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## INDIAN LOYALTY FITTINGLY EXPRESSED

### Ten Thousand Delegates Attend Annual Meeting of National Congress. Keynote of Speeches was that Millions in India are Waiting to Serve the Empire.

BOMBAY, Dec. 29.—Ten thousand delegates, representing all communities, were present to-day at the opening of the annual meeting of the Indian National Congress, which was notable for the loyal and patriotic utterances of the speakers.

"Millions in India are waiting to serve," was the keynote of opening speeches. In the presidential address, Sir Satyendra Bhaha said the supreme feeling in India was "admiration for the self-imposed burden Britain was bearing in the struggle for liberty and freedom, and pride that India had

## SEVERE WINTER WEATHER HINDERS WAR OPERATIONS

### In Western Theatre Allies Sufficiently Supplied with Men and Munitions to Break Through German Lines and are Waiting only for Favorable Weather. French have Made Gains in Vosges. In Russia Winter Very Severe and Hostilities Practically Ceased. Political Atmosphere in England Clearing. No Probability of Attack on Saloniki.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Despatches from both East and West express the belief that winter weather will likely prove a most severe obstacle to war operations on the principle fronts during the next few days.

A Reuters correspondent at Western Headquarters, after remarking that British Staff were confident that the Allies are now so strong in men and munitions that they can break through the German lines whenever the right time comes, declares that the weather is the chief reason for postponing a big movement and adds: "Such a movement needs careful planning and extreme caution," rolling-up tactics always involve the responsibility of counter-attacks, which may end by rolling-up the aggressor. With most of the country in a porous and mushy condition it is impossible to effect essential quick movements of artillery without which a big offensive would be foredoomed to failure. The Allied troops would probably have little trouble in occupying a great part of the German front trenches forthwith because the enemy holds these lightly. But then with ranges registered nicely

## CONSCRIPTION IN A MODIFIED FORM

### While British Cabinet is not Unanimous Many Anti-Conscriptionists have Consented to Modified Application of Force. Premier will Make Statement Next Week

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Yesterday's Cabinet meeting, although it failed to secure an agreement of all the ministers upon the vexed question of the voluntary system versus conscription, was of a very critical and decisive character, and virtually reached the decision that the application of force may become necessary before all eligible single men are effectually brought to the colours.

Therefore it was resolved that at the earliest opportunity a bill should be introduced in Parliament in order that the Government might have the necessary power, should it be found that no other course was effective to this end.

Premier Asquith is expected to make a statement on the whole question in the House of Commons on Wednesday or Thursday and announce the speedy introduction of a bill of a permissive character, making service in the army obligatory

## FORD PEACE PARTY PRACTICING AT STOCKHOLM WITHOUT FORD

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 28.—The peace meeting held last night under the auspices of the Ford peace expedition is characterized here as the most enthusiastic demonstration for peace Europe has seen since the war began. Nearly a thousand citizens attended. Every mention of an early end to the war provoked prolonged applause.

When Louis Lochner, secretary of the expedition, announced that the executive committee had secret information that certain ones of the belligerent nations were willing to nego-

## GERMAN ARMY AGAINST EGYPT MAY BE 500,000 MEN

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Telegrams from Bucharest declare that Field Marshal Von Mackensen is directing preparations for a powerful expedition against Egypt, says a Havas despatch from Rome.

Advices to the Messagero from the Roumanian capital, it is added, are that a number of trains loaded with munitions have been sent to Turkey, including one train of twenty-five flat cars laden with the parts of two sixteen-inch mortars and shells for the use of the guns, the shipment being destined for use in the Egyptian campaign.

Reports that Germany is preparing to move against the Suez Canal and Egypt with a mixed force, Turks, Germans and Austrians, are current in Paris. Some of the reports go into various details, it being said, for instance, that the army is likely to consist of from 500,000 to 800,000 men, and that a four track railway is being built across the half desert region towards Suez.

## GERMAN CHANCELLOR WILL SUBMIT TERMS FOR PEACE TO ALLIES

GENEVA, Dec. 29.—A despatch to the Tribune from Vienna says: "Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg is expected in Vienna shortly with the full conditions under which the Central Powers will accept peace. After discussing the terms with Baron Von Burian, the Austrian Foreign Minister, the conditions will be officially communicated to the Allies, Germany suggesting that the first conference be held at The Hague."

## AUSTRIA WILL NOT MEET U.S. DEMAND

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Austria, according to unofficial information received in authoritative quarters here to-day, will not meet the demands of the United States in her forthcoming reply to the Ancona note and Teutonic diplomatic circles are reported as being prepared for a severance of diplomatic relations.

Although the State Department so far has received from Ambassador Penfield at Vienna no forecast of the reply, it was understood that, unless some excellent reason for continuing diplomatic correspondence on the subject was presented, no course seems to remain but to break off relations.

## THE FRENCHMAN WHO SAYS A WORD OF PEACE IS CONSIDERED A BAD CITIZEN

PARIS, Dec. 29.—"Eighteen months ago France wanted peace. Today she wants war most energetically, and to that end will use all her resources," said General Gallieni, the minister of war, in asking the senate to-day to approve the action of the chamber of deputies in giving him the 1917 class of recruits for January five. General Gallieni's remarks were greeted with prolonged applause.

"Whoever says a word of peace in the streets is considered a bad citizen," continued the minister of war. "Mothers are not mourning for lost sons; they want them to be avenged. The 1917 class will leave with the assent of the nation. It demands that

## British Killed Two Hundred Tribesmen

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A despatch to Reuters Telegram Company from Cairo says: "It is announced that the operations Christmas Day on the western Egyptian front were completely successful. An enemy tribesman force 3,000 strong was driven back, leaving 200 dead on the field. Effective support was given the British force by the gunfire from ships."

## DAY OF INTERCESSION

The Archbishop of Nova Scotia has issued the following letter with reference to the Day of Intercession.

My Dear Brothers,

The Archbishops in England have appointed the first Sunday in the New Year as a Day of Intercession in connection with the war. They propose that the opening of the year shall be "set apart in our Churches for solemn intercession to Almighty God and for thankful recognition for the devotion which has been forthcoming in the manhood and womanhood of our country."

They further propose "with a view to a really thoughtful use of so solemn a season that, whenever possible, the observance should begin on the two preceding days; that Friday, December 31st, should be kept as a day of self-denial and of penitence for the manifold sins and shortcomings whereof we are conscious as a people, and that on Saturday (New Year's Day, at such times as may be most convenient, services should be held and opportunity given for quiet preparation for the Holy Communion and other services for the Sunday thus specially appointed."

The Primate of all Canada has written to me in reference to this, in order that the Church in Canada may "follow profoundly important matter."

I hope that all the Diocese of Nova Scotia will enter into the spirit of the above and follow the suggestions of the Primate.

In compliance with this order, the services in St. Peter's Cathedral will be as follows:

Friday the day of fasting and humiliation. Holy Communion, 7:45; Matins and Litany, 8:15; Special Service of Intercession 5 p. m. in the Chapel Penitential Service, 7:30 p. m. Saturday (Feast of the Circumcision) and Communion 8 a. m., Matins, 8:30; Evening Intercessions 5 p. m.

Sunday Holy Communion, 8 and 11 a. m. Evening and Intercessory Service 7 p. m.

## NINE ENEMY SUBMARINES SUNK IN MEDITERRANEAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A despatch today from Paris to a news agency here says nine German and Austrian submarines have been sunk or captured to the Mediterranean Sea, according to the Figaro.

"When official reports are compiled it is believed these figures will be exceeded," the paper says.

The British official communication issued Monday said that on December 25 the principal Arab forces near Mers Matruh (Materuh) was attacked and dispersed with trifling loss to the British troops.

## THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL GIVES THE LIE DIRECT TO CAPTAIN BOY-ED

PROVIDENCE, R. I., December 28.—The Providence Journal to-day sent a long wireless dispatch to Captain Karl Boy-Ed, on the steamship Rotterdam.

"Your farewell statement to the American people, insofar as it relates to the Providence Journal," the message "is a willful and deliberate falsehood. Has the Providence Journal created a hysterical suspicion concerning the murdering of American workmen, or the daily plots against the peace and safety of this government and its citizens, almost all of which acts have been fathered and financed from your own office? Every word of what the Journal has published with regard to your personal connection with these plots has been true, and nobody knows it better than yourself."

The message reverts to its charges that Captain Boy-Ed wrote the warning to American citizens not to take passage on the Lusitania the attempt he made to embroil the United States with Great Britain with false affidavits regarding shipments of supplies to neutral vessels, and to the so-called "Huerta plot." The newspaper declares also that an attempt was made to "bribe it into silence," by "the offer of a large sum of money for the information of a press bureau."

"You well know the reason why the United States refused to permit you to remain any longer in this country. These reasons were raised on "hysterical rumors" printed by the Providence Journal.

"Your attempt this morning to make the American people believe such a ridiculous falsehood is your farewell suit to a government and press that have treated you with unexampled patience in the face of evidence, which had it not been for the protection given you by your official standing, would have long ago placed you behind the bars."

## THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, Dec. 30.—Maritime strong Northeasterly or Northerly winds cold local snow at first.

THE WEATHER yesterday was clear and cool.

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 32 degrees above zero at nine o'clock yesterday morning it registered 22 degrees above zero; at nine last night 23 degrees above; the coldest the previous night was 22 degrees above zero.

The tide will be high this afternoon at 4:27 and tomorrow at 5:12; it will be high tomorrow morning at 5:31 and Saturday at 6:52.

The sun sets this afternoon at 4:24 and tomorrow at 4:25; it rises tomorrow morning and Saturday at 7:42.

The last quarter of the moon was on Wednesday, Dec. 29th at 3:55 a. m. There will be a new moon on Wednesday, Jan. 5th, at 12:45 a. m.

The length of today will be eight hours and forty-two minutes.

### Foe Loses 8,000 In Ypres Fight

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Two days of continuous fighting between Ypres and Arrmentieres on Tuesday and Wednesday resulted in a loss to the Germans of 8,000 effectives, says the war correspondent of La Liberté.

The object of the Germans was to test the strength of the British lines at this point.

Behind clouds of poison gases the Teutons made a dozen attacks, but were repulsed by the British artillery and machine guns failed completely to break the oncoming human waves, the assailants were driven back with the bayonet. Not an inch of ground was gained.

Minard's Liniment cures Diphtheria

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT ST. JAMES' HALL

The annual Christmas concert in St. James Hall last evening was one of the nicest ever held and the children showed the careful training they had received. In their dainty white dresses and pretty bright ribbons they were as winsome as ever they could be and their childish mistakes and pretty little mannerisms made them even more cunning. The programme, presided over by Dr. Fullerton, was quite lengthy, as will be seen below; too long to specially mention each eager participant, but the recitations, vocal and piano solos and choruses were decidedly well done and heartily enjoyed. The smallest performer, little Mary Sinclair, was too cute for words as she recited and took part in the motion choruses.

The smaller children, boys and girls, were ably assisted by the more advanced pupils, but it was principally the primary children's concert and was a grand success. Especially pleasing were the several drills he Maypole dance and skipping drill being well and gracefully done by the girls and boys, who were shown off to good advantage although the stage is somewhat small for these exercises. After the nicely arranged programme, which was listened to by quite a large number of parents and admiring friends, who showed their appre-



HON. J. A. McNEILL.

The popular and highly respected Commissioner of Public Works, against whom the new Liberal Leader and the Patriot have launched a dastardly and unfounded charge, for which he intends bringing an action for perjury. Yesterday Mr McNeill was inundated with expressions of sympathy from his many friends, including a large number of Liberals, who expressed disgust at the shady tactics of the "new" Liberals.

## CONDENSED ADS. TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

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AUCTION SALE, ON JAN. 3 commencing at one o'clock, of a choice lot of hardwood in lots to suit purchasers, on the premises of William Nunn, North Whitehorse. The ad appears in this issue. 6351

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