

ALLIES' DECISION HAS DISCOURAGED RUSSIAN LEADERS

Lack of Unity Among Opponents of Bolshevism Justifies Entente Nations

CONTINUE CONFERENCES

In Hope of Getting Formal Hearing When Peace Congress Opens

Paris, Dec. 27.—The recent announcement by Stephen Pichon, the French Foreign Minister, that the Entente had decided against extensive military intervention in Russia at present has had a discouraging effect upon former Premier Lloyd and Kozlovsk and other prominent Russians who are now in conference in Paris. This may be said in spite of the fact that they did not expect an immediate response to their appeals, because of the lack of unification among the forces opposed to the Bolsheviks and the inability of the remote Provincial Governments to co-ordinate their movements.

The Russian leaders continue their conferences at the Russian Embassy in the hope that they will get a formal hearing when the Peace Congress actually opens.

LANDLORDS TURNED OUT NAKED BY THE RUSSIAN BOLSHEVIK

Anarchy Prevails in Volhynia—Treatment of Women Part of Program

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

Shows That Disorder and Fighting Prevail in Different Parts of the Country

Warsaw, Dec. 27.—Forces commanded by Gen. Petura, the Ukrainian leader, drove Gen. Skoropod's from Kiev on December 15th, and refugees are arriving here. Kiev is calm again.

In the Volhynia district, anarchy prevails. Landlords and their managers are being turned out naked in the bitter cold. The Bolsheviks have been gun to ill-treat women, something new in Bolshevism.

A message from Danzig says the Germans are dismantling that port and carrying off all dock machinery, fearing the arrival of the Allied forces. It is felt that the Peace Conference may give the port to Poland.

Odesa is reported again in Bolshevik hands after the defeat of Polish troops near the city.

INDEPENDENTS MAY HAVE FULL CONTROL HUN GOVERNMENT

Berlin, Dec. 27.—As a result of today's deliberations, it is believed in some quarters that the majority of the Socialists will be released from the Cabinet and leave the Independents in full control of the government.

The Cabinet was in secret session the greater part of the day. Leading Independents in the government also were in conference, and this gave rise to the rumor that Hugo Haase, leader of the Independent Socialists, is to be called on to organize a new government.

The crisis is likely to continue for a day or two and may meet with an unforeseen solution.

Today passed quietly in Berlin.

SERGT. CRANG WINS MILITARY MEDAL

Took Command of Company After All the Officers Had Become Casualties

Another well known Brandon man has been awarded the Military Medal for great courage and devotion to duty in action, in the person of Sergt. F. J. C. Crang, son of Mrs. A. Crang, 1203 Ninth street. Sergt. Crang went overseas with the Chums' Battalion and saw much service in the trenches. He was wounded September 28th at Cambrai, but is now well on the road to recovery. Prior to enlisting, he was employed by McDiarmid & Clarke. Sergt. Crang was for eighteen hours in a dugout after being wounded and crawled half a mile through heavy fire, afterwards making crutches from some pieces of guns and proceeding to a dressing station with ease. The following letter was written by Sergt. Crang's Officer Commanding, Major D. B. Martyn, D.S.O., and bar:

"Sergt. F. J. C. Crang served in the Battalion in France and by his energy, hard work and ability to lead men was promoted to the rank of sergeant. During the heavy fighting

in the Summer of 1918 he showed that he possessed a fine fighting spirit, especially distinguishing himself in the battle before Cambrai, where he took command of a company, after all the officers became casualties, and led them to their final objective. For this act of bravery he was awarded the Military Medal. The following day he was wounded."

FIVE BRANDON MEN ARRIVED AT HALIFAX WILL SOON BE HOME

Capt. Wm. B. Gray, Author of Billy's Letters, is Among Those Returning

Five Brandon men arrived in Halifax from overseas on the steamship Gramplan and are probably on their way to Winnipeg by now. There were 47 officers and men from M. D. Ten on this boat who will, if possible, spend New Year's Day with their relatives. A list of the Brandon men who arrived follows:

Capt. Wm. B. Gray, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Gray and nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ferguson, 436 Victoria avenue. Capt. Gray, although a Toronto boy, resided in Brandon for many years and is very well known here. He went overseas in the Fall of 1915 with the 52nd Battalion from Port Arthur as a Lieutenant, and won promotion to his present rank since leaving Canada. He was wounded June 1916, and has latterly been with the 18th Reserve Battalion in England as quartermaster. Capt. Gray was married about a year ago in England and Mrs. Gray is returning with him. Previous to enlisting Captain Gray was known in journalistic circles throughout Western Canada, one of its books, "Billy's Letters," written while being overseas, being the most widely read of all his writings.

Private W. H. Main, son of Mr. Howard Main of this city, went overseas with the 56th Battalion and was wounded June 1916. He has seen such service in France and his friends in Brandon will be glad to welcome him home again.

Sapper T. A. Quigley is a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Quigley, 229 Fourth street. He enlisted and went overseas with the 107th Battalion, Winnipeg, and was in France over a year. He was wounded last September and since that time has been receiving treatment in various hospitals in England. Prior to enlisting he was employed by the Dominion Hardware Company. A brother of this gallant soldier, Gunner W. D. Quigley, is expected home soon, at present he is with one of the bands in England.

Private W. C. Pringle enlisted and went overseas with the 181st Battalion. He was employed at the Asylum or a number of years prior to enlisting. His sister resides at Routhville.

Private B. Bobb is also listed as returning to Brandon. Further information is requested about this man.

DELEGATION TO GO TO OTTAWA TO PRESENT FACTS

That a strong delegation shall go to Ottawa during the first week of the new year to present the claims of Brandon in such matters as the desired establishment of a Military Hospital here; the location of the headquarters for the Mounted Police; the extension of the G.T.P. line from Hartle to Brandon; and the establishment of a Vocational Training School, was the unanimous view of the thoroughly representative gathering of members of the City Council, the Hospital Board, and the Board of Trade this afternoon. The Hon. T. C. Norris, Premier of Manitoba who was present, gave promise of cordial support to the request of financial assistance to extend the Brandon General Hospital should a delegation be sent to Winnipeg during the coming session. The Premier also stated that the question of providing a power line from Winnipeg to Fortage la Prairie and hence to Brandon was now under consideration, that data is being collected re the matter of costs, etc., and that a plan would be submitted to the Provincial Government early in the coming year, and a start probably made with the work during the ensuing season.

Premier Norris also remarked that he had made strong representation while at Ottawa that a military hospital should be established in Brandon, but apparently without success, as it had been decided that all military hospitals for Manitoba should be centralized in Winnipeg.

The following were appointed a committee to select a delegation of six Brandon citizens to go to Ottawa: Messrs. R. Darrach, Ald. Coleman, A. Shevan, Dr. Whidden, M.P., and S. E. Clement, M.P.P.

Wisdom consists in knowing what you should learn in order to be wise. Health is better than wealth, but the latter is always an interesting invalid.

SERBIANS CLAIM TERRITORY THAT ITALIANS COVEY

Delegates to Peace Conference Say People Desire to Join Serbia

Paris, Dec. 26.—The aspirations of the Serbian Government for the future of its country were explained to the correspondent by Dr. Vessitch, Serbian minister to France, who, in all probability, will be one of the Serbian delegates to the Peace conference. Dr. Vessitch was the head of the Serbian mission to the United States in 1917.

Dr. Vessitch said: "The Serbian people, composed of Croats, Slovenes and Serbians living within the boundaries of what hitherto has been called Serbia, and in the former Austro-Hungarian empire, number about 16,000,000. These are an ethnological whole and they elect to be one nation under the principles laid down by President Wilson and accepted by the governments of Great Britain, France and Italy as conditions precedent to the armistice signed with Austria and Germany."

"Approximately seventy per cent. of our people are Orthodox in religion, twenty per cent. Catholic and ten per cent. Protestant, Jewish, or Mohammedan. As the Montenegrins have decided to become a part of Greater Serbia, we being of the same race, the frontiers of our country are Greece, Bulgaria, Roumania, Hungary and the Adriatic. That is our conception of the future Serbia and, as a whole, the realization of our race aspirations which have survived through centuries of war, division and suffering."

Oppose Italy's Claims
"But what of the Italian claims to the Adriatic coast?" the correspondent asked.

"Italy," replied Dr. Vessitch, "according to the Serbian Government, has no just claim to the Eastern Adriatic coast. The governments of Great Britain, Russia and France arranged by agreement with Italy to give her that coast, or a large part of it, at the London conference in April, 1915. Had Russia the right to dispose of the Adriatic coast? Or England? Or France? They were giving away what had not belonged to them."

"We do not recognize the title of Italy under that agreement to any part of the Eastern Adriatic."

"Not to Trieste?" asked the correspondent.
"No," declared the Serbian minister, "not to Trieste, but we will not go into that question at this moment. The Italian claims to Trieste have been so persistent and continuous for a long period that we are willing to leave that question apart."

NO MORE ALLIED TROOPS FOR RUSSIA

Paris, Dec. 26.—The Allied Governments have decided against further intervention in Russia, at least for the present, according to indications from official sources. Great Britain and the United States, it is reported, while recognizing that Russia should be assisted in a way to permit her getting back to normal conditions, point out that military intervention on a large scale would involve difficulties and dangers of all kinds.

Stephen Pichon, the French Foreign Minister, explained the situation at length to the committee on Foreign Relations. He said the solution at present was to guarantee moral support to the governments which have sprung up at various points on Russian and Siberian territory.

Prince Lvoff seeks Aid of Allies
Prince Lvoff, who is the guest of Basil Maklakoff, Russian ambassador to France, and who is participating in the conference being held here by Russian statesmen, discussing his views on the immediate future in Russia with the representative of the Associated Press, said: "Additional Entente military forces are necessary to restore order and check anarchy in Russia. It is impossible for the disorganized country to right itself otherwise."

"I am not a military expert," he said, when asked how many troops would be necessary, "and my opinion on that subject would be of little value, but in my judgment 200,000 soldiers would be adequate. The opposition is weak."

In reply to a question as to what form of government would be best for Russia, Prince Lvoff said that it must be a republic.

Paul Milukoff, former Russian Foreign Minister, who was ordered to leave France because of alleged participation in irregularities, has gone to London. He was accompanied by several policemen from Ukraine, who came from Odessa with him.

At the beginning of the new year the average man spends an entire day repairing the famous pavement made of good intentions.

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GERMANS IN ALSACE BEING WELL TREATED

Certain Germans who had Misbehaved Now Have Been Looked Up

Paris, Dec. 26.—The first convoy of German civilians has left Mulhouse. Each person was allowed to carry 80 pounds of baggage. They were transported away from the city by automobiles.

The Temps prints a reply from Strassburg to a Wolff Bureau dispatch which declared that Germans remaining in Alsace had been badly treated by the French authorities. The reply denies the statement categorically, saying:

"The Germans were in no way molested. Not a single German was sent to Belgium or France. The French authorities, in response to the unanimous demands of the Alsatian population, merely arrested and incarcerated certain Germans who had shown marked hatred to the Alsations during the war, such as magistrates who presided at exceptional courts, Judge Aaron at the head, who condemned Alsations to prison with hard labor."

BOYS WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY THE GAME WHEN BACK AT HOME

Eloquent Soldier-Author Makes Address Before Canadian Club

Toronto, Dec. 25.—"There is a new nation. In it are British and Americans, French and Belgians, even Redskins and Japanese. They do not live in their own countries. You will find them all in France. It is the nation of the gentlemen of France, and you will find them lying under the forests of white crosses, in shellholes, in buried dugouts, and sometimes they don't lie anywhere. If ever we forget, if ever we let selfishness creep back the gentlemen of France, rising wearily, will come back to right the battles we hadn't the sense to keep when they'd won."

So said Lieut. Conningsby Dawson, the well-known author, in addressing the Canadian Club-Friday afternoon.

"There are seven and a half million men coming back to Great Britain, who are not afraid," he said. "Men who are not afraid are going to do more for the revolution of righteousness than Cromwell's Ironsides. We have to be very careful. These chaps who were willing to die for you won't want to do your chores. We have got to keep our ideals more pure in peace time than when we were trying to lick the Hun. I think there are only a few men who have not learned to be 'white' over there, and the boys will continue to play the game when they come back."

"You Canadians know what your country did in this war. Just as you Canadians were the storm troops over there, now you should be the storm troops for righteousness, for ideals in the world."

CANADIENS DEFEATED TORONTO ARENAS 4-3

Toronto, Dec. 25.—Canadiens defeated Arenas here Monday by the score of 4 to 3. The result was a surprise to local followers, who believed that the Blue Shirts would easily down the visitors. The winners did not show anything startling, and it was not until the final period that they displayed any marked superiority over their opponents. The game proved anything but interesting and the rather small crowd was given little opportunity to enthuse. Neither team appeared to be in proper condition, perceptibly in the later stages. Arenas suffered most in this respect, and although they were leading by 3 to 1 when the final period started, they were unable to hold the advantage. Veggie was the outstanding star of the match, and he more than any other player, made victory possible for the Canadiens.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS DAY IN HOSPITALS

Many happy gatherings took place on Christmas Day and a jolly time was spent in games and other amusements suitable to the occasion. At the Brandon General Hospital, although no visitors were allowed, the wards were gaily decorated and each patient's tray contained a sprig of holly, and where possible their Christmas dinner, thus carrying to each individual the thought of Christmas. During the afternoon a special treat was given the patients when Dr. Bolton sang several solos, Christmas greenery, bells, etc., also decorated the rooms at the Nurses' Home and with the many special treats that arrived for both patients and nurses, as happy a day as possible was spent by all.

Although Christmas celebrations were necessarily quiet at the Collegiate Emergency Hospital, it will not soon be forgotten by those who were able to enjoy what festivities there were. The wards were all beautifully decorated for the occasion, and in addition some exquisite flowers added their beauty and fragrance to the pleasure of the patients. Besides the Christmas dinner for those who were able to partake of it there were special treats sent in.

Hospital For Insane
On Christmas Eve a jolly time was spent at the Hospital for the Insane, when a small dance was held, at the conclusion of which a gigantic Christmas tree was dismantled of its many gifts amid much fun and merriment. A bountiful Christmas dinner was enjoyed by all on Wednesday and as a special amusement many enjoyed the curling match between the married and single attendants, the former winning out with a large score.

Provincial Jail

As a special privilege the twelve prisoners at the jail were allowed the freedom of the entire building on Christmas Day. Games and music added an enjoyable program and a sumptuous turkey and goose dinner added a finishing touch to a happy day. On Monday a special musical festival was given by the Salvation Army at the jail and again on Christmas Day some of the members were present to aid in helping the prisoners to have a good time.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND BROUGHT HAPPINESS TO MANY BRANDON HOMES

Substantial Gifts, as well as Toys and Candles for Soldiers' Dependents

Through the agency of the Christmas Cheer Fund for the dependents of soldiers overseas, or those who had given their lives, about 200 boxes were sent out, which meant that probably 500 children received gifts. Besides the usual bag of candy, nuts, an apple and an orange, toys, books, and in some cases hockey sticks, and sleighs, were included in the parcels. Each little girl was made happy with a doll and the boys received many a fascinating mechanical toy. In addition to all these good things, warm sweaters, mitts, overstockings, and moonshins, found their way into many parcels. Mother was not forgotten either, and a delicious looking Christmas cake was added as well. The articles were chosen according to the age of the child, and the committee in charge tried to obtain as suitable gifts as possible.

SOUTHERN STATES OF RUSSIA ARE NOW WORKING IN UNITY

Allies Reported in Harmony With Regard to Policy to be Pursued

DEFEAT OF BOLSHEVISTS

Loyal Districts of Russia Join in Waging War Against Reactionaries

London, Dec. 25.—The whole question of Russia's is under serious consideration by the Allies. Reuter's agency learns from an authoritative British source.

In the Riga district General Krastoff's army is operating under the political control of M. Harlamoff, a moderate Social Democrat. This Government is in close association with the Provisional Government in Crimea with which they are in close agreement. In Ukraine the situation is very complicated.

United Against Reds
There is reason to hope that the policy formulated by the Allies will promote unity between the various governments in Southern Russia, all of which repudiate Bolshevism and whose one object is the restoration of order in the country. A late and satisfactory development has been a steady flow of eminent and loyal Russians of all parties in the direction of London and Paris for the purpose of setting up an organization to deal with the Bolshevik problem and to be at hand during the peace conference.

Bolsheviks Defeated

Defeat of the Bolshevik army on the Ekaterinburg front in a decisive battle by an army of loyal Russians, is reported in an official dispatch to the Russian embassy from the Omsk Government. The message said the disorganized Bolsheviks were retreating Northward toward Perm and that this was the first independent action of moment against the Bolsheviks and part of a campaign that was expected to unite some of the loyal districts of Russia and Siberia. Much war equipment and booty was captured.

The embassy also was informed that Attamanda Dootoff, commander of the Cossack troops of the Omsk region had asked General Sem-

GERMAN ADMIRALS DISMISSED FROM SERVICE

Copenhagen, Dec. 26.—Vice-Admiral Hipper, commander-in-chief of the German high seas fleet; Vice-Admiral Bachmann, commander of the Baltic fleet, and Captain Hinkel, director of the dockyards at Kiel, have been dismissed, according to a telegram from Berlin.

Vice-Admiral Hipper headed the German delegation which arranged the plans for the surrender of the German ships to the Allied nations recently in the North Sea. He succeeded Admiral Scheer as head of the high seas fleet. Admiral Bachmann had been in command of the Baltic fleet for several years.

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WHO WROTE THE LETTERS?

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 24.—Anonymous letters threatening the lives of the directors of the China Mail Steamship Company have been received by every director. Fong Wing, one of the directors was shot fatally as he left his store in Chinatown Saturday. A reward of \$10,000 is offered for the apprehension of the assassin.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Officials of the Militia Department declare that the charges of bad treatment of returned soldiers on ship and train, which were made recently in Calgary, will stand investigation. All inquiries, they say, are being handled rapidly.

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