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Russians Not on Hand For Resumption Of Peace Negotiations

Teuton Delegates Find Only Message Asking for Transfer to Stockholm—Further German Intriguing Reported

London, Jan. 5.—When the delegates of the Central Powers arrived at Brest-Litovsk to resume the peace negotiations, they found no Russian delegates there, according to a Vienna despatch to Zurich, forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph Company. All that awaited them was a telegram from the Russians asking for transfer of the negotiations to Stockholm.

SAYS GERMANS KEEP THEM AT IT

Austrian Prisoners on Italian Front Sick of Warfare—Were Without Warm Food for Days

Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy, Jan. 4.—(By the Associated Press.)—The officer commanding 1,400 Austrian prisoners captured in the recent French success on Monte Tombara today expressed an opportunity of going among them and talking freely with officers and men on war conditions and what the enemy still could do in carrying on the struggle.

MASTER'S REPORT IN RUNDLE SUIT

North Shore Matter in Which Large Sums of Money Are Involved

In the suit of James A. Rundle vs. James Robinson and John T. Rundle and the Royal Bank of Canada, the report of the master was read this morning in the Chancery Court before Mr. Justice Grimmer, and on motion confirmed. The report showed that a balance of \$14,000 to Mr. Robinson, about \$7,000 in costs and \$4,000 for delivery of lumber, the balance will be paid to Mr. Rundle, which brought about \$250,000. The claim of about \$140,000 to the Royal Bank of Canada had been previously paid.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES AFTER AUTO COLLISION

Before His Honor Judge Armstrong in the County Court Chambers this morning, hearing was taken up in the case of Walter H. Bell vs. John A. Gregory. In this case the plaintiff claimed damages which he alleges resulted as a result of his auto truck being struck by the automobile of the defendant in a collision near the Suspension Bridge in last July. The defendant disclaims any liability, alleging that the collision was a result of a mere accident, not due to negligence on the part of the defendant's chauffeur. The plaintiff claims in the vicinity of \$50 damages.

ANOTHER BIG BASEBALL DEAL

Chicago, Jan. 5.—President Weeghman is planning a big deal, according to Manager Mitchell. Mitchell said the \$250,000 with which Weeghman started to buy a championship team for the Chicago Nationals is not nearly exhausted, and that the biggest trade of the season will be announced in a few days.

TWO KILLED WHEN TROLLEY CAR DERAILED

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 5.—Two persons were killed and nine injured today when a trolley car on the Buffalo and Depew line left the rails, crashed into a telegraph pole and overturned.

Turks' Peace Terms To Russia

London, Jan. 5.—Free passage of the Dardanelles for Russian ships, Russian evacuation of Turkish territory and the demobilization of the Russian Black Sea fleet are provided for in the draft of Turkish peace terms presented to Russia, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Petrograd.

St. John Officers And Men Return

Several Here on Vessel in Port Today

INTERESTING STORIES

Major McGowan, Lieutenants Logan and Keirstead Home—First Tank Driver Reaches Canada—Arman Who Escaped Husa Clutch And Had Long Talk With King

One hundred and thirteen officers and 1,001 men from all parts of the battle line in Europe arrived in the city this morning on one of the largest transport. One man died soon after the ship put out to sea. Included in the party were three well-known St. John officers, Major J. T. McGowan, Lieut. Basil Logan and Lieut. J. Y. Keirstead.

JUDGMENT IN M.S.A. TEST CASES

Four Decisions by Mr. Justice Duff, Central Appeal Judge, Ottawa

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—Judgment has been given by Mr. Justice Duff, central appeal judge under the military service act, in four test cases. Three relate to applications for exemption by men engaged in farm work and the fourth to applications made on behalf of experienced tool workers.

WAR NOTES

Testimony in the India revolution conspiracy in San Francisco yesterday was that German agents attempted to establish a wireless telegraph station on the west coast of Mexico in 1914 but failed.

FINNS ASK DENMARK TO RECOGNIZE INDEPENDENCE

Copenhagen, Jan. 5.—King Christian yesterday received a Finnish delegation which requested Denmark's recognition of the independence of Finland. The king said he hoped Finland would emerge from the crisis under conditions that would make possible the happy and free national development of the Finnish people.

GOING OVER RAILWAY SITUATION IN CANADA

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—At the request of Hon. Dr. Reid, minister of railways, a sub-committee of the cabinet council has been appointed to consider the whole railway situation in Canada. For the last few weeks the minister has been studying the problem with a view to giving the greatest possible movement for troops, munitions of war, and food products to the seaboard.

HUNDRED MINERS LOCKED IN BY AN EXPLOSION

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 5.—An explosion today in the Barnum mine at Pittston, entombed one hundred miners.

REMARKABLE STATEMENT BY BRITISH PREMIER

Wishes Not to Destroy Germany's Great Position in World But Turn Her Aside From Schemes of Military Domination

CANADIANS' LEADER IN LONDON ON FRIDAY

Sir Arthur Currie Says Corps Delighted at Result of Elections Here

London, Jan. 5.—Premier Lloyd George, addressing the Trades Unions today on the subject of war aims, said that only the clearest, greatest and most just of causes could justify the continuance, even for a day, of this unparelleled agony of nations.

TODAY'S NEWS FROM THE BATTLE FRONTS

Paris, Jan. 5.—Active artillery fighting occurred during the night in the region south of Corbeny and on the left bank of the Meuse, near Arconville. Wood, says today's official communication. "North of St. Mihiel enemy detachments which attempted to capture a French post suffered appreciable losses under our fire without attaining any result."

WANT GAME SEASON HERE EXTENDED

Peterborough, Jan. 5.—The York municipal council this morning urged the provincial government to make the game season open from July to January for the duration of the war and permit each license holder to kill five deer instead of one to holders of the province. The resolution was passed to assist in food conservation and to afford a greater measure of protection to farmers whose crops are damaged by deer. A copy of the resolution is to be forwarded to Hon. W. J. Hanna, minister of agriculture.

WEATHER REPORT

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

SITUATION IN CAPE BRETON COLLIERIES IS IMPROVING

Sydney, N. S. Jan. 4.—The situation at the collieries is improving. The men who remained at home owing to Monday's storm, are out again and General Superintendent Tonge said last night that the mines would be in full operation on Saturday. The chief difficulty is not in the matter of output but in the moving of trains.

Britain Prepared To Go on For 20 Years To Cage German Wild Beast

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 5.—Addressing the St. Louis Bar Association last night, Sir Frederick Smith, attorney-general for Great Britain, who is in the United States on a mission for his government, said that Great Britain is prepared to continue her struggle with Germany for twenty years more "to bring the wild beast of Germany into his cage." He declared that "the entry of the United States into the war makes the result certain."

TABLET IN MEMORY OF LIEUT. GEO. MORRISSEY

In St. John (Stone) church last evening a tablet was unveiled to the memory of Lieutenant George Morrissey, of the 10th C. M. B., killed in action on June 2, 1916. The service was conducted by Rev. (Captain) G. A. Kurling, rector. The tablet is a handsome one of brass set in oak. The Dead March in Saul was played by the organist, D. Arnold Fox, and the Last Post sounded.

PROVISIONS BURNED

Reading, Pa., Jan. 5.—Thousands of bushels of flour, wheat and potatoes were burned in a fire that destroyed Shanahan's flour mill in West Reading early today.

Alberta Legislature

Edmonton, Jan. 5.—It has been decided to call the legislature to assemble on February 7.

Hundred Sheep Killed

Sherbrooke, Que., Jan. 5.—In a head-on collision between two freight trains on Q. C. R. near East Angus, last night, 100 sheep were killed. The shipment was on its way to Montreal markets.

Missionary Dies Suddenly

Greenfield, Mass., Jan. 5.—Archdeacon Charles J. Shiffen, prominent in missionary work in western Massachusetts, died here today.

IS ON ISLAND

The case of smallpox reported in the city is in the hands of the federal authorities and the patient is confined to the isolation hospital on Partridge Island. It was reported that the patient had been sent to the local hospital and later to the isolation hospital in Sandy Point road, but this is not correct.

NEW YORK, JAN. 5.—Losses of one to three and a half points were made by important stocks at the opening of today's market. Issues most affected included Union Pacific, U. S. Steel, Crucible Steel, Utah Copper and American Tobacco.