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Farewell Message of Brigadier General Cockerell

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Brigadier General George K. Cockerell, the retiring Director of Special Intelligence at the War Office, in his farewell message today to his associates in that department, calls attention to the fact that although many persons in Great Britain know of the preparations for the counter offensives which led to the downfall of the German armies by the construction of tanks and other military secrets, not one word had the enemy in his message. Brigadier General Cockerell says: "You have been the chief agency in preventing the leakage of naval and military information, to mention a few instances of your success, the withdrawal from Gallipoli, the construction of tanks, the preparation for the offensive at Cambrai, and also for the recent counter offensive which destroyed the German armies, were all known to numbers of people in this country, but were concealed from the enemy. There is no evidence that enemy submarines ever received information of the departure of shipping from ports. In most cases the arrest of a spy has quickly followed his entry into this country, thanks largely to your efforts no act of destruction has been committed by enemy agents in this country. In the opinion of the Minister of Blockade your work has continued in a very large degree to the satisfactory working of the blockade. In practically every case of contraband before a Prize Court the evidence has been furnished by you. The estimated value of prize cargoes, excluding ships is over £30,000,000. You have stopped enemy remittances to the value of £70,000,000, and completely destroyed the enemy overseas communication so far as they were vulnerable."

The Hun Trying Tricks in Artillery

COBLENZ, Dec. 30.—The old-fashioned heavy artillery which is being offered the American army by the Germans will be declined, according to a decision by the Allied Armistice Commission. In reply to a message from the United States receiving commission at Coblenz, engaged in taking over material from the Germans under the terms of the armistice, asking what limitations should be placed upon the material offered by the Germans the Armistice Commission at Spa said that the majority of the cannon which the Germans hand over must be modern. The Armistice Commission decided that the reception of material should continue after January 1, and until new instructions were received. Upon the definite fulfilment of the armistice conditions regarding material to be turned over the material not accepted will be returned to the Germans.

Poles Masters of Posen

BASLE, Dec. 31.—The Poles are masters of Posen, German Poland, according to the Vorwarts of Berlin. They have disarmed German officers and soldiers, some of whom, the paper adds, were shot after being tried by court martial. Violent fighting has taken place in the streets between German and Polish soldiers. The Poles are in control of the central post office and the telegraph office, and have cut communication with Germany. The German authorities in the province urgently demand that troops be sent to their aid. The German soldiers and workmen's Council at Posen, east of Posen, and Zloslav have officially proclaimed their annexation to Poland. The town of Gnesen, thirty miles northeast of Posen, is in the hands of the Poles, according to reports reaching here.

Secretary Daniels on Naval Affairs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels asked the House Naval Committee today to provide for an increased personnel of 250,000 men for the year beginning next July, leaving the question of a permanent peace-time personnel to be determined after a detailed study of complements for the ships to be made during the summer under the direction of Admiral Benson.

TORONTO RAILWAY MUST PAY BIG FINE

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THE DECAY OF TITLES OF NOBILITY

(From the New York Herald.)

Hereafter none but the nearest blood kin of the British Sovereign will bear titles; the grandchildren of the present King will be known as Mr. or Miss Windsor. Nor is it unlikely that all titles of nobility will eventually be abolished in the countries of Europe. Lords and Barons had their value in the days when they rendered service in return for their privileges and could be distinguished by their clothes and their manners from ordinary folk. But as feudalism decayed and such outward signs of nobility as ruffs and swords and the golf tuft on the young collegian's mortar board disappeared brains and money began to rule. The English peerage, carefully preserved by the laws of primogeniture, is still an object of idolatrous worship on the part of the humbler classes, but in the great world of London society titles have lost much of their former value. The late Duke of Marlborough is credited with the shrewd and cynical observation that "nowadays nobody toadies to a Duke except Americans." But even in New York society the prestige of the title of nobility has been materially weakened by the various fraudulent or unworthy varieties of the species who have left unsavory memories behind them. We in this democratic country derive most of our knowledge of the social power of titles from the pages of second-rate English fiction, in which they are still held in reverence. In these stories is carefully preserved the ancient myth that even the poorest noble looks with contempt upon the commoner, even though he be a man of millions, who is engaged in trade. Those who are foolish enough to accept this old tale should remember that a member of the House of Lords is also an Englishman, and therefore not averse to making money. That is why a large proportion of Britain's peers are engaged in business of one sort or another.

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Your church then will be what you want it to be.

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Fifty-One Months of Brutal Rule in Belgium by the Hun

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The Times today quotes an article appearing in Die Zukunft, of Berlin, on December 14, in which Maximilian Harden, Editor of that newspaper, appeals to Germany to make a demonstration of good faith and readiness to secure confidence by giving guarantees, the article asserts that the German people can face the facts about their plight. First it says the German people accepted the "official lie" invented in order to conceal the responsibility of the Emperor for eventual defeat that Germany had been wittingly attacked, and second when defeat came the German people let off their rulers too lightly. It declares that the German people do not really understand the account which is being made up against them which Harden describes as "fifty-one months of brutal rule in Belgium during which every law of humanity was broken. The devastation of Northern France, air raids against all law, the custom of sinking passenger and hospital ships, secret agreements with the Irish and Flemish, the smuggling of explosive bacilli, and incendiary instruments in neutral countries, and everywhere bribery and fraud and theft." Herr Harden asserts that the German people do not realize the situation they have to face, and after expressing the belief that the Allied view is that the German revolution is a fraud urges Germany to approach the Allied Powers with assurance that Germany really places all her hope in the abandonment of militaristic ambitions and the creation of a new world.

A Polish Army Marching on Berlin

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 2.—A Polish army of thirty thousand men is marching on Berlin, according to a despatch received here quoting rumours at the German capital. Gustave Noske, member of the Ebert Cabinet in charge of military affairs, is said to have ordered the 5th German division to meet the Poles.

Dividing the Spoils

LONDON, Jan. 1.—German submarines who have been surrendered are being divided among the Allies, according to the Mail. The newspaper says that fifteen went to France, ten to Italy, seven to Japan, and four to the United States. The U-boats turned over to the United States are said to be on their way across the Atlantic. The newspaper does not specify the manner in which the rest of 127 surrendered subs are to be allocated.

The Swiss Talks Up

BERNE, Jan. 1.—The Swiss Government has telegraphed a strong protest to the Soviet Government of Russia relative to the latter's action in preventing the departure of the Swiss Legation and staff from Russia. Switzerland declares she will hold Russia responsible for all delays and demands an immediate answer.

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