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The Charlottetown Guardian Wishes All Its Readers A MERRY CHRISTMAS

RUSSIA STRIVING FOR SEPARATE PEACE

Terms Have Been Submitted to Central Powers with Suggestions as a Basis for a General Peace.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 24.—The Evening Post says the Germans have officially informed the Bolshevik headquarters that the Central Powers are ready to consider the arrangement of peace on the basis of no annexations and no indemnities, but pointed out that self-determination of nations was impracticable.

The representatives of the Central Powers informed the Russians they were ready to discuss peace preliminaries, but desired to know the result of Russia's efforts to induce the Allies to join the negotiations before proceeding with them. They said this point of view might be changed, however, and that they might be willing to discuss peace with Russia alone. The Germans were of the opinion that the Russian armistice might influence the other fronts.

The first conference was devoted merely to a discussion of who would

participate in negotiations.

(Canadian Press Despatch)
RUSSIA, Dec. 22.—The Russian peace terms have been submitted to the representatives of the Central Powers who have them under consideration. No compulsory annexation of territory seized during the war, and immediate evacuation of it, and no contributions to be required from belligerent countries are proposed by Russia. Russia also suggests that countries deprived of their independence during the war be reinstated, and that a national group, not independent before the war, shall decide their status at a referendum.

Emperor William, it is reported, intends to go to Brest, Litovsk, if the diplomats there arrive at an agreement to attempt to assemble all European rulers in a peace conference. He is said to have declared that every body wants peace.

BRILLIANT WORK DONE IN PALESTINE

British Have Taken Certain Ridges to Improve Their Position. Capture of Bethlehem Was a Brilliant Affair.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Since the Turks were driven out of Jerusalem they have been conducting a guerilla warfare, attacking the British outposts or sniping patrols.

To improve the British position the taking of certain ridges was carried out. One of the most brilliant pieces of work was the capture of Bethlehem. The Turks had strong fortifications. The Welsh troops were the first to enter.

CANADIANS WON 7,000 DECORATIONS

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LONDON, Dec. 24.—Seven thousand decorations have been conferred to date on members of the Canadian expeditionary forces, for valor in the field, or for outstanding war services. Seven officers and twelve men have gained the Victoria Cross; 396 officers have received the distinguished service order; six have gained a bar to it and 105 Canadian nurses have received the Royal Red Cross.

There have been one K. C. B., six teen C. O's and three K. C. M. G's

bestowed on Canadians. One thousand and one officers and twenty-six of other ranks have been decorated with the Military Cross. One hundred and eighty-eight foreign medals have been awarded Canadians. Men in the ranks have been awarded with 676 distinguished conduct medals, and six received bars to their D. C. M. Four thousand three hundred and twenty-four have received bars to it and three received second bars. Sixty-three have earned meritorious service medals.

PROHIBITION OF LIQUOR IMPORTATION

Order in Council Passed Prohibiting Importation of Alcoholic Liquors into Canada and of the Manufacture of Liquor in Canada.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—A first step towards total prohibition throughout Canada is being taken by the Government as one of its first post-election measures. Although official announcement will not be made until tomorrow, it is understood that at a meeting of the Cabinet Council tonight an Order-in-Council was passed prohibiting the importation of alcoholic liquors into Canada. This will shut off a big source of waste during war time. It will affect the Scotch and Irish whiskeys, champagnes and other wine goods now imported to the extent of millions of dollars worth each year. It will hit especially the Quebec importing houses which are now the distributing centres for the dry provinces. Still more drastic legislation looking to the curtailment of liquor drinking in Canada is forecast for the near future.

Prohibition of the manufacture of liquor entirely, except under license for medical or other necessary purposes, is the next step. In brief what the Government aims to do is to secure total prohibition by the process of cutting off all external or internal sources of supply leaving only present stocks on hand to be gradually absorbed by those who are willing to pay the high prices for "booze" which are bound to rule almost immediately.

The action of the Government is dictated by the realization of the stern necessity of stopping all forms of national waste, either of money or of man power, and of preventing any further diversion of food materials now so urgently needed by the Allies. No further loss of wheat or wheat can be wasted in the manufacture of liquor.

PREMIER ARSENAULT'S CHRISTMAS GREETING TO P.E.I. SOLDIERS

On Friday last Premier Arsenault sent the following message to Major Prowse, D.S.O., Major McKinnon, D. S. O., Lt. Col. Ings, Major Peake and Lt. H. L. Be'ume:

Kindly convey to the officers and men of your unit the Christmas and New Year's greetings of the people of this province. In this season of reflection we grieve at your absence and pray another Christmas will see peace established throughout the world and the men restored to their loved ones. (Signed) A. E. ARSENAULT, Premier of Prince Edward Island.

FOUR FRENCHMEN FOR CABINET

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—According to the Citizen, French representation in the cabinet, when provided for, will include two Unionists and two Liberals, and the appointments not to be made however until after the soldier's votes have been counted and the final result of the election known.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemp'r.

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TODAY IS THE 1240th DAY OF CANADA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE WAR.

TORONTO, Dec. 24.—Strong winds to moderate gales from southwest. Cloudy and milder with snow or rain. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 30 degrees above. At 10 a. m. it was 30 above at 9 p. m. it was 9 above. The lowest the previous night was 8 above.

The tide will be high this morning at 8.21, tomorrow at 9.23 and Thursday at 10.21; it will be high tonight at 7.35, tomorrow at 8.25 and Thursday at 9.15.

The sun sets this afternoon and tomorrow at 4.41 and Thursday at 4.42; it rises tomorrow morning at 7.55; Thursday and Friday at 7.59. The moon sets tomorrow morning at 6.20 and Thursday at 7.18.

The first quarter of the moon was on Friday, Dec. 21 at 1.07 a. m. The moon will be full on Friday, Dec. 28th at 4.52 a. m.

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

Minard's Liniment cures garget in cows

GOVERNOR-GENERAL CONGRATULATES SOLDIERS

(Canadian Press Despatch)
OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—The Duke of Devonshire has sent to the General Officer, commanding the Canadian forces in France a message of Christmas Greeting and congratulations, on the work done and their prayer is that the year about to open will see the conclusion of a victorious peace.

Swiss Care For Teuton Children

GENEVA, Switzerland, Dec. 24.—Living proofs of the terrible economic conditions in Austria were furnished yesterday by the arrival at Bern of the frontier, of 376 pale and suffering children between the ages of seven and nine. They are from Vienna and other Austrian towns. The children had not tasted milk for months. They had received but bread in insufficient amounts, stone diseases resulting. Their clothing was most scanty and there were no fuel in their homes. The children are being distributed among various places in Switzerland until their health is restored.

COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

**Special meeting Hamilton L.O.L. Saturday, Dec. 29th 7 p. m. Advance ment Arch Degree. 1896-12-25M1pd.

**John McQuillan & Co., will pay highest cash price for smelts. 1777-12-19M6l.

**NOTICE. Unpaid City Taxes must be paid before the 31st December 1917. After that date they will be advertised. 1890-12-25M5l.

**The Young People's Club will hold a concert at Hunter River, Dec. 27th. Come and see a good drama tableaux, etc. Proceeds in aid of Red Cross. 1846-12-24M3l.

Minard's Liniment cures Neuralgia.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SIR ROBERT BORDEN ON PROHIBITION

On behalf of the Baptist congregation of Charlottetown the following telegram was sent last night to Sir Robert L. Borden:

Charlottetown United Baptist Church sincerely appreciates the action of the government in issuing the recent Order-in-Council prohibiting the manufacture, importation and inter-provincial shipment of intoxicating liquor; signed (Rev.) C. R. FREEMAN, Pastor, E. D. STERNES, Clerk. The Rev. Mr. Freeman, as President of the Maritime Provinces Convention of the following telegram to Sir Robert L. Borden:

"Baptists of Maritime Provinces heartily approve of recent Order in Council prohibiting manufacture, importation and inter-provincial shipment of intoxicating liquors. Stenue C. R. Freeman, Pres. United Baptist Convention of Maritime Provinces."

It is understood that a number of individual telegrams have also been sent to Sir Robert Borden carrying similar expressions of approval.

RESTRICTION ON ALL NEW BOND ISSUES

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—An important order-in-council has been passed, under the authority of the War Measures Act, upon the recommendation of the Minister of Finance, by which new issues in Canadian bonds, debentures or other securities of any other provincial, colonial or foreign government, municipality, commission, local government, institution, corporation or incorporated company can only be made or sold with the approval of the Minister of Finance by his certificate in writing.

The regulation also applies to any new issue or offering of shares whether preferred or common, of any incorporated company.

To Future Issues.

It is expressly provided that nothing in the order-in-council shall effect the trading in any bonds, debentures, securities or shares of capital stock heretofore issued and placed upon the market. In other words, the

HUN SOCIALISTS DENOUNCE PEACE TERMS WITH RUSSIA

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 21.—Germany's independent socialists are once again up in arms against the Government of yesterday's despatches that Germany's real socialists were violently opposing a separate peace with Russia, came today in receipt of the current issue of the Leipziger Volkszeitung, chief organ of the independent German socialists. The leading editorial bitterly assails the separate peace movement as "the greatest danger yet menacing German and European democracy."

The demand is voiced that the Central Powers immediately state their terms, making general negotiations possible. The Bolsheviks are denounced in the editorial as "traitors to the Russian revolution."

GREAT WHEAT FIELD IN NORTH FRANCE RESCUED FROM HUN

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The 325,000 acres of wheat land taken from the enemy advances in Belgium, drop may be made to produce enough wheat next year for one million men.

BOLSHEVIKI WILL NOT SUBMIT TO OBJECTIONABLE PEACE TERMS

(Canadian Press Despatch)
PETROGRAD, Dec. 22.—Detailed reports from the special session of the Central Executive Committee of the Soldiers' and Workmen's delegates the Petrograd delegates and the Peasant Congress called to consider the peace negotiations show Leon Trotsky the Bolshevik Foreign Minister suggests a plan by which military opposition might be offered if there were an attempt by the Central Powers to force objectionable peace terms upon Russia.

order applies only to issues made from this time forward. Provision is made whereby any issue or sale in contravention of the prohibition of the order may be restrained and heavy penalties are provided for violation.

The object of the order is to conserve the Canadian financial market for the war issues of the Dominion government and to prevent issues being made for purposes which may well be deferred until the end of the war.

GERMAN AIRPLANE BROUGHT DOWN

(Canadian Press Despatch)
LONDON, Dec. 24.—Four German airplanes were brought down by British army aviators on Saturday.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diptharia.

CONDENSED SPECIALS

In this column advts. are inserted at two cents per word net.

WANTED OFFICE BOY, APPLY Guardian Office. 1515-12-14f.

FOR SALE ONE PURE BRED AYR-shire bull age 7 years, Apply Joseph E. Deagle, Bear River. 1891

LOST.—BUNCH OF KEYS WITH ring. Apply Guardian. 1895-12-25M31.PD.

LOST IN THIS CITY GOLD RIMMED glasses in case. Finder please leave at King Edward Hotel. 1892-12-25M31pd.

LOST.—SUM OF MONEY BETWEEN Queen and Grafton Streets. Finder please leave at Parson's 5 and 10 cts. Store. 188.

TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION on Jan. 2nd, 1918 at 1.30 p. m., one Durham Bull 5 years old, registered on Angus McEachern's Farm, Rocky Point. 1887-12-25M31pd.

LOST.—BETWEEN FITZROY ST. and P.W.C. College, lady's gold watch. Finder please leave at 154 Fitzroy St. 1854-12-22M31.

LOST.—BETWEEN BUNBURY AND Southport a small sized Club Bag. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at Hotel Victoria. 1840-12-22M31pd.

FOUND IN THIS CITY THREE BOXES containing ladies handkerchiefs owner can have same by applying at Guardian office, and paying 1877-12-24M1f.

MY OFFICE IS "SOMEWHAT DISTURBED, but I am still in the ring" to receive orders for New and Secondhand Typewriters and for Typewriter and Mimeograph supplies. A Milne Fraser, Halifax, N. S. 1889.

LOST.—ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18th inst., either at Montague and Alliston—a leather pocket book, containing a considerable sum of money. Finder will be well rewarded by leaving same at Poole & Thompson, Ltd., Montague, P.E.I. 1860-12-22M31.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO VICTORY LOAN SUBSCRIBERS

VICTORY WAR LOAN—2ND PAYMENT

To meet the rush in connection with the 2nd payment of the Victory War Loan, the chartered Banks of Charlottetown have fixed January 2nd and 3rd as the dates for attending to customers from Charlottetown and Royalty, and January 4th and 5th for all out-of-town customers.

The observance of this request will be greatly appreciated by the Banks and will assist in relieving the congestion, which would naturally result from any attempt to take care of all subscriptions on January 2nd.

Receipts must be surrendered to the Banks when the January payment is being made. In cases where these are forwarded by mail, subscribers should enclose 8 cents to cover postage and registration charges.

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