

"SEE THE CONQUERING
HERO!"

SIR D. HAIG IN LONDON.

GREAT ENTHUSIASM.

RECEPTION AT BUCKINGHAM
PALACE.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

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On leaving shore he inspected both guards amidst terrific cheers and then entered a motorcar with the Mayor of Dover. The victorious general landed in other parts of the town. He was met by a guard of honour and the triumphal arch at the dockyard entrance was surrounded by enthusiastic gunners, with banners of welcome from the Dover Patrol and the Sixth Patrol of the Dover Patrols assembled and gave a mighty cheer. The drive to the Marine station on the pier was a pageant of victory, where unbounded enthusiasm was displayed. At the reception in the station the Recorder of Dover read an address of welcome. Replying to the address on behalf of himself and the general staff, Sir Douglas Haig said that they recognised that the greetings were more than merely personal and that they were a profound realisation of the historic greatness of the occasion and of all that it symbolised for the future of our race. His general's knew that the welcome expressed the feelings of gratitude and admiration which Great Britain and France for the wonderful men whose unequalled courage and endurance had brought us victory to peace.

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As Sir Douglas Haig's carriage emerged from the station the bells of the church of St. Martin pealed merrily and the gigantic crowd raised a great cheer which was taken up by the dense masses all along Cannon Street.

The Field Marshal looked well, his hand naturally at the salute, acknowledging the welcome. A fine Marshal appeared, he entered over the station. One of the mightiest spots ever heard in London greeted his appearance at Trafalgar Square, which was black with people. He went along Cockspur Street, Pall Mall, St. James Street, Piccadilly and down Constitution Hill to the Palace where there was one continuous roar of cheering.

There was a stirring historic scene outside the Palace, where the Field Marshal's carriage was met by a guard of honour. A little later eleven other planes circled round the Palace in a battle formation. Then came Field Marshal Haig and his party. Two hundred deafening roars rent the air from the enthusiastic crowd, as the carriages moved in front of the Palace to the south.

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RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

PRINCE LVOFF IN LONDON.

THE MURKAM CAMPAIGN.

LONDON, Dec. 19.

(Delayed.) Prince Lvoff, Russia's first revolutionary Premier, is now in London. The papers state that the whole question of the Government's policy in Russia will be raised in the Debate on the Address of the new Parliament.

Reuter's Special Service.

(Delayed.) Lord Milner's letter is considerably commented on. The "Daily Telegraph" thinks that the country is entitled to more information than Lord Milner has given regarding the conduct and aims of the war going on in Russia.

The "Daily News" welcomes Lord Milner's letter as a sign that the Government is ready publicly to discuss the intervention in Russia. The "Times" and the "Daily Mail" emphasize the fact that peace in Europe and Asia is impossible until an order of Government is restored in Russia.

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(Delayed.) A telegram from the Estonian Premier received in London, after dwelling on the difficulties of the new Estonian troops in opposing the Bolshevik advance, places the Estonian Republic under the protection of the Entente Powers.

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(Delayed.) Negotiations will be held at Berlin by the representatives of the German Soldiers' Council of Koenigs and Joffe on the question of the Bolshevik advance in the Baltic provinces.

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GERMAN SITUATION.

A NEW MOVE.

ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH FIRM
GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 19.

(Delayed.) It is reported from Berlin that the Congress of the Soviets has passed a resolution affirming its supreme authority, but transferring that authority and executive power to the People's Congress, which will meet in the National Assembly otherwise arranged.

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(Delayed.) A special Soviet has been appointed to supervise the German and Prussian Cabinets with power to appoint and depose the Prussian Commissioners.

Two "adjuncts," selected from both Socialist Parties will be installed in each Ministry. Reuter's Special Service.

(Delayed.) It is reported from Berlin that the Congress of the Soviets, the names of Ebert and Doerfer, the Minister of the Interior were presented as candidates for the presidency of the German Republic. It was emphasized that the election should soon take place in the form of a plebiscite, and a supreme head of the Empire at the Peace Conference.

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MR. WILSON IN ENGLAND.

RECEPTION AT KING'S
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(Delayed.) President Wilson will be coming earlier to London. He is expected to arrive on the 26th inst., consequently the Premier, Sir Henry Wilson and the other British Ministers have postponed their visit to France. President Wilson and Mr. Lloyd George will hold in London the preliminary conversations previously arranged for in Paris.

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