

BRITISH LOSSES ARE 510,230 IN WAR OPERATIONS

Premier Asquith Makes a Written Reply to Inquiries on Casualties.

OVER FIFTH ARE REPORTED KILLED

Italy Has Formally Joined Entente in Matter of Separate Peace.

London, Dec. 2.—British casualties, military and naval, from the beginning of the war, to November 9, last, totaled 510,230, Premier Asquith announced in a written reply to questions in the house of commons.

Naval casualties are 12,150. Of the total of more than 500,000, 108,928 were killed; 7,940 of these being officers.

Apparently, the Bulgarians have not occupied Monastir in southern Serbia, although its evacuation by the Serbians was reported several days ago.

The arrival of further reinforcements for the Bulgarians before the French front in northern Serbia is reported from Athens.

Artillery exchanges on the Franco-Belgian front continue, but with lessened intensity.

Italy Definitely Joins. Definite announcement comes from Italy that the Italian government has given its adherence to the agreement of the entente powers that separate peace should be signed. It is reported that Italy's action was not taken until Monday of this week, almost coincidentally with rumors that Austria was endeavoring to negotiate a separate peace.

Fifty-three British steamers and 25 sailing vessels are reported sunk, in advices received by the board of trade at London, during November. The total net tonnage of these vessels is 56,044. Lives lost numbered 652. Only 20 of the steamers shown by figures have been sunk by German warships, but of the lives lost 495 are declared to have been in steamers sent to the bottom by German war craft.

Reported that Troops Landed at Avlona. Paris, Dec. 2.—Detachments of Italian troops landed at Avlona, Albania, on the 29th of November, according to reliable sources at Athens, a dispatch to The Times says.

EX-GRAND FORKS MAN POINTS OUT NEEDS OF LANDLESS

Dr. John Lee Coulter, in Address to Chicago Conference, Outlines Plan.

Chicago, Dec. 2.—John Lee Coulter, dean of the college of agriculture of the University of West Virginia, in an address before the National Conference on Marketing and Farm Credits here yesterday recommended national and state legislation to provide the credit facilities which would make it possible for the tenant farmer and farm laborer to acquire farm lands.

He said that the first steps to be taken were: 1. An act of congress providing for a complete scheme of farm land banks.

2. Legislative acts of various states supplementing the national law and providing for state institutions to do various phases of the mortgage business which the national farm land bank would not care to undertake.

3. Legislation by various states simplifying laws pertaining to titles, deeds, foreclosures and exemptions.

4. An up-to-date state bureau of farm lands with a complete list of farms for sale and farms for rent, and as much detail concerning these as possible.

5. A thorough scheme of rural education with county organization so provided that the county headquarters would have a complete list and careful rating of every farm operated within the county.

6. Such state legislation as is necessary to take over by some public service corporation lands not already developed—these lands to be developed, parceled and sold on advantageous terms to select farmers who do not own any land but are seeking to become permanent settlers, living upon and operating their own farms.

These recommendations followed a discussion of the land problem as it exists in the United States and the quotation of many statistics as to the number of tenants and farm laborers.

\$110,000,000 NOW SUBSCRIBED

This Amount Comes from 28,000 Subscribers in Canada.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 2.—Subscriptions totaling \$110,000,000 have been received, it is announced, for the Canadian \$100,000,000 war loan.

The grand total came from 28,000 subscribers, all subscribers for small amounts being allotted bonds for the full amount of their subscriptions.

GRANT YOUAMANS PUSHES SPECIAL EQUITY TRAIN TO ADVANCE MINOT CLAIMS



Grant S. Youmans, Minot, N. D.

MINOT PUTS UP CASH FOR TRAIN TO EQUITY MEET

Will Promote Cause of Co-Operative Marketing and Plea for Plant.

Minot, N. D., Dec. 2.—Minot business men have chartered a special train for the purpose of carrying a big delegation to St. Paul, leaving about December 6, for the purpose of advancing the claims of Minot to the proposed packing plant industry that the American Society of Equity contemplates establishing.

Grant S. Youmans, chairman of the committee in charge of the special train, yesterday enclosed a check for \$969 to the traveling agent in Minot of the Soo line railroad, such check being for the purpose of covering the cost of the special train.

The business men of Minot, Minn., are expected to meet at a special meeting, to be held at the city of Minot, on December 6, at 5 o'clock p. m., arriving at St. Paul at about 8 a. m. You will furnish the following equipment:

- “Tourist sleeping cars.
“Dining car.
“Coaches.
“Dining car service will be a la carte, which gives people an opportunity of eating just as much or as little as they desire.”

“I consider it an honor to be successful in this special train service, because of the fact that it will mean towards helping to build up the farmers' open market and farmers' terminal elevator at St. Paul, Minn., and for a farmers' equity packing plant for the state of North Dakota.”

“As we have a great many friends along your line, it would be agreeable to stop train at Valby, and a few other points to pick up these passengers and give them the advantage of our special train.”

\$1,500 FOR NEW MANDAN CHURCH

Mandan, N. D., Dec. 2.—Rev. F. W. Thompson of the Presbyterian church announced that the Ladies' Aid society of the church has come forward with a subscription of \$1,500 towards the new church.

This brings the subscription list up to \$15,500. The ladies decided on this subscription at the last meeting. They will raise the money by giving socials, fairs, entertainments, etc.

WOMAN HURT IN BAD RUNAWAY

Lawton, N. D., Dec. 2.—While Mrs. Allan Leith was returning from J. G. Jensen's farm, about a mile distant, the horse in some manner got loose from the buggy and ran home, giving the alarm that something was wrong.

Mr. Leith and others found Mrs. Leith unconscious by the roadside, while the baby lay several feet away uninjured. Upon regaining consciousness, Mrs. Leith complained of her back which was severely wrenched.

THE WEATHER. North Dakota: Fair tonight and Friday; warmer in south portion tonight. UNIVERSITY READING. 7 a. m., 19; maximum, 19; minimum, 8; barometer, 30.06; wind, south, 15 miles.

AUSTRIA SEEKS EXPLANATION OF RECENT REPORT

Statement by Department of Justice Basis for New Inquiry.

WOULD KNOW THE BASIS FOR CHARGE

State Secretary Gets Formal Statement from Ambassador Penfield.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The state department has received from Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, formal inquiry regarding the statement recently issued at the department of justice, which is construed by the Austrian embassy here as being in confirmation of charges made by Dr. Gorica, former Austrian consul.

Austria's inquiry asked whether the department issued such statement, and if so upon what grounds it based its assertion.

Gorica, in effect, charged the Austrian consulates in the United States were concerned in conspiracy to cripple munitions plants.

NEW DEPOT FOR JAMESTOWN SOON

President Hannaford Promises Building for 1916 on N. P. Road.

Jamestown, N. D., Dec. 2.—President J. M. Hannaford of the Northern Pacific railroad and party of other officials, during their trip through the route to St. Paul after a week's inspection tour of the road and personal property in their private train.

President Hannaford made the following statement to a representative of the Alert regarding the new depot for Jamestown: “We intend to have a new depot here within the next year and plans for the building and location are being prepared now with the aid of your city officials. Work on the new depot will be started as soon as spring opens and the depot will set a little east of the present one.”

The president also remarked that for years they have been waiting to build here but could not afford it but at the present time they can and now are going to build.

It is expected that building of the new Jamestown depot will be commenced early in the spring and the structure will be completed within six months. The depot will probably be used for division headquarters with adequate offices and equipment, in addition to passenger purposes.

FEWER ARRESTS MADE IN BEMIDJI

Bemidji, Minn., Dec. 2.—Statistics compiled by Chief of Police Frank Ripple show that during 1915 Bemidji under dry rule has had but 148 arrests, the fines of which amounted to \$824.66, and during the year 1914 there were 558 arrests were made and the money received for fines was \$788.

QUITS OFFICE FOR RELIGIOUS WORK

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 2.—Rev. R. A. Danford, who has for a short time enjoyed the temporary appointment as deputy examiner in the bank examiner's office, has resigned and will devote his time to the ministerial and evangelist work.

MULE CORPS GETS OFFICIAL NOTICE

London, Dec. 2.—The Zion Mule Corps, composed of Jewish refugees from Jerusalem, gets official notice in the latest awards from the Dardanelles. The honor of “special mention” goes to Private Nissel Rosenberg, a member of the Corps, while Sir Ian Hamilton pays the following tribute to the organization in a letter:

“It may interest you to know that I have here, fighting under my orders, a purely Jewish unit. As far as I know this is the first time in the Christian era that such a thing has happened. The men who compose it were cruelly driven out of Jerusalem by the Turks, and arrived in Egypt with their families absolutely destitute and starving.”

“A complete transport corps was raised from them for voluntary service against the Turks, whom they naturally detest. These troops were officially described as the Zion Mule Corps, and both of rank and rank and file have shown great courage in taking water and supplies up to the fighting lines under heavy fire.”

BACK TO DEWEY DAYS IN SHOWING ABSENCE OF FRAUD

Counsel for Hamburg Line Officials Argues U. S. Took Same Step.

NO DECEIT IS BEING PRACTICED

Manifests at Port of Sailing Correct, Though Supplies Are Transferred.

New York, Dec. 2.—The counsel for the four indicted officials of the Hamburg-American line, whose case goes to the jury late today, went back in his summing up to the days of Dewey in Manila, for what he termed a parallel vindication of the acts of his clients in sending coal supplies from Hamburg-American ports to the German fleets in the South Atlantic in the early days of the European war.

“Was this wrong?” asked William Rand Jr., chief of the defendants' counsel, who summed up the case. “Was this conspiracy to deceive and defraud the United States? Let's see. Let's go back a few years to the time when Dewey sank the Spanish fleet and blockaded the port of Manila from May to August, 1898. Dewey's ships needed coal and supplies during that blockade. How did he get them? Why, it is no secret.”

“An American firm at the British port of Hong Kong, Jackson and Evans, I think it was, loaded the coal and supplies and provisions on British steamers and cleared those steamers for the Chinese coast. What happened? And from Macao these supplies sailed out of Hong Kong. Their manifests made no mention of supplies. The manifests made these steamers were loaded with scrap iron. What happened? This so-called scrap iron, these supplies of food and coal, were transferred to Dewey's ships at sea.”

CANADIAN TAXES HIGHER THAN HERE

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 2.—The hue and cry that taxes are lower in Canada than in this country was succinctly put by a man who has a quarter section of land in the following statement to a representative of the Alert regarding the new depot for Jamestown: “I have owned 160 acres in Canada which was taxed last year at the rate of \$1.00 per acre. The special tax levied under the Wald Land tax act of \$18, making his total tax \$2,880, or twice as much as it is right here at home.”

In commenting on this matter the property owner said: “Some of those who have speculative tendencies and wish to invest in Canada, where taxes are low (?) should first ascertain what the taxes amount to at home and in the distant country. I have found out and am paying twice as much tax in Canada for the same property values that I do in Bismarck city.”

BRANDON MAKES SUBSCRIPTION

Brandon, Man., Dec. 2.—Brandon, as a municipality, will come to the aid of the dominion government in floating its \$50,000,000 war loan. The city officials decided yesterday to invest \$100,000 in the fund, this money being in the city's sinking fund.

Assurance was first given the city that the interest rates charged to the city by the bank would not be increased. Only three members of the council opposed the investment.

FRENCH OFFICIALS ARE KIND TO MEN

This is Opinion of Brigadier Jean Luest Who Returned to Manitoba.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 2.—The kindness of French military authorities to the soldiers of that nation is fittingly portrayed in the case of Brigadier Jean Luest of St. Laurent, Man., who returned to his home yesterday where he will spend three months making provision for the care of his eight motherless children—for Brigadier Luest was made a widower while fighting in the trenches in France.

A year ago last August, the French reservist returned to France to take up the burden of fighting the Germans. Nine months later word came to him that his wife had died.

He kept his secret, he said, but the officers learned of it, and without application from him, they granted a three-month leave of absence that he might return home to care for the eight motherless children, the eldest only 17 years old.

“When my vacation is over I'll gladly return to the front to again take up arms. We will win,” said Luest.

“The French soldier wears the blue-grey uniform adopted by his army, and is outfitted with the steel helmets that have proved such effective life savers.”

NO PROPOSITION WAS MADE TO CHINA ANENT JOINING ENTENTE ALLIES

Peking, Dec. 2.—The Chinese government today made formal denial that it had considered the possibility of joining with the entente powers or had been requested to do so.

NO PASSPORTS TO NATIONS AT WAR FOR PEACE PARTY

Secretary Lansing Announces Decision on Ford Tourists.

TREATED AS ARE OTHER AMERICANS

Finding Means U. S. Doesn't Recognize Mission as Urgent Business.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Secretary Lansing announced that the members of the peace party are planning to sail on the ship chartered by Henry Ford will not be given passports to belligerent countries, but only to neutral states in Europe.

Secretary Lansing made it plain that passports will be given to American citizens for belligerent countries only when on business and absolutely necessary to visit there, and when they are invited to some governmental agency in those countries.

Secretary Lansing explained that no distinction is being drawn between members of peace parties and other American citizens, and that the general rule of the department of state is being applied.

Not Urgent Business. The ruling, however, is generally interpreted as meaning that the United States does not regard unofficial missions in Europe to make peace or to visit persons, as business of an urgent character.

Very few applications have been made for passports to visit belligerent countries, the plan of the peace party being to assemble a convention in one of the neutral countries and put into operation the plans, using neutral capitals as a base.

Inex Milholland Boissevain, suffragist, was refused a passport because her husband is a citizen of a foreign country. The names of others who may have experienced difficulty in getting passports are not disclosed.

Teutons are Pressing Hard Against Montenegro

Berlin, Dec. 2.—Teutonic forces are pressing their campaign against Montenegro and have occupied the towns of Plekaje and Jabuka, in northeastern Montenegro, near the Serbian border, the German army headquarters announced.

STEAMER MARENGO IS RUN AGROUND

London, Dec. 2.—The Wilson liner Marengo, from New York for Hull, is stranded on Goodwin sands and lifeboats are proceeding to her assistance.

EARLY SHOPPING MORE GENERAL

London, Dec. 2.—Zepplins have been more effective arguments for shopping at home than the pleas ever framed by the merchants' associations and salesmen's unions of London.

One of the largest department stores in the city now closes at 5 p. m. The others close at 5 and 5:30, depending on their location. But late shoppers are becoming fewer, while morning shoppers have increased materially.

Darkened streets besides keeping people home of nights, have hurt the business of cheap jewelers and of shops whose sales depend largely on their window displays and electric lights.

GERMANS PREPARING TO MEET RUSSIAN ATTACK AGAINST BULGARIANS

WARN GREECE THEY WILL NOT REGARD MACEDONIA FRIENDLY IF SHE ACCEDES

Athens, Dec. 2.—Representatives of Austria and Germany have informed the Greek government, according to Neon Asly, that if demands of the quadruple entente are granted, the central powers “will cease to consider Greek Macedonia as friendly territory.”

TROOPS SENT TO EASTERN BORDER FOR NEW CLASH

Military Events in Balkans Are in Transitory Stage Just Now. GREECE HOLDING TO ITS POSITION Despite Month's Negotiations with the Entente. She Remains Firm.

London, Dec. 2.—Military events in the Balkans apparently are in a transitory stage, which may preface another German offensive, but whether this will be made against the Franco-British troops, which hold all that remains of Serbia, or against the Russians should they launch an attack against Bulgaria from the east, the present situation gives no indication.

Von Mackensen Withdraws. A Saloniki dispatch reporting the withdrawal of Field Marshal von Mackensen forces from the Serbian front to Bulgaria is interpreted in some quarters as confirmation of the second alteration in Bulgarian hands, both the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians have formally announced the completion of their Serbian campaign.

Vienna officially estimated the capture of more than 50,000 Serbians by General von Kooe's army during the month of November alone. Moreover, the capture of the Serbian army, in their retreat over the Albanian mountain passes, encountered by civilian refugees and made more difficult by wintry weather, were forced to leave behind them a large part of their equipment, including more of their heavy artillery, motor cars and other transport.

The Germans now are engaging the Montenegrins on the Montenegrin frontier and at heavy cost have penetrated some distance beyond the border. Yet this struggle is not comparable to the serious sanguinary fighting which marked the Serbian campaign last month, which now has almost ceased.

Notwithstanding all the entente negotiations at Athens, the Greek situation is much as it was a month ago. It is now clear that Greece has determined to continue to remain neutral, draw her army from Saloniki. Though a deadlock seems to have been reached, negotiations still are under way.

DUMMY MACHINE GUNS ARE USED

Petrograd, Dec. 2.—Dummy machine guns which make a noise like the real thing and thereby scare off the attacking enemy, are reported to be one of the latest innovations tried by the Austrians on the southern front.

It is a well known fact that infantry, once loosed on a charge upon trenches defended with rapid-fire guns, are apt to swerve instinctively from points where the Maxims seem to be attacking, and are reported to be one of the latest innovations tried by the Austrians on the southern front.

GRAIN SHIP IS RETURNING TO PORT

San Francisco, Dec. 2.—The Hill liner Minnesota, bound for London with grain on her farewell voyage under American registry is putting back to San Francisco because of disabled machinery, according to a wireless message received here yesterday. She left Seattle, Wash., Nov. 14 with a large cargo of grain for the west coast of Lower California.

SUIT TO CONTEST ELECTION OF MAYOR

Toledo, O., Dec. 2.—A suit to contest the election of Mayor-elect Chas. M. Milroy was begun yesterday by attorneys acting in the behalf of George A. Murphy, former expelled chief of police whom Milroy defeated at the election a month ago. The suit is based on the contention that a second choice votes are unlawful.

JACK JOHNSON IS SPEAKER

Glasgow, Dec. 2.—Four thousand people blocked the traffic in Queen street for a half hour today, while Jack Johnson made a recruiting speech. He drove his big motor car to the Royal Exchange, removed his big white hat, showed his splendid display of gold teeth, told how he had given two of his own motor cars to the government and urged every strong man to join the army.

He was introduced by Corporal Baker of the Scottish Rifles, clad in khaki, and the result of his speech was a recruiting speech.

COURT ELECTION TO BE CONTESTED

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 2.—The municipal court election of last Monday is to be contested as the result of the official canvass of the returns late yesterday. It was announced by leaders of the opposition to the measure that the contest will be held in the women's vote the measure carried by 81 votes. Without this vote it lost by 22 votes, according to the official canvass.

WOMEN VOTED IN Election and This is Basis for Complaint.

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WOMEN INVITED TO OCCUPY GALLERY

Suffrage Amendment Will be Submitted as First Resolution.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Speaker Clark yesterday invited Dr. Anna Howard Shaw and other officers of the National American Woman's Suffrage association to occupy the gallery in the house on the opening day of congress when Representative Meadell of Montana will introduce the Susan B. Anthony suffrage amendment.

The suffrage amendment will be submitted as the first resolution of the new congress. Senator Thomas, chairman of the woman suffrage committee, agreed to grant a hearing to the association on this amendment December 15.

WISE SHOPPERS BUY EARLY AD READERS BUY ECONOMICALLY