

REVIEW OF YEAR IN EUROPE'S WAR; WHAT BELLIGERENTS HAVE ACCOMPLISHED

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 NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Germany has won the overland pathway to her plans in the sun, as the close of the fighting of 1915 merges into the second winter of the European war. But the seas still remain shut to the Teutons and economic distress and food scarcity are exerting a more pronounced pressure for peace in the central empire than among the other belligerent nations.

The primary cause of the war has been lost this year to both of the original participants. The conflict began over the irreconcilable Balkan differences of Russia and Austro-Hungary. Each power wanted to be supreme in Southeastern Europe.

German Influences Dominate Balkans
 The end of the fighting in 1915 finds Russia held in check beyond the Balkan border, while Austro-Hungary is playing a minor military part in Serbia under the direction of Marshal Von Mackensen and the German general staff. German influences are now dominant in the Balkans. The kaiser has wrested the first prize of the war from the Slavs themselves, and from his own Southern ally as well.

Bulgaria's entrance into the conflict on the side of the Teutons has been the year's most important development. The military consequences which have followed Bulgaria's action, have given to the Germans a clear road from Berlin to Bagdad. The Mesopotamian metropolis has long been marked by German statements to become the Berlin of the Middle East and the center of Germany's place in the sun.

Kaiser Opens Up New Avenue to East

The year's events have opened for Germany the rear entrance into Bagdad, the kaiser must continue to fight to the point of exhaustion for permanent possession of this precious right of way. The British fleet can prevent Germany from expanding overseas, but it cannot block the road to the new empire in the East. This is the dominant reason for Germany's interest in Bagdad. An Anglo-Indian expedition after 12 months' toil northward thru Mesopotamia from the Persian gulf, is now trying to enter Bagdad by the front door. But the Turks, under German leadership, have thrust the invaders 90 miles to the south of Bagdad, and the city at the close of the year remains safe for the Teutons.

Nevertheless, during the year's fighting the British have captured the Garden of Eden and other territory between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers greatly desired by Germany. If the German dream of a Teutonic empire in the Middle East is to come true, the district between Bagdad and the Garden of Eden, 260 miles to the south, must either be won by a new military offensive, or purchased in the peace conference after the war.

Little Chance to Capture Constantinople

The military developments of the year make it certain that the Russian bear will not be able to take his drink of warm water at the Persian gulf; and little less than a miracle must now happen to give the czar Constantinople for an outlet to the frozen seas. The British effort to enter Constantinople by way of the Gallipoli peninsula has failed during the year, and Great Britain is now reluctant to undertake a second costly experiment in southeastern Europe for Russia's sake. The ease with which the Teutons and Bulgarians have been able to overrun Serbia apparently has been due to Great Britain's disinclination to risk wasting her strength in a major Balkan offensive. The odds all favor the Teutonic allies in the Balkans because of their unimpeded

lines of communication. **England Worries Over Egypt**

British interest in the Balkan campaign is primarily due to its bearing on the security of Egypt. Lord Kitchener's visit to the Levant during the latter part of the year and his quick return seem to have created a belief in London that Egypt is not in any immediate jeopardy. The British now apparently have concluded that Egypt can be better defended along the Suez canal than in the Balkans.

The advantage of communications, which the Germans possess in the Balkans, would pass to the British if the Teutons and Turks were to attempt an offensive by crossing the desert to the east of Suez. The Russians, however, are urgently pressing Great Britain to pursue the Balkan campaign. Otherwise the czar will probably be the war's principal loser. His own troops waiting, as the year ends, to invade Bulgaria by way of Rumania, can hardly prove equal to the task, unassisted.

Differences Arise Among Allies

The Teutons, Bulgarians and Turks have certainly 700,000 men available for Balkan operations, and this force might possibly be

increased to 1,000,000. Unquestionably differences of opinion have arisen among the allies during the year because of divergent Balkan military policies. The conflicting interests have not been reconciled in detail as the year ends.

Russia's defeat on her own soil by the combined Austro-Hungarian and German offensives this summer was not sufficiently decisive to cause the czar to sue for a separate peace.

The Grand Duke Nicholas saved the greater part of his armies, and also he was removed from his command because of the loss of Galicia and the Vistula defenses, he prevented the kaiser from compelling the czar to surrender.

The Russian military failure was followed by the suppression of the duma, the popular legislative body, and the council of the empire, the bureaucratic legislative house. The czar is now governing by fiat as a complete autocrat, relying neither on the people themselves nor on the bureaucracy.

Teuton Trenches Not Impregnable

The year has seen no change of importance along the Western bat-

tlefront. The French in Champagne, and the French and British in Artois attempted to develop a simultaneous major offensive during the last week in September, but without success. The Germans lost a few miles of trenches, but they were able to check the enemy before the drives threatened to compel a general retirement toward the German frontier.

The result of the costly experiment showed that the Teutonic trenches are not impregnable, but also revealed the fact that the Anglo-French general staffs have not solved the problem of following up one successful attack by another in the face of German artillery.

Italy's entrance into the war this year has had disappointing results for Great Britain, Russia and France. The Italians, after seven months' fighting, have not gained as much territory as Austria offered to cede last spring in exchange for Italy's benevolent neutrality.

Italy Makes Little Headway

The principal factor working against Italian success has been the superiority which trench warfare gives to an army on the defensive. The Roman government is now facing serious, the subdued criticism at home.

At the year ends, there are reports that pressure is being exerted in favor of the return to power of the veteran pro-German premier, Giolitti.

Italy has signed an agreement with the other members of the quadruple entente not to make a separate peace, but if Signor Giolitti were to be made prime minister, he would undoubtedly use his influence for peace at the earliest moment.

The financial situation among all the belligerents has steadily grown more and more serious, as the expenses of the conflict during the year have ceaselessly mounted.

Daily Cost of War Is \$85,000,000
 The total daily cost of the war is now about \$85,000,000, two-thirds of which is being paid by the quadruple entente, and one-third by Germany and her allies. The British, who have been most lavish in their payments, have also been the most sincere in facing the critical monetary problems of the war.

Great Britain alone among the belligerents has begun to shoulder the financial burden of the conflict by accepting large war taxes. Elsewhere the war is prolonged almost exclusively on borrowed money. It is probable that the exhaustion of golden bullets, and the accompanying danger of economic

disaster will be the principal determining factors in bringing the war to an end.

The food situation in Germany and Austro-Hungary has become more serious this year than last, but has not grown sufficiently hazardous to compel the Teutons to accept peace.

It is a contributing cause, nevertheless, to the persistent desire for peace which is more apparent in Germany as the year closes than anywhere else. A nation which will consent to live on half rations indefinitely if it is fighting a defensive war, may refuse a long cur-

tailment of food if the government has offensive purposes in view.

As this year's fighting drew to an end, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German chancellor, declared in the reichstag that Germany was fighting a defensive war to prevent herself being crushed by the allies. But, last August, Dr. Hefferich, the German minister of finance, announced, also in the reichstag, that Germany's war expenses would be paid by an indemnity collected from the enemy.

The year is closing without any disavowal from Berlin of Dr. Hefferich's intimation of conquest.

HERE AND ELSEWHERE

Hoshino, prominent Jap of Tokio, now in Seattle, says Japan wishes to ob on pacific terms with United States.

Sleds of Maggie Rose, 10, and Mary Smith, 12, stolen from porch of their home, 1202 Minor ave., Sunday.

Guards find bomb in Massachusetts capitol building at Boston. California leads; Colorado, second and Alaska third in gold production in 1915, according to Washington reports.

G. N. train No. 26 runs into freight train at Leavenworth Saturday. None hurt.

Al Ringling, 66, oldest of circus promoters, dead at Baraboo, Wisconsin, Saturday.

"I'm looking for the poor nut who wrote 'Snow, Beautiful Snow,' snorted Everett True this morning when three cars, crowded to capacity, refused to stop for him. 'Beautiful Snow! Bah!'"

The Madrona Presbyterian Sunday school won contest last week from the Woodland Park Presbyterian church for new members.

None hurt when cylinder head on ammonia tank explodes at Seattle Ice Co. plant.

Judson Waldo Mather, organist, gave a recital at Plymouth church Sunday.

H. J. Foley, 1806 Broadway, lost \$10 to footpads Sunday.

A total of 19,127 arrests were made by the Seattle police during year ending December 31st.

A sneak thief got \$2 in coin, two gold watches and a \$200 diamond from the Washington Natatorium Saturday.

H. C. Henry last week gave \$3 each to 75 newboys who deposited at least 25 cents each month in the bank.

Maid of Orleans, codfish boat, will leave Thursday for long winter fishing cruise.

King county's new detention home at Broadway and Spruce opens January 8.

Mayor Gill visited Saturday by delegation of city officials and also was serenaded by the police band.

Scott Z. Henderson, assistant attorney general, will speak to Municipal league at Washington Annex Tuesday noon.

R. L. McMullen, steamship man, returns from trip from Alaska to Mexico.

City improvements cost \$2,265,788 in 1915, according to engineering department.

A university extension course for dentists will be held Jan. 17-21 under Dr. Arthur D. Black.

During 1915 the county jail housed 3,604 prisoners, of whom 228 were women.

In 1915 there were 7,177 court cases filed with the county clerk. The university will get \$3,500 worth of chemicals ordered a year ago, but held up by the Germans.

Coliseum Theatre—the world's largest photoplay house—will open Wednesday, January 5.

AMUSEMENTS

Orpheum
 THE BEST OF VAUDEVILLE
 2:26—TWICE DAILY—4:29
 THE BACHELOR DYNASTY
 A Scorching Musical Comedy in One Act
 Charles (Chic) Sale—James Tooney and Annette Voreman—Marie Bishop—Miss Lettzel—Tusciano Brothers—Orpheum Travel Weekly.
 MRS. GENE HUGHES & Co.
 In the Comedy "Playlet," "Loot"

EMPIRESS
 7—FINE ACTS—7
 THE JUVENILE KINGS
 6—CECILIAN MAIDS—6
 MARIOTT TROUPE
 OTHER BIG ACTS
 Matinees, 2:50
 Twice Nightly, 7:30 and 9:10 and 20c

NEW PANTAGES
 Matinees, 2:30. Nights, 7 and 9.
 "IN MEXICO"
 Merry Musical Comedy
 "CAPTAIN TEN YEARS"
 Season's Dramatic Sensation
 OTHER BIG ACTS
 10c and 20c

BULL BROS. Just Printers
 4013 THIRD MAIN 1042

FREE ADMISSION AT DREAMLAND
 DANCING EVERY EVENING
 EVERY ONE WELCOME

The city had \$4,508,419 in treasury Dec. 1, says City Comptroller Carroll.

Pacific Tow Boat company will add five tugs to fleet this year.

Rosa Ambler Curran, millionaire Friscoan, and family saved from burning house by firemen.

Two girls killed and a third injured in Caldwell, N. J., while bob-sledding.

Women frequent old Oregon bar-rooms.

Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott advocates a censorship over American press.

Olympia celebrates coming of O. W. R. R. by smashing last bottle of champagne in town over engine's pilot.

Fear of bombs on board Empire of China causes search of ship before leaving for Yokohama.

Two small children dead in Tacoma fire.

F. W. Stone and E. W. Kearns, connected with insurance scandal at Olympia will be tried this month.

"Scotty" Allen, noted dog-team driver, who took 400 dogs to France, will return home soon.

Four inches of snow reported in Frisco.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen, China's first president, going back to China, according to Frisco report.

BRANDIES' IDEAS SAVE MILLIONS

Railroads Cut Operating Expenses by \$186,000,000 in 1914

DON'T JEER HIM NOW

BY KENNETH W. PAYNE
 BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 3.—Brandeis was right!

Louis D. Brandeis—the mild-mannered Boston lawyer—who five years ago had the nerve to confront all by himself America's most colossal combinations of capital, and to tell them how their business ought to be run!

But they aren't jeering at Brandeis today! They merely hate him now. For the year 1915 has actually made them buckle down and DO the very things Brandeis told them to!

The railroads' own statistics, which have just come to light, reveal what tremendous savings have been realized by the practice of the hated Brandeis efficiency methods.

In the fiscal year 1915 the roads earned \$163,000,000 LESS than in 1914, yet by practicing true efficiency they actually cut operating expenses by the tremendous total of \$186,000,000, thus showing really an INCREASE in net returns!

OFFICIALS BARRED BY RESERVE BANK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Gov. Hanna of North Dakota, Democratic National Committeeman Rolla Wells, at least two bank examiners and many directors of reserve banks will be ineligible for re-election to their positions under a resolution the reserve board adopted today, barring persons holding political or public offices from holding reserve system offices.

492 REGISTER; 300 SEEK JOBS

Registration books at noon Monday showed 492 voters had been booked during the first morning of the 1916 period.

A steady stream of people poured into the offices in the Prefontaine building, after 8 o'clock, and indications pointed that there would be no lull in the rush thru the day. The books are scheduled to close at 6 p. m.

More than 300 of those who registered hurried across the street to the city hall, in an effort to obtain election official jobs.

Each councilman, following a resolution previously passed, was permitted to care for 92 applicants seeking places as judges and inspectors.

After the smoke had partially cleared away, most of the councilmen pronounced the opinion that they had made more enemies than friends thru inability to make way for the right ones at the right times. Most of the applicants were women.

The registration books will go to the precincts Friday and remain open Saturday. Until Friday they will be in the Prefontaine building registration offices, from 8:30 a. m. until 6 p. m.

FRANK SMITH DEAD

Natural causes resulted in the death of Frank John Smith, widely known member of the Eagles at South Park, Monday morning. He was found dead in his room at the Indiana house, 623 1/2 Weller st.

To Cure A Cold in One Day
 Take LAXATIVE BROMO GUINISE TABLETS. Immediate relief. If it fails, cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box.

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MERCHANTS' A B C ADVERTISING CONTEST

Here's a Chance to Make Money During Idle Moments

—In two advertisements printed below are typographical mistakes. In one is a misspelled word, in another a typographical error. On the page is a coupon. Read the advertisements over carefully, locate the misspelled words, fill out the coupon, stating what they are and in whose ad they were found, and mail to The Seattle Star. The first two correct answers received will each be given an order for \$5.00 in merchandise upon the stores whose advertisements contain the incorrect words. All answers must be in The Seattle Star office before 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. They will be numbered in the order in which received prior to the hour mentioned, but will not be opened until after 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. No one directly or indirectly connected with The Seattle Star is permitted to take part in this contest. This contest will appear each Monday for 13 weeks. Address all answers to A B C ADVERTISING EDITOR, THE SEATTLE STAR. Remember in making your answers that abbreviations will not be counted as mistakes. Names and addresses of winners will be published at the head of this advertisement each Monday. Those who have won once are not eligible to win again. The prize winners last week were: G. W. Madison, 165 Mercer St., and Miss Mina Hannabel, 1517 Ninth Ave., Apt. X.

A Washington Theatre
 FIRST AVENUE FOOT OF COLUMBIA
5c Best Show in the City 5c
 We Cater to Ladies and Children

B Facts: Big Values—Low Prices
 BOSTON SAMPLE SHOE STORE
 Where the Best is Low and Purchasing Power Might—60 stores—one buying office, hundreds of styles, \$2.50 and \$2.95.
Boston Sample Shoe Shop Co., Inc.
 SECOND AVE. AT PINE ST. Second Floor Fifth Bldg.

C SERVED PIPING HOT 2c and 3c a Cup
 Highest Grade Blend, 40c lb.; 2 lbs. for.....\$1.00
 Other Good Blends, lb.....25c, 30c, 35c
HI-GRADE COFFEE CO.
 100 feet north of Pike St., at 1515 Second Ave.
 A lot of Coffee satisfaction for a little trouble.

D Oak Dressers, \$4.65 and up.
 We carry a complete line of new and used Furniture, Stoves, Carpets, Linoleum, Beds and Bedding.
SHULMAN BROS. FURNITURE CO.
 Phone Main 2873 1528 First Ave.

E CUT OUT THIS AD
 It Is Worth \$1.00
 ON AN \$8.00 PLATE—GOOD UNTIL JANUARY 10
UNION DENTISTS
 305 1/2 Pike St. Over Owl Drug Co.

FURS ALL THIS WEEK—FURS RE-MODELED AND REPAIRED AT HALF PRICE.
MODEL MILLINERY
 527 PEOPLE'S BANK BUILDING

G THE STRONG BOX
 The newspapers often tell of instances where people lose all their savings because they have put their money in a stock- ing or bureau drawer and have been robbed. When you have money around the house you invite the burglar and sneak thief.
 The best strong box in the world is a Savings Bank. There your money is protected and earns interest.
German-American Mercantile Bank and Marine

H When you want Flowers, be sure to visit Seattle's newest and most up-to-date Flower Store, where you get the best value for your money.
 Chrysanthemum season is now on. Come in and see them. You are welcome.
ROSAIA BROS.
 Phone Main 6398. 1901-1903 Third Ave.

I PREPARE FOR A GOOD POSITION
 at the
METROPOLITAN BUSINESS COLLEGE
 Consolidated with the Acme and Seattle Business Colleges, Seattle's oldest business training schools.
 P.-I. Building.

J Milk contains more nutrition than beef—and the better the milk the greater the nutrition. Our Milk and Cream are both prize winners and ideal for children. Our wagons deliver today's Milk today.
PURE MILK DAIRY
 Distributors of Maplewood Products
 1512 Seventh Ave. MAIN 2545

K Nordlund Photo Co. is now making photos for less than half price. You ought to see them.
NORDLUND'S FOTO CO.
 1313 Fourth Avenue
 We need no coupon agents.

L Suits made from your own material.....\$15.00
 Coats made from your own material.....\$12.00
 Skirts made from your own material.....\$2.00
SCHWARTZ LADIES' TAILORING CO.
 Phone Main 3005 1504 Third Ave.

M Housewives' New Year's Resolutions that will be easy to keep. To buy the best quality of Meats obtainable for my money, and never again to feed Friend Husband from the bargain counter stuff advertised at ridiculous prices.
 Mueller's Meats give you the best at lowest prices possible. Blue Ribbon Steer Beef, Young Pork, Fat Veal, Joe Mueller, Stall 106 Two Shops, Mrs. Mueller, Stall 103 Corner Market, ELLIOTT BLDG., Sanitary Market, FIRST AND PIKE, OPPOSITE LIBERTY THEATRE.

N GOING! 10,000 pounds of Candles go on sale, starting today. Shipments arriving daily; must be sold. See our windows. Quality the very best; prices lowest.
SLATTEN'S 1522 Westlake Boulevard Near Alhambra

O New and clever suggestions for the baby
 Full line of Sweater Suits, Bath Robes, Dresses, Dolls and Novelties.
 POPULAR PRICES
MISS OLIVER'S BABY SHOP
 500 Union Street

P P stands for pianos. The name "Crown" stands for good pianos that are manufactured by the Geo. P. Bent Company in the Crown factory, Chicago, and sold direct in Seattle at Chicago prices. Shrewd buyers are taking advantage of this saving—so may you.
GEO. P. BENT COMPANY
 Seattle Show Rooms and Office, 1418 Third Ave. Latest Victrolas, Gramophones and all the Records.

Q Let this be your New Year Resolution:
 "In justice to myself and family, I will from today use a Hill Brand Roasted Coffee." I can save from 5 to 10 cents a pound and get better satisfaction.
COLE & HARADEN
 Downtown—Pike Place Market—Stall 12
 Full Line of Groceries, Butter, Eggs and Cheese
 Phone Main 3191 Free Delivery

R Our Doctor will examine, advise and prescribe, and we will furnish any bottle of medicine prescribed by the Doctor for.....25c
 This offer is not good without this ad.
RIGHT DRUG CO.
 1111 First Ave., Between Spring and Seneca Sts.

S If you want absolutely fresh Creamery Butter, come in and see it made.
RED SHIELD CREAMERY
 At the Big Churn, in the center of the Westlake Public Market. Branch Fifth and Denny Way.

T GREETINGS—For you we wish a bigger and better New Year.
 For ourselves, we expect it.
 To those who befriended us in 1915, we appreciate it. For better tailor-made clothes in 1916, see
W. H. BUTCHART, Merchant Tailor 1017 Third Ave.

U What if the state has gone dry, when you can get the best meal with Hot Soup and Fine Coffee for 25c—at the UNION CAFE?
 305 1/2 Union St., Opposite Postoffice.
 OPEN DAY AND NIGHT

V Ladies' One-Piece Dresses \$1.25
 Cleaned (This Week Only)
STONE & VALEN, Cleaners and Dyers
 405 UNION ST. MAIN 3011

W LADIES—Start the new year right by having a perfect fitting corset.
 An American Queen Corset, built for your individual figure, costs no more, and gives unlimited satisfaction to the wearer.
MMES. DONOVAN-SMITH
 4059 ARCADE BLDG.

X BIG REDUCTIONS ON ROSARIES
 ALL COLORS, ALL BIRTH STONES
 \$1.00 grades.....50c
 \$1.75 grades, 5-year guarantee.....90c
 \$2.00 grades, 10-year guarantee.....\$1.00
 \$5.00 grades, 20-year guarantee.....\$2.50
THE KAUFER COMPANY
 Jobbers and Importers of Church Goods. 1122 Third Ave.

Y Headquarters for Sporting and Athletic Goods
 Including Footballs, Basketballs, Indoor Baseballs, Gym Suits. We also carry a full line of Guns and Ammunition.
THEODORE WILTS
 704 FIRST AVENUE
 10 per cent discount to all purchasers showing Star ad.

Z This Coupon Will Be Accepted As \$15.00
 On Tuition Fee if presented before January 10 at the
MODERN BARBER COLLEGE
 109 MAIN ST.
 We pay wages to men and women while learning barber trade.

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