



ROUMANIA'S OIL FIELDS DESTROYED.

The immensely valuable Roumania oil fields were completely destroyed by a British expedition before the Germans overswept the country. The picture shows part of the oil field.

CURRENT EVENTS.

So far as the general war news is concerned there has not been much activity on any of the fronts excepting that of the Roumanian section. This country has been still further invaded by the German-Bulgarian army, but fortunately the oil field and grain supplies had been previously destroyed by the retreating Roumanians aided by the British contingent.

Below we are giving a daily report of the principal current events as they took place which we trust will prove of still further assistance and interest to our readers.

December 8.—A note to Germany protesting against the deportation of Belgians for forced labor, as contrary to all precedents and humane principles of international practice, was made public by America.

December 10.—The British war cabinet now comprises: Premier David Lloyd George; Lord President of the Council, Earl Curzon, who also will be government leader in the House of Lords; Arthur Henderson, minister without portfolio; Lord Milner, minister without portfolio; Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, who has been asked by

the premier as leader in the House of Commons, and also as member of the war cabinet, without being expected to attend regularly.

Premier Lloyd George's war programme comprises the following: Firstly the arming of merchantmen in order to fight the submarine peril; secondly, the preparation for the spring offensive; thirdly, the mobilization of the civil population between the ages of sixteen and sixty; fourthly, the making effective of the blockade; fifthly, the rationing of the population by the issue of food tickets; sixthly, the increasing of the home food production; seventhly, the banning of work immaterial to the war; eighthly, enforcing of the prohibition of luxuries; ninthly, the instituting of meatless days.

The German commercial submarine Deutschland, has arrived back in Germany.

December 11.—Gen. Petain, the defender of Verdun, is to succeed Gen. Joffre in supreme command of all the allied forces on the western battlefield.

Lieut.-General Philip Von Sellingrath has been appointed Bavarian minister of war.