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## War News.

### Messages Received Previous to 9 A.M.

**OFFICIAL.**  
LONDON, Dec. 24. The Governor, Newfoundland: Headquarters in France report that an enemy bombing attack on Ploegsteert wood failed. Artillery was active at Hartmannsweilerkopf. The French abandoned captured positions on the right retaining the left and centre on a front of a mile and a quarter.

**EMPEROR'S ILLNESS SERIOUS.**  
LONDON, Dec. 24. According to rumors in Berlin, Emperor William's illness is very serious, says the Morning Post's Rotterdam correspondent, but these rumors have been officially denied. It was only when rumor insisted that an operation for cancer was necessary in order to save the Emperor's life, the correspondent adds, that physicians issued a bulletin declaring that his illness was due to inflammation of the cellular tissues.

**JEFFRE REMOVING OFFICERS.**  
PARIS, Dec. 24. Joffre continues relentlessly his policy of eliminating from higher commands all officers who are not maintaining the highest standards of efficiency, both technically and physically. The latest official contains the names of five Generals of division retired, three are placed on the reserve list. Seven Brigadiers are placed on reserve, men who have distinguished themselves in recent operations being promoted to their places.

**TURKISH OFFICIAL.**  
CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 24. The Turkish War Office gave out the following statement last night: The situation on the Iraq front in Mesopotamia is unchanged. On the Caucasian front, Russian detachments which attempted to approach us in a mile section were repulsed. On the Dardanelles front, five torpedo boats and one cruiser were compelled to retire, the cruiser having been hit at Seddul Bahir; there was a violent artillery action on the right wings. A hostile aircraft was shot down at Birshebat.

**RUSSIA DETERMINED.**  
LONDON, Dec. 24. The Petrograd correspondent of Reuters wiring under date Thursday, says: "To the full sitting of the Budget Committee of the Duma to-day, Minister of Foreign Affairs Sazonoff made a statement on the political situation, in the course of which he said that relations with Greece, following the Entente Allies' fortifications of Salonika, were perfectly well defined. He continued, the occupation of Hamadan and Kum enables us to prevent the Germans causing trouble in Persia. In future it behooves Russia to adopt a firm attitude in regard to Persia. Professor Milgoff put a question about peace rumors, to which M. Sazonoff replied that they had no foundation, and referred to the unshakable determination of the Russian government to carry the war to a successful issue."

**NOTHING DOING ON WEST FRONT.**  
LONDON, Dec. 26. The British official report issued last night says there was normal artillery activity along the front to-day, but nothing special to report.

**FRENCH WAR OFFICE REPORT.**  
PARIS, Dec. 26. A statement issued by the French War Office to-day says the night was calm along the whole front.

**SUCCESS OF MONTENEGRINS.**  
PARIS, Dec. 26. A Montenegro official statement received here late last night says: On December 23rd our Sanjak army, in continuance of its offensive attack, the enemy towards Loponatz. After a severe struggle the enemy was completely repulsed and driven back on Belopolje, leaving on the field five hundred dead. We took as prisoners, one hundred men including a

captain. On the other fronts there has been artillery duels and infantry combats.

**FRENCH OFFICIAL.**  
PARIS, Dec. 26. The following official communication was issued by the War Office last night. In Belgium during the day the artillery continued to display marked activity on both sides in the region of Lombardy. In Artois our batteries successfully bombarded German works to the south of Arras, and in the region of Arras, in Champagne we dispersed an enemy convoy on the road from Tahure to Somme. In the Vosges there was an artillery duel of a rather intense character. The enemy bombarded Hirzstein front and on the slopes to the north of Hartmannsweilerkopf. The Belgian official communication reads: "Calm prevailed last night and this morning; the enemy this afternoon showed some activity before the central part of our front. Their batteries were immediately silenced by our artillery which afterwards destructively shelled the German works at Vicogne and an important enemy work to the north of Dixmude."

**RUSSIAN OFFICIAL.**  
PETROGRAD, Dec. 26. The following official communication from General Headquarters was issued yesterday: On the western Russian front six versts, about four miles, northeast of Bucacz, we repulsed enemy attempts against our advanced trenches. In the region of Narance we took an enemy post by surprise, capturing twenty-one prisoners. The enemy's desperate attempts to recapture the position were ineffectual.

**LOYD GEORGE'S ADDRESS.**  
LONDON, Dec. 26. David Lloyd George addressed a meeting of some three thousand trade union officials and work stewards at Glasgow on Saturday, on the imperative need of dilution of skilled by unskilled labor. He explained that he had come to submit proposals for acceptance on which depended not only victory, but the saving of numberless lives. It was impossible for him to report through Parliament to the British Army that skilled workmen refused to suspend their rules to save their fellow workers on the battlefield, he declared, and added that he refused to believe that British workmen were less patriotic than the French, whose devotion and self-sacrifice had enabled the French to successfully withstand the terrible machine which, with the aid of German workmen, had scored a great victory over the Russians. Time was vital, and help must be given without delay. The Minister of Munitions said in closing, in his appeal to the workmen, either we must tell the soldiers that we are sorry that we cannot give the guns to enable them to win through, or we must tell them that if they manage to hold out for another year perhaps American workmen will help us to get a sufficient supply for 1917. Another alternative is that we might tell the Kaiser frankly that we cannot go on. He might let us off with the annexation of Belgium, with the payment of indemnity, and with a British colony or two, but he certainly would demand that Great Britain surrender her command of the sea, and Great Britain then would be as completely at the mercy of Prussian despotism as Belgium is to-day. The Minister of Munitions' scheme to amend the trade union regulations was proposed by a committee, including seven trade unionists. "We don't trust trade union leaders," several voices in the audience cried. "Whom do you trust?" Mr. Lloyd George demanded, and the voice replied, "Nobody." Mr. Lloyd George then proceeded to explain how the national gun and munition factories were being established throughout the United Kingdom, and that 80,000 skilled workmen were required. "You won't get them," some one in the meeting declared. "I come here and face three thousand Glasgow trade unionists," the Minister said in reply. "Will that gentleman venture to go to Flanders and face three thousand British soldiers in the trenches?" (Prolonged cheers.) Continuing, the Minister emphasized the point that the Russian retreat was due to the aid the German workmen gave their comrades in the field by manufacturing an endless supply of guns and shells; and it was the French workmen, he declared, coming to the rescue that enabled France to successfully face this terrible machine. Victory is impossible, he said, unless the British workmen frankly followed the example of their French comrades without cavil, and, above all, without delay. I cannot return to Parliament, he said, and report through the House of Commons to the British Army that skilled workmen won't suspend their rules to save their fellow-countrymen's lives on the battlefield. Referring to the excellent work he had seen done by women during the last few days, Mr. Lloyd George said that if the men waited to adhere to the Government's programme, there were two alternatives already referred to. He refused to believe, he said, that skilled British workmen, whose patriotism was manifested by their readiness to give their sons to fight their country's battles, would give their own lives to their fellow-countrymen such an answer. "Time is vital, he declared; time is victory, and time is life. There already are 540,000 casualties, including 300,000 since the agreement between the Trade Unionists and the Government in March.

Further delay means further loss, and I appeal to the workmen to help thoughtfully and quickly. Such aid will strengthen your claim at the end of the war upon the British people. As for the protests of the minority of this meeting, I feel that I can thank the vast majority for an appreciative hearing. Near the close of the address Mr. Lloyd George said that he wondered how many people fully realized the magnitude of the war and its tremendous issues. Sometimes, he feared, he said, they treated it as a passing shower, but this is not a passing shower; it is the deluge; it is a convulsion of nature; it is a cyclone, which is tearing by its roots the ornamental plants of modern society, and wrecking some of the finest trestle bridges of modern civilization. It is an earthquake which is upheaving the very rocks of European life; it is one of those seismic disturbances in which nations leap forward or fall backward for generations in a single bound. All this chattering about relaxing a rule and suspending a custom is out of place. You cannot haggle with an earthquake, and I beg the skilled workmen of the country, in whose keeping are the doctrines of nature, to lift up their eyes above the mist of distrust and suspicion, and ascend to the heights of the greatest opportunity that ever opened before their class, and by so doing there will emerge, after this war, that future hope which the great leaders of democracy of all ages have pictured in their dreams. At the outset of his appeal the Minister said that he had come to Glasgow on behalf of the Government, at the request of the British Army, to arrange for the manufacture of big guns and projectiles to supply the gallant fellows at the front, and we need your help, he said, if we are to accomplish our task. This is a weird business for Christmas morning, but I want you to remember that while we are comfortable here at home, there are hundreds of thousands of our kin in the front trenches with the whistle of death hurling around them, and I come to submit to you a proposal on the acceptance of which depends not merely victory, but the saving of numberless lives of those brave men. At the conclusion of his speech, Lloyd George met the district committee of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers. At this meeting, which was highly satisfactory, proposals were discussed with the view of definite and immediate action for the dilution of labor.

**Where Tommy Rules the Roost.**  
Describing How a New Type of Soldiers' Club is run by Privates for Privates.  
By the end of the war a good many superstitions will have been laid to rest. Among those that have already gone is the old belief that the soldier is different from other men, that he is a type apart, with desires and habits, and a way of looking at things peculiarly his own. The existence of the New Army, composed as it is of all sorts and conditions of men who have become soldiers "for the duration of the war only," has shown the absurdity of that belief. As a matter of fact, the khaki that makes the soldier does not change the man. It is only the outward and visible sign of new activities and special purposes. It is the badge of supreme self-surrender to his country's service. Beneath the soldier's khaki remains the man as he ever was, with his wants and desires what they always were—the wants and desires of the average man. As if to emphasize this changed conception of the soldier's character, there has lately come into being an organization known as the Soldiers' Clubs Association, which is providing one of his wants in a strikingly novel manner. Its aim is to provide some place that a soldier can call his own, some place that really is his own, where there is no authority to be obeyed except those unwritten rules of goodfellowship which are the essence of club life. And this is how the Soldiers' Clubs Association goes to work. It builds and equips the club, roughly, at a cost of £1,000. It provides the staff to run the club, and then leaves Tommy Atkins to do the rest. Membership costs the nominal sum of sixpence a month, and is instituted not for the sake of the sixpence, but in order both to create a feeling of proprietorship, and to do away with any trace of patronage or philanthropy. For this is meant to be Tommy Atkins' own affair. The management of the club is in the hands of a committee of members elected by the men themselves, with full power to decide upon questions of policy and conduct. And this freedom is real and not illusory; it even extends to such a vexed question as the sale of beer in the club. The members of each club are left to settle that question for themselves, subject, of course, to the wishes of the officer commanding the district. This new organization, treating the soldier as a man, acts upon the beaten line of a man likes to manage his own affairs. There is, therefore, no presumptuous attempt to decide over his head what is good for him and what is not. That is not the function of a club in civil life; and it is surely a gratuitous insult to the manliness of the soldier to regard any clubs provided for his use as forcing-houses for what other people consider the moral virtues. The clubs already established by

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### Note of Thanks.

On behalf of Adj. Sainsbury and the S. A. No. 11. Band I wish to thank the many friends who so kindly helped us on the occasion of our serenading on Christmas morning, especially His Excellency the Governor, Mr. and Mrs. Tasker Cook and Adj. Ogilvie who kindly entertained us at their homes, the Hon. John Harvey, Hon. John C. Crosbie, Messrs. A. Rendell, Andrew Carnell, George Marshall, Esq., Adj. W. White who gave so liberally and many others too many to mention here. Again sincerely thanking one and all and wishing you every prosperity in the coming year accompanied with God's richest blessing that maketh rich and adeth no sorrow.  
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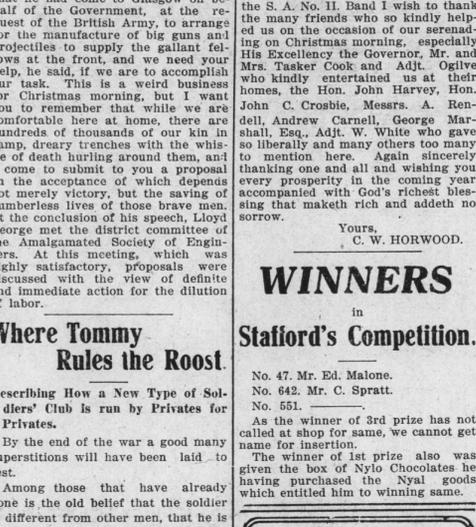
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