

### NO VIOLENCE IN MOBILIZING OF ARMY OF FRANCE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]  
 PARIS, Dec. 21.—In the sixteen months since France went to war it is declared that there has been only one case of an attempt made for violence to interfere with the concentration of the army and the prosecution of the war. This fact is being pointed out in justification of the action which Minister of the Interior Malvy took in resisting suggestions that all revolutionary leaders, anarchists and persons suspected of disloyalty to the republic be arrested on the eve of the issuing of the general mobilization order.

The names of five thousand of these suspects were previous to the war, inscribed in what was known as "Note-Book B." It had been the government's plan, in case of mobilization, to have all these people confined, at least while the mobilization was going on, but Minister Malvy, on whom the responsibility devolved, found himself between two fires. The socialist leaders intimated that if he took action declaring it would only inflame turbulent elements. On the other hand, the police, and cautious members of the cabinet endeavored to impress upon him the gravity of the responsibility he would assume in leaving at liberty persons who had boasted that in case of war they would prevent the mobilization of the army by violence.

Jean Jaures, the leader of the socialist party, who was to fall under an assassin's hand the very night the mobilization order was issued, and Gustav Hervé, who had been one of the most violent anti-militarist leaders, assured M. Malvy that the socialists and the members of the labor federation would show themselves as loyal as any other category of French citizens and that it would be a crime to issue orders for the arrest of the men whose names were inscribed in "Note Book B."

Upon their advice Minister Malvy decided to take the chances, and it is now pointed out that the results have been most enough that fears were groundless. In the one case in which an attempt was made to interfere with the concentration of the troops, details of which are lacking, it is pointed out that members of the socialist party themselves detected the attempt and punished it so brutally that it was not repeated.

### MANY VESSELS NOW BUILDING

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 WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—American shipyards have under construction more vessels than ever before, were building in the United States to add to an American merchant marine whose gross tonnage already is the largest in the country's history, said a report issued today by the commission of navigation.

Ninety-eight merchant vessels are being built or are under contract. These with many vessels being constructed have a total tonnage of 761,511.

The total tonnage of ships under the American flag, numbering 26,888 December 1, was \$442,238, a net gain of more than 50,000 tons since July 1. There was a net gain of 187 ships, despite 272 vessels lost, abandoned, and sold to aliens. Twenty-three came under the American flag from foreign registry and 436 were completed in shipyards.

Altogether 171 foreign vessels have been American registered under the act of August 14, 1914. Ninety-eight American vessels have been transferred to foreign registry since August.

Many big vessels are being built. Thirteen mentioned in the report are of more than 10,000 tons. Twenty are of tonnage between 7,000 and 10,000 and thirty-six are of from 5,000 to 7,000 tons. Eleven vessels are colliers, 47 oil vessels, 34 general freight vessels and six passenger and freight vessels.

### WONDER WHERE RUSSIANS ARE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]  
 LONDON, Dec. 21.—There has been considerable speculation in London for some time as to what has become of the Russian troops which concentrated on the Rumanian border several weeks ago with the apparent intention of entering the Balkan conflict.

Recently an absolute lack of new developments regarding the Russian plan in this quarter led most observers to decide that hopes for a Russian interference were either premature or based upon circumstances since altered.

It is reported that the Russian force is being withdrawn from the Rumanian border.

Dispatches to the Telegraph from Rotterdam quote the Berliner Tageblatt to the effect that the greater part of the Russian army concentrated in this section has been already moved from Rani northward to Bukovina and that all plans for attacking the Bulgarians had been abandoned in favor of a new offensive against Bukovina.

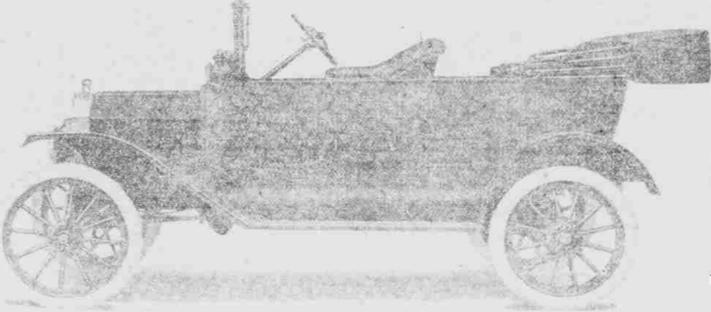
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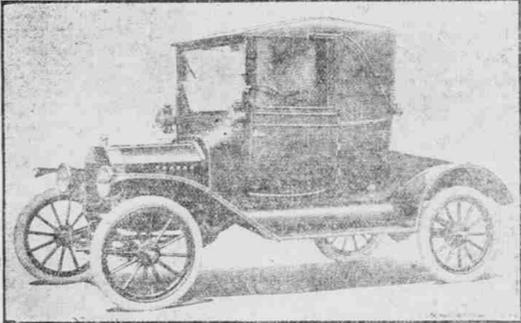
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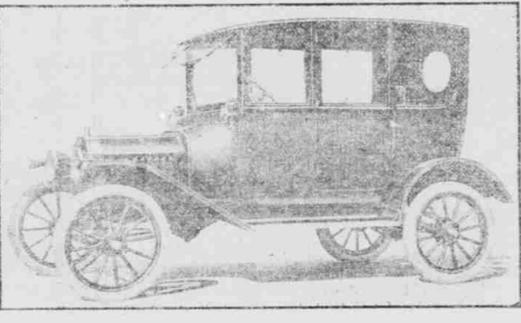
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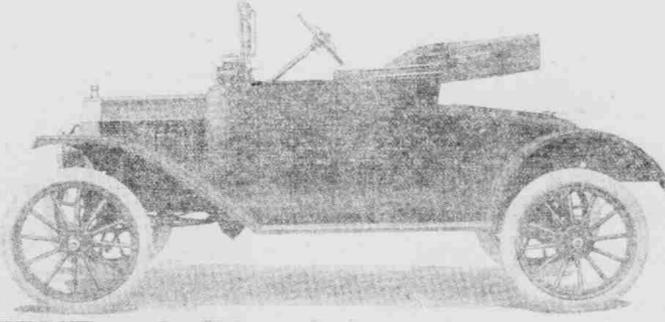
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