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RUSSIAN DELEGATION GERMAN TERMS

CENTRAL POWERS 'CLIMB DOWN,' WILL MAKE NEW PEACE OFFER IN GREATLY MODIFIED TERMS TO MEET THE ENTENTE WISHES

London, Jan. 2.—The central powers within the next ten days will make new declarations regarding Germany's peace conditions, a dispatch from Geneva to the Daily Express quotes the Munich Nachrichten as saying. It is added that modifications may be introduced, owing to the attitude of the Entente Powers.

QUEBEC NOTARY URGES BOYCOTT OF ONTARIANS

Advices French-Canadians to
Invest Only in Quebec
Banks.

CALLS ONTARIO "BOCHE"
Montreal Gazette Says Quebec
Would Be Sufferer by
Trade War.

Montreal, Jan. 2.—La Caisse, a public letter from J. M. Savigneau, notary, showing how Quebec can get even with the Province of Ontario, which he designates as "our enemy."

"It is a secret for no one that industrial Ontario, especially in the Province of Quebec, is particularly industrial and commercial, so why should not our province with all her wealth also become an important commercial and industrial centre like Ontario? There must be no longer any hesitation, but we must at once engage in battle."

Boycott Ontario business in our province," he says. "From this out, our French-Canadians should deposit all their savings in French-Canadian banks, which offer quite as much guarantee and security as the banks of Ontario which have branches in the Province of Quebec. Let our departmental stores in French-Canadian cities, which are in a position to make a business of it, delay a mail order department, like certain stores in Toronto, and distribute their goods by mail all through the province. Why should our money and our orders to the Boches of Ontario and receive in exchange insults and injury?"

Called Foolishness.
Montreal, Jan. 2.—A paper says: "A boycott of Ontario business firms is being advocated by some people in this province. This is a very foolish idea. It is a narrow view, politically as well as commercially. Quebec's traders and producers are not more numerous than those of other provinces sold to Quebec for consumption, so the boycott might prove to be unproductive. It is a moral point of view, as from a moral point of view, boycotts are condemned as mischievous. Businessmen who do this and will in their own way settle the foolishness."

LA CROIX WORKED UP.
Montreal, Jan. 2.—La Croix, a paper circulating largely among "Catholic" clergy in Quebec, and which argued in favor of the rupture of the confederation pact before the election, declares, in its last issue, that the idea of a Lower Canada, composed of Quebec and the three lower provinces, is making good progress throughout the country. It asks Sir Robert Borden, now that he has the brutal force to do so, if he will put into execution his war program. It was authorized by the last Parliament to send 100,000 more men to the European front. Will he still ask for more blood when this is all shed on the battlefields? It is to be feared that he will.

"There is, however, a way of preventing this awful war," adds the newspaper, "and that will be the separation of Lower from Upper Canada and raise up a constitutional wall between them, and Quebec, by allying ourselves to the Maritime Provinces, whose hearts beat in unison with our own, and who will join us in kicking out the fresh ones lately arrived from the slums of London and who, from the other side of the Ottawa sea, to destroy us like the hideous serpent which, after being warmed into life, raises its head against its benefactor."

ALL RAIDS REPULSED
ON WESTERN FRONT
London, Jan. 2.—Several raids were made upon the British positions on the Belgian and Arras fronts. The official statement issued by the war department today says that all the raiding parties were repulsed.

TUG IN DISTRESS.
Charlottetown, P. E. I., Jan. 2.—The ferry Prince Edward Island was sent to the relief of the tug Gasconade in distress in the Northumberland Strait. She towed the tug within twenty miles of the pier at Port Borden, but was unable to take her in, owing to heavy ice.

MISSIONARY DEAD.
Ottawa, Jan. 1.—Mr. James Stewart, a Presbyterian home missionary for forty years, and a resident of the County for the last sixteen years, died suddenly at the residence of his son, Mr. R. M. Stewart, here today. The late Mr. Stewart was born in Scotland 48 years ago, and came to Canada at the age of about 18.

NO FIGURES OF DRAFTED FORCE TO BE ISSUED

Country Will Not Know How
Many Conscription Has
Gathered.

ARE MARRIED MEN NEXT?
Rumor That Second Class of
Married Are To Be Called
Shortly.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Jan. 2.—For military reasons, which have not been very fully explained, the names or numbers of drafted men under the Military Service Act who are to be called out tomorrow are not to be made public. Nobody is to know just how many men are to be gathered under the conscription act in Canada or who is to be taken.

No Numbers Given.
The explanation given by the military service council for the course of action is that the chief of the military staff has indicated that it is not advisable to specify the number drafted from each district, if the name of the districts were given, it would be evident. Only the names of those who do not report will be made public. The above attitude was not taken by the United States authorities, who made public the names of all men gathered under the draft.

It is obvious that under the policy laid down in Canada, the public which has the Government a mandate to raise 100,000 men will not know where the men are actually gathered. There will be no means of distinguishing between those actually drafted and those now in Canada who have volunteered during the past few months. Again rumors persist of Ottawa to the effect that the second class married men are to be called out shortly.

NEW COUNCIL MEETS
WEEK FROM MONDAY
TO NAME CHAIRMEN

Leaders at Polls Are Named
Striking Committee.
TO REAPPOINT MR. POCOCK

Will Likely Be Choice for
Head of the Utilities
Commission.

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A NEW RUSS REPUBLIC.
Petrograd, Tuesday, Jan. 1.—A new republic has been set up in the Black Sea territory with Novorossysk as the capital. A coalition cabinet, including Constitutional Democrats, has been formed.

Delegates from the Ukraine to the Constituent Assembly will arrive in Petrograd tomorrow. No effort was made to open the assembly today.

What Victor and Vanquished Say



DR. R. W. SHAW.
"I am glad to stay home and attend to my own business. It was the most irregular election I have ever seen. The people were with me, on the by-laws."

DR. STEVENSON.
"The Labor vote was split. The workingmen were behind me. If the field had been left to me alone there would have been a different story."

Mayor-Elect C. R. Somerville.
"My election by such a majority is a clear cut mandate to put into force a policy of retrenchment at once."

VICTORY NOT FAR DISTANT IS LLOYD GEORGE'S MESSAGE TO PEOPLE OF DOMINION

Steadfast Courage Is Surely
Winning Struggle for
World Freedom.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—The prime minister has received through the good offices of the British Empire, the following New Year's message from the Right Hon. Lloyd George, the British prime minister.

"At the beginning of a new year I wish to send, on behalf of the war cabinet, the Government and people of Canada, a message of goodwill and confidence. We are now far on the path to victory. By standing firm, the Allies will not only restore liberty to Europe, but give lasting peace to the world. In the accomplishment of this great work, no people will have played a greater part than those who are members of the British Commonwealth. Against their steadfast courage the legions of autocracy have cast themselves vain and the Empire, which the military of Prussia persuaded themselves would crumble at a blow, has proved itself the most united and most massive of the bulwarks of freedom. It has itself sprung from the eternal soil of freedom. I have good hopes that before this new year has passed, our hand will have been completely accomplished."

TALK OF PROTEST,
BUT SMALL CHANCE
OF ANY ACTION
Attempt to Unseat Mayor Is
Hinted At.

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RUSSO-TEUTON PEACE CONFAB BROKEN OFF BY BOLSHEVIKI; TROOPS RUSHING TO FRONT

Conference at Brest-Litovsk Strikes a Snag
Over Central Powers' Attitude In Regard
To Poland and Lithuania and Refusal To
Surrender Bases In Russ Territory—Army
Being Prepared For Defence.

London, Jan. 2.—Peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk have been broken off by the Bolsheviki Government, owing to the German attitude in regard to Poland and Lithuania, and the enemy's proposal that garrisons be retained at Libau, Riga and elsewhere, according to a telegram from the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News, appearing in a late edition of that paper today.

The Daily News correspondent says further that considerable numbers of Red Guards are being sent to reinforce the front, and that other preparations for defence are being made.

It is not clear from the dispatch of the Daily News correspondent when the meeting, which is said to have resulted in the breaking off of peace negotiations, was held, and there is a possibility that the report refers to an alleged rupture of negotiations several days ago, when the discussions were adjourned.

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While holding strong positions in the mountain region from Asago across the Breno to the Piave, the Italian flank along the Piave is now intact. The enemy has replied only with artillery to the French stroke which gained valuable positions in the Monte Tomba region.

Winter Aid Italians.
The weather apparently also is coming to the aid of the hard-pressed Italian army, which has had little rest since the Austro-German drive began late in October. Heavy snow is falling on the Swiss-Italian and Swiss-Austrian frontiers. Troop and other trains are being held in the Alps by the snow, and the food supply of the enemy troops on the Italian northern front has been cut off temporarily.

On the western front the German advance of 1918 was welcomed by strong artillery duels in the Ypres, Cambrai and Verdun areas. In the Verdun sector the Germans have been repulsed, and the bank of the river, but have made no attacks. The Germans attempted a raid near Loos, north of Lens, Tuesday morning, but were repulsed by the British.

Cossacks Advancing.
With the entire Cossack territory reported against the Bolsheviki, Generals Kaledin and Budyonny are advancing toward Moscow, and fighting with the Bolsheviki has been resumed at Kursk, about 200 miles south of Moscow. All men of military age in the Don Cossack region have been called to arms, and it is reported that Gen. Kaledin has 20,000 officers, including many from the Russian regular army, at his disposal.

The situation in the Rumanian front is reported to be very serious, the Rumanians having rebelled against the Bolsheviki. The situation between Riga and Petrograd has been resumed.

New declarations regarding German peace terms will be issued within a few days, it is said. The attitude of the Entente powers, presumably toward the terms expressed at Brest-Litovsk, may bring about some changes.

ARENA AT MONTREAL
DESTROYED BY FIRE
Famous Sporting Edifice at
Metropolis Completely
Wiped Out.

Montreal, Jan. 2.—The Montreal Arena, the biggest rink in Eastern Canada, caught fire this morning. One side of the building was quickly destroyed when an ammonia plant used for making artificial ice exploded and blew down a wall.

The fire started about 11:40, and in less than an hour the whole building was destroyed. The fire leaped across Wood street and set fire to six houses.

The arena was built in 1906 at a cost of \$75,000. It was a steel and brick construction and accommodated some 5,000 people. It has been the scene of the great hockey matches played in Montreal in recent years, while the annual Montreal horse shows were held there. In the spring and fall the arena was turned into a concert hall and all the great singers and dancers who visited this city performed there. The building was amply covered by insurance.

ATHLETES WIN CROSS.
Montreal, Jan. 2.—Included in the list of New Year's military honors are the names of two Montreal athletes, Major Arthur Phipps and Lieut. Lorne C. Montgomery, who have been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous service and gallantry.

SIX GERMAN PLANES
DOWNED BY FRENCH
Paris, Jan. 2.—Six German airplanes were put out of action yesterday by the French. It is announced officially that the French shot down six German airplanes on the front, but no large air action is reported.

HENRY DALBY DEAD.
Montreal, Jan. 2.—Henry Dalby, formerly editor of the Montreal Star, and well-known journalist, died this morning.