

CHICAGO HEARS KAISER'S CHRISTMAS PEACE TERMS

Chicago, Dec. 20.—What purports to be an outline of the Kaiser's much advertised, "Christmas peace terms" has reached here through the same neutral diplomatic channels which earlier in the week received information to support intimations from abroad that a new peace offer is coming.

In the main the terms as described follow the lines of those said to have been written by Foreign Minister Von Kuhlmann last summer. At the time they were denounced as having been written purely for political purposes.

The so-called terms, which must be appraised only at their face value are said to include the following:

- To leave the distribution of Alsace-Lorraine to a plebiscite of inhabitants.
- England to pay Germany for her lost African colonies and the money to be used for the rehabilitation of Belgium, Serbia, Roumania and Northern France.
- Russian provinces bordering the Baltic, the Black Sea and Prussia to become independent under a German plan.
- Poland to be called an independent state under Austrian suzerainty.
- Disarmament, freedom of the seas and commerce to be left to the peace conference.
- Roumania, Serbia and Montenegro to retain their original boundaries, with the right of access to the sea being granted to Serbia.
- Turkey to remain intact.

Sincerity or Not.

Whether such a proposal of terms is merely another step in the German propaganda to impress the public mind that the allies are responsible for a continuance of the war, or whether it is really a feeler for peace is a subject for the estimate of governments concerned.

At first glance some are inclined to regard them as the Kaiser's much advertised Christmas peace terms, probably designed in large part to keep the German people under the illusion that they are fighting a really defensive war against foes who insist on the dismemberment of their country.

There is a very decided impression in competent quarters, however, that Germany having gained great advantages in Russia, might think it to her advantage to yield to allied demands in many other directions which in the estimate of her own statesmen would strike a balance. This is one of the reasons why some close observers believe an offer of peace, coming at this time has probably more real intentions of peace behind it than the previous ones.

No one here believes Germany's best terms would be put on the table at the first offer and those inclined to this view think a proposal of peace now is at least an attempt to start a discussion of terms.

From what may be gained of the war aims of the allied governments as expressed by their statesmen and President Wilson, such an offering of terms as outlined in the foregoing could not be considered as the basis of a satisfactory peace, although it might contain some of the elements.

London, Wednesday, Dec. 19.—Foreign Secretary Balfour made a spirited reply in the house of commons this afternoon to attacks by Arthur Ponsonby, Liberal member from Stirlingburgh, a pacifist, regarding the war aims of Great Britain and her allies, the published versions of which Mr. Ponsonby said, did not tally with the proposals of the secret treaties.

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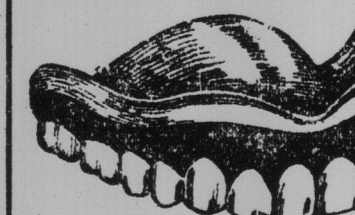
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SAYS HORROR OF HALIFAX DISASTER STILL PERSISTS

That the dire horror of the recent tragedy in Halifax will never actually be effaced in the system of those who passed through it with their lives and that it still threatens a general breakdown of the nervous system of many in that community was the opinion expressed last evening by Captain Robinson Black, organizer and inspector of cadet corps in the maritime provinces, who was in Halifax when the explosion occurred and afterwards assisted, through an organization of the cadet corps of the stricken city, in relief work.

Captain Black said that he was in his bedroom when the terrible came. The impact was so great that the house, which is in Shirley street, seemed to suddenly swerve and then retain its position again. He was struck in the head and over the eye with pieces of flying glass, bits of which are yet to be found in the walls of rooms about the house. Captain Black, speaking of the relief work, carried out by the cadet corps said that he issued a circular letter the night of the catastrophe and by the following morning the boys were organized and rendering splendid assistance to the relief committees. They have been congratulated by every relief executive in the city and have undoubtedly, he said, made a fine name for themselves.

The one consoling and happy thought of the whole affair, said Captain Black, which predominates the entire people of the city of Halifax today comes from the spontaneous and prompt relief poured in from all corners of the globe.

"The relief sent in was at times beyond the capacity to receive it owing to

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the crippled conditions of things," were Captain Black's words.

He paid a glowing tribute to the relief branch established personally by Sir John Eaton, of Toronto, in Barrington street. He also said that the work of the St. John contingent was beyond praise; the same could be said of every band of relief workers.

Captain Black added that the work of reconstruction was steadily being pushed ahead, several of the dwelling houses were now fit to live in and some of the lightly damaged business places were running again. However, a citizen of the northern section of the city could not make his way about at night with safety, so great was the upheaval in that centre.

Speaking of cadet work in New Brunswick he said that he had just received authorization for the organization of the cadet corps of the Routhay Consolidated school. He remarked that all the cadet corps of the outlying districts of Halifax had volunteered for relief work in Halifax during their Christmas holidays. This would also act as a source of relief for the cadets in Halifax had been on the job since the accident.

Captain Black said that he was personally touched by the number of despatches and other messages received from St. John as to his safety. He wished to express his thanks through the press to all his kind friends and enquirers and hopes that the coming year will be a prosperous and happy one for the many cadet corps in the provinces.

The Keith Cann, the new steamer recently built at Yarmouth for the St. John-Yarmouth line, will make her first trip on January 1.

LOCAL COUNCIL ALLOTS TERRITORY IN BOOK CANVASS

At a meeting of the executive of the Local Council of Women, Mrs. E. Atherton Smith presiding, yesterday further arrangements were made for the sale of the latest book success, "The Glorious Story of the Fighting 26th" by the organizations affiliated with the council.

Announcement was made of the offer by C. A. Munro of the St. John News Company, general agents for the book, of a prize of \$50 for the organization taking the most orders. Allotment of the West Side and Fairville to Mrs. E. A. Young, of the Field Comforts Circle, Queens ward to Mrs. H. Colby Smith for the Y. M. C. A. Ladies' Auxiliary military Y. M. C. A. campaign, and Kings ward to Mrs. W. E. Raymond, representing the Natural History Ladies' Auxiliary was confirmed.

Authority was given to place the book as well in all book stores on Saturday to make sure that all wishing to secure a copy, in case they are missed by the fair canvassers, may do so. As the sale may continue for several days, organization will go on until the whole city is covered.

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