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PREPARING PUBLIC FOR BIG OFFENSIVE

Probability of Big German Offensive at an Early Date is Inferred from the Number of Troops Being Withdrawn from Eastern Front and Public Warned to be Prepared

(Canadian Press Despatch)
LONDON, Jan. 2.—The probability of the Germans now taking a vigorous offensive attitude on the Western Front was pointed out by Major General P. B. Maurice, Chief Director of Military Preparations, at the War Office, in his weekly talk to the Associated Press today. There were two factors that contributed to this probability, the General said, the first being the steady flow of German reinforcements from the Eastern front, and the second the fact that the American forces were not yet ready to take any considerable part in the offensive operations. The public should be prepared, General Maurice said, for some losses of both ground and men if the Germans attempt really determined offensive operations. They would not, however, be able to inflict any such losses on the allies as the latter had inflicted on the Germans during the past year, he declared.

CONSTANT SUPPLY OF AMERICAN TROOPS

Recommended by Inter Allied Conference at Which System of Allied Co-operation was Formally Agreed Upon.

(Canadian Press Despatch)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Constant and speedy dispatch of American troops to the European battle-front is the principal recommendation made to the government by the American delegates who recently returned from the Inter-Allied War Council at Paris. Speeding up of the merchant ship-building programme and closer co-operation with the co-belligerents are the other principal recommendations. This was disclosed today by the State Department, which made public a summary of the result of the conference. A definite plan was formed for more active utilization of American naval forces and an agreement was made with the British Admiralty to effect certain plans for anti-submarine warfare. The contribution of the United States to a pooling of war resources was agreed upon. The arrangement

RIGID INSPECTION TO ENFORCE ORDERS CONCERNING FOODS

Sharp Restrictions are to be Made Regarding Use of Sugar in the Manufacture of Candy. May be Conscription of Men to Work on the Farms—Whole Country to be Placed on War Footing.

OTTAWA, Jan. 1.—Canada will soon be placed upon war rations. Realizing that the world is confronted with the spectre of famine, that the visible food supply falls far short of the amount required for consumption and that the question of conservation of our resources is vital to Allied success, the Government has under consideration food regulations more drastic than anything ever even dreamed of since the beginning of the war. Order-in-Council prohibiting importation into Canada of intoxicating liquors was only the first skirmish in a general war that is to be waged against extravagant and luxurious living.

The precise character of the regulations that are to follow are not yet decided upon, but from an unofficial, though thoroughly reliable source, it is learned that some of the steps contemplated are: (1) Rationing of all hotels, restaurants and other public eating places. (2) Rigid Government inspection to enforce all food regulations. (3) An increase in the number of meatless days, with sharp enforcement of the regulation. (4) Licensing of the sale of certain articles of food. (5) Restrictions upon the quantity of certain articles of food that may be retailed to private customers. (6) Prohibition of the importation into Canada of food luxuries. (7) Sharp restrictions in the use of sugar in the manufacture of candy.

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JOINT CONFERENCE BETWEEN U.S. AND CANADA ON FISHERIES QUESTION

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OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—A joint conference to consider outstanding fisheries questions between Canada and the United States will be held at Washington beginning with the opening of the second week of the present month. The Canadian representatives at the conference will be Chief Justice J. D. Hazen, ex-Minister of the Naval Department of which the fisheries branch is a part; G. J. Desbarrats, C.M.G., Deputy Minister of the Department and Mr. W. A. Found, Superintendent of Fisheries.

(Canadian Press Despatch)
QUEBEC, Jan. 2.—The Ross rifle factory will re-open next Wednesday morning when employment will be given to about 250 men. The Mark 3 military rifle will be manufactured and it is expected that when the factory is working full capacity 150 rifles will be turned out daily.

CHIEF SCOUT MASTER'S MESSAGE TO SCOUTS

The following telegram was received by Mr. D. A. MacKinnon, K. C., from His Grace the Duke of Devonshire. "I desire to extend all my congratulations to you and your fellow Scout Masters and other officers who are working so hard for the benefit of our youth during the past year and I hope they will accept my warmest good wishes for the New Year. All Scouts will, I am confident, do their utmost to assist the common cause in every direction and especially in regard to the vital needs of increased conservation and production of food and other necessities. A suitable response was sent and it is hoped the Boy Scouts throughout the Province will do their part during the year."

KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOUR LIST

Professor Andrew Macphail of P. E. I. Knighted. Other Canadians Honoured.

Among the King's New Years honours, a partial list of which has been cabled to Canada, the Guardian readers will be glad to find the name of Dr. Andrew Macphail, now Sir Andrew Macphail, who has been knighted for services rendered at the front where he spent two and a half years with the Canadian Army in charge of technical medical equipment and supplies. Sir Andrew Macphail is a native of Orwell, this province, where he was born November 24, 1864. He was educated at McGill University and for some time past has been Professor of Medical History in that Institution. He is editor of the University Magazine, the leading literary publication in Canada. Shortly after the outbreak of the war he volunteered his services in the Canadian Army Medical Corps and has since then been continuously in service until his recent return to Canada on which occasion he visited his native province and delivered several addresses. He has for several years been an outstanding figure in the literary life of Canada, having published some volumes of essays besides numerous contributions to magazines, especially to the University Magazine of which he is still the editor.

To Sir Andrew the Guardian tendered hearty congratulations on his well merited honours. The honour of Knighthood has fallen but on few Prince Edward Islanders, three others having been honoured, in civil life, namely the late Sir Robert Hodson, Sir Louis H. Davis, Ottawa and Sir Wilfrid W. Sullivan, ex-Chief Justice of Prince Edward Island. Sir Andrew Macphail is the first to win the distinction in connection with the war.

Other Canadian names in the King's New Year Honour List are Major General Donald Alexander Macdonald and Admiral Kingsmill, Ottawa, and Mr. William Gage of Toronto. Three Canadian Major Generals are mentioned, Brigadier Commander of the Bath, one Brigadier Major, Gen. David Watson, of the Quebec Chronicle, is given this honour in a single step from Commander-in-Chief, while the other two are Major General Sir Arthur Currie, Vancouver, and Major General Sir Richard Turner, V. C., Quebec. Five other Canadians, Major General Herbert Ungeke, Philip Twining, William Heneker, Louis Lipsett and E. W. B. Morrison are made Commanders of the Bath. The first three named are in the Imperial Service.

Temporary Withdrawal of Car Ferry

On New Year's Day Capt. Read of the Car Ferry, received instructions to proceed to Cape Chat, in the lower St. Lawrence to relieve five lake steamers which had been caught in the ice on their way to the Atlantic. Capt. Read immediately had the necessary coal for the voyage put on board about 500 tons, and after crossing to Port Borden, where she discharged her mails, freight and passengers, the steamer proceeded to Charlottetown for water and supplies, arriving here on board yesterday. She took on board besides the necessary supplies, eight cars of freight, outgoing mails and a hundred passengers. The Car Ferry left about 8:30 last night for Cape Tormentine whence, after discharging, she will leave for Cape Chat, a distance of about 300 miles. During the absence of the Car Ferry connection with the Stanley Island will be maintained by the Mainland between Pictou and Georgetown and she leaves Pictou this morning at 7 o'clock for Georgetown and will keep up the service there until the Car Ferry returns.

The taking away of the Car ferry at present is especially unfortunate, and will add considerably to the ordinary difficulties of winter navigation which already this season has been somewhat broken. On learning of the order, Mayor Brown and President Hillson of the Board of Trade were forwarded to the Minister of Railways pointing out to him the serious inconvenience that would be occasioned to this province by the withdrawal of the Car ferry and urged that she be not taken away. No doubt the imperative need of getting the detained steamers to the Atlantic would be considered by the Minister, while the Island service has been at least partially provided for by placing the Stanley in the service. The Stanley was when the order came, loading a cargo at Pictou for Magdalen Islands. This trip owing to the pressing needs of Prince Edward Island has been cancelled until the return of the Car Ferry. Premier Arsenault received a telegram from the Minister last night pointing out that in view of the imminent danger to the lives on board the ice-bound steamers and the fact that the Car Ferry was the only ice-breaker available he felt that he was justified under the circumstances in sending the Car Ferry to the rescue. Another telegram was sent informing the Minister that at the time of sending the joint telegram no information was available from the Railway Department as to the danger to the lives on board but pointing out at the same time the serious conditions that the Car Ferry would have to encounter and the serious result to this province should she not be able to return.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS ARE BROKEN OFF

Bolsheviki Refuse to Agree to Germany's Proposal to Retain Garrisons at Points Undesirable to Russia. Germans will Make New Declaration Shortly.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk have been broken off by the Bolshevik Government owing to the German attitude in regard to Poland and Lithuania, and the enemy's proposal that garrisons be retained at Lihau, Riga and elsewhere, according to a telegram from a Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News.

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HARKINS PLAYERS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

An Unexpected Pleasure Given Citizens in Two Excellent Performances by Harkins Players Who Had Been Detained by Storm

It has been well said that "it is an ill wind that blows nobody any good." The ill wind and storm that prevented the W. S. Harkins Company from leaving Charlottetown on Monday as they had arranged, gave citizens the pleasure of witnessing two splendid performances on New Year's day, a pleasure all the greater because unexpected. In the afternoon "Rolling Stones" was put on and although a short notice to a packed house, this excellent comedy was carried through to the delight of the large audience who were not backward in showing their appreciation. The real treat was reserved for the evening when "Peg O' My Heart" was produced by Miss Dorothy Chesmond and Mr. Joseph Newman as Christian Bert, Mr. Clay Cody as Alric

FOOD RESTRICTIONS IN FRENCH CITIES

(Canadian Press Despatch)
PARIS, Jan. 2.—Three drastic measures for the conservation of food and other supplies have been decided upon by the Minister of Provisions, Victor Boret. All shops of confectioners and pastry cooks are to be closed, restrictions will be placed on restaurants, which charge high prices to prevent them from cutting the more popular establishments in purchasing supplies, and the private use of automobiles will be prohibited. Measures will be put into effect as soon as the Senate Pass a bill already voted by the Chamber of Commerce which confers upon the Minister power to enforce his decrees by the infliction of penalties.

RUSSIAN MYSTERY SHIP BELIEVED HARMLESS

(Canadian Press Despatch)
A PACIFIC PORT, Jan. 2.—While the Russian steamer Shilka, regarded as a "mystery ship" for some time after her arrival here from Vladivostok, under Bolshevik control, is still closely guarded by police and Federal officers, the sailors are now allowed the freedom of the city. Government officials, it was said today, have decided there is no reason for detaining the steamer and she is now taking a cargo of pig iron for the return voyage. When the Shilka arrived here last month it was reported that she had brought \$100,000 in gold for the defence of the Industrial Workers of the World now awaiting trial at Chicago and for a time it was thought she might be interned. Sailors of the Shilka's crew have been buying merchandise heavily for sale on their own account when they reach Vladivostok. One sailor purchased twenty pairs of women's shoes, retelling for \$10. He said they would sell in Russia for \$20 a pair.

SUSPECTS ON TRIAL IN NORFOLK, VA.

(Canadian Press Despatch)
NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 2.—Twenty-five suspects were on the grill today in the investigation of the mysterious series of fires which yesterday did \$2,000,000 damage in Norfolk, and lesser damage in Newport News and Portsmouth nearby, two women are among the detained.

FORT AT KRONSTADT BLOWN UP

(Canadian Press Despatch)
LONDON, Jan. 1.—One of the forts at Kronstadt, the naval base near Petrograd, has been blown up by an extremely violent explosion according to a Petrograd despatch to the Times. There are no details.

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THE WEATHER. TEMPERATURE TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TODAY IS THE 125th DAY OF CANADA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE WAR.

TORONTO, Jan. 3.—Fresh northerly winds; fair and continued low temperature.

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 2 degrees above, at 10 a. m. it was 4 at 9 p. m. it was 8 below. The lowest the previous night was 2 below.

The tide will be high this afternoon at 2:50 and tomorrow at 3:24; it will be high tomorrow morning at 2:43 and Saturday at 3:32.

There was a full moon on Friday Dec. 28th at 4:52 a. m.

The last quarter of the moon will be on Saturday, January 5th.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diptheria.

Allocation of Military Votes

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—Allocation of military votes east in England and on the continent of Europe opened today. In the case of polls held in France and Belgium, the votes were allocated to the various constituencies and counted in Paris. Those east in Great Britain are allocated and counted in London. It is not expected that the result will be known before the end of the month. Allocation and counting of military and naval votes east in North America opens in Ottawa early next week.

Minard's Liniment cures Neuralgia.

Sending Help To Hungry Armenians

(Canadian Press Despatch)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—Help to the Armenian and Syrian people, many of whom have died for want of food and clothing, will be given in Seventh Day Adventist churches throughout the United States and Canada in a special offering Saturday, January 12. The Foreign Mission Board of the Church has issued an urgent appeal from its headquarters at Takoma Park, Md., saying a terrible toll of death has come to those Nationalities from starvation.

CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR MONACO

MONTE CARLO, Jan. 2.—Prince Albert of Monaco on New Year's Day promulgated a decree restoring the constitution of the principality which had been suspended since the outbreak of the war. By the new constitution is enlarged and extended in a much more liberal sense, the Prince in this way limiting his own powers. Prince Albert from the time he succeeded his father Prince Charles III, in 1884, until January 7, 1911, was absolute ruler of the principality of Monaco on the Mediterranean. In 1911, a constitution was promulgated which provided for a National Council elected by Universal Suffrage.

ITALIANS AGAIN DRIVES BACK THE HUNS

ROME, Jan. 2.—Another attempt to cross the Piave River has been defeated by the Italians. The War Office announces, half a score of vessels loaded with enemy troops were dispersed at Intestudero when the crossing was attempted.

IRISH WANT TO JOIN AMERICAN REGIMENTS

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Dublin correspondent of the Times is informed that a number of young men from the Midlands and west of Ireland have applied for passports to enable them to travel to the United States to join Irish regiments of the American army. So far they have been unable to induce the authorities to grant them permits to travel.

CUTTING SHADE TREES TO KEEP FIRES GOING

LONDON, Ont., Jan. 2.—Dealers in London and throughout the district are swamped with orders for coal. In an effort to keep everybody warm that a number of men are refusing to sell more than a small quantity to anybody. The shortage is acute, and in some of the district towns surplus shade trees will be cut down to help out the fuel supply.

CONDENSED SPECIALS

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WANTED OFFICE BOY. APPLY Guardian Office. 1515-12-41f.

WANTED—AT ONCE A GIRL AT Dunn's Hotel. Good wages. 1979-13-3M31pd.

WANTED—AT ONCE TWO MAIDS. Apply 181 Prince St. 1946-12-31M31pd.

LOST A LADY'S FURLINED glove at the Arena last Thursday night. Finder please leave at 129 Prince St. 1888-13M21pd.

FOR SALE—YOUNG NEWLY CALVED cow, Gurnsey Grade. Apply to Henry Hurry, Central Realty. 1985-13-3M31pd.

COLLEGE STUDENTS WISHING board and room in private family can apply 92 Weymouth St. 1975-13M21pd.

LOST—DEC. 18, BETWEEN CORNWALL and North River a watch. Finder notify S. H. Colwell, New Haven. 1940pd.

AN EXPERIENCED HOUSEMAID wants work in a small family. Must have good wages. Apply "K" c/o Guardian Office. 1962-12-31M31pd.

LOST TWO OR THREE WEEKS ago sable muff in this city. Finder please leave at Coffin & Co and receive reward. 1959-12-31M31pd.

TEACHER WANTED FOR WEST Royalty School. Male preferred. Apply to Francis Chown, Sec. R. R., No. 7, Charlottetown. 1959-12-29M6f.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diptheria.