# RUSSIANS FORGE AHEAD IN SWEEP TOWARD BALKANS

Mackensen Speeds From Serbia to Break Offensive to Relieve Allies

WAR'S MASTER STROKE

tumania to Enter War on Allies' Side, Liberal Leader Declares

LONDON, Jan. 4.

Steady progress is being made by the n their great offensive move at on the frontier of Bukowina (south-Galicia). It is officially reported in sgrad that the Austro-Hungarian ns holding the line northeast of Czerwits are falling back before the as-

ults of the Czar's forces. Fighting is going on in bitter cold ather amidst the snow-filled valleys the mountains east of the river bruth. the mountains east of the river Urith.
Jeneral Ivanou, who was put 'comind of a big group of Eussian crinics
en Czar Nicholas took he supreme
mand in the custern theatre of war, directing operations on the Galician

It is reported that the German war ofalarmed at the violence of the Rus-attack, has ordered large detach-by of German troops and masses of lan drive toward Hongary such as

postan drive ok place lust winter. Jowever, before the Russians could in a position which would memore the istro-German lines of con-munication in-the Balaans, they would have to cross o Carpathians in the face of insuperable

Wenna profess the belief that usein as concentrated a r j rity of her first-me troops on the Gallelan front and milary experts now look for anoth r drace on the Livinsk front to offset

id Marshal von Mackensen has been Field Marshal von Mickensen has been astly withdrawn from Serbin to take ommand of the hard-pressed Austrians in the Bessarabian front, according to a Petrograd dispatch to the Times. So far, the Vienna War Office reports, he Austrian lines are holding, despite serce attacks by great masses of Rustans.

ans. The Russian offensive is centred in the operoutz district. General Ivanoff is recommand, together with vast sup-ieved from the United States, England I Japan. The Bussian attacks are

several German divisions Rhdrawn from the Balkans to meet the w Russian drive the Teutons are re-red, in Petrograd advices, to have be-1,000,000 and 1,500,000 men on the between the Pripet and the Ru-

#### MANIA TO JOIN ALIJES, LIBERAL LEADER ASSERTS

UCHAREST, Jan. 4. — Take Jonescu, mer minister and chief of the Liberal

in an interview says: longing to the Opposition, I cannot definitely what Rumania's official acill be. But I can express this na-will and the probabilities of the

Rumania can never fight with the Ger-A few maniacs and wretches by the Teutons make a lot of out no government could force the tans to light side by side with the rs. The Impossibility of this will r because Russia mas pulled round

"Americans enjoying the benefits of tratic government cannot be ex-to realize how such conditions arise in Greece. Many of us beected to realize how such conditions ould arise in Greece. Many of us be-leve Rumania should have entered the ia, but it is idle to lament the past.

Now that the Serbs have been own back on the Adriatic, the sitclon depends on Franco-British action the Balkan peninsula and itussla's reparations for an attack on the Bul-arians. It would be absurd for Ruania to allow another opportunity to

"It would shorten the resistance of dermany, who giready is condemned to iceat. The enemy of th human race, he merits punishment. I hope and believe my country will ashare in the indiction of this chastisement.

#### AUSTRIA FIGHTS TO HOLD NAVAL BASE AT CATTARO

ROME, Jan. 4.-A desperate and most important struggle for mastery of the Adriatic is now raging near the Austrian naval base of Cattaro between the comd Austrian naval and land forces and

The Austrians are making a determined attempt to capture Mount Lowcen, the dibraliar of the Adriatic. Its retention by the Montenegrins threatens an Austrian hold on Cattaro.

Since the beginning of the war Austria was made the Cattaro bother war Austria was made the Cattaro beginning.

omac the beginning of the war Austria is made the Cattaro harbor a haval base operations in the Adriatic, Aegean and diterranean. Cattaro is absolutely imgrable from the sea. From the land it may be attacked only from Mount ween, where the Montenegrins a year binstalled heavy artillery.

Or six days the Austrians have been impling to drive the Montenegrins.

empling to drive the Montenegrins on this position. While Austrian troops attacking from slopes from Rusko-Sora, Gherbal and other points, the Birian warships in Cattaro harhor are reely bombarding the Montenegrin poloas.

#### GREEKS RESENT ALLIES' REFUSAL TO FREE TEUTONS

BERLIAN, Jan. 4.—"Greek public opinion excited about the attitude of the En-nis Powers, which are disinclined to aim the request of the Greek Government at the German, Austrian, Hulgarian and urkan Cosmit. the Consuls arrested in Salonica be released," says the Overseas

The Entente Powers threaten to block.

Altylene Island if the Greek Governdoes not hand over two criminals
twee paid to rob Greek mail bound

Athens and who were arrested by the

### RISKED LIFE FOR PET BEARS

ing Woman Trainer Overcome in Fire That Destroys Show

RANTON, Pa., Jan. 4.—In attempting RANTON, Pu., Jan. 4.—In attempting to five bears belonging to the R. H. in Carmival Shows. Miss Maud sille, who was training the bears, I lost her life last night when the lag in which the shows had their requarters was destroyed by fire. Granville went into the burning to liberate her pets and had to ken out by firemen. Victoria Calwighing to pounds, fat woman of how, was rescued with difficulty.

sweden Resumes Gold Payments CKHCLM, int. 4. - The National of Sweden has resumed the pay

#### "Derby Plan" Fails: 53 Per Cent. Enlistment

Of 4,011,441 men eligible for military service in the United Kingdom, only 2,829,261 enlisted during the Lord Derby recruiting campaign. This represents only 53 per cent.

When Lord Derby was put in charge of the recruiting in England he outlined a plan by which men might volunteer for immediate or subsequent service. The recruits

or subsequent service. The recruits who enlisted for service at a later date were divided into groups. Those who enlisted for immediate service at the regulation army recruiting posts were sent into train-

Preference was given to single

Those who enlisted under the group system were divided into "starred" and "unstarred" men. The "starred" men were the ones unfit for active service, but who could be used in the arsenals or elsewhere under the direction of the War Office. The "unstarred" men were the ones available for use as soldiers at the front. In calling up the groups of "un-starred" men the youngest unmarried men will be called un first, the married men being left till the last.

#### BRITISH CABINET MEETS TO FRAME DRAFT BILL

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British armies by drafting only single men of military age not urgently needed

in other occupations.
A surprising feature of the report was the statement that about 59 per cent, of the married men of military age re-sponded, whereas only 53 per cent, of the ngle men offered themselves for service

FIRST DRAFT OF SINGLE MEN. When the Derby recruiting campaign was inaugurated it was understood that if recruits came forward in sufficient force the Government would decide definitely against conscription. A special appeal was made to unmarried men to callst.

Of 2,179,231 single men of military age in the United Kingdom only 1,150,009 vol-unitered. Of those who failed to enroll, 378,071 are exempted from military ser-vice because they hold "preferred" posttons in Government service or in other duties making it inadvisable that they join the army. This leaves \$31,169 single men available. It is probable that the Government's bill introduced this week will call part or all of these men into service.

1,679,281 enrolled under the Derby recruit-ing plan. It is understood that the Gov-erroment will take no steps, at least for the present, to draft married men for service in the army,

DETAILS OF NEW BILL.

At the Cabinet meeting today to settle, if possible, the final details of the modifled conscription bill there was keen op-position to the proposition that Ireland should be excluded from the workings of the measure; the opposition against including Ireland was fully as strong. Premier Asquith was understood to be very anxious to introduce the bill in the House of Commons tomorrow, but it was considered doubtful whether the details

could be worked out in time. A strong feeling against compulsion hask grown up among the Liberals, and the opinion was expressed that many influ-ential members of this political party would take part in the fight against the bill in Parliament. In this battle they will be assisted by the leaders of the Irish Nationalists and the Labor party.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Reginald McKenna and Walter Runciman, presi-dent of the Board of Trade, are understood to have put up a vigorous argument in the Cabinet in favor of a decision on the size of the British army. They want the army limited to certain number of

#### BIG BATTLESHIPS HERE NEED EQUIPMENT

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appointed. He was at one time comnandant, inspection officer and captain in

A rigid order of Secretary of the Navy A rigid order of Secretary of the Navy Daniels prevents the officers and seamen from discussing the situation publicly. But it is a matter of common knowledge, officers say, that conditions on many of the ships are serious, and that in case they should be called into active service it would at once appear. According to them, conditions at the Philadelphia yard are not the exception, but are typical or are not the exception, but are typical of those everywhere.

Admiral Helm commands the reserve fleet of six ships. An admiral's command is supposed to be four ships, and it is termed a division.

The officers are speculating as to where The officers are speculating as to where the officers and men will come from that will be needed to man the four dread-noughts scheduled to be completed in 1917. They are the Oklahoma, the Pennsylvanis, the Nevada and the Arizona. They will require 2000 officers and 50,000 men, and these are not in sight.

Secretary Daniels has recommended an increase of approximately 8000 men.

increase of approximately 8000 men. If these are obtained the reserve vessels, in addition to those at League Island, would still need a great many men to make up their complements.

#### Battleships at Navy Yard Far Short of Equipment

Six battleships, the Alabama, the North Dakota, the Missouri, the Ohio, the Wisconsin and the Illinois, lack 108 officers and 3200 men to make up their complements.

The Connecticut and the Minnesota, on the active list, lack 60 per cent of their complement.

Captain C. B. Price at one time performed the duties of commandant, inspection officer and captain command.

Only two ships—the Michigan and the South Carolina—are ready for active service.

Admiral Helm commands six ships, when, according to a regula-tion, he should command four ships, or a division.

## WHERE RUSSIANS ARE ADVANCING



The map shows the scene of the operations in Volhynia and eastern Galicia, where the Russians have launched a new offensive. Czernowitz, capital of Bukowina, the key to the Carpathians; Lemberg, the big Galician city, and Czartoryk, on the Kovel-Sarny railroad sector, are the chief points now bitterly contested. The battle line, 300 miles long, stretches from Volhynia through Bessarabia, and is now close to the Rumanian frontier. Field Marshal von Mackensen is reported to have been called from Serbia to oppose the new offensive.

not become separated.

ITALIANS ROUT FOE

IN ISONZO ASSAULT

Austrian Plateau Attack at St.

Michaels Repulsed With Heavy Losses

ROME, Jan. 4.—An offensive movement aunched by the Austrians in the Carso

sphere, on the Isonzo front, has been repulsed with heavy losses, the Italian

War Office announces.

The following official statement was

"In the Lagazuoi zone, to the north of Palzergo pass, the enemy exploded a mine which caused an avalanche. There

was a tremendous fall of rock, but no

material damage was done.
"On the Carso plateau, on January 2, the enemy attacked our position at Saint

Michaels, but was repulsed. He suffered

given out today

## AMERICAN SURVIVORS 14 LONG HOURS IN SEA AFTER PERSIA SANK

Charles Grant Tells of Last Moments Before Big Liner Went Down-Many Sang Hymns

JUMPED INTO OCEAN

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Jan. 4.—The first detailed description of the destruc-tion of the Peninsular and Oriental liner Persia by a submarine was told here today by Charles Grant, of Boston, one of the survivors.

Mr. Grant said that there was no panic and that the survivors sang nymns while they climbed into the lifeboats.

EXPLOSION THEN FOLLOWED. The Persia sank so quickly and listed to heavily that none of the lifeboats on the starboard side could be launched.

The liner was torpedoed at five minutes past I o'clock Thursday afternoon.
"There was an explosion as though the boilers had burst immediately after the

torpedo struck," said Mr. Grant.
"I was at lunch at the time. The stew-ard had just asked me what I wished for my second course, when suddenly there was a jar which caused the ship to shiver through her whole length. There was a roaring sound of rushing water, an explosion, and then she began to settle, meanwhile turning upon her starboard

"Robert MaNeely, the United States nsul at Aden, had been table, but was not present when the ship was torpedoed. His cabin was on the starboard side, and the chances are he was caught in it with no chance to

escape.

"Although the dining saloon was filled with smoke and flying glass when the ship was struck, there was no wild panic. However, there was lots of excitement, with every one rushing toward the decks and searching for life belts.

"The ship was listing so badly that we had a difficult time making our way up

the stairs. 'On deck the sailors were unlashing "On deck the sailors were unlashing the boats as quickly as possible and getting the passengers into them. Only the boats on the left side could be used on account of the heavy list of the vessel. "Captain Sprickley came up while I was clinging to the rail and I assisted him with his life beit.

I made my way down the starboard I made my way down the satiocard side and jumped into the water, mean-while catching hold of a dangling rope. The rope pulled away, and then I climbed on board some floating wreck-SIGHTED LIFEBOATS.

"I clung to this wreckage until 4 o'clock Friday morning, when I saw some lifeboats. I managed to get on board one of them and we rowed around looking for other stragglers.

"The scene when the Persia sunk was

a terrible one. The men and women were singing hymns as they climbed into the

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# GLI AUSTRIACI BATTUTI SUL MONTE S. MICHELE DURANTE UN ATTACCO

Il Giappone Mandera' Tre Incrociatori nel Mediterraneo per la Caccia ai Sottomarini

LA LOTTA IN GALIZIA

ROMA, 4 Gennalo. Questa mattina il Ministero della Guerra ha pubblicato il seguente rapporto del generale Cadorna:

"Nella zona di Legazuol, a nord del Passo di Falzarego, il nemico fece esplodere una mina che fece precipitare una valanga. Si ebbe una tremenda caduta di massi di roccia, che pero' non causarono alcun danno ne' ad abitati ne' alle nostre posizioni.

"Sull'altopiano del Carso II 2 Gennalo II nemico attacco" le nostre posizioni sul Monte San Michele, ma fe respinto dopo aver subito gravi perdite. Le nostre posizioni sul San Michele sono piu" solide che mal."

che mal."

I comundanti delle flotte allente operanti nel Mediterraneo, e cioc l'inglese, l'italiana e la francese, hanno ricevatto dai rispettivi governi istruzioni severissime per quanto riguarda la caccia ai sottomarini teutonici che spiegano nel Mediterrane, e più specialmente nelle vici. lterraneo, e piu' specialmente nelle vici-nanze del Canale di Suez, etraordinaria at-tivita' e che hanno gia' affondato alcuni piroscafi inglesi della Peninsular and Oriental Company. Le flotte alleate hanno istruzioni di rendere questi sottomarini cosi' innocul come sono stati resi quelli che operavano nel Mare del Nord.

che operavano nel Mare dei Nord.

Un telegramica da Toklo dice che un giornale di quella citta' annuncia che il governo giapponese ha deciso di inviare una squadra di incrociatori nel Mediterranco per cooperare con le flotte allete nella caccia al sottomarini teutonici. Tre incrociatori sono stati assegnati a questo servizio. Durante la campagna di questi sottomarini nel Mediterrance tre pirescati giapponesi sono stati afformatico del mediterrance del prescati giapponesi sono stati afformatico del mediterrance tre pirescafi giapponesi sono stati affon-dati, e questo fatto spiega la decisione del governo giapponese

COMMENTI ITALIANI.

Tutti i giornali italiani commentano l'affondamento dei Persia che in Italia boats and some were praying aloud. profonda impressione. ha fatto Giornale d'Italia dice:

Others kept calling Good-by."
"A group of four boats floated together and were lashed with ropes so they would "Questo nuovo dellito e' una terribile offesa aire civilta', specialente perche' viene corimesso proprio quando in una nota agli Stati Uniti l'Austria fa professione di principii di umanita'."

La Tribuna remmenta il fatto che durante la frattata del principii di unanita'. "After rowing about for several hours we saw a warship. Those in our boat set up the cry, 'We are English.' It turned out to be a British ship, and afterbeing taken on board we gave directions where other survivors might be picked up." rante le trattative con gli Stati Uniti per l'affare del Lusitania la Germania affondo l'Arabic proprio come ora, mentre prose-

guono le trattative per l'Ancoi... l'Austria ffonda il Persia. L'Idea Nazionale dice che dal Lusitania al Persia piu' di 2000 persone innocenti,



# Hyacinths

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35c ea., \$3.50 doz. MICHELL'S SEED HOUSE 518 Market St. comprest donne, ragazzi e vecchi, sono stati assas- nati dagli imperi centrali. Notizie da Petrograd dicono che da tre o quattro giorni una violentissima e grande battaglia si sta combattendo su di una fronte che va dalla Volinia alla Bucovina tra rusel ed austro-tedeschi. I russi hanno preso l'offensiva ed hanno costretto il nemico ad accettare battaglia. Da questa lotta appena impegnata e che gia si svolge favorevolmente al russi dipende forse l'intervento della Rumania. Nella Bucovina la battaglia si svolge attorno a Czernovitz ed ivi i russi avanzano lentamente ma costantemente.

Una disperata lotta per il dominio del l'Adriatico meridionele, e precisamente per la sicurezza della base austriaca di Cattaro, si sta svolgendo tra la flotta e le forze di terra austriache e le forze montenegrine. Gil austriaci stanno facendo injured.

Monte Lovcen da cut i montenegrini dem-inano Cattaro, perche finche quella mon-tagna e nelle mani dei montenegrini, gli austriaci non posaono essere sicuri nelle loro base navale meridionale, da cut la loro navi operano o tentano di operara nell'Adriatico e nell'Egeo. Dalla parto del mare Cattaro e' assolutamente im-prendibile, ma da terra puo cesaere attre-cata solo dal Monte Lovcen quando sul monte siano instaliati p-tenti e moderni cannoni.

Two Motorcycle Speed Rings Killed BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Jan. 4.—As a result of a collision while practicing on the speedway, F. Montgomery and William Gowdy, motorcyclists, are dead today. Otto Walker, another rider was seriously



