THE RED CROSS COLUMN

The Red Cross in this war has

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The Damsn Red Cross is to send three ueregates into each of the two countries to visit the concentration and internment camps. Each delegate is to travel separatery and to be accompanied by a neu Cross nurse from the country in whose interest the visit is made.

These delegations are to have the right to converse freely with the prisoners Without Withesses, in their native tongue, concerning their personal allairs. The Red Cross nurses who accompany the delegates have the right to distribute without let or hindrance, money and charitable gifts.

Every means of transport is to be put at the disposal of the delevisit takes place. They have the who are under orders to assist Agency, from Athens. these Red Cross commissions by every means in their power.

In this and in other ways the Red Cross has established the right of prisoners of war to humane treatment. It has not only secured the recognition of the Geneva convention, it has gained fresh privileges.

It is easy enough to win recognition of humane principles in time of peace. The Red Cross has succeeded in asserting it's creed even amid the bitterness of war. has removed nearly every obstacle which separates a prisoner war from the charity and sympathy of his compatriots.

It only remains for the civilian public to take advantage of this Red Cross open road, and to support by its contributions, the organization which has won such diplomatic triumphs for humanity.

If you wish to relieve the sick. wounded and prisoners, the Red Cross line of communication runs straight and true as a Roman road, to every hospital and prison camp in every belligerent country.

MARRIED

TRAFFORD-MILLER-In tinck at the home of the bride's mother, by Rev. W. W. Wylie, on Tuesday, December 28th Charles Miller.

CONFLICTING REPORTS COME FROM BALKANS

been the great safe guard of the Correspondents Muddling Up Facts Lloyd George Speaks Plainly at Glas-With Their Own Theories-Big Russian Wir. in Persia

London states that speculation over the development of an attack on the Entente allies at Saloniki continues. Some papers credit the central powers with a plan to bear down on Saloniki from three sides, the Germans forming the centre, with the Turks and Bulgarians on the left and right wings respectively. From different correspondents came various reports on the situation in the Balkans, some contending that the Bulgarians have accomplished all the territorial gains within their immediate ambitions, and therefore will not move further. Other correspondents represent them as being determined to extend their boundaries to include the important port of Saloniki.

Russian Successes Continue

Authentic information having been received of the arrival at Rabatkerim, 25 miles southwest of Teheran, of a band of a thousand horsemen uner Emir Kischimet, the Russians sent a detachment of troops there under Col. Belomestroff, with orders to destroy the band by a swift blow. Col. Belomestroff encountered the enemy near Rabatkerim. The enemy consisted of two battalions of gendarmes, five hundred of Chief Emir's horsemen and two hundred Kakhtiarias. The enemy opened a violent fire. Col. Belomestroff, after artillery preparations, attacked with his whole force in an endeavor to surround the enemy. The enemy was thoroughly dispersed, losing in men sabred alone 118, including two officers.

Huns Lose 8,000 Men

Two days of continuous fighting between Ypres and Armentieres resulted in a loss to the Germans of 8,000 effectives, says the war correspondent Lof La Liberte, Paris. The object of ternational ned Cross Society has the Germans was to test the strength of the British lines at this point. Behind clouds of poison gases the Teutons made a dozen attacks, but where the British artillery and machine guns failed completely to break the oncoming human waves, the assailants were driven back with the bayonet. Not an inch of ground was gained.

Montenegrins Retake Trench The following official statement concerning the progress of hostilities was issued: "Combats along the entire front of the Sanjak army were without result for the enemy, who also were repulsed near Voutchide. After a hot fight the Austrians captured our position of Raskova Gora, which we retook by a vigorous counter-attack, taking a number of prisoners and a quantity of material."

Ancient Warfare Revived

Along the Tyrol-Trentino-Carnia front there has been an intense artillery engagement. The enemy again hombarded inhabited localities, causing some damage. They also rolled enormous boulters on the village of Loppio, in the valley of the Adige, from overhanging cliffs, without causing serious damage.

The Saloniki Problem

The situation in the Balkans, says Paris, is without modification. The Bulgarians remain at the frontier on Serbian territory. Trustworthy information announces a large concentration of troops, which may mean an offensive at an early date. Bulgarians are assembling on the front comprising Monastir, Gievgeli and Doiran. If an attack is begun against the allies' positions, it doubtless will be led simultaneously from the west by Monastir, from the centre by the Vardar valley, and from the east by the valley of the Strumica. The entrenched camp of the Anglo-French forces at Saloniki is now prepared to withstand

Band of Steel Tightens

By a Royal proclamation published in the London Gazette, the exportation to Switzerland of virtually everything that might be of service to Germany is prohibited unless it is consigned to Societe Suisse de Surveillance Economique, which corresponds with the Netherlands Overseas Trust, with which the Government has a similar agreement. Thus the British policy of preventing goods from reaching Germany through neutral countries has been carried a step further.

Roumania Helps Teutons

It is reported from Bucharest that gates by the country in which the the transportation of cereals from Roumania to Germany and Austriaright to take what photographs | Hungary, under the agreement recentthey please of the prisoners and ly made between Roumania and the their camps, as well as to make | central powers, began on Dec. 24, acsuggestions to the commanders. cording to a despatch to the Havas

Record Wheat Deal Finished

the British and French Governments pro-German. It is believed that Minisinvolves nearly £3,000,000 sterling, ters friendly to the Quadruple Entente and ammunition are said to average and the price is above five shillings will replace those with German con- \$2,500,000 a day, there will be a trea bushel. A sale has also been made nections. Prince Firmano Firma is mendous increase by the middle of to Italy. A cargo for South Africa known as pro-Russian. No surprise March. shillings and five pence.

Breslau's Exit

Rome despatches report that the Turkish cruiser Midirli, formerly the German Breslau, has been sunk, and the Turkish dreadnaught Sultan Selim, formerly the German Goeben, damaged in a battle with the Russian squadron in the Black Sea.

Allied Subs. Return to Marmora

Recent storms have carried away the booms constructed by the Turks across the Narrows of the Dardanelles and some of the allied submarines have passed into the Sea of Marmora.

British Losses Given

P. A. Molteno, member of the House Edith Cavell. of Commons, Premier Asquith gave the total British casualties up to December 9, as 528,227.

Harden's Paper Forbidden According to The Telegraaf the publication of Maximilian Harden's shal Von Hindenburg. Each nail is Elmer Trafford to Miss Ruth Die Zukunst has been forbidden by to cost \$25 and the proceeds are to the German military authorities.

FACTS TO BE FACED IF WAR IS TO BE WON

gow on Britain's Exact Position-Scots' Great Rally

Mr. Lloyd George, addressing three thousand trade unionists at Glasgow, Headquarters in France sends the folurged the employment side by side of lowing account of how the men spent skilled and unskilled labor. He placed Christmas: "Christmas broke over the before his hearers three fateful alter- British western frort wet and blownatives: "Either we must tell the sol- ing, and altogether cheerless. As the diers that we are sorry we cannot get morning advanced the sun struggled the guns to enable them to win through the mists; by the soldiers' throughout 1916 owing to trade union dinner time it was quite fine and very regulations, or we must tell them that if they manage to hold out for another | trenches. Plenty of good fare was proyear perhaps American workmen will vided and conditions were as comforthelp us to get a sufficient supply for able as possible amid the waterlogged 1917." Another alternative," added environments. Amongst the troops in Mr. Lloyd George, "is that we might reserve and billets Christmas was celetell the Kaiser frankly that we can brated with more thoroughness. The not go on. He might let us off with the annexation of Belgium, with the Christmas quietly, and there was no payment of an indemnity, and with a intention in the British lines, if the British colony or two, but he would certainly demand that Great Britain surrender her command of the sea, and Great Britain then would be as completely at the mercy of Prussian despotism as Belgium is to-day."

Hecklers Rebuked "Eighty thousand skilled men are required," proceeded the Li nister of Munitions. The gun and munition factories in the United Kingdom called for this number of workers. won't get them." someone in the audience shouted. Mr. Lloyd George silenced the interrupter by exclaiming, "I come here and face three thousand Glasgow trade unionists. Will that gentleman venture to go to Flanders and face three thousand British soldiers in the trenches?" Prolonged cheers showed on which side stood the Glasgow workmen present.

All Machinery Needed

The problem of the Minister is no longer ammunition, but guns and machine guns. Plants for the manufacture of artillery cannot be improvised, and it is clear that every bit of suitable machinery in the United Kingdom must be used night and day to meet the demand. The Government has been very patient, but trades union rules which involve the possibility of defeat if not temporarily set aside will not much longer be permitted to lessen the output of the nation's workshops.

ENGLAND WAKES UP

Conscription For Single Stackers to Come in Vogue

It is stated on excellent authority that the Cabinet has virtually decided upon a modified form of conscription and Commerce, intimated in an adbill, to be introduced in the House dress that a Canadian domestic loan of Commons next week, giving the of \$300,000,000 might soon follow the Government the necessary power, recent issue of \$100,000,000. Sir George should it be found needful, to bring said that Canadians would be called in single men and preserve Premier on to bear a greater share in the Asquith's pledge to married men. financing of the war. It will no longer Premier Asquith is expected to make be possible to do this by foreign loans, a statement on the whole question in he said, and the people of the country the House of Commons on Wednes would have to practice strict economy day or Thursday of next week, and in order to be able to do their part. announce the speedy introduction of "We have the money," he said. "There a bill of a permissive character, mak- are two sources-what the people have ing service in the army obligatory on earned and saved, if the latter is not unmarried men who have failed to at enough, when all your savings are test under the Derby scheme. The gone we will come to you for your anti-conscriptionist Ministers offered earnings. And I believe there is not strong opposition. The Cabinet de- a man in Canada who, if he values his cided by a majority that it is bound country and citizenship, will refuse by Premier Asquith's pledge, and the call." generally approved the principle of compulsion as a result of the Derby campaign. Reginald McKenna, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, have, it is reported, resigned, but their resignations have not yet been accepted. It is possible that further resignations will follow.

Ford's Bubble Bursts

Pro-German Adventure is Nearing its

procedure, and Mrs. Inez Boisseon. "We have appeared to the pub- Corp. K. Weir; No. 77848, Lance-Corp. lie what we are in fact, a confused J. E. Berry. The health of our troops mass of amiably-intentioned persons of continues very good. The number of vague thinking and no collective plan- news cases of trench feet has dening," Mrs. Boissevain said. Mrs. creased." Boissevain said she was compelled to abandon the expedition, and was leaving immediately.

Persian Cabinet Falls

The Persian Cabinet has fallen. The Shah has named Prince Firmano Firma as Premier to organize a new A wheat deal just completed with Cabinet. The Persian Cabinet was has brought the record price of five was caused in London by the report of the Cabinet's fall. This is considered to be a great diplomatic victory for the Entente allies.

King Peter Honored

It is announced that Gen. J. F. Piarro de Mondesirra has visited King Peter, of Serbia, and presented him with the War Cross, conferred upon him by France. King Peter moved by this evidence of friendship, kissed the War Cross before it was pinned on to his breast.

Paris to Honor Edith Cavell

leve, Minister of Public Instruction, peror William's illness. The rumors is the chairman, has been organized state that the Emperor's condition is for the object of presenting the city causing profound anxiety in Berlin. of Paris with a monument in the form Replying to a written question by of a bas-relief in memory of Miss

"Foxy" in Generous Mood

The King of Bulgaria has instructed his military attaches in Berlin to drive fifty golden nails into the wooden statue erected in honor of Field Mara devoted to charities

KING "SOCCER" REIGNS ON BRITISH FRONT

Tommies Spend Christmas Day in Pursuing Their Favorite Sport-No Truce Made With Enemy

The Reuter correspondent at British mild. The day was uneventful in the enemy seemed satisfied to spend his Germans manifested no desire to be aggressive, to force them into hostile activity. On the other hand, every preparation had been made to meet the least tendency to 'strafing' in a vigorous manner. Hence, comparative quiet lay upon the fire within the occupied zone. During the afternoon every available acre of meadow in the Sear of the lines was taken possession of for football. In the trenches themselves there was much hearty singing, ranging from what the French call 'that melancholy hymn,' 'Tipperary,' to 'A Che le Morte.' In places where the enemy lines skirt the British closely the guttural chanting of the Germans was borne athwart the shrill song of the southeaster, and was invariably the signal for a deeper outburst of chorusing on the part of our men to drown the sound. Invaders Are Remembered

"Overtures toward fraternizing by the Germans were but slight and fainthearted, as though their rejection was a foregone conclusion. There appears to be a general sense of relief among the soldiers that Christmas is over. The spirit of the season is completely out of harmony with the grim atmosphere of the trenches, and contrasts born of reminiscences are not of a cheerful order. 'We don't want to stop and think more than we can help,' said a Highlander. 'We just want to get on with it, so that we may sooner be finished."

\$300,000,000 LOAN

Canada May Again be Called Upon to do Her Share in the War

Sir Geo. Fester, Minister of Trade

Four Canadians Decorated

Extract From Report of Sir Max Aitken Signifies "All's Well"

Maj.-Gen. Sir Sam Hugh s has received the following communique in part from the Canadian general representative in France: "On the morning of Dec. 19 the British trenches in the neighborhood of Ypres were heavily bombarded and subsequently gassed. No infantry attack was delivered by the enemy. Owing to the direction of the wind the gas fumes were soon A meeting of the members of the perceptible over the area of our second ace committee in Stockholm result- division, and the enemy artillery bein a disagreement over the mode came exceedingly active on our front Our artillery retaliated until the enen. New York suffragist, announced my fire slackened. In connection with er withdrawal from the expedition. the successful night operation of our ira. Boissevain expressed the belief | Seventh Battalion on Nov. 16-17 the at the expedition was doomed to fail- following additional awards have been re because of undemocratic principles made: Distinguished Conduct Medals, a small group, including Mme. Ro- No. 16395, Corp. P. L. Babcock; No. the Schwimmer, in controlling opin- 16679, Corp. H. Odlum; No. 29729,

Shell Orders Enormous

It was pointed out at New York that the export of arms and munitions for the allies is just beginning to attain something of the proportions that may be expected for the next year. A steady growth of the output of the munition factories is expected from now on. While the shipment of arms

Queen Remembers Canadians Queen Mary has sent a box of candy to each soldier in the Canadian Hospital at Shorncliffe. Princess Louise also sent cigarettes to each inmate of the Canadian Hospital at Cliveden with an autograph inscription on each. Ninety thousand stationery wallets were sent to the Canadians in France. the usual character of this gift having been especially appreciated.

Kaiser's Illness Exaggerated Alarming rumors, probably of an exaggerated nature, are being circu-A committee of which Paul Pain- lated in Switzerland concerning Em-

> The Turk announcements that two British monitors had been sunk is un-

> Saxon F. Shenstone, sec-treasurer of the Dominion Radiator Co., Toronto, died suddenly Christmas Day.

> French Socialists will not mix with Germans after the war. Henry Ford of "peace" fame has wiled for New York from Sweden

No. 14 NORMANBY

Names arranged in order of merit IV-J. McVain, E. Lewis. Sr. III-R. McVain.

II-F. McIlvride, C. Smith, M. Lewis. Sr. I-J. Stewart, M. McVain, K. McNamara. Sr. Pr-A. Stewart, J. Lane,

Jr. Pr-B. Lewis.

HE HAD FOUND OUT

Jinks - She's decidedly vivicection. Jenks-I found it out the min-Jr. III-E. Seim, L. Stewart, A. ute I tried to open my heart to her.-The Club-Fellow.

> "Your wife's dinner parties are always beautiful affairs." "Yes," replied Mr. Cumrox. "At first people didn't seem to want to come to 'em, but I guess mebbe the high cost of living is making a .-G. H. McKee, Teacher difference."-Washington Star.

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