's a hurry. progress of the fighting, however it official statement. In the Caucasus is expected the Austrians will con- the Czar's forces, after repulsing the tinue to press the Montenegrins to- Turkish attempt to drive them back. wards the Albanian frontier. It is be- pursued and drove the enemy as tar lieved the will capture Montenegro's as Erzreum forts, sabering or taking principal seaport, Antivari. In order prisoners in this operation of over to prevent the Central Powers from 1500 men and captured much war importing wheat from Roumania, an material as well as the town of Has-Anglo-French corporation has been ean Kalah, twenty miles east of Erzreum. The Turks are reported to be

Austro-Hungarian submarine was Turks of the town of Sultanhead, in concerned in the sinking of the Pen-Persia. Taking from the Germans The despatch says that these mea- insular and Oriental line steamer by the British additional towns in "Persia. The Persia was sunk off the Karerun district, S.W. Africa is an-Island of Crete. oth the German and other feature of the fighting as con-Austrian Foreign Offices have report-tained in the latest official commun-

LONDON, Jan. 22.-The Germans Campaign in Egypt is meeting with Pollentia Sinking Headquarters in France report that unexpected obstacles. It is announcin fourteen air fights we drove down ed this is due to lack of coal to optwo enemy aeroplanes, losing one our-erate the railroad they constructed southward through Syria to the edge-Russia says that an enemy position of the desert, approaching the Suez was captured north-east of Czerno-Canal. The construction of this railwitz. Five desperate counter-attacks road has been largely facilitated by were repulsed with enormous loss. branch rails, and the material for a In the Caucasus region pursuit of similar line partially constructed, the disorganized Turkish army con- but absence of coal prevents actual opening of the road to transporta-One hundred and sixty-three sailing iton. Lack of coal led the Germans boats have been destroyed on the to re-open the old Turkish mines in Syria, used by the Romans, but aban-The Allies have bombarded the doned by them thousand of years Bulgarian ports of Dedeaghatch and ago. Capacity of these mines are limited to five hundred thousand tons The Montenegrin Consul General annually. A large force of Turkish

Jan. 1st., the Entente Allies' columns which were despatched in an en-LONDON, Jan. 22., (official to-deavour to cut off the enemy's retreat night)—The enemy this morning exploded three mines west of Fricourt Jan. 8th. They released a number of land was torpedoed and sunk in the but no damage was done. We ex- Allied prisoners, both military and warship in the harbor, are to be Mediterranean on Monday. The crew ploded a mine east of Festubert civilians. By the 18th reports received ed of four hostile working parties. state that the Germans evacuated There has been reciprochal shelling Ebolowa and Akono Linga, and the The Dutch schooner Rangerman North of Albert and north of Loos German governor Ebermaier and baix we successfully bombarded the escaped into Spanish Muni. Fighting is also reported further south, close to the German Spanish border the escape of the Germans anto

King Constantine Again Grows Talkative And Airs His Views

MAIL MATTER SEIZED

LONDON, Jan. 21.-A Reuter de spatch from Copenhagen says that the Christiania Morgenbladt reports thatduring the stay of the liner Bergensfjord at Kirkwall, her entire parcel post was seized by the British authorities, and that for the first time passenger luggage was examined, and eleven boxes labelled "Valdemar Petersen" were discovered, but as no passenger of this name was aboard,

The Bergensfjord, a Norwegian ship

WHIRLWIND CAMPAIGN

Connaught to-day formally opened the Entente Allies, the King is quotthe 1916 whirlwind campaign to raise ed as replying, "Yes, and no". I fail \$1,150,000 for the Patriotic Fund in a to see any reason for the occupation week. His Royal Highness delivered of Corful and Casterlorizo. If you an address before the Canadian Club want to reform the Serb army there at a luncheon at the Windsor Hotel, surely are places you could choose Reported Active urging a general support of the move- rather than to violate our neutrality

LONDON, Jan. 22.—There has house to house calls, and every other a soldier quite understand that the tenegrins are again at grips. No de- been considerable activity on the part known form of raising the money in presence of the enemy Consuls was

Will Take Time To Arrange

BERLIN, Jan. 21.—The "Volks Zeer tung," of Cologne, says that Italian reports regarding the withdrawal on the part of King Nichals of Montenegro from all negotiations for peace we would have advised them that we with Austria, are to say the least, strongly exaggerated.

The newspaper adds that it is a fact that obstacles have come up in negotthink you will discover sufficient iations and that a portion of the Montenegrin army has refused to lay compromising evidence to justify the down its arms, but that negotiations methods you have employed. are still in progress.

VIENNA, Jan. 21.—The "Kreuz Zeitung" says that peace negotiations will only begin after the disarming of the Montenegrins is com- fect is to cut our communications

Reliable news that disarming is proceding quickly and without difficulty has been received here, but it is expected that some time will elapse before it is completed.

Off the Azores

MADRID, Jan. 22.-Madrid newspa- word that we will commit no act of pers publish wireless messages an hostility towards the Entente Powers nouncing that the steamer Pollentia and I do not see any further assuris in danger of sinking off the Azores. ance need be demanded, as neither Halifax, N.S. Thursday night stated thing without my authority. The that the Pollentia was leaking and in correspondent says that the King is distress 700 miles from Cape Race. much improved in health and that the The messages stated that the Pollen-wound from operation the King untia would be abandoned and that the derwent some time ago, is causing steamer Siamese Prince would take him no trouble. her crew off the following morning.

HOTEL COMMANDEERED

LONDON. Jan. 21 .- A flurry of ex citement in the hotel district was created to-day by the announcement the Exchange Telegraph Co. from that the spacious Hotel Metropole, Rome, says a message received of Northumberland Avenue, which is from Sofia by way of Bucharest, well known to tourists, has been com- says the British Vice Consul there mandeered by the Ministry of Muni tions for Administrative Offices.

RUSSIAN PROGRESS

TEHERAN, Jan. 21.—Russian col umns operating in Persia have push- TO BUY UP ALL ed forward and occupied the town of Sultanabad, 150 miles south-west of Teheran, and about an equal distance north-west of Ispahan. The garrison and German Consul have fled to Bour-

10 a.m. to-day going North.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE purchases.

Fails to See Why Allies Should Occupy Corfu—Contends Serb Army Should be Re-organized Elsewhere Than on Greek Territory-Objects Strong to the Manner in Which the Entente Powers have Dealt Wtih Greece -Says He Gave His Personal Word that Greece Would Commit no Hostile Act Against the Allies-Fails to See Why Further Assurances Should be Demanded as Neither the Government nor Army Will Do Anything Without His Authority.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—An interview with King Constantine of Greece appears in the Daily Mail to-day. When the correspondent asked King Constantine whether he would admit the MONTREAL; Jan. 21.—The Duke of Justification for the recent actions of which you yourselves have subscribed The campaign will include tag days, As far as Salonika is concerned, I, as undesirable, and under certain circumstances I appreciate the necessity for the destruction of the Demir

Hissar bridge. What I object to strongly is the way you have ridden roughshod over us Peace Terms and treated us as if we did not exist. There seems to have been a studied attempt to do everything in an unpleasant manner. If you had notified my Government of the desire to rid Salonika of these Consuls could no longer guarantee them safety and they would have flown within 24 hours. Most of the archives have already been removed and I do not

> I recognize also the destruction of the bridge would become a military necessity in the event of any hostile advance from the east, but at present it is without an object. The only afwith the Drama and Kavala provinces, as you know a large part of our army is mobolized this and has caused unlimited inconvenience without rendering you any conceivable ser-

We cannot do anything to demonstrate more clearly our desire to accord you every facility in our power. I, therefore, feel that the treatment meted us is in every way unjustifiable. I have given my personal A wireless message received at Government nor army will do any-

BRITISH VICE CONSUL ARRESTED AT SOFIA

London, Jan. 22.—A despatch to has been arrested by the Bulgarian authorities despite the protest of the American Charge de Affairs in whose rooms he had taken refuge.

AVAILABLE GRAIN SUPPLY

BUCHAREST, Jan. 21,-An Auglo-French Corporation, with a capital of \$96,000,000, has been formed to buy oudjir, fifty miles west of Sultanabad. up all available grain so that the Central Powers will be unable to im-The Prospero left King's Cove at port needed supplies.

It is not known what use will be made by the Allies of the proposed