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found, but I do not think the disposition for peace on either side ripened into a readiness to enter peace discussions. So we must be prepared for a longer duration of the war. But we feel morally stronger for having given the world an understanding of what we were ready to do in behalf of peace.

Count Apponyl, like other officials in-terviewed in the dual monarchy, ex-pressed surprise at the tone adopted by

America in the note to Austria-Hungary

"If I had been answering the American

"If I had been answering the American note I would have asked your State Department to amend the style and the language before I would consider a reply," he said. "The violence of its expressions was uncalled for. It takes for granted the statements of unnamed witnesses and accepts as the truth every statement of our adversary. But perhaps the Foreign Office was wise in not showing how much the tone of the note was resented. At any rate, I hope the negotiations will and satisfactorily."

Count Apponyl does not Join with those

Count Apponyl does not Join with those who praise the Austrian reply on the ground that it proves the monarchy's diplomatic independence of Germany. "I shouldn't insist on that," he said. I find perfect unanimity in the political aims and sentiments of the central Powers. We keenly appreciate Germany's sense of fidelity in grave momenta and reciprocate it."

The Count asked many questions con-cerning developments in America, but said he could not understand "the lack of fairness of the American press."

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regarding the Ancona.

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Purpose of Trip to Europe to Gain Concessions for Trade

FEARS CONGRESS' ACTION

Col. House's Mission To Warring Countries

Colonel E. M. House, personal en-voy of President Wilson, will warn the Allies that unless concessions are made in connection with the German blockade, Congress is in mood to enact embargo legislation. In Berlin, he will endeavor to bring the Lusitania case to an is-

In all the capitals of the warring nations he will endeavor to effect a more thorough understanding and agreement between the Ambassa-

dors and the Administration. Colonel House will also study industrial affairs under war condi-tions, the results of which will shape the President's forthcoming recommendations regarding or-ganization of a Preparedness Com-

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. IL-President Wilson today confirmed the report that Colonel E. M. House was going to Europe at his request. The President denied flatly, however, that the trip had anything to do with peace. Further than that he would not discuss the matter.

It was learned that the President desired further first-hand information coneerning European affairs. Under ordinary circumstances he would obtain this by the bringing of Ambassaders home to report the state of international affairs. Such a course at this time is regarded as unwise, and Colonel House will make the trip to Europe at the President's request

Rumors have been on foot for some days that some, at least, of the American Ambassadors in the belligerent countries are not working in entire harmony with Secretary of State Lansing. All information along this line is refused by those closest to the President. He, with Secretary Lansing, conferred with Colonel House, in Washington, last Thursday night, it was learned today. At the conference all of the matters affecting American diplomacy in Europe were discussed.

It is understood that Colonel House will endeavor to make it plain, both at London and in Paris, that unless the Ailles make material concessions to the United States in connection with the German blockade and interference with American com-merce, it will be difficult for the Admin-istration to head off embargo legislation by Congress. In this connection it is admitted that both Ambassadors Sharp and Page have failed to make any impression either on the French or British foreign office. Their protests have been received respectfully, but at no time have they been able to obtain any of the concessions that the President and his Secretary of State deem absolutely necessary. Colonel House will now try his hand.

It is learned that the President recently received reports from Paris, London and Petrograd stating that the Allies will not entertain suggestions of mediation until after the coming spring campaign. Con-sequently, it is not believed that any consideration will be given to possible peace negotiations, despite reports that Colonel House would endeavor to learn the sentiment of the warring Powers.

COL. HOUSE DENIES PEACE IS HIS MISSION TO EUROPE

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.-Colonel E. M. House, who is to go abroad next week on a special mission for the President, de-nies that the question of peace has any-

hies that the question of peace has anything to do with his trip.
"If that is what they say," said Colonel House, "they have got it all wrong. A peace mission is the last thing I would go on at this time. That is the way I feel about it. Regarding my plans, I am afraid I cannot be more definite than I have been."

Colonel House gave out the following statement:

"I am going to Europe at the request of the President and Secretary Lansing for the purpose of taking information to some of our Ambassadors in order that they may have a more intimate knowledge of this Government's attitude regarding cer-tain phases of pending international ques-tions, and in order to obtain from them their point of view."

It is learned that President Wilson was prompted to send Coionel House abroad at this time primarily on account of his desire to get a settlement of the Lusi-tania case and to ascertain who is responsible for having created at Berlin a false atmosphere concerning the position of the American Government.

Colonel House has half a dozen minor assignments, but his principal mission will take him to Berlin, where he will consult with Ambassador Gerard.

HOUSE TO STUDY INDUSTRY UNDER WAR CONDITIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.-Colonel E. M. House's mission abroad, among other things, is to study and report to Presi-dent Wilson the best methods of indus-trial, commercial and military mobiliza-He will gather the data, which the President will submit to Congress in sup-port of the plea made in his annual message for measures of business and in dustrial preparedness, as well as of the



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Austriaci e Bulgari Muovono Attraverso il Montenegro e da Uskub Verso la Costa

ROMA CAPITALE SERBA

ROMA, 22 Dicembre. Non e' state pubblicate alcun comunicato ufficiale circa le operazioni di guerra sul fronte italo-austriaco. Giunge invecenotizia che un esercito austro-turcotedesco di circa 200,000 uomini, tra cui si trovno moiti irregolari arabi, ha iniziate l'offensiva contro il Canale di Suez per tentare di passarlo e di invadera l'Egitto. Notigie da Atene dicono che un primo scontro si e' avuto ad El Arish dove to avanguardie turco-tedesche hanno atfaccato gil avamposti inglesi. Sembra evidente che l'esercito di invasione intende di seguire la enrovana che porta ad Ismattia, sul canale

St wa pero' che sti inglest hanno co-atruito solidissime opere di fortificazione per sbarrara questa via di invasione, ma qui a Roma si ritiene che i turco-tedesch non riusciaranno a passare il Canale, che sara' difeso dalla flotta oltre che dalla truppe e dalle batterie di terra sulle due

Si dice che i tedeschi hanno preparate per mesi questa campagna contro l'Egitto ed hanne spedito giornalmente grandi quantita' di munizioni, di vettovaglie e di grossa artiglieria sulla ferrovia siriana verso la zona del Canale. La ferrovia pero inisce a Gerusalemme, da dove l'esercito di invasione deve seguire la

I RUSSI SBARCATI A VARNA. Telegrammi da Atene dicono che un corpo di apedizione russo e' sbarcato a Varna e si e' impadronito di quel porto bulgaro. Il porto di Varna fu assoggettato ad un violento bombardamento da parte della flotta russa del Mar Nero, la citta rimase quasi completamente distrutta e le batterie bulgare futono ridotte al silenzio. Si dice che le perdite subite dalla guarnigione bulgara di Varna furono assai

Una volta superata la resistenza dei bulgari che difendevano la citta', i tra-sporti rusal carichi di truppe, coperti dai cannoni delle navi da guerra, entrarono nel porte e sharcarono i soldati senza alcuna perdita ne' di uomini ne' di cavalli ne' di artiglieria, secondo quanto tele-grafa un console di nazione neutrale da Varna. I russi sbarcati a Varna sono ora in numero sufficiente per tenere la citta' contro qualsiasi vellejta' di attacco da parte del bulgari, e nel tempo me-desimo possono continuare la sbarco di truppe in tal numero da poter prendere tra non molto l'offensiva e cercare di marciare su Solia per tagliare la fer-rovia che lin dato agli austro-tedeschi la via libera da Vienna a Costantinopoli.

Varna e' il principale porto bulgaro sul Mar Nero. L'altro porto e' quello di Burgas, che dista una cinquantina di miglia dal prime. Varna dista circa 209 miglia da Sofia. I due porti acno uniti alla capitale bulgara da due ferrovie. Tra quest due linee corre una catena di montagre che e' attraversata da numerose strade retabili, ma non da ferrovie, e la linea di retatili, ma non da terrovie, e la linea di Varna si unisce anche a quella rumena di Shumia. Lo sbarco a Varna e' stato tanto piu' difficile in quanto il porte non e' protetto contro i venti di norde di nordest, ed i trasporti hanno dovuc sbarcare gli uomini ed i cavalli e le arti-glisrie a mezzo di barche.

ROMA CAPITALE DELLA SERBIA. Roma sara' la capitale della Serbia durante la guerra e l'occupazione austro-tedesca del territorio serbo. Re Pietro arrivera presto a Roma con il governo e gli alti funzionari serbi.

Il re ed i membri del suo governo sono ben decisi a riorganizare quello che rimane dell'esercito serbo nell'Albania e nel Montenegro, ed il compito sgra' affidato al generale Ameslio che comanda le forze Italiane sbarcate in Albania. I serbi formeranno l'avanguardia delle forze alleste operanti in quella zona quando sara' Il ento di prendere l'offensiva.

Intanto si dice che gli alleati austro-ledeschi-bulgari tenteranno tra non molto una vigorosa offensiva per giungere sino alla costa albanese anche perche essi alla costa albanese anche perche essi non si mascondono il pericolo che formerebbe per loro in riorganizzazione delle forze serbe. Gli austriaci si dirigerebbero attraverso il Montenegro verso Scutari e tenterebbero anche di raggiungere quella citta" da Cattaro. I bulgari dal canto loro marcerebbero verso ovest da l'skub e da Veles attraverso Dibra verso l'Albania centrale, cioe' verso Elbassan che dista appena una cinquan-Elbasann che dista appena una cinquan-

tina di miglia dalla costa. Qui a Roma si stede pero' che lo sbarco dei tre corpi d'armata italiani in Albania varra' a frustrare questa minaccia teu-tonica e bulgara, che sarebbe special-mente grave per l'Italia.

MOTHER KILLS HER BABY

Insane Woman Cuts Throat of Twoyear-old Daughter

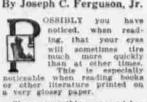
JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Dec. 22—Becoming suddenly insane today, Mrs. Ralph Leib-fried killed her 2-year-old daughter, Kath-erine Margaret. The child was playing in the floor, when the mother seized a butcher knife and cut her threat.



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TURKS ATTACK EGYPT Advance guards of an invading army of 300,000 Ottoman troops are reported to be already Egyptian soil east of Suez. E land is said to be concentrating men at Port Said. It is believed the Turkish troops came by way of Jerusalem.

ITALIAN OFFENSIVE CHECKED, SAYS VIENNA

Rome Reports Recapture of Position

Lost in Plezzo Basin LONDON. Dec. 22.-The Austrians cain assert they have checked the Ital-

ian offensive. The Italians admit the Austrians are pressing them hard on their advanced positions. The Austrian official report, issued

n Vienna last night, says: "Artillery combats on the Tyrol front continue. Two Italian companies which attempted to advance during the night against Monte San Michele were anni-

The Italian official report says: "In the Plezzo basin the Austrians, ader cover of a fox, occupied one of our dvanced positions in the direction of the morning torrent and fortified it with mines. On the night of the 19th an Ital-ian infantry continuent recaptured the position by surprise before the Aus-trians could explode the mines."

Booze Stolen From Express Office

SELFORD, Del. Dec. 22.—Thieves en-tered the Adams Express office at Hickman last night and stole a large quan-tity of whisky. Entrance was effected through a window. No other valuables or money were stolen, as E. W. Brown, th agent, had carried the receipts of the day's business home.

Late Pope's Brother Dying ROME, Dec. 22.—Angelo Sarto, brother of the late Pope Pius X, is dying, according to advices received here today.

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BRITISH SHELL COAST

Teutons' Winter Quarters in Flanders Under Heavy Fire From Allies' Fleet

PARIS, Dec. 22. Twelve hundred German prisoners were captured by the French in their offensive against the Teutonic possessions at Hartmannswellerkopf, in the Vosges Mountains, it was officially announced by the French War Office to-The further details given out by the

War office relative to the strong attacks made by the French at Hartmannswel-lerkopf showed that the assults had been entirely successful. Infantry attacks were launched by the

French after long artillery preparation.

A heavy cannonade is in progress in west Flanders, according to dispatches from Amsterdam. The booming of the big guns can be heard on the Dutch frontier. Allied artillery, supported by war-ships off the coast, is reported to have played havor with the winter quarters of the German troops on the North Sea IIt-

On Sunday a British aeroplane was shot down by German high-angle guns at

Bruges.
The text of the official communique isued by the French War Office follows. "Yesterday" a strack in the Vosges enabled the French to enlarge their positions appreciably on the slopes east of Hartmannsweller-kopf. The number of German prisoners taken up to the present time is 1,200, of whom 21 are officially

"They belonged to six different reginents. No important developments oc-urred during the night." The Belgian official communication

"An artillery action on both sides of a somewhat violent character occurred on the Year front. Our batteries bombarded all the German works to the north of Dixmide and the advance post Adentoren



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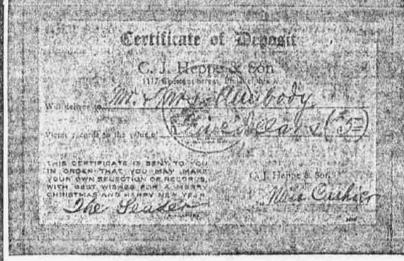
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me to see the subservience to second-hand information from England displayed by your people," he said. "I fall to understand why and how America entangles stand why and how America entangles her sympathics with a side on which Russia is fighting. In Russia the spirit of liberty cannot prevail." The reference to German militarism in America also brought a reply from the Hungarian leader.

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THE following dispatch to the New York Journal from Petrograd tells the story without waste of words:

"A FTER more than a year's trial of the anti-liquor decree, it appears that some American prohibition history is being repeated in Russia. MEMORIAL to the City Council of Petrograd sets

forth that the union of the drug clerks finds the de-EAU DE COLOGNE

mand for eau de cologne and a variety of bitters has been growing steadily. "IT HAS been estimated that the 150 licensed drug stores in the city have sold the equivalent of 216,000 gallons of pure alcohol since the anti-liquor edict took effect at the beginning of the war. There is a great demand for alcohol that has been allowed to stand upon aromatic seeds, roots

and leaves, or which has been more simply doctored up with aniline ingredients. "OF STILL greater proportion has been the use of denatured alcohol as a beverage and the rectification of denatured alcohol into a palatable, if not a wholesome sub-

stitute for vodka." ROM the above it can be seen that in the primary essentials the Russian does not differ from the American-or for that matter, from the man of any other nationality. Take from him that which he considers he has a right to have,

and he will have it, in spite of the laws to the contrary. BUT more pertinent is the FACT that to hold that Prohibition prohibits is a FALLACY, whereas all that Prohibition ever has done is to prevent the legalized and regulated sale of liquor. And the best proof of this is that 150 drug stores in Petrograd sold 216,000 gallons of alcohol last year-or 1440 gallons (5760 quarts) to each store. Which is a pretty fair trade in alcohol for a drug store located in the

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