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## War News.

Messages Received  
Previous to 9 A.M.

## ST. PIERRE BULLETIN.

Official.—In Belgium the Franco-Belgian troops came out of Neuport and occupied the heights of Lom-baertzyde via the farm of St. Georges. South of Ypres we have attacked in the direction of Klein Zillebeke and gained 500 metres. In Alsace we are still occupying the heights dominating Steinback. On the rest of the front there is nothing to report.

A meeting of ministers this morning decided to demand of the Houses of Deputies and Senators credits for three hundred million francs so as to aid the poor population of the invaded departments. The budget commission elected unanimously as president Monsieur Clementel, in place of M. Cochery, deceased. The general state of health of M. Deschanel is satisfactory.

Official.—In Belgium, Westende, situated to the northeast of Lom-baertzyde, has been fiercely bombarded by the British fleet. The Belgian army has repulsed a German counter attack on St. Georges, and occupied farms on the left bank of the Yser. Our troops who had advanced and gained ground in the direction of Klein Zillebeke has also progressed, but rather slightly, in the St. Eliel district. In Arras, Alsace and Champagne regions, there have been artillery duels, and we have on several points taken clearly the advantage. In the Argonne there is nothing to report. In Woivre we have repulsed several German attacks in the Mort-mare Woods and maintained all the trenches we had captured on 13th December. In Alsace we have thrown back a German attack to the west of Cernay, near Thann.

Servia.—King Peter, accompanied by Prince George, entered Belgrade at the head of his troops on Tuesday at 11 a.m. Between the Drina there are no more Austro-Hungarian troops. It is estimated that sixty thousand is the number of prisoners taken by the Servians since the war started.

## THE DEATH ROLL NUMBERS 50.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The effect of the bombardment at Hartlepool was that thirty persons were killed and one hundred injured. At West Hartlepool 20 persons were killed and many injured. The shells passed through the Baptist church of Hartlepool and other churches are also damaged.

## OF NO MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(Official.) The Admiralty takes the opportunity of pointing out that demonstrations of yesterday's character against unfortified towns or commercial ports though not difficult to accomplish provided that a certain amount of risk is accepted, are devoid of military significance. They may cause some loss of life among the civil population and some damage to private property, which is much to be regretted, but they must not under any circumstances be allowed to modify the general naval policy which is being pursued.

## LATEST FROM THE EAST.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The following statement from the general staff commander-in-chief of the Russian forces was issued last evening. Toward the frontier on the left bank of the Vistula the Germans kept up a stubborn attack throughout the day. Along the line from Klernoz to Sochaczew owing to the unfavorable condition of the country our troops retreated slightly during the evening of Dec. 15. On the other sections of the front our troops made counter attacks and compelled the enemy to remain in his position, checking attempts of his advance. Our strategy has stopped the Austrian advance beyond the Carpathians. On the other points there is no important change to report.

## ALLIES CONTINUE TO MAKE PROGRESS.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—(Official.) There has been slight progress as far as the sea to northeast of Neuport, and to the southeast of Ypres, along the railroad in the direction of La Bassée. There is no other notable incident to report along the rest of the front.

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## LONDON GOSSIP.

LONDON, Nov. 24, 1914.

## THE PRINCE AND OXFORD.

What the President of Magdalen has to say about the Prince of Wales' career at Oxford does not contain much matter for surprise. Everybody knows from reports that the Prince's conduct was marked by the simplicity on which Dr. Warren lays stress. The coming of a Prince to a University, even to what Dr. Warren calls a "democratic aristocracy," is a social ordeal both for the Prince and for the University. The Prince, it is agreed, came out of it well. So did the University, though there were individuals who in the early days were not above the weakness of showing curiosity, or of practising immaturity of one of the less admirable of the social arts. The Prince's studies almost necessarily forsook any normal course. They seem, indeed, to have approximated more closely in character to those of Ruskin College than to those of the regular schools. The education of a Prince is a difficult enterprise. It is generally admitted that the scheme of study designed for the late King Edward was unfortunately chosen. The Prince has clearly been more wisely guided. It is interesting to note that "more and more as time went on he found that he preferred the Oxford system of private and individual tuition in which the pupil writes or prepares work, and his work is criticized and he is 'catechised' orally by his tutor to the system of the larger general lectures." The one hour a week with the tutor is indeed by the common consent of Oxford students an admirable institution. But most undergraduates have less respectable excuses than preference for the tutor's guidance for "cutting lekkers." The Prince has now left for the front and is attached to the staff of Sir John French, as is also Prince Arthur of Connaught. The assiduous work which the Heir-Apparent has been doing with the Grenadier Guards has rendered His Royal Highness thoroughly fit for service.

## NEW FIELD MARSHALS.

The list of Field Marshals is now smaller than it has been for several years owing to the death of Lord Roberts and the removal from the list of the German Emperor and the Emperor of Austria-Hungary. There are now only eight on the list, the senior being the Duke of Connaught, and the junior Sir John French. It is understood that the King will shortly create two more Field Marshals, though this may be deferred until the New Year, and it is believed that these will be Sir Ian Hamilton and Sir Horace Smith Dorrien. The former is acting as Commander-in-Chief of the troops now in this country, and it is fully expected that he will shortly be gazetted to be Chief of the Imperial General Staff and first military member of the Army Council in the place of the late General Sir Charles Douglas. General Sir Horace Smith Dorrien, now in command of the Second Army Corps at the front, has greatly distinguished himself in action, particularly during the retreat from Mons.

## RECRUITS FROM ABROAD.

The new policy of withholding the daily figures of recruiting from the press makes it impossible to estimate exactly the success of the recent attempts to whip up recruits by direct appeals at dinner-hour meetings and so on. There was a healthy look about the waiting-room at the central office this morning. The clerks were busy interviewing varied lots of applicants, which included a satisfactory sprinkling of old non-commissioned officers. One, who said that if he was taken on he would be the fourteenth in his family in the army, fought in South Africa in a Devonshire regiment. "I thought I'd better see the old regiment through it," he said. There was a young man with sleek hair who had been waiting hours for an interview. He had paid his own way to England from Buenos Ayres in the hope of being accepted. Examples of self-sacrifice of the same kind happen almost daily. A few days since a party of sixty settlers from Rhodesia marched into New Scotland Yard and demanded to be turned into soldiers. They were magnificent, tall men, used to roughing it, and dead shots. On the next day there arrived from Canada a large batch of men who had failed to get into the Canadian contingent. Englishmen are constantly coming from South America, and particularly from the Argentine. Half a dozen fellows applied who have given up good berths on the Argentine railways, and there has been quite a rush of men from New York. Among the very unexpected were a Greek from Smyrna and a Turk.

## CRICKETERS AT THE FRONT.

Whatever may be the right or wrong of continuing sports while war is going on, there is no question that first-class cricket sent a good many men to the front as soon as August was over. One heard of eight members of a county team joining the army together, and from time to time there comes news of some famous player who is seeking further fame on another field. R. H. Spooner has even been wounded. A. C. McLaren, it is said, is to drive the motor ambulance supplied to the Red Cross by Harrow School. Latest of all comes the exciting report that "Ran-jit" is coming to take a hand in the fighting. When after several years' absence he last came to play cricket the Jam of Nawangar—to give him his unrecognizable name—was stout and perhaps a little slower of wrist. But pulses quicken at the thought of this sportsman coming to "play the game" for England again.

## THE REVIVAL OF PARIS.

Paris is soon to be itself again in the sense that some of its social machinery is to be re-started. This means that General Gallieni, the military Governor, and therefore something of a temporary dictator, has come to the conclusion that there is no military objection to the revival. General Gallieni has gained such a reputation for stern adherence to military considerations that Parisians look on his change of attitude as an-

other good augury for the success of the hard-fought campaign. As from November 31st the theatres and music-halls have permission to re-open, though they must close at 11 o'clock. The cafes must still close at 8 p.m., but the restaurants can continue their business until 10 o'clock. The motor buses, which have all run away to the war, are also to be replaced by new ones. All this will not bring back Paris to the height of its gaiety, but it will make it a brighter place. It will be something of a problem for the theatres to find actors and the buses to find drivers, as so many of the young and even middle-aged men are called to the colors. Paris is not easily beaten by difficulties of that kind. It will be interesting to see if it evolves what London has not yet found—a really fine play about the war.

## ITALY'S ATTITUDE.

In connection with the departure from London for Rome of the Marquis Imperiali, I have the highest authority for stating that the purpose of His Excellency's journey is really to attend a conference, over which Baron Sonnino, the Italian Foreign Minister, will preside, and at which the British, French and Russian Ambassadors will assist. Judging from a telegram received in an official quarter here this morning, the conference will be of the greatest importance, as it will finally determine the policy of Italy towards the war. Baron Sonnino will lay before the Ambassadors of the Allied Powers a full and frank statement of Italy's position and claims, in promotion or defence of which she would be prepared to take military measures; and on the assumption that the Allies will admit the justice of those claims, developments of a far-reaching character may not be long delayed in the region of the Adriatic, calculated to assist the progress of the Serbian and Montenegrin arms.

## PURGING GERMANY.

Germany's determination to purge itself of every foreign taint and flavor, I notice from the German papers, is developing surprisingly. It was natural, perhaps, that the outbreak of war should have been followed by the changing of all English and French names for restaurants and shops—names which in the "bad" old days proved valuable commercial assets. It was equally natural that convenient verbal borrowings should now be laboriously translated into many-syllabled Teuton substitutes. School-boys extract a fine from their fellows for every foreign word which slips out unawares and spend it in tobacco for the troops. Now the Association of Florists thunders against the "French" fashion of making up bouquets and demands an "echt Deutsche" style of preparing and wearing buttonholes. There has been much talk, too, of the German fashions which were to replace the French, but so far these plans have not been seen. There has been an Association of Dress Reformers for many years in Germany, and its vagaries have frightened even the most patriotic sections of feminine Germany. Nevertheless the manufacturers are doing their best for the cause, as a recent advertisement in a German newspaper shows. "Un-German, immoral, and foolish," the reader is told, "are the Paris fashions. They do nothing but fill the pockets of our enemies and make our German women mere caricatures of human beings." Their complete shamelessness is directly opposed to the modest conscientiousness of the German character. "Un-German," too, "and dangerous" are the corsets of Paris, an insidious attack on the health of the German race, and fitted only to be banished from the "Kulturkreis" of the German. The authoress of "Elizabeth and her German Garden" has up to recently preserved her anonymity successfully, even in her adopted German home. The news of her true name, which has come out as the result of her request for the restoration of her English nationality, has caused a good deal of surprise in Germany, and there is much sadness over her "strange" decision to renounce her adopted country. The Countess von Arnim would have done far better (writes one regretful Teuton critic) to stay among those who "understood and appreciated her."

FUNERAL YESTERDAY.—The funeral of the late Patrick P. Coady took place from 58 Hamilton Street yesterday afternoon and was largely attended. At the Cathedral Rev. Fr. Conway recited the prayers for the Dead, and interment was at Mount Carmel Cemetery.

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