

December 4, 1916.—A letter from the Political Department in response to our demand of last week, promising to stop the shipment of food and of cattle across the German frontier; and to punish the culpable of whom there are thirty-four mentioned. It seems to respond almost entirely to our suggestions.

There is a placard in town announcing the fall of Bucharest. . . . The announcement is made also of Lloyd George's resignation. This is the precursor to my mind of the entire disappearance of the liberals from the Government. Asquith will go—and Lloyd George will return in a Tory Government that will have gained power without having been put to the trouble of a general election. Then one of the ends of the war will have been gained. Liberalism is dead in England for awhile.