

### ENGLISH WOMEN LAUNCH WAR ON SPIES THRO' CLUB

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Women's clubs in England have been enlisted in the movement to head off the activities of possible German spies and Austrian and German women have been asked to resign or discontinue their attendance at many clubs which formerly welcomed them.

A number of prominent literary women have urged that English women should be as cautious as English men about their associates and should shun all women of German or Austrian sympathies at a time when chance remarks might give valuable information to the enemy.

Reports from Belgium and Holland of the activities of women spies who served as governesses and servants in Belgium and Dutch families have also thrown suspicion on German and Austrian women in service in various parts of England. The Belgian refugees who are in England have issued general warnings against German women as well as German men, and their tales of how Belgian cities were betrayed by German spies in all walks of life have alarmed the English.

Alarming tales have been oriented in London papers of alleged German spies high in social and financial circles, and practically all of the leading men's clubs have asked men of German or Austrian birth to resign or refrain from frequenting the club-rooms during the war. Many supposed spies high in official life voluntarily left England before the movement against suspected persons became so acute. Charges were generally made that even Germans who had become naturalized had often done so only for business and social reasons and were at heart Germans as much as ever.

### BEAR IMPROVES IN ARMY TACTICS

PETROGRAD, Dec. 8.—"What I saw at the headquarters of the Russian commander-in-chief, the Grand Duke Nicholas, would convince a blind man that Russia has made great strides in ten years," writes a correspondent of the Russkoe Slovo. "At headquarters there is not a single individual who is not absolutely necessary for the work to be done. The silence of a monastery reigns there, and you can distinctly hear the pulse beats of the army. Work begins in the early morning, frequently before daybreak.

"I dined with the grand duke. It was a truly Spartan table. There was no intoxicating drink, only water, at this quiet, quiet meal. Everybody wore the sort of expression which indicates that there is not a minute to be lost, that all the time must be utilized to the full. In spite of this, the atmosphere was democratic, there was no air of official importance about anyone.

"It is clear that in our army there have been revived the resourcefulness of Peter the Great, the iron will of Souvaroff and the dash of Skobeloff."

### NO SPECIAL SESSION CONGRESS NEEDED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—President Wilson said today he did not expect the administration legislative program would necessitate an extra session of congress after March 4 and added that Senator Kera and Representative Underwood, the democratic leaders of the two houses, agreed with his view.

### YANKEE CHRISTMAS SHIP HALTED BY WARSHIPS

GENOA, via Rome, Dec. 7, 11:55 p. m.—The American Christmas ship Jason, which arrived here today with gifts for the war orphans of Austria and Germany, was stopped by three warships on her way to this port from Marseilles. The warships as soon as they learned the character of the vessel and her cargo, immediately drew off, but not before the officers had wished Godspeed to the Jason and her mission.

When Commander Courtney and other officials from the Jason came ashore they were visited at their hotel by the representatives of the German government, who officially welcomed them and their gifts.

### KAISER VISITS HOUSE AT SEDAN FAMED IN PAST

SEDAN, Dec. 8.—Emperor William and Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, who were in the vicinity of Sedan, October 10, visited the house at Donchery, near Sedan, where Bismarck first met Napoleon III, September 2, 1870. Both the emperor and his chancellor left mementos of their visit in the form of cold and their names. Having nothing else upon which to write his, Emperor William borrowed a card from a person of his suite and wrote on the back of it, "Wilhelm II, I. R."

"I knew perfectly who were the two men who came here in September, 1870," said Madame Fournaire-Liban, speaking of the visit. "But this time I had no idea who was speaking to me. I chatted with them freely, and one of them complained bitterly that the French send the Algerians, the Moroccans, the Senegals and other savages against the Germans. Then the remark of one of the officers in the party revealed the identity of the speaker. It was Emperor William II. Another of the party was Prince Waldemar, son of Prince Henry. What seems to have made the most impression on the old lady was the stature of the chancellor who she thus compares to Bismarck: "He is tall, very tall, but he has not the wicked eyes."

### BAR ALL FOREIGN NAMES OFF MENUS

AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 8.—The resolve of the Germans to be exclusively German and to expel even from their menus all foreign words has led to the compilation of a small book which goes over the whole ground of the kitchen and supplies substitutes for the numerous foreign words at present applied to a variety of German dishes. Some of the titles provoke humorous comments from the German papers.

The "delicatessen" for which Germany is famous is henceforth to be known as Leckereien, or tit-bits. Sauces, which have been known by their French cognomen, are to be called Beignisse—supplementary fluids. A mutton "chop" must be called in German a double mutton loin piece; heftsteak is a "pounded loin piece," and Irish stew is "mutton in the pot in citizens' fashion."

### TURK OFFICERS IN GERMAN RANKS

PETROGRAD, Dec. 7, via London, 9:05 a. m.—According to wounded German officers in the prison camp at Hierostok, Russia, a number of Turkish officers are serving in the German army in Poland. It is said that they have been training in the German military schools and were drafted on account of the lack of competent officers.

### GASOLINE SHIP AFIRE 2 OF 136 SAVED

BARROW, Dec. 8, via London, 11:50 a. m.—The British steamer Vedra, from Port Arthur, Tex., with a cargo of gasoline, went ashore near here this morning in a heavy gale.

The cargo ignited and of the crew of thirty-six men on board the Vedra only two were saved, and they were severely burned.

The steamer Vedra left Port Arthur for London, November 13 and passed Norfolk on the 21st. She was reported yesterday as passing Tuskar, in the Irish sea, which would indicate that she had changed her destination and was bound for some port on the west coast of England.

The Vedra was under the command of Captain Brewster. She was built in 1893 at Sunderland, England, and of 4057 tons and belonged to the Associated Oil Carriers Company of London.

**Stock Firm Falls**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—A. H. Combs & Co., one of the oldest stock exchange firms, announced today its inability to meet outstanding obligations. No statement of assets and liabilities was forthcoming, but it is believed that they will be small.

### FRENCH HEROES OF GRIDIRON IN WAR WIN FAME

PARIS, Dec. 8.—A "good sport," in the athletic sense of the term, ought to make a good fighter. The European war seems to demonstrate it. Nearly all the football stars of France are either on the gridiron of Flinders or rushing the German lines along the Aisne, and they are making themselves heard from.

Augustin Joue, a football star of Perpignan, in the nineteenth dragoon, just mentioned in orders, was promoted lieutenant on the battlefield for having rescued a fallen comrade and carried him out of the fire zone under severe shell fire.

Planus, another mainstay of the French Sporting association, was promoted lieutenant for rushing single-handed a detachment of Germans who were in the act of capturing a French cannon. He bayoneted them, one after another, and alone succeeded in bringing the gun back into the lines.

Cyclists have also done great work, both in the French and Belgian armies. Auguste Troussellier, the youngest of the Troussellier brothers, well known professional riders, was killed during the battle of the Aisne while charging the German trenches.

### GERMANY SAYS NO AFRICAN CLAIMS

BERLIN, Dec. 8, by wireless to London.—Dr. Solf, the secretary of colonies, states that the German government does not intend permanently to occupy the South African Union. Germany desires, he says, that the hostilities which were forced upon her by the South Africa Union shall cease.

Dr. Solf further declares that if the Union government abstains from further hostilities against Germany territory and if the territory which has been invaded is evacuated so that the South Africans may establish a neutral state, Germany would officially recognize this condition and would respect the territorial integrity and political importance of the neutral state.

### BIBLICAL PLAY AT STAR THEATRE

The Star Theater has been successful in securing for Wednesday and Thursday, afternoon and evening, the Biograph company masterpiece, "Judith of Bethulia," a photo drama, based on the Book of Judith, and a tragedy and poem from the same source by Mr. Thomas Bailey Aldrich, a well known author, and the drama, was produced under Mr. Aldrich's personal supervision, and this is without any doubt the masterpiece of the Biograph studios, where some wonderful photoplays have been produced.

The drama is in four massive parts and has been endorsed by the press and public in every city that has been fortunate enough to secure the production.

An account of the great interest shown in this offering the management of the Star has arranged to show the feature four times daily, each performance to begin promptly at 2:15, 4:00, 7:00 and 8:45 p. m.

**How to Fight Tuberculosis**  
In a paper read last year before the Royal Society Medical Society and published in part in the Louisville "Medical Progress," Dr. J. W. Corbett, of San Antonio, Texas, a physician who has devoted much time to the study of tuberculosis, said: "Since time immemorial three-fourths of all the mineral substances of the human body, they must be supplied in the foods or supplemented in mineral preparations, or natural starvation causes with tuberculosis associated. The widespread and unchecked spread of tuberculosis and other preventable diseases is due largely to the deplorable (time lacking) conditions of multitudes throughout the civilized world."  
This from another authoritative medical source comes justification for the use of time in the treatment of tuberculosis.  
Since this is one of the ingredients of Eckman's Alternative, much of the success attending the widespread use of this remedy doubtless is due to the combination of this salt in such a way as to render it easily assimilable. It causes no stomach disturbance, and since it contains neither opiates, narcotics nor habit-forming drugs, it is safe to use.  
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### THOUSANDS FAIL TO FIRE SHOT IN TITANIC WAR

BAR-LE-DUC, Dec. 8.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—Tens of thousands of soldiers in the active fighting army at the front have not fired a shot for a month or two at a time. They serve their fortnight at the extreme firing line, some hours a day in the trenches or just next to them with their own artillery throwing shells over their heads, but never having the chance to empty a cartridge at their adversaries. The intervals in the reserve lines are spent in hard work, trenching and fortifying, repairing roads, building shelters for themselves and the horses and in towns, where quartered, keeping streets clean.

The private is becoming thoroughly tired of the war, but his attitude toward all the unromantic aspects of his work is fine. He understands that in mending a road he is contributing to the success of the French armies just as though he were firing a gun. Although he wants the war to get on and end, he cheerfully takes the commonplace with the excitement. Some of the excellent roads back of the lines are being repaired with poles cut from the forests laid crosswise, making the old-fashioned American "corduroy road."

### WILSON APPROVES DEFENSE PROBE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—President Wilson told callers today he favored the disclosure of all facts connected with the preparedness of the United States for national defense and believed that while the subject should be discussed as fully as possible, the whole question hinged on the method of investigation. The commission plan proposed by Representative Gardner, he disapproves.

The president said he had no special knowledge of the existence of any lobby for stirring up military discussion at this time, but he intimated he believed there was such an organized effort.

### UTTER ROUT UPON AUSTRIANS CLAIM

NISH, Serbia, Dec. 8, via London, 11:40 a. m.—The Serbian victory declared on the northern frontier is further emphasized in the Serbian official statement issued today which concludes as follows:  
"The enemy was overwhelmed and had to retire in disorder. In pursuit we took six officers and 1810 men prisoners. We captured two Howitzers and nine other guns and also ambulances, many rifles and telegraphic material."

**Quake Shakes Avacucho**  
LIMA, Peru, Dec. 8.—The small mountain town of Coracora in the department of Avacucho, about 300 miles southeast of Lima, was shaken by a severe earthquake today. There were several casualties. The town is in ruins.

**13,066,155 Bales Cotton**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Cotton ginned prior to December 1 amounted to 13,066,155 bales, the census bureau announced today. Round bales included 33,195; Sea Island, 62,991 bales.

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