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CANADA COULD CAPTURE U.S.

Weakness of the Republic is Pointed Out.

WAR CORRESPONDENT

RETURNS FROM EUROPE TO SYRACUSE, N.Y.

Condemns Ford Party—Declares Best Way to Prevent War Is to Be Prepared—Says U. S. Is Lightly Thought Of In Europe.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 29.—E. Alexander Powell, war correspondent, has returned from the greatest battlefield in the world's history, Champagne. The war correspondent came back to this country preaching the gospel of national preparedness, decrying the efforts of Henry Ford and the others who are attempting to end the European conflict, and calling attention to the peril of the United States because of its lack of adequate national defense. "Americans do not seem to understand the attitude in Europe toward Americans which has arisen since the war began," he said. "The United States is of no more importance in the eyes of the European than the South American nations. I have seen the sentiment in favor of this country drop like the mercury in a thermometer of a cold day. Before returning to America I talked to a premier of the English cabinet and to a French cabinet member. I asked them what they thought would happen if the United States entered the war. Both men smiled good-naturedly. They weren't insolent about it, but it was apparent they didn't count very strongly upon the strength of the United States. "What could you do?" The English cabinet member asked. You have no trained army in the Continental sense and your navy is sixth, or possibly seventh, among the navies of the world. What could you do? "In Europe they know we are powerless, that our hands are tied and it is foolishly gallant to see us smiling at abroad everywhere. "At Champagne the battle front was about 15 miles long and in that space the French used 3,000 field guns of the latest type. That is only a tenth part of the field guns in the French service, but one can realize our own utter unpreparedness when it is known that we could not muster 300 field guns in the United States, including those in the regular army, in the militia and those under construction. "Behind each of these field guns the French piled 2,000 or a total of 6,000,000 shells. In the whole United States, including the colonies, we have less than 600,000 shells, less than a tenth of those used by the French in one battle. "Our people are wallowing in prosperity, but they don't see the peril. After this war the European nations will laugh at the Monroe doctrine, and they will go into Mexico and settle these difficulties there with or without our consent. We will be unprepared and will be helpless. "If some of these peace-at-any-price men could have been with me on the battlefield at Champagne they never would sleep again until they had established proper protection for this country. If we are forced into war with a poorly trained army, almost no equipment and a very small navy, our young men will be sacrificed by the thousands. I have seen so much of war that I want peace and I know that the only way to get it is to be prepared for war. "Henry Ford and the others are mistaken. They are doing a great harm to the peace propaganda. "Mr. Powell said that Germany is a beaten nation, although she has been successful on every front. "No matter what Germany may do, she is beaten," he said, "as long as England holds control of the seas. No nation can be dominant without sea power, and Germany cannot gain that. She may send her soldiers to Paris and Petrograd, but she cannot win. At present she has everything to gain by peace, but peace now would not mean the end of all wars. "Could Capture Country. "Mr. Powell has been in Europe three times since the outbreak of the war. He has been a close student of military tactics, and believes an enemy country could land troops in New Jersey and blow New York

city to smithereens with long range siege guns, and then take possession of the entire country. "And this is liable to happen," he said. "Even Canada, with her meagre population, has an army sufficient to wipe us from the map. Still, the American sits back complacently, totally unprepared, and imagines that there is no nation rough enough to slap it on the wrist."

FLIGHT OF KING PETER OF SERBIA.

Tragic Story of the Aged Monarch's Journey Through Albania.

Berlin, via London, Dec. 27.—The Tagelblatt's Sofia correspondent dramatically describes the flight of King Peter of Serbia through Albania, as told by an Albanian physician in a letter to a friend at Uskup. The physician reached a miserable little Albanian village during a furious snowstorm, and could find sleeping quarters nothing better than a stall in a peasant's barn. At the very height of the storm four cavalrmen appeared and demanded admission to the cottage. Two of the riders tenderly lifted a third man from his horse and bore him into the house, while the fourth brought up the rearward with boxes of provisions. The third man, seemingly a wounded Serbian officer, was laid on a couch. He wearily closed his eyes and turned his head as lights were brought. Then for the first time the physician, who had come to the house from the stable to watch the operations of the strangers, recognized in this apparently sick man King Peter of Serbia. As his companions prepared the semblance of a bed for him, the King, between groans, thanked them, but declined food. One of his companions, probably a physician, forced the King to take a little milk, and about 12.5 feet on the latter sat for a time in gloomy silence, then made a pretence at sleeping. They resumed their journey before daylight. "As his companions prepared the semblance of a bed for him, the King, between groans, thanked them, but declined food. One of his companions, probably a physician, forced the King to take a little milk, and about 12.5 feet on the latter sat for a time in gloomy silence, then made a pretence at sleeping. They resumed their journey before daylight. "As his companions prepared the semblance of a bed for him, the King, between groans, thanked them, but declined food. One of his companions, probably a physician, forced the King to take a little milk, and about 12.5 feet on the latter sat for a time in gloomy silence, then made a pretence at sleeping. They resumed their journey before daylight.



WAR TIME COOKERY SCHOOL ON WHEELS.

One of the features of the "wave of economy" now spreading over England is the system of domestic science travelling schools sent out all over the country by the Government to teach more economical cooking and feeding. The photograph shows the interior of one of these schools, with the boys as well as the girls being taught to fry sausages and bacon.

OPENING GUN IN STRUGGLE To Defeat Britain's Proposed Conscript Bill.

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BIG BATTLE IN BRITAIN

Over Bill For Conscription of Single Men.

LINES BEING DRAWN

HOPES THAT LABOR WILL NOT BE OPPOSED.

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ANOTHER SENSATION IN MATTERS CASE.

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NEW DYNASTY IS WANTED

Two Chinese Provinces Declare For Secession.

LEADER IS A VETERAN

DESPERATE EFFORT TO SMASH OPPOSITION

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LADY RANDOLPH CHURCHILL, Mother of Major Winston Churchill. Lady Randolph is being her bit for the Red Cross Fund in London, on a recent day.

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MARRIED.

HACKETT-BAGULE—At Bombay, India, on Dec. 27th, Captain Harold Monroe Maxwell Hackett, R.N., and Misses. Abbottabad, North West Frontier Province, India, second son of the Very Rev. H. M. M. Hackett, B.D., D.L.C., LL.D., vicar of St. Peter's, Hampstead, London, Eng., to Edith Walcott, youngest daughter of George E. Hague, manager, Merchants Bank of Canada, Kingston.

JOHNSTON-CAMPBELL—At Kingston, on Dec. 27th, 1915, by the Rev. G. I. Campbell, B.D., Rev. J. M. Campbell, daughter of John Campbell, Solicitor, to Allyn P. Johnston, Brantford.

DIED.

DAILY—in the Hotel Eden, on December 28th, 1915, John P. Dow, Gloucester, aged seventy-nine years. Funeral notice later.

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