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- Dec. 4.—Henry Ford, with peace party, sails on the *Oscar II*.
- Dec. 6.—British retirement from Lake Doiran, Northern Serbia. Allied military conference at Paris.
- Dec. 7.—President Wilson asks that his hands be strengthened in order to deal with anti-American plotters.
- Dec. 8.—Evacuation of Suvla and Anzac (Gallipoli) begun.
- Dec. 9.—Von Bethmann-Hollweg declares in the Reichstag that the Allies must ask for peace or the war will go on until they do so.
- Dec. 12.—Battle of Vardar ends; Anglo-French withdrawal in Serbia. President Wilson's note on the *Ancona* published. Last day of Derby Recruiting Scheme in England. Greece concedes Allied demands regarding Salonika.
- Dec. 15.—Sir John French resigns command of British forces on the Western front and is succeeded by Sir Douglas Haig. Italian landing in Albania announced.
- Dec. 16.—German warship *Bremen* sunk in the Baltic by a submarine.
- Dec. 21.—French success at Hartmannsweilerkopf, Alsace. Managles, in the Cameroons, captured by British forces. Japanese steamer *Yasaka Maru* sunk in the Mediterranean.
- Dec. 28.—Announcement that compulsory service is to be introduced into Great Britain.
- Dec. 30.—Armoured cruiser *Natal* blown up in port. Steamship *Persia* sunk by torpedo off Crete. Air raid on Salonika.
- Dec. 31.—Sir John Simon resigns from British Cabinet on the compulsion issue.