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**PROGRESS OF THE WAR**  
(December 7 to December 13)

THE week under review has not furnished much news of a reassuring tone for the Entente Allies, though no serious disaster befell them.  
On the Western front, fierce artillery duels characterized the week, but no gains of any importance on either side were recorded.  
On the Russian front comparative quiet seems to have prevailed, no substantial successes were claimed by either of the belligerents.  
In the Dardanelles the Turks appear to have been on the offensive, but without gaining any advantage. Snow storms at the end of the week hindered operations.  
Some activity was spoken of in the Caucasus, but no important results were achieved. The Russian fleet in the Black Sea was credited with the destruction of some Turkish vessels.  
In the Balkans the Austrians continued to harass the Montenegrins, who made a vigorous if not altogether successful resistance. The combined Teutonic and Bulgarian forces succeeded in compelling the retreat of the Anglo-French forces across the Greek frontier, with severe losses on both sides. The Allied casualties were estimated at 1,500. Practically the whole of Serbia is now in the hands of the Central Powers and their Bulgarian allies.  
No important events were recorded in the hostilities between Italy and Austria-Hungary, and Gorizia was still held by the Austrians at the week's close. Ancona was bombarded by Austrian ships and aircraft, and considerable damage inflicted.  
The news from Kut el Amara in Mesopotamia continued to be far from reassuring. The British were being besieged by superior forces of Turks assisted by Germans; but reinforcements were said to be pushing forward to their relief.  
The activities of submarines can be conjectured from the reports supplied in "News of the Sea." We say "conjectured" for the British Admiralty no longer permits the publication of details of submarine operations.  
The political situation in neutral countries was not materially altered during the week, except only that the Greek Government seems to have satisfied the requirements of the Entente Allies. Greek troops were to be withdrawn from the region adjacent to Salonika, and the Allies were to be given the facilities necessary for a military base. Rumania still adhered to her attitude of strict neutrality.  
In the United States the opening of Congress on Dec. 7 gave the President the opportunity of making reference in his Message to the nefarious activities of the Austrians and Germans in that country. The American Government, in a dispatch to the Austrian Government concerning the sinking of the *Ansona* and the consequent loss of American lives, spoke in no ambiguous terms as to what it regards as the rights of its own citizens, and the obligations of belligerents to conduct war according to recognized international law and the dictates of humanity.  
No outstanding legislation calling for comment in this place was enacted by the British Parliament during the week. The period set for the trial of the Derby recruiting scheme was to have closed on Saturday last, but so great was the rush of recruits on the closing days that they could not all be examined and enrolled, and the period of recruiting under this scheme was extended a few days longer. Though the scheme has been eminently successful, it is too soon to state definitely that compulsory service will not have to be resorted to in the end. Recruiting in Canada seems to continue to make satisfactory progress.

**THE WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES**

Dec. 16.—Amundsen reached South Pole, 1911; Nova Scotia Counties defined, 1785.  
17.—Beethoven born, 1770; Bernard Quaritch, antiquarian, died, 1899; Thomas Guy, founder of Guy's Hospital, London, died, 1734.  
18.—Slavery abolished in United States, 1862; Famine in Japan, 1913.  
19.—Lord Rosmead born, 1824.  
20.—Saskin, 1888. H. R. H. Prince George born, 1902.  
21.—St. Thomas, Disraeli born, 1805.  
22.—Lord's Club founded, 1842; "George Eliot" died, 1850.

**DESTRUCTION OF LEAVES**

More than a million pounds of excellent fertilizer are destroyed annually in New York State by the burning of the great forest and shade trees says Prof. H. R. Francis, of the State College of Forestry at Syracuse, who has been making a study of the manifold value of the leaves of trees and shrubs. In a preliminary report, which Professor Francis has just made to the college, he states that the utilization of forest leaves for manure is one of the phases of conservation which has hardly been considered by the people of the State. Though there is the great forest of millions of pounds of fertilizer which would come from the decaying leaves annually in this country should be checked at once, as their careful use would give far-reaching results, not only in improving the fertility of agricultural lands, but in the protection and improvement of trees and shrubs themselves, and of the laws which surround our New York forests. Nature has established every bit of forest from the woodlot up to the great forest of the Adirondacks, a well-organized factory for the production of the organic material which is known in the forest as duff, and which the farmer knows as the rich loam which covers his fields.

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**WHAT ABOUT TROOPS FOR ST. ANDREWS?**

WHAT is our energetic parliamentary representative doing in connection with having Charlotte County recruits for overseas service, quartered in St. Andrews for the winter? Are the classrooms quartered to longer available? We believe we are correct in stating that the Andreolas Hall could be obtained for a reasonable rental and, within its capacity (which is considerable), a more suitable building could be found anywhere in the Province. The Hall is now being used for the display of moving pictures and for other entertainments; and as the winter months are not the best in St. An-

**WATERWORKS**

THOSE who are desirous of increasing the commercial importance of St. Andrews as well as of making it a more desirable residential town, feel bitter disappointment that the Town Council is not, apparently, dealing with the question of installation of waterworks with the energy and determination they should display. Month after month they hold their meetings, at which they seem to occupy their time with minor affairs, trivialities, or routine work, most of which might very well be left to our efficient and experienced Town Clerk. For two years the present Town Council (its personnel being practically the same this year as last) has had under consideration the subject of ways and means of providing a general system of water supply for the town, and so far as the general public has been informed of the results attained, they have made no progress whatever. What is the reason for this inactivity, this indifference to the wishes of the community, this failure to realize that one thing above all others is retarding the natural growth and progress of the town?

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

Artificial light has become almost a necessity for decorative purposes, and consequently its use has been largely extended. This is especially so at Christmas festivities. In business houses the display of holiday goods is enhanced by the abundant use of electric light and other illumination. There is, however, danger in this, unless precautions are taken, serious fires may result. Great care should be taken that none of the decorative material comes in contact with the lights. Usually the decorations are very inflammable; when in close contact with even an electric light bulb they quickly become charred and start a blaze. Paper shades on lights, candles on Christmas trees, or in so-called Japanese lanterns have started many serious fires.  
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His letter came: the memories throng of days that made the friendship strong—the one he won, the ties he wore, His love of china, fairy lore, (And flappers); and his honest eyes; His stammer, his absurdities; His marmalade, his bitter beer, And all that made him quaint and dear.  
And though we mucked have to do, Yet long we need some breaking through,  
And now and then the office hum Dies like a mist, . . . and there will come An Oxford breakfast scene; the quad All blue and grey outside—O God!— And there, still Twiston at the feast Proclaiming he will be a priest! I see his eyes, his homely neb— Ring, telephone, and cut the web.  
And when it's over, will there be In his grey house above the Dee A mug to drink? Will we renew The classic life we led together? Our Cotswold tramps? And will there still Be flappers in the surf at Rhyol? O how I counted on the hour  
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CUMMINGS COVE, DECEMBER 13. The young folks enjoyed a party in Moss Rose Hall on Saturday evening last.

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