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CANADIAN SOLDIERS' CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Eight Days Leave and Free Transportation Filled the Cities of England With Holidaying Soldiers Who are Being Lavishly Entertained Everywhere.

(Special to The Guardian) LONDON, Dec. 27.—Canadian soldiers have spread themselves over England's big cities and small hamlets for a holiday. Eight days leave with free railway warrant was freely granted from the camps. London is especially crowded and lavish hospitality is provided for overseas troops. The biggest entertainment was at Albert Hall where 2,000 Dominion officers enjoyed a variety of entertainments by leading stars followed by tea and dance, the whole cost being defrayed by lady supporters of the British Seamen's Association which already has done so much to make the stay of the overseas officers in London a happy one. A bountiful Christmas dinner was provided by every overseas club in London and free conveyance was provided subsequently to Albert Hall at the Canadian Beaver Hut in the Strand where many hundreds of Canadians nightly find lodgings. Singing awoke the inmates and Santa Claus brought each man a souvenir card.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR WAR AND ITS CONDUCT

Commissionary of the People in Germany Places Responsibility for the War Categorically on Kaiser and Crown Prince, Ludendorf and Turpitz, the Krupps and Pan Germans.

(Special to The Guardian) PARIS, Dec. 27.—Responsibility for the war and its prolongations is ascribed by Mr. Kaubky, Commissary of the people at the German Foreign Office, to the following in order: First the German Emperor and the Crown Prince; second, General Ludendorf and Admiral Von Tirpitz; third, the great industrial concerns; and fourth, the pan-Germans. This view of Mr. Kaubky, who is examining documents in the archives of the foreign Minister, was given to a correspondent of the Petit de Parisienne in an interview. The official documents so far as examined, Kaubky said, prove the truth of statements made by Dr. Meulhon, director of Krupp factories and by Prince Lichnowski, German ambassador to England at the outbreak of the war, both of whom have laid the war at Germany's door. The first part of the documents relating to the cause of the war will be made public within a month, Kaubky said, and at the same time the Austrian Government will publish some of the documents found in the archives of the Ballplatz.

Battalion of Infantry Guarding Allied Prisoners

(Special to The Guardian) ZURICH, Dec. 27.—A battalion of infantry have occupied Munsheim by order of Marshal Foch in order to watch the prison camps near where 10,000 Allied prisoners are waiting liberation, according to a despatch. The paper adds that this step was taken because of alleged cruelty to the prisoners several of whom were murdered.

PERSONNEL OF THE PEACE CONFERENCE

The Great Powers Will be Represented by Five Delegates Each, the Others Ranging from One to Four According to Interest Involved. Britain's Delegates Named.

(Special to The Guardian) PARIS, Dec. 27.—The personnel of the peace congress is gradually taking form. A number of the main details of the composition of the congress are now fairly well settled as a result of recent conferences. These indicate that the total membership of the congress will be between 100 and 120. There will be 27 countries represented by delegates including those which desired war and a number which have come into existence as a result of the war. The great powers, notably Great Britain, France and the United States and Italy, each have allotted five delegates while the other delegations will vary from one to four members, according to the size of the country and the interest involved. Great Britain's representatives are David Lloyd George, Prime Minister; Arthur Balfour, Foreign Secretary; Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer and George Nicoll Barnes, Labor member of the Cabinet and one other delegate who has not yet been designated. J. G. Smuts and Gen. Botha representing South Africa, are expected to accompany the British delegates in which probably also will be representatives of Canada, Australia and India.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S FIRST GREAT MOMENT

When He Stood With King and Queen and Mrs. Wilson on Balcony of Buckingham Palace Facing Throng of 200,000 People.

(Special to The Guardian) LONDON, Dec. 27.—The great moment of President Wilson's first day in England was when he stood with the King and Queen and Mrs. Wilson on the balcony of Buckingham Palace today facing a multitude which stretched from the hall to the admiralty half a mile distant and overflowed St. James Park on one side and Green Park on the other. It is estimated that 200,000 people crowded the two miles of streets which the late procession passed.

GERMAN PROFITEERS LOOTING THE COUNTRY

Using Aeroplanes in Carrying Securities of Enormous Value from Germany to Switzerland.

(Special to The Guardian) MUNICH, Dec. 27.—The Munich Post prints a startling charge that German war profiteers, unable otherwise to get their booty out of the country, have resorted to the use of airships. According to the newspaper several aeroplanes have taken securities of enormous value from Frankfurt to Switzerland the Post urges the Government to secure the capital while it is available especially in the banks.

Interned Enemy Aliens Will be Deported

(Special to The Guardian) OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—While no official action has been taken it seems likely that the interned alien enemies in internment camps will be deported. This seems to be the feeling in government circles. There are some 3,000 aliens in the various camps, chiefly Germans. There are considerable Austrians with a sprinkling of Bulgars and Turks but few of those now interned are men who were regarded as dangerous and strongly pro-German. Many Austrians who were interned and were willing to obey Canadian laws and showed no pro-German sympathies were released early in the war when there was a big demand for labor.

SPECIFICATION FOR LEAGUE OF NATIONS

International Organization Formed to Secure Uniformity Among Nations as to Terms to be Agreed Upon.

(Special to The Guardian) PARIS, Dec. 26.—A international organization has been formed to secure uniformity of principles respecting a league of nations for presentation at the peace conference. This act ion follows Premier Clemenceau's recent suggestion to Leln Bourgeois and Baron Destourmelles De Constant that the advocates of a league of nations should reconcile their differences and present a common front before the peace congress.

PREMIER CALLS ON PRESIDENT

(Special to The Guardian) LONDON, Dec. 27.—Premier Lloyd George, accompanied by Sir Maurice Hankey, Secretary of the Committee on Imperial Defence arrived at Buckingham Palace at 10.30 o'clock this morning for a conference with President Wilson. The day was dark and rainy but a crowd had arrived before the Premier made his appearance.

Unconfirmed Report of Kaiser's Assassination

(Special to The Guardian) PARIS, Dec. 27.—Rumours that the former Emperor of Germany has been assassinated are current in Paris. There is not the slightest confirmation of the report up to the present.

Increased Pay For Northwest Mounted Police

(Special to The Guardian) OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—Sanction was today given to an order increasing the pay of non commissioned officers and men of the north west Mounted Police by fifty cents per day. The order comes into effect for unmarried members of the force on Jan. 1st 1919; for married members on the termination of the separation allowances.

Admiral Jellicoe's Visit Expected in Summer

(Special to The Guardian) OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—As it is not expected that Admiral Jellicoe will reach Canada until the spring is well advanced it is not believed that naval matters will occupy much of the attention of the Parliament which opens in the second week of February. The advice of Admiral Jellicoe will not touch matters of policy, it is understood, the policy having already been determined of each Dominion building and operating its own navy in close co-operation with the British navy or possibly under a general board representing the whole Empire.

PRESIDENT'S FIRST WORDS IN ENGLAND

(Special to The Guardian) LONDON, Dec. 27.—"Nothing brings men together like a common understanding and a common purpose" were the first words of the President of the United States on setting foot on the soil of the British Isles where he was greeted by King George, Premier David Lloyd George, and representatives of the overseas Dominions of the Empire.

FRANCE'S LOSSES IN THE WAR

(Special to The Guardian) PARIS, Dec. 27.—M. Abrax Under Secretary of State announced that France's loss in officers and men killed up to November 1st aggregated 1,070,300, divided as follows: officers 31,000 and men 1,039,300

Interprovincial Trade In Wines Not Cancelled

(Special to The Guardian) OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—There is no foundation in the rumor that the federal government intends cancelling the prohibition on inter provincial trade in light wines. Hon. N. W. Rowell, president of the Privy Council, stated tonight that in order to do this it would be necessary to cancel a portion of the Order-in-Council dealing with the manufacture and sale of such liquors and no action, in this direction had been taken.

Bo'sheviki Arrest American Consul

(Special to The Guardian) LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Bolsheviki have arrested American Consul Treadwell at Tashkent, Russian Turkestan, according to a wireless message received at Odessa on Friday. It was reported in Paris on December 23 that Premier Romanones planned to return to Paris in the near future to confer with representatives over questions vitally concerning Spain in connection with the Status of Gibraltar. It was declared in some quarters that the Spanish Premier contemplated raising the question of its return to Spain, that country expressing willingness if necessary to concede Ceuta on the Moroccan side of the strait to Great Britain in exchange for Gibraltar, holding that possession of Ceuta by the British would afford equal strategic advantage in modern warfare.

Work On Welland Canal To Be Continued

(Special to The Guardian) OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—Work on the Welland Canal is to be continued for the time being on a cost plus basis. The basis is fixed at cost, plus B per cent on the four sections of the canal. Expenditure during 1919 on which percentage will be paid will not exceed \$2,000,000. The Minister of Railways and Canals has been authorized to call for public tenders before the end of 1919, if he considers such a course advisable in the public interest.

No Canadian Mail Yet at Vladivostok

(Special to The Guardian) VLADIVOSTOCK, Dec. 27.—Owing to the policy of sending military mail to Siberia on Canadian transports, the Canadian troops in Siberia are without Christmas letters or parcels and the transport is not expected before the holiday is over. The only mail received as yet came on the Montague on December 5. The last vessel from Japan brought civilian mails but no military mails. British patriotic societies are providing Xmas puddings for the Canadians in place of their own supplies which have not yet arrived. The mail question has been taken up with Ottawa.

Speculating On Probable Peace Terms

(Special to The Guardian) PARIS, Dec. 27.—The cession of Spanish Morocco to France in exchange for a cash consideration of one billion francs, the return of Gibraltar to Spain by Great Britain and the abandonment of Ceuta, Morocco, to Great Britain by Spain are being openly discussed. It is certain that the Spanish Premier, Court Romanones, recently during his visit to Paris, made such a proposition to President Wilson and M. Clemenceau, the French Premier. While officials have declined either to confirm or deny this report the question was freely discussed in the corridors and in the chambers today. There has also been a renewal of the talk of the building of a tunnel across the strait of Gibraltar and making a direct air line connection between Africa and France which might be extended to England if the English Channel were tunneled.

Labour Unionists Want Shorter Hours

(Special to The Guardian) LONDON, Dec. 24.—Labour Unionists throughout the United Kingdom are agitating for a forty four hour work week. This would mean eight hours a day on five days of the week and four hours on Saturday.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, Dec. 28.—Fair and cold. The tide will be high this morning at 6.58, tomorrow at 8.02 and Monday at 8.56; tonight at 7.20, tomorrow at 7.06 and Monday 7.54. Sun sets this afternoon at 4.48, tomorrow at 4.49 and Monday 4.50; rises tomorrow, Monday and Tuesday morning at 7.51. Moon rises tomorrow morning at 4.29 and Monday at 5.28. Last quarter of moon Wednesday, Dec. 26th at 1.21 a. m. New moon Thursday, January 2nd. Length of today eight hours and 57 minutes and tomorrow eight hours 58 minutes. 3189-12-28M1pd. minutes.

2,000 Soldiers Leave B.C. For Siberia

(Special to The Guardian) VICTORIA, Dec. 27.—Two thousand men under command of Brig. Gen. Blackford left here today for Siberia on board the S. S. Protestant.

Home From The War

Gunner John Matheson, son of the late Mr. Roderick Matheson, of Charlottetown, arrived home from overseas on Thursday night. He left here with No. 2 Siege Battery and was transferred to the 7th. He spent 27 months in France where he took part in much heavy fighting and was wounded in the arm. Pte. C. F. Hughes, son of Mrs. James Hughes, St. Mary's Road, also arrived home. He spent three years in the fighting zone with the 4th C. M. R. and was wounded at Passchendaele and Vimy Ridge. Another Island soldier who returned was Gunner T. W. Glover, son of Mr. David Glover, White Sands. He fought for 28 months in France at various places with the 2nd Siege Battery, until he was wounded on the head by shrapnel at Cambrai, September 10th, 1918.

REMEMBER

THAT at no time is there more needed the generosity of a grateful people. THAT returned soldiers wives and dependents need additional assistance in times when the necessities of life are costly, and employment at this season unobtainable. THAT in giving to those who gave "more than their all" we but pay in part a debt, we can never repay in full. AND let our "Light so shine" on the 6th to the 13th January that all the people shall "See the good works" that we have done.

THE RENA MCGLEAN HOSPITAL MEMORIAL

Miss Annie I. Stewart, Philadelphia, Pa. 10.00 Major C. L. McKay 5.00 W. M. Lea, M. P. P. 10.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

A Meeting of Progress Egg Circle will be held in New London Hall on Dec. 30 at 7.30 to pay capital certificates. 3189-12-28M1pd. minutes.

CONDENSED SPECIALS

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