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formed, with prominent members of the opposition in cabinet places. This arrangement was understood to be for the purpose of the war only. Party questions were relegated to the background, and, so far as possible, all domestic controversies were suspended.

One of the complaints that has been made against the existing arrangement is that it is too cumbersome. A war council was created but the decisions of this council were referred to the whole cabinet for final action, and this process was condemned as too slow and too cumbersome for effective work. One of the demands has been for a small war council of responsible men who should be permitted and expected to go ahead on their own responsibility. This is likely to be one of the results of the present shaking up.

The whole tendency of the times, in England as in the other belligerent countries, is toward a concentration of authority in the hands of a few men. The nations are in the midst of a tremendous struggle in which everything that hampers efficiency must be discarded. The waste of material in various directions has been checked. It is to be brought to the very minimum. The waste of labor is being stopped, and in every country in Europe there is a strong feeling of organization intended to make every foot-pound of power, whether in machinery or in bone and brawn, count for the most. And there must be efficiency at the top, otherwise the effect of all of this saving will be destroyed.

OLD FASHIONED WINTER.

Just why a snow storm should be called old-fashioned is not quite clear. Bare ground and clear December skies belong equally to the olden time. But in making weather comparisons we naturally hark back to youth and childhood, and big drifts and blustering winds are better remembered than the mild days on which nothing in particular happened. The winter of one's childhood stands out as a winter of cold weather and big storms, and when in later days we get something similar, as we almost always do, we call it old-fashioned. Perhaps that explanation will serve as well as ever.

Winter, chill, bleak and penetrating, becomes associated in the mind with thoughts of comfort and coziness, because of our appreciation of the contrast. When we read of an old English winter we think of the great roaring fireplaces and the mirth and jollity as the family gathers around the fire. Whittier's "Snow-Bound" is a picture of domestic comfort. And every snow storm must bring to thousands of minds pictures of cozy firesides and warm interiors rather than suggestions of the strenuous character of the weather itself.

A snow storm is agreeable or otherwise as one is prepared for it. To the poor of the great cities a winter storm brings suffering such as we who are strangers to real privation cannot realize. In every great city there are hordes of people who are just able to exist without actual suffering in pleasant weather, when the requirements for food and fuel and shelter are at the minimum. When the cold comes these people are forced to struggle, not for comfort, but for life itself, and not a few of them succumb.

A well-kept farm is the ideal place to enjoy a snow storm. The field work is over. Things about the place have been put in order for winter. The buildings have been made tight and comfortable. Hay and straw for the stock have been provided. The silo is filled and there is an abundance of meats and vegetables for the use of the family. The winter's fuel has been stored, and the storm windows are on. Then the farmer can enjoy the snow as it comes swirling down, for he knows that his stock is well cared for, and that his family has everything it needs. He can get pure enjoyment out of a good snow storm.

THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM. In his formal address at the opening of the present session of congress the president confined his suggestions to a very few subjects. He desired the completion of railroad legislation along the lines laid down by him just before the Adamson bill was passed, and he urged immediate action on the amendment of the corrupt practices law, on the proposed law intended to facilitate combinations among business institutions for the promotion of their foreign trade, and on the enfranchisement of the Porto Ricans. This is the entire program laid down by him in his address.

One recommendation which the president made in relation to railroad legislation he now withdraws. This is that congress express its approval of the policy of action by the interstate commerce commission granting to the railroads such advances in freight rates as may be necessary to compensate them for any additional expenditures made necessary by the operation of the Adamson law. The president in practically withdrawing this suggestion says that the commission is already possessed of all the necessary power for this purpose, and to adopt the suggested resolution might cast a doubt on what are the real powers of the commission.

If congress undertakes to carry out the recommendation that all labor disputes involving railroads shall be submitted to a federal board for examination before a strike or a lock-out shall be declared will be opposed most vigorously by the labor unions. The unions have consistently opposed every suggestion looking toward interference with their right to strike at will, and their leaders hold that legislation of the class now proposed would be an invasion of their rights. The recommendation that the president be authorized to take possession of any railroad needed for military purposes, and to draft men into its service when there exists a military need is also renewed.

THE BRITISH CABINET CRISIS. For some time there have been rumors of the probability of important changes in the British cabinet, and these changes have not been put under way by the resignation of Premier Asquith and other members of the cabinet. There are about as many guesses as to what the result will be as there are guessers. The first probability was that Bourne-Law, for some time leader of the Conservatives would be the new premier, but this is now changed.

This is the second important change in the British cabinet due to the war. The war opened with the Liberals in power and Asquith at the helm. In order to secure as great harmony of action as possible the cabinet was reorganized. A coalition ministry was

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FRENCH POLIU READY FOR WINTER CAMPAIGN ON THE WESTERN FRONT



A part of France's backbone.

This typical "pollu" as the French private is known among his countrymen, is shown in full winter equipment. This photograph was made on the Verdun front, where many thousands of the French are battling with the Germans. He and an army of others like him stood like a stone wall at Verdun for five months, where the Germans launched their most terrific offensive in vain.

WE ALL SAY, "THANK YOU"

I, the poor old plug of a delivery horse, who used to drag a wagon around till 12 and 1 o'clock on Christmas Eve getting your Christmas presents, wish to Thank You. I, the man whom you have never seen, who work down in the basement of the big department stores who used to wrap your packages all night every night for the three days before Christmas, I also Thank You. I, the stock girl, who used to work all day selling you goods and then go back upstairs and work half the night marking more goods for you, I also Thank You. And last but not least, I, the salesgirl, who used to stand on my feet all day while you littered up the store in a last mad rush and who used to work half the night straightening it out for you for the next mad rush, I also wish to join my thanks with the rest. For we understand from good authority that you are going to shop early this year. We have been told by the management that the Christmas Shopping Season begins today and that you have promised to do your Christmas Shopping with the beginning of the Christmas Shopping Season. It looks as if we are going to be able to be up on Christmas Day and eat dinner with the rest instead of being so weary that the very thought of food turns our stomach. And in return, we are going to promise you—Service. We are going to give you a Christmas Season such as you have never had before—a Season of good merchandise, good attention, no mistakes and genuine interest in what you are buying, a human fellowship in other human beings. The announcements and advertisements in this paper will tell you just where we are. We are waiting for you now. We Thank You!

PROMINENT PASTOR SUED FOR BREACH OF PROMISE

Miss Lucille Covington Sues Rev. John Wesley Hill, Famous Minister, for \$100,000.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Miss Lucille Covington yesterday fulfilled her promise to push her \$100,000 breach of promise suit against the Rev. John Wesley Hill. Through her attorney, she filed the declaration in the circuit court.

Dr. Hill for five years was pastor of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, New York city. He is president of the International Peace Forum and is a close friend of ex-President Taft.

Only formal charges are made in the declaration. It alleges that on July 5, 1912, New York city, Dr. Hill promised to marry Miss Covington.

"And the plaintiff, concurring in said promises," reads the document, "remained and is still unmarried."

The declaration states that in the latter part of August, 1913, Dr. Hill refused to marry Miss Covington and again on April 2, 1915. "And the plaintiff avers that she has been and still is ready and willing to marry the defendant," concludes the bill.

In a previous suit filed in New York city over a year ago, Miss Covington said that during their friendship Dr. Hill lavished gifts upon her.

Many a fool man, after putting his foot in it, isn't satisfied until he gets there with both feet.

Don't Forget Boys at the Border Says Soldiers' Aid

Christmas and 2,500 miles from home. Sounds lonesome, does it not? How would you like to be in that position? Do you remember the first Christmas you spent away from home? Do you remember how anxiously you watched for the letter or package that was to show you that those at home remembered you and how elated you were when it arrived? "Sure!" We all remember it. On December 25th the boys of Co. "M" and of the machine gun Co.—our boys—will have but little to remind them of the usual Christmas celebration except as they receive reminders from their friends miles away. Don't forget them. The Soldiers' Aid Work. The Soldiers' Aid society of Grand Forks has been doing quiet but effective work for the boys for some considerable time. During the hot season this society furnished money to buy ice for our boys. They have sent money and considerable of it to the hospital fund and for other worthy purposes. They sent for Thanksgiving day several boxes and barrels of prepared food, including cakes, cookies, jams, jellies, candies and in fact almost everything that goes to finish off a good dinner and also sent money enough to assure the two companies a regular home dinner. Someone may ask—Does not the government board the soldiers? We answer yes, the government allows 25 cents per day per man for table board. Try living on it for a few days; it is the only way to fully appreciate just how they live in camp. The boys returned to camp at noon November 28 from a 12 day hike and maneuver period, the last two and one-half days being a march from Brownsville to Mercedes, 43 miles, carrying full equipment. Letters received by the officers of the society and others tell of the well-cooked remaining up all night opening the boxes and barrels and preparing the dinner for the next day, and then what a meal they had. The menu shows an old-fashioned turkey dinner with all the "trimmings" from chowchow to salted nuts, and both Captain Eckman of the machine gun company and Lieutenant Holm of Company "M" write that words cannot express the pleasure and enjoyment of the occasion and the appreciation of the boys. They couldn't come home, but that dinner brought home to them. Christmas Cheer. This society is preparing something good for Christmas and if there is ever a time when home and homelike things appeal to one's heart and mind, it is at Christmas time. Think of the joy you can have part in by aiding in this work and then telephone or better see Mrs. J. B. Wine-man, Mrs. Harry K. Gest, Mrs. J. M. Culliton or Mrs. Dr. E. E. Sherman. Do it now, for all things are to be packed on December 12 at the residence of Mrs. Sherman. We can't be there to see the pleasure these Christmas boxes will give to the boys, but we know, and if we have helped, we will surely get more real enjoyment out of the day.

RUMANIA WASN'T READY FOR WAR

Germany Forced Her Hand—Short of Artillery, but Getting Some.

New York, Dec. 7.—A prominent official of the Jugoslavie propaganda, who reached this country from Prague, Bohemia, on Thursday last, has given a complete statement with regard to the present Rumanian situation and the causes which have led up to the victorious movement of the German forces in that country. The statement is as follows:

"Since my arrival in the United States I have been greatly surprised at the absolute lack of knowledge concerning the facts which have led up to the present unfortunate situation in Rumania. From the first day of Rumania's decision to cast in her lot with the allies it has been positively known to the military leaders of Russia and England that the succeeding months must be more or less disastrous to the Rumanians and that it would be impossible for a time to stem the German advance into that country and to prevent the crossing of the Danube in the south.

"Rumania was forced into the war by Germany and Austria. At the time she entered it the intention was not to have her make any decision until March, 1917, and it was as definitely agreed, so far as the allies were concerned, that her declaration should not come until next spring. German diplomats, however, realizing the conditions, and understanding the arrangements which were being rapidly perfected to provide the Rumanian army with proper and necessary equipment for the present war, advised Berlin to act at once. The German ultimatum forced Rumania to take her stand at a time when 90 per cent of her guns were of German and Austrian manufacture and her arsenals depended upon German and Austrian shells.

"As a matter of fact, eight days after a state of war was declared between Rumania and Germany the former was facing an ammunition famine, and it was, of course, impossible

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A WOMAN'S CURVES. Ted—How did she come to hit you with the snowball? Ned—I was hiding around the corner.

A POWERFUL MIND. "So Stubkins has a mind of his own?" "I should say he has. And you ought to see her use it."

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