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THE VATICAN DENIES PEACE NOTE REPORT

Rumor That Pope Would Issue Peace Note Before Christmas Officially Denied. Pope Does Not Approve of Separate Peace.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
ROME, Dec. 19.—The Vatican absolutely denies that the Pontiff will issue a peace note before Christmas. A public document may be decided on before long, however, explaining that the Pope's peace efforts are not connected with the propaganda for a separate peace which are not approved by the Pontiff since such a peace would prolong instead of shorten the war. Evidence of the Pope's disapproval is afforded by the failure of the Vatican to recognize the present Russian government.

GERMAN ON TRIAL FOR CONSPIRACY

Had Been Sent to Purchase Dynamite for His Principal and to Inspect Tracks of C.P.R.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
DETROIT, Dec. 19.—Carl Schmidt, the third of the defendant to take the stand in his own behalf in United States District court at the trial of Albert C. Kalschmidt, and five others, charged with conspiracy was cross-examined at length by the government today.
Schmidt insisted that he thought the dynamite was for Kalschmidt's company at Marine City, Michigan. He asserted he went to Nipigon with the understanding that Kalschmidt had a patented switch he intended to dispose of to the Canadian Pacific Railroad.
He swore that he was not implicated in any plot to dynamite the Railroad bridge at Nipigon.
It is expected the case will go to the jury tomorrow.

NO RECOGNITION YET OF BOLSHEVIKI BY U.S.

WASHINGTON, December 18.—Recognition of the Bolsheviki government by the United States still is remote, it was indicated today at the state department. Reports in Europe suggesting developing sentiment in favor of the new regime as a de facto government have found no response here and it was made plain that the United States would continue its policy of awaiting developments. Reports from Ambassador Francis are now coming through with more regularity, but consults in many parts of the country appear unable to communicate with Petrograd.

GIRL SHOT IN THE BACK ON A MONTREAL STREET

MONTREAL, December 18.—Miss Madge Scott, a domestic in the employ of J. B. Porter, McTavish St., aged 28, while walking on McTavish street at 11.20 last night, was shot in the back by a man, who thereupon shot himself in the mouth. Both were taken to the Royal Victoria hospital, where the man is in a critical state, and the girl apparently not fatally wounded. Miss Scott stated that she had never before seen her would-be slayer, and he was unconscious when picked up. At a late hour his identity has not been revealed.

THOS. CARYLE, AUTHOR OF "TANK MOTTO"

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A literary light announces that Thomas Caryle was the inspiration of the profane motto of the tank corps at the battle of Cambrai. "The motto is: 'The tank corps fight.' Caryle, the literary light, once remarked to a Scottish cleric: 'The chief end of man is to do his damndest.'"

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

*The Macdonald Women's Institute will meet on Thursday, Dec. 20, at 7.30 p. m.

*John McQuillan & Co., will pay highest cash price for smelts. 1777-12-193641.

*The pupils of North Wilshire School will hold a Christmas Tree and entertainment on Friday 21st. Admission 15 and 10 cts. 1772.

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Minard's Liniment cures Neuralgia. Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

Prominent Cricketer Died in Ottawa

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—M. G. Bristow, one of Canada's most prominent cricketers, died here today following an operation. He was on Canada's national Eleven against the United States, on several occasions and ten years ago won the Massey Harris Cup at the National Tennis Tournament. He was 47 years of age.

TRIBUTE TO CANADIAN AIRMEN

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
VANCOUVER, Dec. 19.—Supremacy of the air is the one factor needed to bring the war to a successful end, declared Col. Lord Montague, of Beaulieu, last night, in an address before the Canadian Club of this city. Lord Montague is here in his capacity as mechanical warfare expert for the government of India.
Lord Montague paid a splendid compliment to Canadian airmen, of whom there are now 1,700 and the number, he said, was expected to be augmented to 2,000 in the service in a short time.

WAR VETERANS FAVOR GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF PATRIOTIC FUNDS

WINNIPEG, Dec. 19.—A meeting here last night the Great War Veterans passed a resolution which will be forwarded to the government, favoring government control of patriotic funds and government responsibility for the same.

KAISER'S BOGUS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

LONDON, December 19.—Emperor William in his Christmas message, proposes to make a final peace offer to his enemies, "on whom," in case of rejection, will fall the responsibility for bloodshed in 1918," according to an official Berlin telegram forwarded from Geneva by the Exchange Telegraph company today.

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TODAY IS THE 1235th. DAY OF
THE WAR.

TORONTO, Dec. 19.—Moderate fresh to strong northwest to east winds, mostly cloudy, with some local snow and a little higher temperature.

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 25 degrees above at 10 a. m. It was 24 above at 9 p. m. It was 24 above. The lowest the previous night was 23 above.

FREE ZONE RECOMMENDED FOR EXPORT GOODS

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Representatives of the Fur Industry urged establishment of a free zone in this port, at the continued hearing today before a Federal Tariff Commission committee. The industry is to determine the value of creating areas in which imported goods might be held for export, in various parts, without paying of Government tariff, as one means of developing the country's foreign trade.
Although Commissioner William Kent said it was not the Government's policy to go beyond the point of issuing permits for the zones, witnesses generally today expressed opinion the government ought to provide for the initial expenses.

Sanguinary Fighting On Italian Front

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
ROME, Dec. 19.—Austro-German forces on the Italian mountain front made a determined effort yesterday to advance on the line between Col Caprillo and Monte Perleto. The war office announced today that only the Monte Asotone zone did the enemy gain ground and maintain it.
The sanguinary fighting that resulted from this enemy effort lasted all day.

WHY SOME ELECTORS DIDN'T GET ANY

It is the witching hour of a Saturday night, the air suffused with that holy calm that precedes an election and the busy streets of the western capital have settled down to rest and peace awaiting the Sabbath morning and the election day.
A lonely wayfarer, wending his weary steps homeward, is passing by a law office on the south side of Water Street, which during the day is the abiding place of one of the state's lawyers. Suddenly the wayfarer's attention is arrested by a sound as of clanking gears. Moved by curiosity he stops to listen. Again the clanking sound is heard and that familiar sound is again heard. He practices over his conviction that this noise is no other than that of bottles being trundled about in a bag in close proximity to or inside the said law office. Suddenly the fact that Monday is election day and that the office ahead had a post, the wayfarer betakes himself to a nearby telephone and summons some friends. They arrive and immediately proceed to investigate. They send out scouts. The latter discover a mysterious sleigh hidden away in the shadows and they put two and two together. They establish a listening post, also a waiting post. Soon the stranger appears proceeding from the back door of the law office. He, they conclude, is the advance guard who is reconnoitering to make sure that no alien enemy is in the vicinity. The alien enemies are however safely hidden and the advance guard concludes all is well. He whistles a sleigh bell and signal and the suspicious sleigh begins to move, silently and gracefully, towards the open door. The advance guard disappears within the law office. Soon another legal luminary and campaign organizer appears from the aforementioned rear door, stooping laboriously under a large bag. This which emanated the identical clanking sounds that arrested the steps of the wayfarer. He proceeded to accost his huddle in the sleigh. This was the psychological moment and with a spring worthy of a champion athlete, an officer of the law, who was the commander of the detachment, pointed upon the bag of bottles, a struggle which consisted of sharp and decisive, and to the honor and glory of all concerned not a bottle was broken nor a smelt escaped. "There is to be a smelt on his back but the enemy was two to one and they got the bag and the commander walked off in triumph with his listening garden. The sleigh in the election was scattered by precipitate, there being only 32 bottles in the bag, but it is expected that at the next session of parliament the incident will form a text for the leader of the Opposition for a dissertation on the curse of drink and the corruption of the electorate.

CAR SHORTAGE CAUSE OF SUGAR SHORTAGE

Important Evidence Before U.S. Senate Investigating Committee.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Car shortage and not attempts of refiners to manipulate supplies or prices, were attributed as largely the cause of the sugar shortage by Earl D. Babst, president of the American Sugar Refining Company, testifying today before the Senate Investigating Committee. He refuted testimony of Claus A. Speckels, that George M. Rolph, General manager of the California-Hawaiian company and director of the sugar division of the food administration declined to allow supplies to come east from his threatened with being forced to close his plant, by saying that Rolph and another refiner offered to let Speckels have 25,000 tons at the sale price set for Cuban sugar by the International Committee.

ALLIES RECOGNIZE PORTUGUESE GOVT.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
PARIS, Dec. 19.—The British and French Ministers at Lisbon have placed themselves in communication with Dr. Sidonio Paes, head of the new government in Portugal, according to the Temps today. This recognition of the existing situation, which also has been participated in by the Italian and Belgian Ministers, is by way of preparation for formal recognition of the new Government, the newspaper explains. Dr. Paes, it is noted, has seized every opportunity to declare that Portugal is resolved to continue the war against Germany.

ALLIED SHIPBUILDING OVERTAKES WASTAGE

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Arthur Pollen, the British Naval Expert, told the Associated Press a statement in which he said that the campaign of the allied navies against the submarine has at last resulted in keeping the world's ship tonnage from showing a monthly decrease as much longer ago as Mr. Pollen gives credit for this success to the change in the chief command carried out by the British admiralty last spring, and the participation in the campaign of the American navy.
Mr. Pollen pointed out that six months ago the German submarines were causing a net attrition in the world's tonnage at the rate of nearly 25 per cent annually. While the present rate of attrition is difficult to estimate it appeared that last month Great Britain launched a ship which was the first ship laid down by the United States since the war has been launched and within the next twelve months a substantial portion of the six billion tons provided for in this country will undoubtedly be added to the world's ship tonnage. The program will similarly increase month by month and moreover against the submarine will grow in value week by week he said.

INVESTIGATING U.S. FOOD SITUATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Federal Trade Commission announced today that it would hold an open hearing tomorrow to try to develop the real ownership of the Chicago Stock Yards and the Terminal Railroad there. The commission is investigating the food shortage under the \$20,000 appropriation for an investigation and has been subpoenaed New York and Boston business men. The commission announced that unless the men appeared voluntarily they would be called upon to testify. To subpoena them would be to give them immunity in case of any developments warranting prosecution. Other hearings will be held later in New York, Boston and possibly Chicago.

SUBMARINE IS HELD BUT NOT MASTERED YET

LONDON, Dec. 19.—"The submarine menace, in my opinion, is held, but not yet mastered," said Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, in the House of Commons. "Our ship building is not yet replacing our losses."
"Since November 1, when I made my last statement," Sir Eric continued, "the downward trend of merchant marine losses has continued satisfactorily. The upward trend of merchant ship building and the upward curve of destruction of enemy submarines has been equal; satisfactory. I have no reason to doubt that all three will continue satisfactorily."
The First Lord said that if the country would economize so as to restrict the use of tonnage and sea ships free for more urgent uses, if the English would follow the tradition of their race and put forth all their power, relaxing no effort to could end only in victory.

WILL BE SATISFIED WITH \$10,000

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Grover Alexander, the star pitcher, purchased by the Chicago Nationals from Philadelphia, stated today that he thought \$10,000 would be his fair share of the purchase price paid Philadelphia and he thought the latter club should pay it.
"I'm not making any threats," said Alexander, "but I think the public should know the situation. Seven years ago Philadelphia paid \$750,000 for me. They sold me for \$30,000. Hard work brought about the boom in my stock and the man who did the work ought to get some of it."
Alexander said he expected to leave for his home at St. Paul, Minn., tonight. He has not yet signed a contract with Chicago.

U. S. EQUALIZING FREIGHT RATES

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The interstate committee commission today authorized railroads to file slightly increased class rates applying from Rochester, Syracuse, Albany and Elmira, N. Y., Williamsport and Scranton Pa., Cumberland Md., and other eastern basic points to Central freight association territory. The proposed increases would equalize rates already in effect from Buffalo and Pittsburgh westward as allowed recently by the commission in the central freight association class scale rates case.

UNDELIVERED MESSAGE COSTS CO. \$2,000

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 19.—A judgment of \$2,000 against the Western Union Telephone Company in favor of John Pfeister, former pitcher of the Chicago Nationals, was sustained by the Illinois Supreme Court today. Pfeister alleged that a telegram sent by him addressed to the Milwaukee Club of the American Association was never delivered and as a result he lost a place as pitcher on the latter team.

NEW ARMY OF CENTRAL EUROPEANS BEING ORGANIZED

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
PARIS, Dec. 19.—The French Government today formally authorized the creation of a Czechoslovak army under national control. Headquarters are to be established in Paris.
Already, it was stated, a force of 80,000 men has been organized for this army.
A Czechoslovak army would probably include in its personnel residents of Serbia, Rumania, Montenegro, Albania, Bohemia, Moravia, and parts of Hungary as well as some Russians.

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STRONG EVIDENCE AGAINST GERMANS

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Two million dollars to finance a proposed revolution against British rule in India had been asked of Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, by Sri Ram Chandra, a Hindu revolutionary leader, according to testimony yesterday in the United States district court, at the trial of 21 persons, charged with conspiracy to violate the neutrality of the United States.
Thomas B. Tunney, inspector of police in New York city, testified that he had been told of Wagel's request by Dr. Chandra K. Chakravarty, one of the defendants. Chakravarty, according to the testimony, told him he had received \$60,000 from Wolf von Igel, confidential representative of Count von Bernstorff, and further said that Heramba Lal Gupta, another Hindu defendant, had received \$21,000 from Captain Franz von Papen, former military attaché of the German embassy at Washington.
Ram Chandra, avowed revolutionary, told the jury that he had been contacted by Franz von Papen, former German consul general here, and Lieut. Wilhelm von Drincken, former military attaché of the consulate general, (had of 21 persons, charged with conspiracy to violate the neutrality of the United States.)
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BERLIN EXCITED OVER PEACE PROSPECTS

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
LONDON, Dec. 19.—Berlin is showing keen excitement over the rumor that the Kaiser is to issue a new declaration of Germany's war aims, according to reliable reports received here today.
One report via Amsterdam says that Germany plans to use neutral diplomats as intermediaries under a promise of secrecy while another declares that the declaration will be made in a message from the Emperor to the Vatican.
There are signs of a desire for peace in Turkey. Bulgaria and Austria, and among the socialists in Germany, but the Military party in the latter country is strongest at the moment. The momentum of war is still great, though the hardships it entails are gradually driving the belligerents towards a policy of moderation.
In the entire countries some statesmen continue to buck the tide, but they are facing a steady growth of radical sentiment.

GOVERNOR GENERAL VISITS HALIFAX

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—Excellent weather left here today on a special train for Halifax, where they will visit the hospitals and take steps to help the sufferers in the city of great disaster.

MR. LEFURGEY THANKS SUPPORTERS

Electors of Prince County:—
I take this opportunity of thanking most heartily all those who supported me at the polls on Monday. While I realize that there were many of the electors who worked silently against the interests of the province, and the principles which it represents, I feel that the propaganda of falsehood spread throughout this Province both as to the true situation facing the country at this time and against the big men of both political parties who put their duty to the nation above ordinary party consideration, was responsible for placing this province in the unenviable position in which it is placed. Our country faces today, on the plains of France, an issue of such stupendous import as to overshadow party politics and everything else in our national history.
Sir Robert Borden and the Union Government, which I am proud to represent in this country have been returned to power with a splendid majority, and it is the duty, and I am sure, the pleasure of every loyal man and woman in our country to do all in their power to aid these men in the great task before them.
In closing, I beg to say to the people of Prince County that my services will be devoted to their interests at all times in the many questions that will need attention in these trying days of devotion and sacrifice.
Yours sincerely,
A. A. LEFURGEY

ITALIAN CHARGED WITH TRIPLE MURDER

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 19.—A thrice-arranged and bountiful over in the lower court on but two counts. Fred Gallorani, of West Springfield, was indicted on the charges of first degree murder by the grand jury today. He will stand trial charged with killing Clement Martini and Martini's daughter, Mrs. Della Rose Gallorani, in West Springfield, on October 11, last, and also for killing his own wife, Amelia Gallorani, in feeding pills.

600 ALBERTA MINES OUT ON STRIKE

LETFBRIDGE, Alta., Dec. 19.—Six hundred miners of the Canadian Pacific Railway Mines near here are on strike today in demands for recognition of the Union. Ten percent of the miners are non-union and there is no clause in the agreement providing for recognition of the Union or check-off.
It is understood that the fair wages commissioner has advised the miners not to strike.

CONDENSED SPECIALS

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GIRL WANTED. APPLY 48 GREAT GEORGE ST. 1808-12-20M31

WANTED OFFICE BOY. APPLY Guardian Office. 1515-12-47

LOST.—SABLE MUFF IN THIS CITY. Finder please leave at this Office. 1806-12-20M21P

GIRL WANTED AT ARLINGTON Hotel, Great George Street. 1785-12-19M31pd.

WANTED AT ONCE A MAID FOR general house work. Apply 131 Water Street. 1789-12-13M31.

WANTED TEACHER JANUARY 1st for Waterville School, District 124 J. T. Grimes, Secretary. 1761-12-13M31.

WANTED—TEACHER FOR Primary Department, Victoria School, Supplement \$30. Apply to E. Buevel, Sect. 1800-12-20M41.

ATLANTIC FISH CO. ARE BUYING smelts at same old stand 180 Queen Street. Rear Sam Craig's Tailor shop. Highest prices paid. 1787-12-19M16pd

GIRL WANTED FOR HOUSE-work for good family in country. Apply by letter "A" care of the Guardian. 1790-12-18TF.

Minard's Liniment cures garget in cows

EXEMPTION TRIBUNALS

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTION DEALT WITH UP TO WEDNESDAY NIGHT, DEC. 19. 3834 EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED 3523