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United States Will Claim Damages From Britain For Detaining Cargoes

President Wilson Claims That Many American Cargoes Have Been Unlawfully Detained and That Protests Have Been Lodged in Specific Cases—Appeals to American Shippers to Issue Only Absolutely Honest Manifests—All-American Conference to be Held

WASHINGTON, December 29th.—President Wilson, referring today to the American Note to Britain, insisting on better treatment of American commerce, declared that large damages would have to be paid by Britain for the unlawful detention of American cargoes.

are inclined to await the actual text of the Note before indulging in detailed criticism of it. Wilson's Appeal. Washington, Dec. 29.—Pres. Wilson to-day appealed to American shippers of non-contraband goods, such as cotton, not to allow their cargoes to be mixed with contraband articles.

ST. GEORGE'S CAPTURED BY ALLIES

Austro-Germans and Russians Battle for Cracow, the Key to the Great Manufacturing Centres of Germany

(French Official Bulletin.) Paris, Dec. 29.—In Belgium, the village of St. George's has been taken by our troops and occupied. From the Lys to the Somme there has been fierce German cannonading of our positions, in the Echelle and Staubin districts, and at Lequesnoy-euchour to the north-west of Roye.

Christmas Season In Great Britain Was Characterised By Atmosphere Of Sadness Rather Than Hilarity

Everywhere Throughout the Island, Men in Khaki and in Blue Were the Object of Attention and Admiration—London Full of Soldiers, Including Thousands of Canadians From Salisbury Camp—Needy Ones Well Looked After

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Christmas of 1914 will long be remembered in Great Britain as a military Christmas. Everywhere throughout the island, men in khaki and in blue were the object of attention and admiration.

andra Palace had a similar celebration. A special committee, formed to watch conditions of distress in London, has reported that there are less pauperism and unemployment in the city than any Christmas in thirty years. This is due to the large enlistment in the army, many of the workers making room for the unemployed.

German Officer Admires Prowess Of Indian Troops

Says They Have Proved That They Are Enemies Who Are Not to Be Despised.

Amsterdam, Dec. 28.—The Frankfurter Zeitung publishes the following letter from a German officer, commenting on the prowess of Britain's Indian troops.

Pittsburg Mills Are Given Orders For 300,000 Miles Barbed Wire

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 26.—Demand from the belligerent nations of Europe for barbed and plain wire is reaching the feverish stage in the wire mills of this district. Orders of orders aggregating 125,000 tons, of which 25,000 tons are specified as barbed wire of special design, have been made within the past few days, the only point at issue being the time at which deliverance can be made.

Special Device For Tearing Down Entanglements

Fire Grapnel From Gun and Bit of Pulling on the Rope Does The Rest

London, Dec. 26.—The Daily News publishes the following despatch from a London correspondent in Paris: "I was talking with a group of soldiers from the front and in the course of their stories of life told me of an ingenious device they have for tearing down the German barbed wire entanglements. There are hundreds of miles of these barriers in front of the German trenches in France and Belgium. They bring the most impetuous bayonet charge to a standstill until a way is cut through them.

The German Efforts Entirely Fail To Check The Russian Advance

Petrograd, Dec. 29.—Complete failure has marked the efforts of the Germans to check the Russian advance at half a dozen points along the battle-line.

Frontiersmen Are Favorites With Belgians

Retain Their Picturesque Uniform And Have Proved Dashing And Brave. London, Dec. 25.—A Canadian reaching Paris from the Belgian frontier says Western Canadians belonging to the Legion of Frontiersmen are attracting much attention in the Belgian army.

Five Hundred Thousand Moslems Under No Obligation To Russia, Offer Men And Money To Czar

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—Half a million Calmucks, members of a nomadic, pastoral race which has always been free from obligation to furnish any soldiers for the Russian army, have just been added to the Russian forces.

military organisation and privileges similar to those enjoyed by the Cossacks. The Calmucks are born horsemen, and their horses are among the finest in the world, closely resembling the true Arab breeds.

Sets Duration of War at 2 Years Expects The Italians And Greeks To Be Involved In The Conflict

London, Dec. 28.—I have had an opportunity of learning the results of inquiries made in the course of a several weeks' tour by a high British authority, sent to investigate conditions in the war area.

Austria Gives Greeks Rebuke

Because They Allow French Warships To Use Their Ports.

Rome, Dec. 29.—Serious friction between Greek and Austrian officials is reported to-day from Saloniki. The Austrian Minister warmly protested against Greek port officials permitting French warships to make their headquarters at Grecian ports.

Submarine Officer Gets Coveted Cross

Decoration for Commander of B. 11, Which Sank the Turkish Warship "Messudieh."

London, Dec. 28.—The Victoria Cross has been awarded to Lieut. Holbrook, the commander of the Submarine B-11, which sank the Turkish cruiser Messudieh in the Dardanelles.

Russians Captured 50,000 Austrians During First Half Of December Month

Petrograd, Dec. 30.—The following statement, received from the Russian General Headquarters, was issued this evening: "To-day, between the Lower Vistula and the Pilica, only fighting of small importance took place. The Germans left their trenches on the right bank of the Bzura, near the village of Mierzewic and fell back on the left bank of the Bzura.

Prince Henry Now In Charge Of German Fleet

Once British Admiral, But Will Now Direct Strategy of the Kaiser's Ships

London, Dec. 30.—A Berlin despatch received by the Exchange Telegraph Company by way of The Hague says the German Emperor summoned Prince Henry of Prussia to his headquarters to confer with him and Admiral Von Tirpitz, Minister of Marine, on the British raid on Cuxhaven.

Others to Come in. All evidence collected in Italy, Greece, and Roumania go to show that they will join the conflict early in the new year. There is grave prospect.

WEATHER REPORT. Toronto (noon)—Strong winds and moderate gales, southerly to westerly; snow and rain.

The Head Office of the Furness Withy Co. has been transferred to Royal Liver Building, Liverpool, from Jan. 1st, 1915.