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## DAILY END OF WAR, SAYS LLOYD GEORGE, IS COMPLETE GUARANTEE AGAINST PRUSSIANISM

### Europe Must be Protected Against Repetition: Also Without Reparation Peace Would be Impossible

### ENEMY NOTE IS SMALL ENCOURAGEMENT

### Britain's Answer Will be in Full Accord With Her Allies—All Have Reached Same Conclusion

London, Dec. 19.—When the House of Commons assembled today, every seat on the floor and in the galleries was filled. The diplomatic representatives of Great Britain's allies occupied seats in the gallery for distinguished strangers.

Premier Lloyd George said that it was felt that they should know before entering on negotiations that Germany was prepared to accept the only terms whereon it was possible for peace to be obtained and maintained in Europe.

The premier said that without reparation peace would be impossible. He said there were no proposals for peace. To enter into proposals of which they had no knowledge was to put their heads into a noose with the rope end in the hands of Germany.

Much as they longed for it, the premier added, the Central powers' note and peace preceding it afforded small encouragement and hope for an honorable and lasting peace.

Mr. Lloyd George said: "Our answer will be given in full accord with our allies. Each of the allies has separately and independently arrived at the same conclusion.

"RUSSIAN MILITARISM MUST GO

"I am glad of the first answer given by France and Russia."

Mr. Lloyd George said the allies would insist that the only end of the war must be a complete guarantee against Prussian militarism disturbing the peace of Europe.

When the premier entered the house just before four o'clock he was cheered enthusiastically from all quarters. Former Premier Asquith, who entered a moment later, also was cheered vociferously by the Liberals.

Sir William Robertson, commander-in-chief of the Imperial staff at army headquarters, dressed in khaki, was in the gallery.

### AT OWN REQUEST, DIE BEFORE DAY SET BY COURT

### Two Sing-Sing Prisoners Asked That Execution be Advanced Because of Christmas Drawing Near

Sing Sing, N.Y., Dec. 19.—In keeping with their wish that they be executed today instead of on Friday, owing to the approach of Christmas, Charles Kumrow of Buffalo, twenty years old, and Stanley J. Millstein, aged nineteen, met their death in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison today. Both went to the chair calmly. Millstein was the first of the two to pay the penalty.

On last Sunday Kumrow and Millstein requested that their execution be advanced in order that the grief of their relatives and the feelings of their fellow inmates in the death house might be dulled as much as possible by Christmas time.

Millstein killed John E. Creedon, a policeman, of Utica, last February, following his arrest on a charge of burglary. Kumrow shot to death a large watchman in Buffalo with robbery as a motive.

### THE BRITISH GUNS NEVER LET UP

#### Caseless Pounding at German Trenches—Prisoners Say Death is Far Better

With the British armies in France, Dec. 19.—(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press.)—Thousands upon thousands of packages from "home" are pouring in for the soldiers of the British Empire, bringing them the comforts of Christmas, but the usually glad season of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" will bring no cessation of hostilities this year, and Christmas Day promises to go down in history as just another twenty-four hours of ceaseless shelling and war activity all along the line.

Through rain, fog and darkness by day and by night, the British guns ceaselessly pound the German trenches. Prisoners recently captured say that the effect of the everlasting drumming of guns about their heads is that they feel better than this, "wrote one private to his wife.

## No Longer Any Doubt Enemy Can Be Beaten, Says French General

### Battles of October 24 and December 15 on Western Front Proved That—Germans Again Fail in Raid

Paris, Dec. 19.—In an army order addressed to the men of his command after Friday's success, General Mangin, who was in direct command of the troops that forced back the Germans on the Verdun front, said in part:

"After the battles of October 24 and Dec. 15, fought on ground offering exceptional advantages, owing to the weather, none can doubt any longer that it is possible to defeat the enemy.

Superior in numbers and disposition of the ground by good artillery and the assistance of vigilant aviators, a break through and then manoeuvre under the high command of General Nivelle."

This last exploit was performed on the Somme front north of Sully-Sailly. Today's war office reports state that the effort was without effect. At Verdun artillery fighting occurred in the region of Louvemont and Chambrettes.

North of Chelly, one detachment of the enemy was successful in penetrating a unit of French advanced trenches, but they were immediately driven out.

"During the day of December 17, two German airplanes were brought down by French pilots on the Verdun front. During the night of December 18-19 French bombing squadrons threw down 1,800 pounds of projectiles on the railroad stations at Dun-Sur-Meuse and at Montmedy and upon certain barracks near Assanses.

On Macedonia Front

Paris, Dec. 19.—The official communication given out here today in regard to the campaign on the Macedonian front says nothing of importance occurred yesterday in that theatre of war.

### CHRISTMAS TREE FOR THE SOLDIERS' KIDDIES

#### Children of Returned Men and of Those Who Have Died in War

There is under way a project to give a Christmas tree to the children of the St. John soldiers who have returned from the war, and of those who have made the supreme sacrifice. It will be given on New Year's morning from ten to twelve o'clock in the European War Veterans' hall in Charlotte street, and promises to be a very interesting occasion.

The tree already is in place, and the trimming and placing of gifts will go on, as the gifts are received. All interested are invited to participate by sending articles for the tree to the association hall, where there will be some one to receive them. The Christmas tree for the children of the returned men and of those who have died in the war will be made a good one. Sergeant W. A. Cooper, E. A. Puddy and H. B. Moffat comprise the committee in charge.

### TWENTY-EIGHT LOSE LIVES WHEN HORSE TRANSPORT IS SUNK

#### Seventeen Americans Among Number Lost Through German Act

London, Dec. 19.—Seventeen American sailors and eleven of the crew of the British horse transport ship Russian, which was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean on Dec. 14, were killed. The British admiralty makes the announcement as follows:

"The empty westbound British horse transport ship Russian was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean on the 14th. Eleven of the crew were killed, including the chief officer, the first officer and the second officer. Also seven American sailors and eleven of the crew were killed. Their names have been communicated to the American consul."

The Russian probably is a British steamer of the name which sailed from Newport News, Nov. 16, for Alexandria, Egypt, and would be about due to return. Her tonnage was 5,750.

Home, Dec. 19.—The United States ambassador here is gathering evidence from the twenty-five American sailors on board the Italian steamship Palermo, which was torpedoed and sunk recently off the Spanish coast. This evidence tends to show that the steamship was sunk without warning and without having attempted to escape.

### HE HAD BOMBED THE KAISER'S HEADQUARTERS

#### Death of Captain de Beauchamp, a Noted French Aviator

Paris, Dec. 19.—Captain de Beauchamp, an aviator who bombed Essen and was killed, whose death has just been announced, on one occasion dropped bombs on the headquarters of the German Emperor, according to the Petit Journal. This last exploit was performed in April, 1915, when the emperor was stationed at Meudon-Charleville. The paper says that the bombs fell right on the house in which the emperor's staff had its office and that as a result the emperor withdrew six miles from the city.

### JOFFRE HANDS OVER COMMAND

#### Nivelle Praises Him and Declares New Position a Merited Promotion

Paris, Dec. 19.—General Joffre handed over the command of the French armies of the north and northeast yesterday morning to General Robert George Nivelle, recently appointed commander-in-chief of those armies. In a brief speech General Joffre congratulated General Nivelle upon his appointment. The principal officers of the grand headquarters staff, who will remain at their posts until General Nivelle forms his own staff, likewise tendered their congratulations. General Nivelle replied, expressing admiration for the high military qualities of the victor of the Marne, whose selection as president of the allied military council he alleged to be a merited promotion.

### JAPAN AMUSED AT GERMAN DEMANDS

### Restoration of Colonies Lost in Pacific Will Not be Entertained—Revenge For Loss of Fruits of China War

New York, Dec. 19.—The Herald this morning publishes the following dispatch from Tokyo under Thursday's date:

"I have it on the highest authority that Japan will not entertain the thought of peace as long as restoration of the ante-bellum status is insisted upon by her allies in their determination to continue the war until the main purpose of overthrowing Prussian militarism is accomplished.

Japanese statesmen smile when Germany's demand for the restoration of her colonies is mentioned. The restoration of Kiao-Chow is not considered a possibility in this country and Kiao-Chow was the colony of which Germans boasted most. Public sentiment in this country may approve the return to China of that portion of Shantung now in Japanese hands provided arrangements favorable to Japanese trade and enterprise can be made, but never would they approve its again becoming a German colony.

Japan's purpose in joining in the war was to drive the German menace from Asia. This represents retribution for the part the Kaiser played in robbing Japan of the fruits of the war with China. Japanese are willing enough to call the account squared, but this implies the present status in the Orient, not the before war status.

For the same reasons Japan will not consent to the restoration of other German holdings in the Pacific in the taking of which she was largely instrumental.

### STUDYING SNOW REMOVAL METHODS

### Commissioner of Public Works Suggests That City Might Undertake to Keep Sidewalks Clear—More Modern Machinery Required

The heavy snowfall has drawn the attention of the commissioner of public works to some problems involved in clearing the streets after such a storm. He is now giving the matter some study with the hope of evolving a more satisfactory method of dealing with the emergency of this kind when it may arise again.

At present the city's force of men and teams is being busy leveling and removing the snow from the streets through which the street car tracks run. When this work is finished the other streets will be attended to and the entire job will be finished by Thursday night.

On Saturday morning the sidewalk ploughs were sent around but the snow was so deep and so heavy that they were unable to make much impression on the drifts and so were called in afternoon. Since then the public works department has not done anything more than to clear the sidewalks.

According to the city law, each tenant, occupant or owner of a building is required to remove the snow from the sidewalk in front of his premises to the edge of the sidewalk and also to clear the gutter opposite his premises. In order to aid the citizens, the city has been in the habit of sending the sidewalk ploughs around but this has been purely gratuitous. As a matter of fact, few citizens have complied with the requirements of the law and the city employs usually have to finish the work.

Commissioner Fisher is inclined to believe that the law, as it stands, may work a hardship in some cases and he feels that the clearing of the sidewalk to such an extent as to make it possible might be all that should be required of a householder. However, he is not prepared to recommend any change in the by-law at present.

The commissioner is considering the advisability of the city undertaking the clearing of the sidewalk in a more systematic manner and, among other suggestions to which he is giving attention, is one for the use of sweepers, such as are used on the paved streets in the summer. Such a sweeper, if out to work when the snow begins to fall might keep the sidewalks clear of snow and prevent its accumulation.

Another difficulty has been found at the crossings and, in some cases on the sidewalks, where the snow has accumulated until it becomes packed solid and cannot be removed with shovels. He is considering the construction of a horse-drawn machine armed with cutters which would tear up this and permit of its removal.

### BRITAIN TO FLOAT ANOTHER BIG LOAN

### Quarter Billion or More in United States Soon After New Year

New York, Dec. 19.—The Sun says: "Great Britain is preparing to float another large secured loan, \$250,000,000 or more in the United States, according to information obtained yesterday on high banking authority. Informal negotiations in the way of feeling for the opinion of the banking world have already been started by J. P. Morgan and Company, fiscal agents for the British government. It was admitted yesterday that the loan would be brought out soon after New Year's day.

Contrary to the general belief in the financial world, France will not participate in the new United Kingdom loan. It was said positively yesterday that the loan would be made to Great Britain alone. Through an arrangement made time ago, however, Great Britain made possible French participation in the proceeds obtained by the British government from foreign credits.

### PRINCESS CHIMAY DEAD

#### Detroit Girl Who Had Some-what Sensational Career

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 19.—Princess Chimay, formerly Miss Clara Ward of Detroit, died at her villa in Italy yesterday, according to advices to the Detroit Free Press.

The cause of death is not given.

The Princess Chimay was born in 1878, the daughter of Eben B. Ward, millionaire ship builder of Detroit. At fourteen she was sent to a European convent and subsequently, while still a young girl, inherited the millions of her father. When she was eighteen she married Joseph Chimay, a Belgian prince. Later she was divorced and became the wife of Janc Rigo, a Hungarian violinist. Four years later she was again divorced and married Giuseppe Riccardi, from whom she also separated.

### THE KAISER SPEAKS IN HIS USUAL STRAIN

Amsterdam, Dec. 19.—A speech by Emperor William on December 14 to the Reichstag, which was broadcasted by the Newcastle Nachrichten of Leipzig as follows in part:

"The brave endurance and iron tenacity with which you have repelled all enemies on all fronts for years has made it possible for me to address to my dear countrymen a proposal for peace negotiations. Whether they will accept it I do not know and the result is uncertain. The act is in God's hands, as our struggle. He will decide upon it and we will leave it to Him. We must not argue with what He orders."

"We will be grateful to Him that we have thus far the honor of being His instruments in the divine judgment that has come upon our enemies. Let the decision fall as it will. The heaving will proceed further until our adversaries have been enough."

### REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows:

St. John County:

Heirs of John Armstrong to J. J. Armstrong, property in Simonds.

R. J. Cox to H. A. Mallory, property in Pitt street.

S. H. Ewing to M. J. Morrison, property in Simonds.

J. A. Lord to W. I. Penton, property in Lancaster.

J. L. Lynch, et al. to J. H. Lynch, interest in estate Charles Lynch.

G. G. Ruel to J. F. Robertson, et al. property in King, Prince William and German streets.

J. H. Worden, et al. to J. H. Lynch, \$140, interest in estate Charles Lynch.

LEASEHOLDS

Lydia J. and F. S. Harrington, to Sterling Realty Co., Ltd., property in Adelaide road.

Edw. John Walsh to F. E. Williams, \$2,800, property in Carleton street.

Kings County:

J. R. Cummings to G. M. Harding, property in Rothsay.

Carl Ingelman to Mabel I. Prime, property in Westfield.

Frederick Murphy to G. F. Jones, \$100, property in Studholm.

W. D. Schofield to Frederick Murphy, \$300, property in Studholm.

### ALL NOVA SCOTIANS INFANTRY.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—(Casualties):

Previously Reported Wounded.

Now Killed in Action:

R. G. Letcher, Springfield, N. S.

Previously Reported Missing.

Now Wounded:

W. F. Tomlin, Halifax.

Wounded:

H. J. Archer, Sydney Mines, N. S. M. Reid, Halifax. M. G. Slauenwhite, Lunenburg, N. S.

### HERO OF MUNICH FLIGHT MEETS DEATH IN AIR FIGHT

Paris, Dec. 19.—Capt. de Beauchamp, who in November made a flight to Munich and dropped bombs on the town, has been killed. He met his end in an air fight near Douaumont, his machine falling within the French lines. In his flight to Munich, Captain de Beauchamp crossed the Alps and covered a distance of 407 miles.

### FORESTERS WILL DISCUSS THE WHITE PINE BLISTER

Washington, Dec. 19.—White pine blister disease will be the principal subject for discussion by the American Forestry Association at its annual convention to be held here on January 18 and 19. Many foresters will attend to plan a combined fight on the disease which is said to threaten \$300,000,000 worth of pine timber in the United States. State foresters have been asked to send delegates.

### WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—The disturbance which was over Georgian Bay yesterday morning and is centered this morning along the Nova Scotia coast, while an area of high pressure and very cold weather covers northern Ontario and the western provinces. Local snow falls have occurred in the Maritime Provinces and in Alberta.

Ottawa Valley.—Cold today and on Wednesday with local snow falls or drizzles.

Stormy, Then Fair and Colder.

Maritime.—Strong winds or gales, northeast to northwesterly, with heavy clouds, Wednesday strong west to northwesterly winds. Generally fair and colder.

New England.—Cloudy tonight, probably snow on the southwest coast. Wednesday, partly cloudy; little change in temperature. Moderate to fresh northwesterly winds, becoming variable.

### SOLDIER'S VOTE AS SHELLS FLY ABOUT

British Columbia Fighting Men Said to Have Gone Against Prohibition and For Woman Suffrage

With the British Armies in France, Dec. 19.—(From a correspondent of the Associated Press.)—Soldiers from British Columbia, who are among the Canadian troops at the front, have been voting during the last week on a referendum involving prohibition and woman suffrage in their own province. It is said that they have voted largely against prohibition and in favor of suffrage.

The voting at the front was accompanied by many picturesque incidents. Temporary polls were often established under the shelter of some shell-wrecked house in one of the ruined French villages just behind the front line. The men were brought in from the trenches in squads of twenty and thirty. All appeared to enjoy the unique experience of voting on such subjects as prohibition and suffrage while German shells went whistling and whining overhead.

Each soldier had to mark his ballot and place it in a special envelope on which he wrote his rank and the number of his company and battalion and other military information, together with his home address and his former voting place.

### DRUGGIST KILLS WIFE AND HER SISTER AND SHOOTS SELF AS CHILDREN LOOK ON

Ripley, Miss., Dec. 19.—C. M. Phyer, a druggist here, last night shot and killed his wife and sister-in-law, Miss Caroline Nelms, and then fired a bullet into his own head in the presence of his two children. Phyer is not expected to live. According to the children, Phyer was of a jealous nature and had been drinking. Miss Nelms and Mrs. Phyer were daughters of Mayor Nelms and were prominent socially.

### FREDERICTON NEWS

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 19.—Owing to the recent heavy storm which has blocked the roads in the country districts, Christmas trade has been rather dull here so far this week, but merchants anticipate a rush during the next few days.

Five Scott Act cases are to come before the police court this afternoon. The list includes a case against a St. John man who is charged with improperly labeling packages shipped to a local druggist.

The police yesterday searched the premises of Mrs. Harry St. Mary's, but failed to discover any liquor.

J. K. Howard of Syracuse, N. Y., is here today and will make a public test of a new motor truck recently purchased by the fire department.

Governor Woods is negotiating for lease of a dwelling house to be used during the next session.

Major L. P. D. Tilley of St. John passed through the city this morning en route to Miramichi, where he will confer with mine managers in regard to shortage of labor.

MILITARY NURSES.

Miss Lida Baskin and Miss Musette Compton, both of this city, will report tomorrow morning for duty at the military hospital in Pitt street. Both young ladies are graduate nurses.

### HIS WIFE WAS MONCTON GIRL

Death of Dr. W. J. Wood, Preminent X Ray Man in Boston

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 19.—The death of Dr. Walter J. Dodd occurred in Boston yesterday. His wife is a daughter of Paul Lea of Moncton. Her brother Charles Lea has gone to Boston to attend the funeral. About a year ago Dr. and Mrs. Dodd were with a Harvard unit in France. He was born in London, Eng. and was head of the X-ray Department of the Massachusetts General Hospital, also head of the X-ray Department of Harvard University.

### ONE OF GERMAN'S GENERALS ON SOMME FRONT DEAD

London, Dec. 19.—General Von Fabek, commander-in-chief of one of the German armies on the western front, is dead, according to German newspapers. A despatch from Amsterdam says that Von Fabek commanded on the Somme front and that he became sick after the summer fighting.