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WANTED, A PREMIER

Mr. A. Bonar Law has not accepted the responsibility of forming a government in succession to Mr. Asquith. Mr. Bonar Law must have had the weightiest and gravest reasons for his refusal. He is not a shirker, his record since the leadership of the Conservative party was placed in his hands, and since he joined hands with Mr. Asquith in the formation of a Coalition Government is proof of that. Had he seen that the acceptance of the Priemiership was the path of duty, he would not have allowed any personal qualms to stand in his way, but would have boldly bent his shoulders to the work of reconstructing the ministry and carrying on the government to the best of his ability in the interests of the Empire whose appointed first minister he would have been. But Mr. Bonar Law must have realized that he would have been but a stop gap, or more probably, a stumbling block in the way of a genuine settlement of the present political difficulties.

Mr. D. Lloyd George is the natural leader of the people at the present time, and if the voice of the people be the voice of God, no other leader will prove acceptable. Mr. Bonar Law must recognize this, and must have weighed well the consequences of his decision before making it. The House of Commons is not in the mood it was in when the four great parties consented to drop politics and support the Asquith Liberal government. Nor is it in the frame of mind which characterized it when the Coalition Government was formed. Grave dissensions and differences have developed, especially within the last twelve months. The Labour Party has split into three sections, one actively supporting the Coalition, one neutral, and one actively in opposition. The Irish party from quiescence has developed into opposition on the one great question of the settlement of the Irish problem. A considerable section of the Liberal party, of which the Daily News is the exponent in the press, favours Mr. Asquith's policy of caution and delay; while another section under Mr. Lloyd George has been clamorous for a more vigorous lead, and to this section, a considerable portion of the Conservative party under Sir Edward Carson has adhered. Mr. Bonar Law has been counted a follower of Mr. Asquith. He went so far as to warn the Conservatives under Sir Edward Carson that if they were determined to overthrow Mr. Asquith, they must not count upon him to lead them. On the other hand the Daily News charged Mr. Lloyd George with responsibility for the government crisis. The Minister of War, who for the first year of the war was the idol of the Radicals, has been championed since by the Northcliffe press and the Conservative organs which had been the severest critics of the Government. Mr. Lloyd George was the first and most outspoken champion of conscription, and in reply to his Radical critics declared in the House of Commons in July last that he would rather be driven out of the Liberal party, even out of political life altogether, than have upon his conscience the responsibility of refusing the demands of the military authorities for men, which might make all the difference between defeat and victory. His eloquence and sincerity carried not only the House, but the country with him, but Mr. A. G. Gardiner of the Daily News, Mr. Richard D. Holt, leader of the Radicals and Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, leader of the malcontent Labour Members, were irreconcilable, and have formed a combination which has been bitterly opposing the Minister of War and trying to undermine his influence in the country.

Mr. Bonar Law could not hope to command the support of Mr. Lloyd George's supporters for any length of time, nor could he have hoped to obtain the allegiance of Sir Edward Carson's following, and it is pretty certain that the present Liberal following of Mr. Asquith would desert his successor as its only bond of union is opposition to Mr. Lloyd George, and Mr. Lloyd George would, as a matter of course, find a seat in Mr. Bonar Law's Cabinet.

There may be another way out of the impasse which is not yet apparent, but so far as can be seen, the only solution is for the King to send for Mr. Lloyd George. His personality, popularity, and unbounded enthusiasm, his indomitable pluck and fearlessness; his faith in himself and his mission, and above all, the faith which the vast majority of the people and press have in him as the chosen David to slay the German Goliath, make him the only possible successor to Mr. Asquith at this critical juncture.

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BUCHAREST

The miracle that alone can save Bucharest is still awaited. It may take the ordinary course of miracles and be performed at the very last moment, but the fate of Roumania will be decided not when the Roumanians and Russians make a stand, but when the Teutons cease their operations. The saving or the capture of Bucharest is supposed to be the gauge of the struggle now going on, although General Falkenhayn has declared that the Teutons' main object is the destruction of the Roumanian armies and not the capture of cities. If this is Falkenhayn's task he has not yet succeeded, in spite of his brilliant campaign, for Berlin has reported only comparatively small captures of men and munitions.

Something like 20,000 men had been captured in the drive up to November 18. Added to this are an equal number taken by Mackensen in Dobrudja and incidental losses in Transylvania, a few thousand captured in southwestern Roumania, and the recent hauls. The grand total to date, based on Berlin reports, falls well below 100,000. This bears but slight relation to the invasion but has an important bearing upon the future opposition of the Roumanians, before or after the fall of Bucharest. It means that, while half of Roumania may soon be in the Teutonic hands, more than half of the Roumanian army remains in the field. Lacking the skill to offer serious defense, the Roumanians have, nevertheless, so far managed to escape a Sedan, and the rapidity of the Teutonic advance bears out the theory that the whole Roumanian effort has been directed toward saving the forces rather than territory.

That was the Russian policy after the lines were shattered at the Dunajec, and the great retreat proved the salvation of Russia. It is the most encouraging thing in the whole Roumanian situation, from the Entente standpoint. Roumania must be destroyed quickly if the Teutons are to be completely successful. Otherwise the Roumanians may be expected to return to the fight and constitute a more formidable enemy than before. Meanwhile the Russians are striking out over a wide front in the Carpathians, and Russian and Roumanian forces have begun a real defense of Bucharest. The moves were long delayed and, if effective, will bear comparison with the battle of the Marne in point of timeliness.

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Again the warning "Do your Christmas shopping early" is apropos. The Christmas goods are now being displayed and seldom have the stores been so amply filled or good so attractively displayed. The season has been an exceedingly prosperous one and our merchants have made preparation for more than ordinarily heavy buying. The disadvantage of putting off the Christmas buying has been proved over and over again in the past and although each Christmas season has seen vows registered that never again would the buying be put off till the last minute, yet some people will forget. The putting off is not only a disadvantage to the buyer but a positive unkindness to the merchants and especially to the clerks, who, notwithstanding every precaution are unavoidably rushed during the week immediately preceding Christmas. City buyers particularly will find it to their advantage to do their shopping now and in the mornings, the earlier the better. This will give the stores a better opportunity to attend to country customers who necessarily come in later and it will help all to "avoid the rush". Do your buying early then and begin right now.

RAPHAEL'S PREDICTIONS REGARDING THE WAR

LONDON, Dec. 5.— England's well known astrologer, Raphael, whose predictions, are always awaited with interest, has just issued his almanac for 1917, in which he predicts the end of the war in 1917. He says that the President of the United States will be in danger during the winter, as well as some notable citizens of the States. He predicts a serious naval disaster in the United States during the summer and the inauguration of a religious crusade against places of amusement.

In regard to the war, it is significant that astrologers in the United States have also predicted the end of the war in 1917, the majority of them fixing the date about July 27. Raphael says that in the fall and winter of the present year (1916) there is an ominous direction of Mars and Saturn which protends the defeat of Germany, the overthrow of knightly power and the establishment of a German republic; 1917 will see the end of the war and the Kaiser too.

Raphael also sees trouble in Great Britain after the war, and adds:—

"Our Kings troubles will not end with the war, for his son is nearing the place of Mars at birth, which threatens renewed troubles, serious disturbances in the land, strikes and bloodshed. The economic war will be coming on the battle between capital and labor, or master and man. It will be a most anxious, harassing, time, which will continue for some years. Troubles threaten His Majesty on every side.

Raphael also sees trouble for the Russian empire— sinister and seditious influences within the Empire— and these will be augmented with the end of the war.

He predicts that the Archduke Charles Francis Joseph will occupy the throne of Austria before many months have passed. In the horoscope of President Wilson Raphael sees trouble brewing also.

"President Wilson is a clever man,' he says, "but trouble awaits him. His Jupiter is in Aries near our King's ascendant, which is decidedly favorable, and he cherishes no ill will against this country, but we must not overlook the fact that his Mars by progressive motion comes over our King's ascendant. There are strong indications that the President will make an effort to secure peace on a footing favoring Germany. We must watch and give him to understand that we want no outside advice when the day of reckoning comes. It must be no "give and take," but a clean, decisive job."

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

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(By Walt Mason.)

"Inclosed find check!" The sweetest words that e'er outclassed the song of birds! How they allay the widow's fears and dry the orphan's briny tears! When sad and tired and short of kale, a letter comes by morning mail; like other letters it appears with postage stamps and inky smears. "No doubt," we sigh, "it is dun; some frantic gent is after mon. These beastly bills we cannot pay take all the sunshine from the day, and make us wish that we were dead, with stocks of granite overhead." And then, with languid hands we tear the envelope to see what's there, and out there comes a note, by heck, with these brave words, "Inclosed find check!" Ah, then we bid farewell to woe, and like nine Brahma roosters crow, and to the soft drinks joint repair, and buy a quart of soapsuds there. The sun once more is cutting hay, the gloomy clouds are blown away, the world is glad that was a wreck, changed by the words, "Inclosed find check."

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Mr. J. Brice, Temperance road, Parry Sound, Ont., writes: "Just a line to praise Dr. Chase's Ointment for what it has done for my wife. She has been suffering with eczema in her head for two years, and has spent no end of money with doctors and for ointments, which did her no good She had about given up hope of ever being cured, when someone told her to try Dr. Chase's Ointment. By the use of this Ointment the trouble has left her entirely, and we have unbounded faith in it. I have told several people about the Ointment."

Mrs. W. G. Dowden, Greenspond, Bonavista Bay, Nfld., writes: "I suffered with eczema on my hands, and for eighteen months was so bad that I could not use a needly to sew or do anything. I could scarcely dress myself. Though I had lots of salves from doctors. I could never get much benefits from them. Then I sent for a sample of Dr. Chase's Ointment, and found it very different in action. It was not long before my hands began to heal, and four 60c boxes made them well. I cannot praise Dr. Chase's Ointment too highly, and frequently give some to others to get them using it, for I know that it will cure."

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JENNY LIND

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