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Christmas. He added: "So I share that hope, which I trust is founded on an accurate interpretation and possible acceptance of our reply to the Supreme Council's Note. I have been ready and waiting to sign the protocol since October 18th, and I even hope now that ratifications may be exchanged before the end of the week.

London, Dec 17th.—The India Office, in response to an enquiry by the "Daily Mail" emphatically denies reports of the wiping out of 1,300 British troops, comprising the garrison of the town of Meshed, Persia, by the population.

Paris, Dec. 16th.—Initial measures of relief for Austria were taken by the Supreme Council today, after that body had heard a lengthy presentation of his nation's difficulties presented by Dr. Karl Renner, the Austrian Chancellor. It was decided that as a first step in relieving the Austrian food shortage, thirty thousand tons of food should be despatched to Trieste, to be shipped thence into the Austrian territory.

Paris, Dec. 16th.—M. Clemenceau's condition was satisfactory today, but he was somewhat fatigued by morning callers, and closed the doors of his home this afternoon to all but Captain Lardieu, General Alby, Chief of the General Staff, and M. Jules Pams, Minister of the Interior.

London, Dec. 16th.—Mr. Roberts, the Food Controller, announced in the House today, that all home agricultural products except wheat, would be freed from control during the first of the coming year, but said some degree of supervision over the food supply would have to be exercised for the next year at least.

London, Dec 16th.—Mr. Montague, Secretary of State for India, was questioned in the House of Commons today by members who sought information with reference to the Indian disturbance of April, when, according to reports, five hundred natives were killed and numbers were wounded at Amritsar, India. The Secretary requested the House to wait full official reports of the occurrence, which "caused such a profound disturbance of public opinion." He promised to make known the findings of an investigating commission without unnecessary delay, which evoked cheers from the members. Mr. Montague declared statements relating to the disturbances had been published as soon as received, and said it was now even difficult to state the exact number of casualties. He assured the House that censorship does not exist in India, although, he said, perhaps it was established during the riot. The Indian newspapers, he declared, published reports of the disorders, which were available to the House.

London, December 17th.—Mr Winston Churchill, Secretary for War, announced

to the House yesterday that the Germans had handed over to the Allies 5,000 guns, 25,000 machine-guns, 3,000 trench mortars and 1,700 aeroplanes. They had still failed to deliver 42 locomotives and 4,760 trucks. The Secretary considered that the Germans had made a tremendous effort to comply with the conditions imposed upon them. The average daily expenditure of the Government from April 1st to November 30th was reduced to £3,098,000 as compared with more than £7,000,000 during the war. Freight traffic expenditures were reduced to £50,000,000 as compared with £68,500,000 prior to the war.

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