EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1915.

GERMANS LOSE 8000 IN OPENING MOVE OF DRIVE

Attacks on British Lines South of Ypres Prove Very Costly

ENGLISH FRONT INTACT

PARIS, Dec. 27.

Paris believes that the beginning of a new German offensive on the western front is only a matter of days.

For the last week, while their guns bat-tered the Allied positions day and night, the Kalaér's troops have been feeling out the ground in France, probing for a weak spot at which an attack can be launched.

Where this new assault will come is not, certain. It may be stared on the northern front, in Artois or around Ypres; along the Heigian front, where a new effort to reach Calais may be atcempted; in Champagne, where fierce battles took place in the autumn; in the Argonne, where the Crown Prince has tried repeat-edly to loose the French hold on Verdun, or in the Novon sector, the sector nearest Dade

Paris. That an attack will be made at some point along the western battle line in the very near future is taken here for granted. For a month reports have come that the Germans were sending troops and guns to the lines in Flanders and France. An especially heavy concentra-tion was reported in the north, along the Balgins const

Beigins coast. In the last fortnight has come increas-ing evidence that the Kaiser's troops were picking the spot at which the new of-fensive could be launched. Raids have been attempted at different points in the line-test raids to determine the strength of the silled positions in some sector.

of the allied positions in some sector. One of these raids took place on Decem-ber 21 between Ypres and Armentieres, where the Germans attacked the British lines in force. But Sir Douglas Haig's men drove back the Teutons, who gained

The Anote back the reactions, who gained not an inch of ground and lost 5000 men, according to a dispatch to La Liberte. The Amsterdam correspondent of the Central News Agency telegraphs that Austrian troops and another contingent of Turks have arrived in Belgium. Eight thousand Austrians were reported to have Dassed through Charlerei on their way passed through Charlerol on their way to the front.

The French War Office today issued the following report:

"Nothing was reported during the night except in Lorraine, where our artillery bombarded the ensmy's work in the re-gion of Bioncourt, Gremecey, southwest of Chateau Salins."

I CANNONI ITALIANI SEGUITANO A BATTERE **LE OPERE DI LARDARO**

Valona Sono Giunte al Confine della Grecia, Verso Argirocastro

Il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava leri sera il seguente comunicato ufficiale circa le operazioni di guerra sul fronte Italiano:

quella della Carnia si sono avuti duelli di artiglieria. Il nemico ha bombardato i villaggi abitati di Lonalitch ed ha causato danni anche facendo rotolare enormi massi di ghiacci dai flanchi della monagna sopra Loppio e facendoli cadere su Riocameras, nella vallata dell'Adige. Noi abbiamo bombardato numerose colonne in marcia e depositi di munizioni.

WAR TRADE ONLY BOOST TO U.S. EXPORTS, NOT THE NEW TARIFF

Statistics Show Falling Off Under Democratic Schedule, While in 1914-15 Period War Munitions Sale Is Sole Cause of Prosperity

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The Repub-lean Publicity Association, through its resident, ex-Senator Jonathan Bourne, r. of Oregon, today gave out the follow-ng statement at its Washington headlican Publicity Association, through its president, ex-Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr., of Oregon, today gave out the following statement at its Washington head-"Last spring, speaking to the members of the Chamber of Commerce of the

United States, Mr. Redfield said: 'I beg The daily news columns of the press into the daily news columns of the press i you gentlemen, not to be persuaded by the daily news columns of the press into the belief that our foreign trade lies chiefly in what we may call, for lack of a better name, "war orders," that is not so." "But it is so, and Government statistics prove it. "Although war was declared August 1, 1914, it was not until September that the influx of orders from the beligerents be-gan to show appreciably in our sport. Sont 1912 to Sont 1913 to Sont 1915 to Sont 1

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| Trucks | | | 3,268,195 | | |
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| Brass and manufactures | | | 8,133,340 | | |
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\$505,348,132 "The increase in export of refined sugar for the 1913-14 period is due mainly to the fact that in August, 1914. Great Britain bought heavily in our market. "It will be noted that on the above enumerated classes of goods alone there still less."



DAVID LLOYD-GEORGE A new movement has been started to make him the British Premier, displacing Asquith.

ASQUITH MAY **YIELD POST TO**

Munitions Minister's Critical Speech Starts New Attack by Cabal

RALLY ROUND WELSHMAN

LONDON, Dec. 27.

LONDON, Dec. 27. The Asquith Ministry was under heavy stack today. Using David Lloyd-George's charge "too late!" as their slogan, in-fluential London newspapers have launched a campaign for a reorganization of the Ministry. Only prompt, decisive action by the Cabinet council tonight on the conscription issue can save the Prime Minister and several of his colleagues from retirement, several newspapers 11.652.833 1,410,612 567,607,002 243,098,241 36,816,052 6,648,000 12,516,830 \$1,515,542,730 from retirement, several newspapers hinted.

> Continued attacks on the Cabinetfrom within as well as from without-have weakened the strength of the pres-ent Government to such a point that impartial observers would not be sur-prized by several and by several and the strength of the several strength of the streng impartial observers would not be sur-prised by sensational developments in the near future. The Government's loss of strength is not with respect to the aims of the war, but rather with reference to the confidence of the country in the min-istry's ability to carry out the purposes for which Britain is fighting.

For several months Minister of Munitions Lloyd-George appeared the logical



candidate for the premiership in case Asquith were forced out. Then Sir Ed-ward Carson forged to the front as a logical recipient of the coveted post, but today there is a third candidate in the field in the person of Lord Curzon of Kedleston, holding the post of Lord of the Privy Scal in the present Cabinet.

Lord Curzon may ultimately become the strongest of the three, owing to ten-dencies which are likely to deprive Lloyd-George and Carzon of some of their more conservative supporters.

conservative supporters. If Lord Curson should win out in the triangular contest, which is being waged by his friends against the supporters of Lloyd-George and Carson, Lord Klichener would retirs from the War Office. Klich-ener forced the Cabinet to agree with him as to the conduct of India's affairs when Curzon was viceroy of India. Cur-zon was overruled, and it would be im-possible for the men to serve in the Cab-inet.

Lloyd-George himself, once an object of corn among the British "upper classes," probably will become the head of the Government if Asquith is forced out.

CONSCRIPTIONISTS ACTIVE.

Despite previous optimistic reports, it was hinted in Government circles today that the Lord Derby recruiting campaign did not bring into the army the num-ber of volunteers needed. The very fact that the Government has not published the results apparently confirms this re-port. The Cabinet council, it was gen-erally understood, will be called upon tonight to meet the conscription issue

The conscriptionist advocates demanded today that there be no further "side-stepping." The Government should not attempt to evade responsibility, they as-serted, by submitting the question to a general election.

On the other hand, the anti-conscrip-tionists pointed to the threats of the Labor chiefs and the speech of the Irish leader, John Redmond, in Commons as indicating the danger facing adoption of

compulsory enlistment. Unless the situation is met tonight, the Inters the stuation is met tonight, the leaders now in opposition to Premier Asquith expect to renew the fight on the Prime Minister in Commons, reopening discussion of the Dardanelles and Balkan

failures. The Northcliffe and other leading Lon-don papers have rallied to the support of Lieyd-George.

SEVEN LOST WHEN LINER WAS SUNK BY AUSTRIANS

Italian Destroyer Rescues 150 From

Porto Said

PARIS, Dec. 27.-Six passengers and one member of the crew perished when the Italian liner Porto Said was sunk in the Mediterranean by an Austrian sub-marine, according to Milan dispatches today. Other passengers and members of the crew, numbering about 150, were rescued.

An Italian destroyer answered the lin-er's call for aid and pursued the subma-rine several miles, but the Austrian escaped by diving. The destroyer, after caped by downs. The destroyer, after rescuing the Porto Said's passenger's and crew, took into port at Derna a Greek steamship that had watched the sinking of the liner in the belief that she shielded the submarine's approach.

AUSTRIANS ROLL GREAT ALLIES MASS SHIPS **BOULDERS ON ITALIANS** TO COVER SALONICA

to Protect Base at

Greek Port

A considerable section of the alles

The city is under the guns of the way-

ships, which are prepared to co-operate with the shore batteries if the German and Bulgarians penetrate Greek terri-

tory and attack at Salonica. The weath-

er at Salonica is very stormy, which is

hindering the work of the patrols that

In the absence of news of real activity

driven from Salonica the cause of the Entente Powers will have received possi-bly its most serious reverse.

fleet at the Dardanelles has been on

centrated at Salonica.

ATHENS, Dec. R.

Artillery Combats Continue in Dardanelles Fleet Concentrated Tyrol and Carnic Alps, **Rome Reports**

LONDON, Dec. 27, Huge boulders rolled by the Austriana down the mountain slopes on the Italian troops in the Riocameros valley was an

"incident" of yesterday's fighting in the "Incident" of yesterday's institute in Tyrol. The Italians were smashed by the man-made avalanche, and suffered se-vere losses. The Italian official state-ment, issued in Rome last night, says: "During the day there have been ar-tillery duels on some portions of the front, especially in the Gludicaria valley, where the Italian forts in the Lardaro group and the opposing Austrian batteries ware engaged.

constantly search for German, Austrian and Turkish submarines. group and the opposing Austrian outernas were engaged. "Intense artillery duels have occurred along the Tyroi-Trentino front, the Aus-trian batteries purposely inflicting dam-age on the inhabited regions. "In the Riocameros Valley the Aus-trians rolled huge boulders down the The German official statement years, day respecting the Balkan theatre mid-"The situation is unchanged." The Ben. lah and French War Offices make as

mention of any developments in that Stopes, causing severe damage. "Our artillery fire fell among troops and an ammunition train on the march. "There is nothing new on the Isonzo field German heavy artillery in the laks Dorlan region continued to throw shells against the Angle-French defenses 78-terday, according to unofficial dispatches from Athens, but there is nothing to is-dicate that the expected attack on Sa-

front. The official report of the Austrian head-

uarters says: "Italian front—Yesterday the Italian ar-

lonica has begun. tillery fire was concentrated against the oridgehead positions at Tolmino. Their combardment continued throughout the by either the Teutonic or allied forers as the Salonica front suspense in London respecting the situation in the Balkars day. An Italian company which advanced

up the north side of Monte Altissimo was repulsed." respecting the situation in the Balkans is reaching an acute stage. It is fell that the troops defending Salenica are on the eve of what will perhaps prove to be one of the most important battles of the war. PENROSE WOULD LEAD PARTY

Senator Will Enter Primary for National Committee Berth Which

of the most important battles of the war. If the Germans are held it means a partial collapse at least of their design against the Suez Canal and Egypt. If they are thrown back it means not only the entire collapse of those designs, but will in all likelihood prove the turning point in the war. On the other hand, if the Anglo-British forces are defeated and driven from Salonica the cause of the He Lost in 1912 United States Senator Boles Penrose will submit his candidacy for State lead-

ership to the members of the Republican party at the primary election to be held next May. An authoritative announcement was

made last night that Senator Penrose would have his name placed on the pri-mary ballot for his old seat in the Re-publican National Committee, from which

he was custed in 1912. The position of National Committee, from which of Pittsburgh, who was elected when Roosevelt swept the State four years ago. It is not known whether Wasson will be a candidate to succeed himself. ago. It is not known whether Wasso will be a candidate to succeed himself. The Penrose candidacy will be a clean-cut fight for State leadership, provided the Vares and Governor Brumbaugh carry out their plans to capture the dele-gation to the national convention, as it involves control of the Republican State Committee. Penrose leaders throughout the State mave been better organizing their follow-

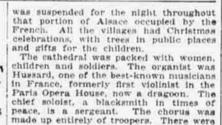
be placed in the field.

That Gift You Forgot can be sent any day hefore New Year's without trespassing on pre-priety. And there's no better way to make up for tardiness of this sort than to send a bottle of our Ginrdenia Toilet Water-65c & \$1.23. Or most any American or imported perfume. We have nearly all of them. 25c to \$25. LLEWELLYN'S

Standard Drug Ste 1518 Chestnut Street ing for weeks past, and a complete Pen-rose ticket for the State Committee will Open every day till midnight



Fact is a Real State of things. FALLACY is an apparently genuine but really illogical statement or argument.



and the priest prepared the holy sacra-ment, the guns kept on belching up and down the line as a refrain to the organ song and the prayer. They were inter-preting their captains' "Peace on earth; good will toward men."

REBEL SENTIMENT WAXES

Failure at Dardanelles May Destroy Prestige Among Moslems

Meat Sugar, Canne Miscel Tots

was a drop in exports in the 1913-14 period of \$191.000,0000 from the 1912-13 figures, while for the 1914-15 period there was a

Le Forze Italiane Sbarcate a

VALANGHE AUSTRIACHE CATHEDRALS CROWDED

ROMA, 27 Dicembre.

"Sulla fronte trentino-tirolese e su

GUNS ROAR "PEACE ON EARTH," ALSACE **CHURCHES ECHO IT**

Christmas Day in the Vosges Celebrated Behind French

Lines With Special Services as Fighting Continues

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS William Philip Simms, of the United was was the only American correspond-to permitted to vith on Christman Day French front in Alsace, where at pres-the heaviest fighting in Europe is in arcss. Only one other correspondent, the

progress. Only one other correspondent, the official representative of all the English newspapers, won the covered permission. WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN AL-

SACE, Dec. 27 .- Under an abominable, warm drizzle and with thawing snow, except on the peaks and high passes, the oddest and most impressive Christmas Alsace a ever known has come and gone. id has witnessed few more dra-The matic uletides than in this coveted corner of the war. While soldiers from the lines forgot the birthday of Jesus, grimly calculating ranges in a ceaseless artillery duel and softly swearing over their misses, happy Alsatian families, a thousand yards in the rear, dressed Christmas trees and sang old-time carols, happy over their return to France. While enormous munition columns heedless alike of Christmas and Christmas eve in the ceaseless drizzle, toiled across the Jaru and Vosges mountains, crowds packed the cathedrals at midnight Mass, praying for the new-come armies under the banners of France.

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Aug., 1914, \$3,177,419

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in France, formerly first violinist in the Paris Opera House, now a dragoon. The chief soloist, a blacksmith in times of peace, is a sergeant. The chorus was

peace, is a sergeant. The chorus was made up entirely of troopers. There were three generals, one commanding an army, in the audience. As the chimes pealed midnight, the organ burst into "Christians, "Tis the Sacred Hour of Deliverance." Then the soldier choir chorused. "He is Born the Divine Infant."

While the congregation knelt and prayed

IN EGYPT AND IN INDIA

Dec. 27.-Rapid increase in

Had there been no war there is small probability that our export trade for the 1914-15 period would have exceeded that of the 1913-14 period. In all likell-hood, under the depressing effect of Demaratic free trade, it would have been still less."

"Sul fronte dell'Isonzo non vi e' nulla nuovo da rapportare.

Vi sono stati duelli di artiglieria anche in altri punti dei fronte, specialmente nella Valle Giudicaria, tra i forti di Lar-daro e le nostre batterie sulla parte op-In altri punti del fronte. posts.

Il corrispondente ateniese del Daily Telegraph manda al suo giornale che parte delle truppe italiane che sbarcarono recentemente a Valona in Albania, si sono spinte verso il sud ed hanno raggiunto li confine della Grecia, probabilmente nella zona di Argirocastro, che era stata occupata dalla Grecia quando l'Italia occupo Valona,

A proposito di questa avanzata delle truppe italiane di Valona verso il confine dell'Epiro greco telegrafano da Atene at l'Agenzia Havas di Farigi che il ministro di Grecta accreditato presso il Quirnale ha chiesto in modo amichevole al governo telluzo di concerno di italiano di spiegare gli scopi di questa avanzata. Il governo italiano avrebbe dato al ministro Coromilias spiegazioni di sodisfazione della Grecia ed avrebbe chi-esto anche Il concorso della Grecia. Si dice che le trattative continuano sulla base che l'Italia rispettera' i diritti della Gracia nell'Epiro.

Intanto da una spedizione americana di soccorso per gli albanesi appena tornato dall'Albania si apprende che i greci han-no distrutto centinala di villaggi albanesi meridionali e che i serbi ne avrebbero distrutto altri 25. Il capo della spedizione, W. H. How-rd, che e' stiuto a Roma ha dichierato

ard, ohe e' giunto a Roma, ha dichiarato che durante lo scorso anno ben 150,000 al-banesi sono morti di fame perche' il raccolto ando' perduto in gran purte ed alla popolazione normale albanese di un Alla populatione normali agglunsero 200,000 Fifugiati serbi e 20,000 prigionisri austriaci. I serbi non avevano con loro che moneta rba senza alcun valore.

LA GRECIA E GLI ALLEATL

Si hanno oggi notizie contradittorie circa quello che la Grecia di propone di fare in vista di operazioni di guerra da parte di truppe austro-bulizaro e tedesche contro la base degli allenti a Salonicco. Da una parte si dice che il kalser sarebbe riuscito a convincere re Costantino a permettere che truppe bulgare operino in erritorio greco, mentre d'altra parte si afferma che il governo graco e' bon de-ciso ad opporsi con tutti i messi a qual-siasi tentativo di questo genere. Il re Costantino avrebbe telegrafato al kajacr di non poter permettere che truppe bul-gare o turche entrassero in territorio

Telegrammi da Atene dicono che gran parte della flotta anglo-francese che operava nella zona del Dardanelli si e' concentrata nel Golfo di Salontoco e si prepara a cooperare con le truppe di terra por respingere un possibile attacco da parte degli austro-tedeschi dalla parte

COME AFFONDO IL PORTO SAID.

COME AFFONDO IL PORTO SAID. Da Milano giungono particolari circa fi situramento del piroscafo italiano Porto Said, che fu affondato da un sotiomarino austriaco. Sei passeggeri ed un uomo dell'equipaggio perirono, mentre 160 per-anne furono salvate. Tu cacciatorpediniere italiano riapose al radiotelegramma con cui il iroscafo commetava aiuto, ed insegui per parec-che miglia il sottomarino, ci. spero' al ative' immergendosi il cacciatorpe-chi cuo, darte aver subrato i passeggeri e

re, denn aver suivate i passeggeri e traggie dei pirescato, catturo' e nel porto di Derna un pirescafe te a vev anistito all'affordament sui à suive anistito all'affordament

While the great pipe organs trumpeted "La Delivrance" and "Le Noel," by Adam, guns on Hartmannswellerkopf boomed an accompaniment like the roar of distant surf

Belasco never staged anything as dramatic as this. On Christmas Eve 1 watched the bom-

bardment of German positions north of Altkirch. Through the range finder the houses of the city seemed only across the street. The public square was distinctly visible. It was deserted save for the passage of a few vehicles or German sol diers scurrying across eager to get under cover before the drizzle recommenced This was the only place where the Ger-mans were always visible.

A "BULLSEYE" PRESENT.

"That last shot was beautiful, magnifi-cent-a bullseye to the hair." an officer was saying over the telephone to the distant batteries as we entered the observa post

While the French guns continued hurling Christmas gifts of high explosives toward the Germans, some one in the party quoted the "Peace on earth; good will toward men" to a young French offi-cer, a graduate of the St. Cyr Millitary School in the month when the war began, but now a veteran captain, decorated with the war cross and lorion of honor.

the war cross and legion of honor "You think man-killing and Christmas anachroniams"" he smiled. "Well, Americans thought perhaps an

unofficial truce would be observed in honor of the occasion," was surgested. "It was a celestial army, not an indi-vidual that first proclaimed the doctrine of 'Peace on earth, good will toward men' 1915 years ago," he said. "Cer-tainly, it was the world's most important tainly, it was the world's most important proclamation. Today the French army is sighting to uphold it. We do not stop fighting on Christmas-for Kris Kringle -for all he represents-for the right to live without the malled fist forever poised over our heads-for the principle of good will between neighbors-for the right to entry Santa Claus in our homes without enjoy Santa Claus in our homes without

"It was Germany that violated both the spirit and letter of the law quoted by St. Luke, and France and the Aliles will not stop fighting until they punish her."

SOLDIERS GET PRESENTS.

In the meantime the guns barked on. The men at the front either were too The men at the front either were too busy, or were not inclined to observe Christimas. They received boxes of deli-cacies and other sifts from the Govern-ment, from their homes or from organ-izations, opened them casually and amptied the contents into their pockets or elsewhere. Then they immediately resumed the occupation of war. Any party attended midnight Mans in an Abatian town near Hartmannawellerkopf. The rule not to roam about after 3 p. m.

revolutionary sentiment in England's col-onial possessions in Egypt and the Orient -particularly India-was predicted today by German officials as a result of the col lapse of the Allies' campaign on Gallipoli peninsula. They said they looked to see the Moslems under British domination

rise and overthrow their masters. The belief in Berlin is that the Allies had hoped by a victory at the Dardanelles to open the way to Constantinople and by the capture of that city to shatter the influence of Turkey among millions of fol-lowers of the Moslem religion.

"It can be stated," said Captain Lothar Persius, the German naval expert, today, "that the Dardanelles undertaking is now definitely wrecked. This flasco will de-grade, if not destroy, British prestige in the eastern world."

One Year Ago Today

British cruisers, assisted by seaplanes, attack German naval base at Cuxhaven, and do considerable damage.

Germans pushing preparations for defense of Antwerp. German spy seized while attempting to enter Gibraltar dis-

guised as a Moor. Italian cruiser joins American cruisers to protect foreigners in Turkey.

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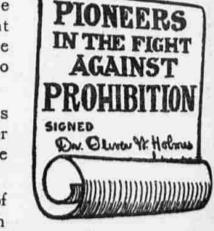
It gives us great pleasure to make you this valueful offer. No matter where you would go you would have to pay the regular rotail price of \$15 for these watches. retail price of size or analy you new have to ine, then, the opportunity you new have to buy the identical watch here for only \$9" You surely will be happy in the realing that you have saved the proportion large sum of \$6 just by taking advan-



R. Oliver Wendell Holmes, father of Justice Holmes of the Supreme Court of the United States, was not only an eminent physician, but he was in FACT generally recognized as one of the clearest thinkers of his day, and a most valued contributor to American literature.

R. Holmes denounced Prohibition and when a second attempt was made to fasten a prohibitory law on his State (Massachusetts) after the statute had been tested as futile and repealed, he was one of the leaders in the fight against it.

R. Holmes' opinion on this subject was well expressed in one of his famous "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table" articles, wherein



he referred to French wine with enthusiasm. In reply to a divinity student's question, whether he believed in a diet of "rum," the old autocrat was quickened to say:

"DUM I take to be the name which unwashed R moralists apply alike to the product distilled from molasses and the noblest juices of the vineyard. Burgundy 'in all its sunset glow' is rum. Champagne, 'soul of the grape of Eastern France,' is rum. Hock which our friend the poet speaks of as:

'The Rhine's breast-milk, gushing cold and bright, Pale as the moon and maddening as her light,'

is rum. Sir, I repudiate the loathsome vulgarism." **BELIEVE in TEMPERANCE** . . But let me tell you there are companies of men of genius, into which I sometimes go, where the atmosphere of intellect and sentiment is so much more stimulating than alcohol that if I saw fit to take wine it would be to keep me sober. Among the gentlemen I have known few, if any, were ruined b drinking."

TO those who still mistakenly cling to Prohibition FALLACIES, the above forceful views of Dr Holmes, a man of deep learning and insight, are submitted for the consideration of the thoughtful.

Philadelphia Lager Beer Brewers' Association

The Next Article Will Appear Saturaay, January 1st



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