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LAST DESPERATE BLOW IS KAISER'S SCHEME

Big German Offensive on West to be Decisive. If Beaten They Must Give Up the Struggle. If They Win the Allies Will Ask for Peace, Argues the Kaiser.

(Canadian Press Despatch)
PARIS, Jan. 12.—L'Excelsior publishes an interview which it vouches for as having been obtained from a captured officer attached to German headquarters. It may throw light on the expected German offensive. "Our offensive will be launched as soon as possible," the officer is quoted as saying. "It will take place on several sectors. If we succeed in beating our adversaries in the West, there will be quick peace, but a German peace with annexations. If we get the same setback as at Verdun there will also be peace, but a disastrous peace, for we shall have attained the maximum of our efforts and will have to cease the struggle. "As to the Americans we don't fear them, but we don't want to face them."

HUNS SWITCH TROOPS FROM ITALIAN FRONT

Swiss and Holland Frontiers Closed for Month Indicating Extensive Movement of Troops to Western Front.

(Canadian Press Despatch)
BERNE, Jan. 12.—Closing of the German-Swiss and German-Holland frontiers for a month, just announced by the Germans, was taken today to prefigure extensive troops transfers. No travellers or merchandise during the next month will be allowed to cross these borders. Presumably it means a switch of Teutonic troops from the Italian to the West front.

(Canadian Press Despatch)
BERNE, Jan. 12.—The newspaper Der Bund declared today that a separate peace between Russia and Bulgaria had been formally signed. Bulgaria took part with Germany, Austria and Turkey in the first negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, and it has been assumed that no peace terms would be agreed to by the Central Powers except in concert. However, advices yesterday giving the names of those who took part in the first session of the Brest-Litovsk conference when they were resumed this week made no mention of a Bulgarian representative. King Ferdinand of Bulgaria is credited with opposing the formula of peace without annexations or indemnities, declaring Bulgaria should retain the territory she had won. This would not interfere with a peace between Russia and Bulgaria, however inasmuch as the territory Bulgaria desires consists of parts of Serbia and Roumania. Premier Radoslavoff was quoted in a Sofia despatch last month to the effect that Bulgaria had accepted the Russian proposal providing for ending the war, restoring commercial treaties in effect before the war and settling the Danube question.

GERMANY'S ONLY HOPE IS IN HER U-BOATS

Claims Allies Lost 10,000,000 Tons Shipping in Year.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Germany is depending on her U-boats to defeat the American menace and bring about peace, declares the Berlin Tageblatt, a copy of which has been received here. "The entire Entente hopes," says this newspaper, "are now based on the expected help from the United States. Whether the Americans will be able to provide a fighting army in number sufficient to bring about a decision, whether they will be able to furnish sufficient ships for the transport of the army and whether they will then be able to provide the necessary supplies of food and war materials are questions upon which opinion is divided. But there is no doubt that the efforts the Americans are making must be taken seriously. The hope of early peace depends almost entirely on the efficiency of our submarine weapon."

FIRST YEAR'S RESULTS

Reviewing the first year of Ger-

BRITISH AVIATORS DROPPED TWO TONS OF BOMBS.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The British official communication dealing with aviation issued this evening, says: "Nearly two tons of bombs were dropped Thursday on an ammunition depot in the vicinity of Courtrai and other targets. "One enemy machine was driven down out of control. One of our machines is missing."

WAR BREAD PREDICTED FOR CANADA

CALGARY, Jan. 12.—An article is published by the News-Telegram today to the effect that war bread will be made an objective fact in Canada within the next fortnight.

ENEMY RAID REPULSED BY BRITISH

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The British official communication issued this evening says: "The enemy early this morning made a raid south of Arrmentieres, but was repulsed. The hostile artillery has shown increased activity north of Ypres throughout the day. "Our artillery dispersed enemy working parties south-east of Monchy-Preux, this morning."

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

*Card of Thanks. Miss Olive Stewart, teacher of Springvale School desires to thank the ratopayers and pupils who so kindly remembered her at the New Year. 2157pd

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper, le-

RUSSIA WANTS PEACE BUT WITH HONOUR

Ukraine Has Joined Hands With Bolsheviki and Both Working Together for Peace with Teutons.

(Canadian Press Despatch)
PETROGRAD, Jan. 12.—Ukraine and Russia have joined hands in peace negotiations with Germany. Dispatches received from Brest-Litovsk today expressed the firm conviction that with a united front shown by all Russian delegates, the Russian plan for transfer of peace negotiations to neutral soil would be forced upon the Germans. The message from Brest-Litovsk which gave this news also carried the following report: "On Monday (Russian Xmas Day) we crossed the trenches. Our soldiers declared they were ready to support our peace efforts at all costs, but they added: "Remember, we want peace, but not a peace at any price. Trotsky replied: "We will not bend our heads to German imperialism. Russia did not overthrow Czarism to become the subject of another kind of slavery. You may feel certain that with your support we will sign only an honorable peace."

BOLSHEVIK DELEGATES APPEAR DETERMINED THAT NEGOTIATIONS BE TRANSFERRED TO A NEUTRAL CITY.

Today the first matter taken up by the general conference was the transfer of negotiations to Stockholm, or some other neutral city. Despatches from the Russian delegates today insisted they would not give up this demand of the Germans. "The transfer of the negotiations to a place where a free voice and a free hearing can be accorded, instead of being continued in the stifling atmosphere of a ruined city's hermetically sealed fortress, is essential," the message asserted.

VON TIRPITZ SEES A WAY OUT

Germans May Let Belgium Go But Must Keep Flanders Coast Will not Consent to Armistice that Will Paralyze U-Boats.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—A despatch to the Central News from Amsterdam says that Admiral Von Tirpitz, former German minister of marine and the foremost advocate of Germany's submarine warfare, declared that while the Germans must keep the Flanders coast, the annexation of Belgium to Germany was not necessary and that a solution of this problem could be found. Regarding the political situation, Admiral Von Tirpitz is reported as having said that all sorts of things might be possible, but that he did not think they would go so far as an agreement on an armistice by which the operations of submarines could be paralyzed. He would not make a statement dealing with the reported resignation of General Von Ludendorff, but he said he refused to believe that things would be allowed to go so far as to make it impossible for Von Ludendorff and Field Marshal Von Hindenburg to gain a definite victory for Germany.

MAGNIFICENT GIFT TO DALHOUSIE

HALIFAX, Jan. 12.—When the catastrophe occurred in Halifax on December 6th, the buildings of the University, both on Carleton Street and at Studley, were severely damaged and damaged. President MacKenzie immediately suggested to the Carnegie Co-operation of New York that Mr. Carnegie might like to make good the damage to the Science Building toward the erection of which he had contributed \$40,000. A telegram just received from Mr. James Bertram, the Secretary of the Co-operation, contains the cheering statement: "I am authorized to state Carnegie Co-operation of New York will consider it a privilege to pay for repairing the buildings by the explosion. This is a splendid illustration of the whole-hearted sympathy of Americans in our trouble—asked to assist to the extent of repairing one building, they reply by esteeming it a privilege to pay for all damage to the University."

HOSPITAL SHIP NOT WARNED.

BRISTOL, Eng., Jan. 12.—The hospital ship "Rena" was torpedoed without warning on her way from Bristol to Liverpool on Saturday night, January 4th and sank within an hour. According to customs, the vessel was lighted up after dark Friday evening, so that there could be no possibility of submarines mistaking her identity. The torpedo struck the vessel at a point where the Red Cross was painted on her side with a terrific crash and there was no chance of saving her. There were five hundred and fifty persons on board, including thirty dead ridden and a number of soldiers suffering from malaria. The lights were put out by the force of the explosion and the wounded and sick had to grope about in the dark for their clothing. Many had to leave the ship without clothing. While in the boats and on rafts they had little or no protection from the piercing cold wind. All, with the exception of 3 lascars, who were killed by the explosion, were safely rescued from the boats and rafts after being two hours adrift.

REPUBLIC OF THE DON'S REPORTED DECLARED

PETROGRAD, Jan. 12.—Reports from Rostov today say that the republic of the Don has been declared existent with General Kalaidines as President and Prime Minister. A number of Russian women have asked that a Woman's Battalion of Death be formed to fight in the French front, but the General said that wish could not be realized.

WASTAGE AMONG CANADIANS LAST TWO WEEKS 4,604

OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—A total wastage of 4,604 men for the last two weeks in the army, and a total enlistment in the army, navy, railway construction and forestry units of the C. E. F. of 1,840 men during the same period, is shown by figures issued from the Militia Department today. This means that the wastage in the Canadian Expeditionary Force for the latter half of December exceeded the voluntary enlistments by 2,764 men. Of the 1,840 recruits secured, 1,118 went to infantry units, 367 to artillery, 254 to railway and forestry battalions, and 101 to miscellaneous units. Recruits secured in Canada numbered 889 in the United States 842 and in England 909. During the half month period there were 1,929 casualties overseas, 460 men were discharged in Canada, 2,137 were returned to Canada for discharge, and 78 were discharged in England. It is estimated that 45 per cent of the total casualties will be fit for general service within six months.

RUSSIANS ARE ANXIOUS FOR ACTION

PARIS, Jan. 12.—The first battalion of the Russian Legion, composed of members of the Russian expeditionary force which held a sector on the front in Champagne until the time of the revolution has left for the trenches. It was formed as the result of an appeal by General Likhvitky, who commanded the Russian contingents in France. Further detachments will follow as soon as they have been organized. In a statement General Likhvitky today said he hoped to be able to recruit many more Russians and that there were numerous members of the original two brigades who were still in France and were desirous of joining the Legion "showing that all Russians should not be confounded with those who are serving the interests of Germany."

HE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TODAY IS THE 1261st DAY OF CANADA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE WAR.
TORONTO, Jan. 14.—Northwest winds, cold, with snow. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 35 degrees above. At 10 a. m. it was 35 degrees; at 5 p. m. it was 28 above. The lowest the previous night was 19 above. The tide will be high this afternoon at 12:51; it will be high tonight at 11:32, and tomorrow at 12:12. There was a new moon on Saturday, January 12th. The first quarter of the moon will be on Saturday, January 19th.

FOUR SOLDIERS ARRIVED SATURDAY FROM OVERSEAS

Three Had Seen Service in Historic Engagements and Bear the Scars of Battle.

Four more Island boys arrived Saturday night from England, three of them having seen active service and bearing the honorable scars of battle. The men were greeted on the arrival of the train from Port Borden by Major Fullerton and other members of the Patriotic Society, as well as the cheering populace which thronged the platform. Corporal Joseph Simmons, St. Peter's, Eastern Ontario Regiment.

Corporal Simmons volunteered for active service in Sept., 1914 and left Canada with Capt. James Walker, Lt. Martin, Lt. (now Major) Moffat, Capt. Duck, Sgt. Collett, Ptes. Chas. Duffy, Arthur Corney and some score more of the first infantrymen to leave the province for overseas. Corporal Simmons after training at Valcartier and Salisbury Plains was attached to the 12th Battalion and with that famous fighting force has been through the horrors and glory of St. Julien, Festubert, Givenchy, Westhoek, Sanctuary Wood, Vimy Ridge and Presnoy. He has been three wounded, receiving a minor wound at Westhoek, had the knuckle of his right hand shattered by shrapnel at Sanctuary Wood and his right foot injured by shrapnel at Presnoy.

Corporal Simmons is one of the real Island veterans and heroes of the war, and the people of St. Peter's and the Island generally should be proud of producing such a gallant fighter in the world conflict. Of the little band that left this province that day in September but a small handful now remain—and they are still fighting in France. The need of reinforcements at the front is so great that only once during the interval between the battles of St. Julien and Vimy Ridge were reinforcements sent forward to the 12th Battalion—this unit fighting at from 400 to 500 below strength, each man doing the work of two.

Gunner Cecil Stewart, Southport, 98th Siege Battery. Gunner Stewart enlisted in July, 1915 with the 2nd Siege Battery under Major Peake, (now the 98th) commanded by Major Prowse and has been through all the heavy fighting that has made such an enviable reputation for the 98th. Gunner Stewart left Saturday night for his home in Southport.

Pte. John McNulty, 13th Battalion. Private McNulty enlisted in the 105th Battalion but left that unit with the first draft and crossed to France with reinforcements for the hard fighting 13th Battalion. With this unit he fought in several important engagements and received a severe wound in the foot at Vimy Ridge.

Pte. McPhee, 166th, Campbell's Coye. Private MacPhee enlisted in the 105th early in 1916, crossed to England with that unit but has not been on active service in France. Four other Island boys were among the 48 Maritime Province men in the last transport which arrived at Halifax last week.

Pte. Heckbert arrived Friday night. Ptes. McKinnon, Thompson and Gallant, crossed Saturday night, but left for the Western end of the province on reaching Summerside. Pte. Doyle, has been detained at Halifax for further treatment.

LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH TO BE CIRCULATED

(Canadian Press Despatch)
LONDON, Jan. 12.—The national war aims committee have decided that the prime minister's war aims speech offers a fruitful field for educational propaganda and a pamphlet containing the full text of the speech and the messages in which President Wilson, Clemenceau and others endorsed it, is being prepared for distribution by the million. (This paragraph appears in the Times in connection with despatches relating to plans to circulate also Wilson's speech.)

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS IN CHAOTIC STATE

Germans Flatly Refuse to Transfer Conference to Stockholm and Negotiations are Off Again. Lenine Threatens War on Central Powers.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—With fighting still at a low ebb on all the battlefronts the chief political issue—the negotiations between the Central Powers and Russia—remains the absorbing point in interest in the surrounding these negotiations due to the fact that nothing but contradictory reports of the proceedings have come through for publication. That peace again has been discussed at Brest-Litovsk seems apparent, controverting the previous reports that the conference had been transferred to Stockholm. The latest advices are to the effect that the delegates of the Central Powers now have declared with reference to December 25 of "no forcible annexations or indemnities," which were the United States and other enemy parties participating in the peace negotiations. The refusal of these powers to be drawn into the Teutonic line of discussion is given as the reason for the Austro-German delegates' recanting.

But Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, told the Bolsheviki delegates that the door has not been closed to the Russians and that the situation now had resolved itself into a question of a separate peace between Russia and the Central Powers. The seeming ultimatum of the representatives of the enemy powers was taken under advisement and the conference was adjourned. Nikolai Lenine, the Bolsheviki Premier, apparently is maintaining his previous attitude of unwillingness to concede any points to the enemy and has reasserted the Bolsheviki position. He also has declared himself in favor of stopping demobilization and preparing for war. On the fighting fronts there is only slight activities, except by the artillery. Several trench raiding operations have been carried out on the western front by the French in the Argonne Forest and Vosges mountain sectors in which German prisoners were taken. Notwithstanding the deep snow on the Northern Italian front the Italian guns have been active near Casazucchurina, in the hill region, demolishing Austro-German trenches and forcing the enemy to evacuate them. The Italian machine-guns worked havoc among the enemy as they endeavored to retire.

CONDENSED SPECIALS

WILL THE PERSON WHO TOOK AN OVERCOAT FROM THE FRONT OF THE Farmers' Clothing Store please return to this office. 2139-1-12M31

BRIGHT BOY IS WANTED AT Guardian Office. 1841-12-23M11

WANTED A MAID IMMEDIATELY. Apply 225 Water St. 2135-12M31pd

WANTED—MAID FOR GENERAL work. Apply Morell 1141. 2098-1-10M31

FOR SALE HORSE, GOOD DRIVER, suitable for women and children. Apply Guardian. 2124-12M21pd

WANTED—A GIRL FOR GENERAL housework. Apply Mrs. P. O. Brown, 196 Richmond St. E. 2152-1-14M11

FOR SALE—MOTOR ENGINE 25 H. P. almost new. Apply William Haslam, 20 Elm Ave. 2155-1-14M31

GLADSTONE SLEIGH FOR SALE—Cheap. 24 Grafton street. 2065-1-11M1

THE STORY OF MARY JONES AND her Bible is at the Little Book Store. It's well worth reading. 2143-1-12M31

FOR SALE—20 H. P. BOILER AND 15 H. P. engine in good condition. Apply Artemas Batts, Cumberland. 2129-1-12M31pd

WANTED IN A SMALL FAMILY girl for general housework. Good wages. Apply Guardian. 2100-1-11M31

FOR SALE—30 TONS LOOSE 77-moist hay, 50 barrels good apple \$1.50 to \$3.00 per barrel. Apply to S. B. Gillespie, North Milton. 2134-1-12M31pd

WANTED TO PURCHASE A SHORE farm within easy reach of Charlottetown. Apply stating particulars to "Purchaser, Guardian Office." 2110M11

TEACHER WANTED FOR WEST Royalty School. Male preferred. Apply to Francis Croxson, St. R. R. No. 7, Charlottetown. 2096-1-10M31pd

LOST.—ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 5th, between Canadian Bank of Commerce and Longworth Ave., a ladies gold bracelet watch. Finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving at Guardian Office. 2142-1-12M31

POSITION WANTED AS FOREMAN on farm by married man with children. Can give first-class recommendations. Apply L. M. Auld, Mt. Stewart. 2139-1-12M31pd

TO LET—ROOM IN PRIVATE family with or without board. (gentleman preferred.) Apply at this office. 183-12-25M11

TEACHER WANTED FOR BROCKTON school, No. 157 to commence teaching Feb. 1st, 1918. Supplement \$20 per year. Apply to Leo McInnis, Sec. Treas., Brockton, P. E. Island. 2102-1-11M31

EARN \$5.00 A DAY. WE WANT AGENTS in every town and village to sell the forty page illustrated booklet "The Halifax Catastrophe" showing damage caused by the great explosion. You can earn at least \$5.00 a day. For particulars apply to H. H. Marshall, Ltd., Sole Distributors, 96 Granville Street, Halifax. 2149-1-14M31

FOR SALE, 15 BROOD SOWS AND PIGS, 6 cattle fattening but not ready, 1 draft brood mare with foal and other stock. I will be at farm of Island Stock Breeding Co., Frenchfort on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday forenoon, Jan. 15 and 16th to meet prospective purchasers. P. A. Parquharson. 2140-1-12M31 (11thM11)

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