

# PEACE ARK WAS FREIGHTED WITH SUPPLIES FOR THE ENEMY

## 55 Bags of Rubber, Weighing 4,000 Pounds, Seized When Oscar II. Was Detained at Kirkwall

A despatch from London says: It is ascertained that 55 bags of rubber, all consigned to a well-known enemy forwarding agent in Sweden, were removed from the parcel mail on board the steamship Oscar II. The estimated weight of the rubber seized is about 4,000 pounds. The remainder of the mail, which consisted of 734 bags, was handed over to the post office for immediate transmission to its destination. The Oscar II. is the vessel which carried the Henry Ford peace party to Europe. On the voyage she was taken into Kirkwall by the British authorities and her cargo examined. The Oscar II. was detained for more than 24 hours, but was allowed to proceed on December 16. There were reports at the time that part of the cargo was contraband and that a prize court would take the matter into consideration.

# DRIVEN BACK IN MONTENEGRO

## Austrian Forces Again Defeated by the Black Mountain Soldiers of Montenegro

A despatch from London says: Seventy-five thousand Serbians have reformed at Scutari and Elbasan, in Albania, and the Montenegrin army, which heretofore has been debarred geographically from taking any large part in the war, is now throwing itself energetically into the contest against the Austrians.

The Montenegrin Consul-General here has received information that the Austrians directed, without result, a violent artillery fire against the Montenegrin positions on the Tara River on December 27. The enemy attacked energetically near Lovobova, but was repulsed with great loss in the direction of Berane. The Montenegrins followed up their last success by occupying two more villages, advancing as far as Morita. On the Lovcen front, the Austrians opened fire from the forts and warships on Raskova Gora, but the Montenegrins held their ground. The bombardment continued fifteen hours, 2,000 large shells being fired. At the same time sharp infantry attacks were delivered, all of which were repulsed. Notwithstanding the intensity of the Austrian artillery fire the Montenegrins had only two killed and two wounded, which shows how poorly the guns were handled.

The success gained by the Montenegrins at Lepenat was greater than at first announced. Five hundred bodies were found on the right wing of the contingent operating against them, but the total Austrian losses were more than 2,000 killed or wounded. King Nicholas sent congratulations to the general commanding the Vassioevich brigade. Austrian airplanes threw several bombs on Podgoritsa Monday, killing two Austrian prisoners.

The French newspaper Echo de Paris prints the following Bucharest telegram: "The Austro-Hungarian offensive in Montenegro has been checked completely. The Austrians were faced by a stronger army than they expected to find, as many Serbians who made their way into Albania marched northward and joined the Montenegrins. South-west of the invaders were defeated in a severe battle."

# THE GURKHA'S CHARGE

## A Humorous Incident from the Fighting Lines

That the Indian troops not only respect but love their officers is illustrated in the following humorous story from T. P.'s Journal:

A young English subaltern had just arrived at the front, and his superior officers, who were not at all sure of him, gave an old Hindu soldier of his regiment orders to keep his eye on him. The Indian was very proud of his trust, and looked after the young fellow as if he had been his own son, although he was always perfectly respectful and obedient.

Then, one afternoon, the Germans across the way started a violent bombardment. Carried away by his feelings, the boy jumped up and fired himself unnecessarily to their fire. The Gurkha immediately pulled him back, pushed him to the floor of the trench, and sat on him! The young Englishman struggled to rise, but the Gurkha sat tight.

"Net yet, sahib," he cried, "not yet!"

And it was not until the colonel gave the order to charge that the conscientious Hindu allowed his prisoner to rise, saluted him respectfully, and charged the enemy trenches at his side.

# BIRDS FRIENDS OF ALLIES

## Warn British Soldiers of Approach of Deadly Gases

Many soldiers at the front have commented on the fact that the birds do not desert the region of the fighting line, despite the noise of the firing. But it is strange that the birds have ranged themselves on the side of the Allies against one method of German warfare. A soldier on the front has written to his mother that the winged friends of the Allies warn them of the coming of the clouds of poison gas when the Germans attempt that mode of attack at night.

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# Markets of the World GREAT STRUGGLE ON EAST FRONT

## Outcome a Transformation of Military Position in Russian Theatre

A despatch from London says: In the Entente capitals there is a general opinion that the Russian campaign in Bessarabia, which has been undertaken in the face of unfavorable weather conditions, is likely to have an important bearing on the whole war situation.

According to one version Russia's new move is the forerunner of the impending Rumanian entry into the war on the side of the Entente. The Pall Mall Gazette's Russian correspondent writes: "Russian joint operations with Rumania are on the point of beginning. Rumania will fight with us, although not for us. Her siding with the Entente is not the result of French or English sympathies, but an endeavor to realize the Rumanian dream of sovereignty over Bukovina and Transylvania. As preparation for Rumania's entry into the war Russia's aim is to reconquer Bukovina for the benefit of her ally. This task can be accomplished in a few weeks."

"The Rumanians will then fortify the new province and march with the Russians through Bulgaria and Transylvania, while simultaneously the Italians, French, British and Serbians will deal blows on other fronts."

The German and Russian official bulletins regarding the operations south of the Pripiet River ironically declare that the battles are proceeding. The importance of the engagements seems to be considered by the Russian military critics as great.

# BRITISH TROOPS LAND AT ORFANO

## Will Check Possibility of Advance on Salonica From the East

A despatch from London says: The Consuls of Germany, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria, with their staffs and families, have been arrested at Salonica by order of the French general, Sarraill, and taken aboard a French warship. Their Consulates are now being guarded by allied troops.

Two new landings by the allies in the Near East are reported. The British have transferred some troops from Salonica to Orfano, a small Greek port 60 miles east of Salonica, with the intention of thus checking any possibility of a hostile advance from that quarter. The second landing was made by the French on the Greek island of Castorion, off the south-east coast of Asia Minor, not far from the important seaport of Adalia.

An Athens despatch says that the occupation of Adalia is the object of the landing. A railway runs north of Adalia, and the presence there of a strong allied force would menace the communications of any hostile force operating against Egypt or the lower Tiber region.

These movements indicate that the allies' positions around Salonica are now considerably secure, and indications are that the campaign around Salonica will develop into a long-drawn warfare as on other fronts.

# GERMAN LAWYERS SUFFER

## Their Business Reduced to a Minimum By the War

Attention is being called on every side to the difficult, if not precarious, position in which a large number of the lawyers and notaries of Germany find themselves as a result of the war. Few professional men, it is claimed, are suffering quite as keenly, nor are they uncompromisingly, as they. The war has resulted in a minimum of litigation, and their pay in consequence is utterly out of proportion to the income which they have customarily received from their practice.

# TRENCH COOKING BY GIRLS

## Woman's College in London Gives a Special Course

Cookery lessons in a trench dug in the grounds of the new King's College for Women (University of London, at Campden Hill) is among the features of a special course on camp cookery inaugurated at the college recently and open to non-students.

This course, and one which opened recently on "Economic Housekeeping in War Time" will, it is thought, be specially useful to the women workers in view of the fact that the employment of women as cooks, porters, orderlies, etc., is now permitted in the military hospitals.

The practical work in the camp cookery course will be undertaken out of doors whenever possible and will include the building and making of camp ovens, etc., improving the joints of meat, etc. Attention will therefore be directed to cooking in large quantities, stewing, soup making, bread making, and the making of boiled puddings.

# Putnik MADE THE SERBIAN ARMY

## RECEIVED EDUCATION IN RUSIA AND FRANCE

### Was, at the Beginning of the Present War, Arrested in Hungary, But Was Released.

Field Marshal M. Putnik, chief of the general staff of the brave little Serbian army, has written a memoir, out-numbered tremendously, in fearlessly offering resistance to the detachment of the German-Austrians under Field Marshal Von Mackensen, as well as to the whole Bulgarian army.

Putnik is going through his sixth campaign at sixty-eight years. A semi-invalid from asthma, he is compelled to spend the greater part of the day in an overhauled room and is the son of a schoolmaster who left behind there and emigrated to Belgrade. The son, the Field Marshal, has been a soldier all his life. His ability was early recognized by the military academy at Petrograd, where Grand Duke Nicholas obtained his training. From the Russian capital Putnik went to France to study at the Polytechnic and at St. Cyr, still last full of memories of the great Napoleon.

# RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE TO HELP HER ALLIES

## Fierce Struggles in Bessarabia Aimed at Bulgars and Greeks

A despatch from London says: The fierce fighting on the Galician-Bessarabian front, of which mention is made in both Russian and Austrian official statements, seems to support the forecasts that Russia, instead of directly attacking Bulgaria, hopes to reduce the pressure on the Entente allies in the Balkans and in Asia Minor and impress Rumania and Greece by a diversion to the north, with the intent, if possible, of breaking through the Austrian lines.

Simultaneously comes news of the capture by the Russians of Khashan, one of the principal cities of Persia, and of an advance towards the still more important city of Isfahan. These points are too remote for their occupation directly to menace the Turks who are fighting the British under Gen. Townshend in the Tigris, but undoubtedly the Russian advance will have an important political effect in Persia, and possibly an influence upon the projected movement of the central powers against Egypt.

# CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

## Of all crazy proverbs—and there are many which sound as if they had emanated from a lunatic asylum—the craziest is the one which says that "Charity begins at home."

If it had said "Duty begins at home," or "Love begins at home," or "Helpfulness begins at home," there would have been some sense in it; but who talks of "charity" at home? Charity may begin at home, but it is somebody else's home. If it meant that the stream of charity takes its rise at home, where the members of the family put their heads together to think how they can best help So-and-so out of his difficulties, how they can give Mrs. Manchild some comforts for her thirtyeth birthday, how they may scheme to help Mr. Independence without his suspecting it, and so on—I say, if it meant that, the proverb would be all right.

But it does not. It means that until you and your own folk are fed up with you're nothing to spare for next door; that if you and yours have to suffer privation of any kind in order to be kind, kindness is off the programme. That is what it means.

The proof of real charity is personal service, willingness to give oneself as well as one's gifts, willingness to make sacrifices of personal comfort, ease, pleasure, time.

There are people who think they are charitable if they throw a piece of silver to a beggar, if they dole out blankets and comforters. They may be truly charitable, but it does not follow that they are. The widow's mite was the greatest gift to the spirit of goodwill. Her charity did not begin at home, or she would have spent those two mites at the nearest bunshop.

# THE HOSTESS'S RESPONSE

## Mr. B., who was dining out, had done lavish justice to the good things before him. By way of graceful apology he remarked, with a beaming smile directed toward his hostess:

"I've always heard 'em say, that the highest compliment 'em can pay the housekeeper is to eat heartily. You observe that I have been exceedingly polite."

"Thank you, Mr. B.," smiled back the hostess. "Indeed, I think you have carried politeness to the point of flat-tery."

# "PICNIC FOR THE MEN" AT SHEL-LING OF DEDEGATCH.

## "We Banged and Battered Away at 2,000 Yards," Writes the Narrator.

The much-criticized British view of war as a sort of exalted game or sport is emphasized in a British officer's description of the bombardment of Dedegatch, Bulgaria, by the British fleet, contained in a letter published in London. There were some gruesome preparations for the battle in the captain's cabin, which had been turned into an operating theatre. No need arose for using it, however, as no defence of the port was attempted by the Bulgarians.

Description of Bombardment.

The description of the actual bombardment is in part as follows: "At about a quarter past 1 in the afternoon we loosed off at the big batteries. Our first shot brought the soldiers tearing out of the buildings, and we eased up a bit and let them get clear. Then we banged and battered at about 2,800 yards, making enormous holes and smashing in great areas of walls. Unless someone was killed inside the buildings, I think we did not hurt any one. (German accounts of the battle declare that several hundred soldiers were killed in these barracks.)

"We were only out for destruction and damage, not slaughter, as the thrifty Bulgarian hates to have his property knocked about but cares very little if his neighbor—or even himself—is laid out.

"After a bit we went for the harbor—very tricky work, as the bulk of the batteries which we had orders to shoot at were just beyond a low outer breakwater, and with a trajectory from the ship, the least alteration in the elevation of the gun made a big difference. The difficulty was largely settled when our shells set the masts and sails afire, and the flames spreading down to the ships.

"The destroyers and monitors drew much less water than our larger ships and were able to creep in on the lead, the charts of Dedegatch being inaccurate, and they plugged all manner of things. Fortunately the population of the town had all gone away, and the troops stayed behind up in the hills, so I don't think anyone was hurt. We killed a sitting engine which tried to hide itself behind a bush, but one who ran away escaped all right. Two of the destroyers inspired it to still greater efforts with their four-inch guns.

# JUST BECAME A BONFIRE

## "When we realized that there was no one to hurt, it just became a bonfire or Trafalgar Day fireworks—at being the 110th anniversary of the battle of Trafalgar. We set all manner of things on fire. Common shell was effective but lyddite was better. We burned a vast mountain of coal, many railway vans and trucks, ships and two oil storehouses.

"But the best blaze was warehouses behind the cable station, an immense factory stuffed with highly inflammable goods. It was six stories high, 10 windows square, and had an annex each of four stories. With a roaring wind to help us, it was no fire brigade to spoil the fun, it was a most gorgeous flare-up, and the flames were bright enough to cast a shadow six miles away!

"The railway cars burned merrily, the fire jumping along from one to the other and even eating away at the windward, and the storehouses burned solidly and well, section after section catching. They had great sky-lights, which were shattered by the shells and ventilated the fire nicely.

"The great thing about it was that nobody tried to put the fires out, and if one got smoky, a shell brightened things up a bit and improved the ventilation, so I don't suppose I shall ever see a finer blaze than Dedegatch. The sparks from the big factory unfortunately could not spread to anything, but it blazed and glowed in the wind.

# "CHAWED UP" BY SHELLS

## "Sometimes a shell would not set fire to a building—it would make a hole in the front wall and burst inside chawing it up. Or, if a lyddite shell it would blow the roof off and the brick wall out—satisfactory, but no picturesque. The barracks were in several detached sections and only one of them burned. The Bulgarian had a flag flying over one of the barracks buildings, and we brought it down in six shots, together with the building it had adorned.

"We stayed on until after dark enjoying the blaze. The flames from the big warehouse must have shot up 30 feet or more from the roof, and the fire looked solid from the basement upward—streamers from the roof rushing down from each of the 60 windows on the front and from the two annexes and sides. The oil store burned during the afternoon, a glow and some flames, but mostly black, greasy-looking smoke, which rose 1,500 feet and clung together for about two miles. Unfortunately it was in a tank in the ground, so could not spread much. But one railway car had oil tar in it, and the stuff ran out all blazing, a fine sight."

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