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Bombardments and minor patrol engagements continue to prevail on all of the fronts, except in Rumania, where the Teutonic allies are keeping up their inroads into the kingdom. The Russians and Rumanians are being steadily driven back from the Transylvanian and lower Moldavian regions, their line in the latter district now resting halfway between Rimnik Sarat and Fokshany. Around Fokshany, on both sides of the Danube, the invaders have further driven in the defenders of the territory. Near Fokshany and thence southeast to the Danube Petrograd reports that the Russians and Rumanians have taken up new positions without pressure from the Teutonic allies. In Dobruja, the invaders, twenty-three battalions strong, have forced the defenders to give ground. In the Verdun sector east of the Chambrettes farm, the Germans attempted a strong surprise attack against the French positions, but were repulsed, according to Paris. In the region of Ypres and Loos considerable artillery activity has prevailed. On the front in Russia comparative quiet prevails, while in the Austro-Italian theatre the usual bombardments are in progress. No reports have been received from the Macedonian theatre.

PRESS VERSION OF ENTENTE REPLY RECEIVED IN BERLIN. Its Tenor Has Not Been Made Known to the General Public.

Berlin, Jan. 1, 9 p. m., via London, 10:10 p. m.—The press version of the reply of the entente powers to Germany's peace proposals was received here yesterday. A definite statement of the official attitude concerning the document cannot be given until the official text has been received, but officials intimate that the reply is just about what had been expected, taking into consideration the preliminary announcements from various statesmen in the entente countries and that Germany, while disappointed that the hope of the end of the blood-letting and destruction has vanished, is prepared to carry on the war with increased vigor and with a united people back of her. The entente statement, it is intimated, will probably evoke an answer in some form, Germany having drawn from the government's standpoint the results of the peace overtures and analyzing the question of responsibility for a further continuance of the war. Owing to the holiday and the suspension of the newspapers, the note will not be published here until tomorrow. The tenor is not known to the general public.

LEGAL CONTEST FOR ARIZONA GOVERNORSHIP Has Been Instituted by C. W. P. Hunt, Democratic Claimant to the Office.

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 1.—Interest in the efforts of G. W. P. Hunt, democratic claimant to the office of governor of Arizona, to prevent occupancy of the office by Thomas E. Campbell, republican, who was formally inducted today, centered tonight in legal steps taken to follow. An armed deputy sheriff, acting, he said, on the authority of Leroy Ladd, Hunt's private secretary, prevented Campbell adherents from occupying the governor's offices. A suggestion by Campbell men that the doors be broken down provoked cheers from the crowd which witnessed the inauguration, but Campbell counseled the employment of orderly means the crowd quietly dispersed. A formal demand is to be made upon Hunt tomorrow to surrender the office and turn over all official papers, it was announced. In the event this is refused counsel for Campbell stated that Hunt then will be served with a notice of application for a writ of mandamus.

NEW YEAR'S DAY AN EVENTFUL ONE IN ENGLAND There Was a Rush at Recruiting Stations All Day Long.

London, Jan. 1, 6 p. m.—New Year's day was an eventful one in the lives of many Britons. Thousands of military men who had been granted temporary leave from the front were returning to their business were called to the colors, while others who had been doing work of national import and whose places had been taken over by women or by men over the military age donned khaki for the first time. There was a rush at the recruiting offices and all day long columns of men, after having complied with the formalities, were marched off to the depots to commence training. The new railway timetables and fares also came into effect. Numerous trains were cancelled, stations were crowded, and the creation of a permanent central council, and the adoption of a program for harmonizing money and financial matters, and the introduction of laws governing negotiable instruments. A draft of a treaty soon is to be submitted, the report adds, embodying the principle of federalization of income taxes for commercial travelers as recommended by the Buenos Aires conference.

GENERAL BELL ISSUED NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS To All Officers and Men of the Border District.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 1.—Because there was no place in El Paso or at Fort Bliss large enough to receive the official greetings of the United States General George Bell, Jr., was forced to abandon his plan for holding a New Year's reception today. There are more than 3,000 officers in his command, and General Bell issued a New Year's greeting to all officers and enlisted men of his command instead. Open house was kept at Fort Bliss and at the army camps in this district today.

NEW CHANNEL LEADING INTO ST. GEORGE HARBOR Formally Opened—Day Observed as a Holiday in Bermuda.

St. George, Bermuda, Jan. 1.—The new channel leading into St. George harbor was formally opened today by the governor who was attended by his staff, the members of the legislature, the heads of the naval, military and civil departments and the members of the corporation of Hamilton. The day was observed as a general holiday throughout the colony. A ribbon which had been stretched across the channel was cut at 12:20 o'clock this afternoon by the governor, who declared the channel opened to the commerce of the world. A procession of excursion steamers and tugboats, with the governor on board a dredger, then passed through the channel. Within half an hour after the opening of the channel a Norwegian steamer in search of coal was the first vessel to navigate the channel.

EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND OF A MILLION Being Formed For the Benefit of German War Orphans.

New York, Jan. 1.—The formation of a "million dollar educational endowment fund" was announced today by the United States branch of the Hilfswerk Deutscher Frauen, a society of German women organized for the benefit of war orphans. The society, according to the announcement, has made arrangements with a life insurance company for the purchase of \$1,000,000 endowment insurance to contribute to the fund for a period of years to pay annuities. It is the intention of the society to distribute the fund to needy families during the school years of the fatherless children of Germany, thereby keeping out of state institutions thousands of children.

Cabled Paragraph Berlin, Jan. 1.—A Vienna despatch announces the death of Eduard Strauss, the composer of dance music.

British Representative at Saloniki, London, Jan. 1, 7:59 p. m.—It is officially announced that Earl Granville, counselor of the British embassy in Paris, has been appointed representative of the British government to the provisional government of Ellipterios Venizelos at Saloniki, with the title of diplomatic agent.

THE ANNUAL DINNER OF ENGLISH CLUB IN LONDON Great Britain Has Advanced 600,000,000 Pounds to Her Allies.

London, Jan. 2, 1:25 a. m.—Sir George Buchanan, British ambassador to Russia, presiding at the annual dinner of the English club last night, said in part, according to a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd: "Between us and Germany a great gulf is fixed, red with the blood of peaceful non-combatants. We cannot grasp her hand again until the armies of Germany have been broken and the spirit of militarism permeating the whole nation exterminated. During the past few years British more than once has been accused not only of wishing to secure the lion's share of the spoils but of thwarting the realization of Russia's traditional ambitions. Premier Trepoff's recent statement in the duma laid that bosey at rest forever. The British government, when first approached on the subject of Constantinople and the straits early in the spring of 1915, immediately expressed its whole-hearted assent. We want to see Russia largely compensated for all her services and sacrifices; we want her to be able to stand on her own feet; we want to see her strong and prosperous and we want to consolidate for all time the peace which this war has cemented for upon its maintenance depends the future peace of the world. That is the cornerstone of our policy. Great Britain during the war had advanced more than 600,000,000 pounds to her allies for the purchase of munitions, which otherwise they would have been unable to procure, besides the materials she supplied direct."

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Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 1.—The following message from King George was received by the Duke of Devonshire, the governor-general: "I thank you warmly for the message you have conveyed to me on behalf of the Dominion of Canada, and with the fullest confidence in the ultimate issue of this great struggle that I heartily reciprocate the hopes of the Canadian people that your efforts will secure an abiding peace to my whole empire. I am deeply sensible of Canada's sacrifice and firm resolution to crown the success of the allied arms with God's blessing and I pray that the new year will prove the vindication of our righteous cause."

AMERICANS WHO ESCAPED FROM OIL FIELDS IN RUMANIA Seventy Have Arrived at Gothenburg on Their Way Home.

London, Jan. 2, 2:25 a. m.—Seventy Americans who escaped from the Rumanian oil fields during the German invasion have arrived at Gothenburg on their way home, according to a despatch to the Morning Post from Stockholm. The engineers quit the oil fields at the last minute, they say, and several persons were killed when their rear car of their train was shattered by the German artillery fire.

EXPLOSIONS UNDER TWELVE MANHOLES IN BOSTON One Boy Killed and Several Persons Injured.

Boston, Jan. 1.—Explosions occurring almost simultaneously in twelve manholes in the South Boston district today, caused the death of one boy and the injury of several persons, none seriously. Thomas A. Nugent, a New York boy, was instantly killed when a flying manhole cover struck him and severed his head from his body. Thomas Murphy, a companion, was blown thirty feet by the force of the explosion but escaped harm.

A PROMINENT FARMER SHOT DEAD BY A WOMAN Said to Be Because of Remarks He Had Made About Her.

Quincy, Miss., Jan. 1.—E. G. Miss, member of the county board of supervisors and a prominent farmer, was shot and killed here today by Mrs. Wilton Tubbs. According to stories told county officers the tragedy was a result of remarks made by Miss several months ago. Miss leaves a widow and four children. Mrs. Tubbs has a husband and two children.

Movements of Steamships. New York, Jan. 1.—Arrived: steamers Kronland, Liverpool; Alicante, Cadiz. Sailed: steamer Cedric, Liverpool.

Church Pension Fund Being Raised \$4,000,000 Pledged For Protestant Episcopal Clergymen

Meetings of cow owners were held in nearly every county of New England. The copper market has remained very quiet during the past week with the tone unsettled. President Wilson has received New Year's greetings from many of the rulers of the world. Captain L. W. Robbins of the schooner John Bracewell was lost from his craft off Block Island. William F. Carrigan was paid \$23,300 for managing the Boston Americans last season, it was learned. General Baron von Bissing, governor general of Belgium who is seriously ill with pneumonia at Brussels. Claude L. Wheeler, editor of the New York Medical Journal since 1909, died of pneumonia at his home in Brooklyn. Dr. Joseph J. Andzulis, aged 51, and Dr. George J. Andzulis, one of the city's best known physicians, died today. Four eclipses of the sun and three of the moon, the greatest number possible in a single year, will occur in 1917. An American Orange Oil industry may be established as a result of the work of the department of agriculture specialists. Secretary McAdoo estimated that under existing revenue laws the government's deficit on June 30, 1918, will be \$279,000,000. Final plans for bringing home the 200 American interned for months in Syria and Palestine were made by the state department. The Chinese senate has rejected the nomination of Chang Kuo-kan, appointed minister of the interior by Premier Tuan Chi-jui. The iron and steel industry in the Pittsburgh region is suffering with increased severity on account of a lack of coke due to car shortages. Frederick W. Whitridge, railroad lawyer and political economist, died in New York after an operation for appendicitis on Wednesday. Dealings in bonds on the New York Stock Exchange during the year which just closed totalled a par value of \$1,681,209,000 and set a new record. United States coast defense submarine N-1 was launched at Seattle, Washington. Two other "N" submarines are under construction there. The steamships Hero and My