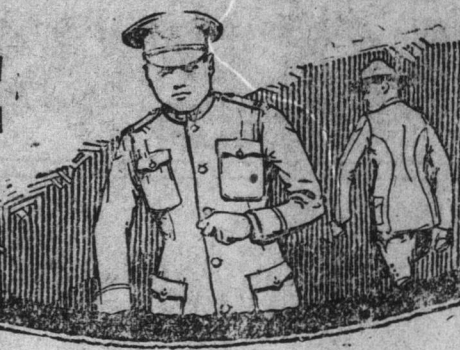


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War News.

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WEEK'S SHIPPING LOSSES.

LONDON, Dec. 19. Fourteen British merchantmen of more than 1,600 tons and three under that tonnage, were sunk by mine or submarine the past week, according to the Admiralty report to-night. One fishing ship was also sunk. The shipping losses for the past week are slightly under those of the previous week, when 14 ships of more than 1,600 tons and seven under that tonnage were destroyed.

FRENCH LOSSES.

PARIS, Dec. 19. The losses of French shipping by mine or submarine for the week ending Dec. 15, were exceedingly light, only one ship under 1,600 tons being sunk and none over 1,600. One ship was attacked but escaped. No fishing craft was sunk.

THE RUSSIAN SITUATION.

Russian representatives have been ordered by Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, to demand of the Central Powers at the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk whether they agree to make peace without annexations and indemnities and on

the principle of self-definition of the nations. Trotsky is reported to have invited the Allies' participation on a threat that treaties will be broken and a separate peace arranged. Clear indications of the internal situation in Russia still are lacking. Details of the scenes of the signing of the armistice show that up to last Saturday the temper of the delegates was such that it appeared negotiations might be broken off. The German representatives suddenly displayed an attitude of compromise and made only a few changes in the Russian draft. The agreement was signed at 6.45 o'clock Saturday evening. Immediately after the signing, General Von Hoffman, head of the German delegates, arose and said we are no longer enemies but friends. We never were the enemies of democracy in any country, was the reply of the Russians. The German staff at Brest-Litovsk gave a triumphal dinner to the Russians.

BOMBING ATTACK.

LONDON, Dec. 19. The successful bombing by British naval aircraft of the Engel airdrome behind the German lines in Flanders is announced in to-day's Admiralty report. The text follows: Naval aircraft dropped bombs which burst close to the sheds and on the ammunition dump and, railway sidings at the Engel airdrome on Tuesday. One enemy aircraft was brought down ablaze and one out of control. All of our machines returned safely.

U. S. INQUIRY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. The Congressional inquiry into army war preparations broadened yesterday with the Senate military committee's decision to hear private manufacturers of ordnance and ammunition McCormack, of Illinois, who recently visited the battlefield. The committee heard statements in executive session yesterday tending to contradict the testimony of Major General Crozier, Chief of Ordnance, regarding the adequacy of General Pershing's equipment, especially heavy artillery. McCormack said neither the British nor French had enough artillery and that they were supplying Pershing only because the Americans were still worse off. The British, said McCormack, who in proportion to their front have more guns by far than either of their western allies, according to their chief military authorities, will not have guns enough until next spring. The guns which the French give us, they give us because the immediate necessities of our little army in France are even greater than their own. General Pershing said to me, make guns, send us guns and ammunition rather than steel bullets. We are grateful for the little force you have sent us, the echo of its footfalls carried hope to every heart in France, but as it grows there must be a period when we shall be taxed to supply it, while its numbers slowly increase. You Americans who are a great industrial people must see that this is an industry of destruction, you will understand how urgent it is to send us guns, middle heavies and shells in order that we may be armed to win victories and defend ourselves, so that some of us may be alive to fight by your side when at last America is ready. The middle heavy is to this war what the steam shovel was to the Panama. If we make guns enough and transport them to Europe before the spring of 1919 we ought to win this war without terrible losses. Without the guns we shall lose the men and may be lose the war.

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spending six months in the United States gave to the Associated Press a statement in which he said that the campaign of the Allied navies against submarines has at last resulted in keeping the world's ship tonnage from showing a monthly decrease or will soon do so. Pollen gives credit for this success to the change in the chief command carried out by the British Admiralty last spring and the participation in the campaign of the American navy. Pollen pointed out that six months ago German submarines were causing a net attrition in the world's tonnage at the rate of nearly 25 per cent. annually, while the present rate of attrition is difficult to estimate. It appeared that last month Britain launched as much tonnage as she lost. The first ship laid down by the United States since war began has been launched and within the next twelve months a substantial portion of the six million tons provided for in this country will undoubtedly be afloat. Britain's ship-building programme will similarly increase month by month, and more over the campaign of the allied navies against the submarine will grow in value week by week. The significance of this to the fortune of the war doesn't have to be pointed out, Pollen continued. It means that Germany's flank attack on the allied communications failed and that there is no reason why ultimately the full military power of Britain, France, Italy, and more important than all, of the United States, shouldn't be felt in the west theatre of the war. This is a tremendous result. Speaking of the change in the chief command in the British Admiralty, he said in bringing about this new order of things at Whitehall the reformers were undoubtedly assisted first by the fact that an extremely effective, well equipped and brilliantly commanded contingent of American destroyers was already at work in a very important area of the theatre of war.

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HAIG MAKING CHANGES.

LONDON, Dec. 19. Marshal Haig, the Times says, it understands, is making important changes in his headquarters staff, which up to this time has virtually been unaltered since he took over the supreme command.

RECOGNIZE PORTUGAL'S NEW GOVERNMENT.

PARIS, Dec. 19. British and French Ministers at Lisbon have placed themselves in communication with Dr. Sidonio Pais, head of the new government of Portugal, according to the Temps to-day. This recognition of the existing situation, which also has been participated in by the Italian and Belgian Ministers, is by way of preparation for a formal recognition of the new government, the paper explains. Dr. Pais, it is noted, has seized every opportunity to declare that Portugal is resolved vigorously to continue the war against Germany.

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FIGHTING ON ITALIAN FRONT.

Italian Army Headquarters, Dec. 19. —Extremely heavy fighting again developed both in the northern mountain region and along the Lower Piave and the enemy made five separate attempts to cross the sile on the Piave. His main effort was about three miles above the mouth of the river where pontoons and bridges were used. The first party succeeded in getting across but after a series of furious attacks was driven back to the water's edge where it still held. Four other simultaneous attacks in the same region were repulsed in the main, but fighting continues, according to last reports received. In the mountain region the enemy concentrated his whole pressure on the heights commanding the pass of San Lorenzo leading down to the plain. He was repeatedly repulsed, but with heavy reinforcements succeeded in making some progress to the summit of one of the heights east of the Brenta River and the Italian line was correspondingly retired. The fighting was desperate as both sides feel the importance of controlling this vital link leading to the plain.

TURKS DESPOIL JERUSALEM.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. An official despatch received here to-day from France, says that the Turks before surrendering Jerusalem to the British, brutally mistreated the Christian priests and carried off the famous treasures of the church of the Holy Sepulchre valued at millions of dollars and sent them to Berlin churches the celebrated ostensorio of brilliant, Monsignor Gammess, the patriarch of Jerusalem, is said to have been deposed from his office and Fr. Piccardi an Italian priest to have died from the effects of Turkish brutalities. The church of the Holy Sepulchre had remained unmolested heretofore during all the centuries of Moslem occupation of Jerusalem. The same despatch told of the indignation among the Mussulmen of Asia Minor over the action of the German General in establishing his staff headquarters in the great mosque of the city of Aleppo near the Syrian border.

A VATICAN DENIAL.

ROME, Dec. 19. The rumor that the Pope is preparing another appeal for peace is denied at the Vatican.

NEW GERMAN DECLARATION EXPECTED.

LONDON, Dec. 19. Berlin is showing keen excitement over a rumor that the Kaiser is about to issue a new declaration of German war aims, according to reports received here to-day. One report, via Amsterdam, says Germany plans to use neutral diplomats as intermediaries under promise of secrecy, while another declares that the declaration will be made in a message from the Emperor to the Vatican. After his long banishment Maximilian Harding appears in the Zukunft with a strong article pleading for universal peace; but peace seems more unpopular this Christmas than it was a year ago, and though the whole of Europe is exceedingly war weary, ranging in degree from exhausted Russia to tenacious Britain, plodding along with apparently no diminution in strength, peace seems to be as hard to get as a military decision in this war. There are

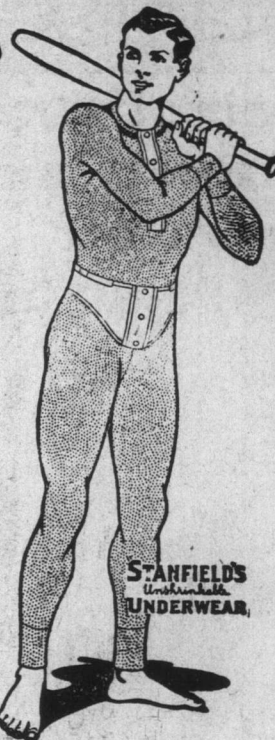
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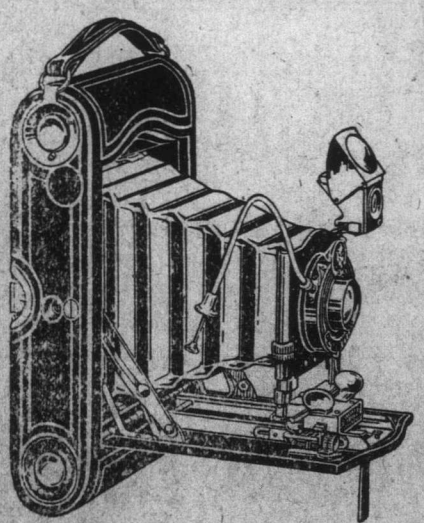
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signs of a desire for peace in Turkey, Bulgaria and Austria, and among the Socialists in Germany, but the military party in the latter country is the strongest at the moment. The momentum of the war is still great, though the hardships it entails are gradually driving the belligerents toward a policy of moderation. In the entente countries some statements continue to buck the tide, but they are facing a steady growth of radical sentiment.

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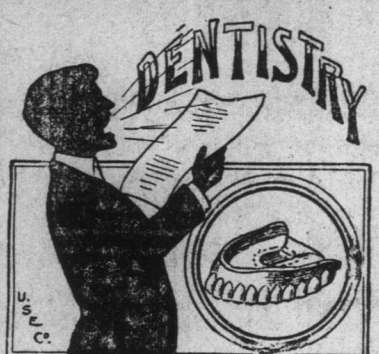


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