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Germany Asks For Immediate Meeting Re Peace

Berlin, Dec. 26---Germany proposes an immediate meeting of belligerent delegates to discuss peace.

LONDON STILL INTERESTED DEEPLY IN THE PEACE NOTE FROM WILSON

Swiss Action Gives New Interest

A RINGING SPEECH

Arthur Henderson, British Cabinet Member, to French Socialists--Not Time Yet to Let Germany Have Peace She Wants

London, Dec. 26.--Interest in the receipt of President Wilson's note remains unabated. Newspaper discussion was renewed today with a new impetus administered by the issue of the Swiss note...

MUST FIGHT TILL LASTING PEACE IS ASSURED

Paris, Dec. 26.--In addresses at a national congress of the French Socialist party, Arthur Henderson, British cabinet minister, and C. E. Roberts, British M.P., both affirmed, amidst enthusiastic cheers, that the war must be fought until full guarantees have been obtained for a lasting peace.

"Our stupendous losses, our unprecedented sacrifices, our horror of war, our love of peace, may lead us to mortgage the future. With such awful experience we are apt to forget the great moral and eternal principles for which we entered the struggle."

"We are not only fighting a negative action against material forces which are highly organized, but we are engaged in a great spiritual conflict upon the results of which depend all our great ideals. If we enter into negotiations now we do so when Germany is not repentant for her wrongs and is glorifying in the success of her military efforts, in fact, in the victory of German imperialism."

Paris, Dec. 26.--(Delayed)--The Temps, referring to the principle of the integrity of small states as expressed in the American note, recalls Serbia, Belgium and Luxembourg and asks about the Armenian massacres. It quotes Dr. Martin Neugebauer, head of the German school at Aleppo, the central point of the Armenian deportations, as saying: "If the German government is unable to prevent the massacre of men, women and children, the work of my school can (Continued on page 4, seventh column)

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Sir Thomas White, Minister of Finance, while in the city on Monday handed the press a brief statement in which he declared, speaking for himself only, that he did not regard a Coalition Government "as either necessary or practicable at this time."

Mr. J. W. Flavell made a speech in Ottawa on Saturday and was billed to speak in Toronto on Monday at noon. Sir Thomas White was billed to speak in Massey Hall the same night. In his Ottawa speech Mr. Flavell astonished his hearers.

These may not be his precise words, but they summarize the questions that he threw in the face of his startled audience at Ottawa--the party-politics-people who flourish in the country's capital. He denounced party politics whether of the ins or the outs, whether of the government or of the opposition, as a curse at this time--a national iniquity.

He was coming to Toronto on the next day but one to speak again. The party-politics-people set out to discredit him if they could, to spoil his flaming message. The story was wired to two morning papers here that Mr. Flavell was conspiring with Sir Thomas White to oust Sir Robert Borden from the premiership, and that if their plan succeeded Sir Thomas would form a government.

Canada has four army divisions today in France, and although it is officially stated that 270,000 men have gone overseas, it seems impossible to keep up the strength of the force at the front to 84,000 men. UNLESS THERE IS A REVOLUTIONARY REFORM ALL ALONG THE LINE BETWEEN THE RECRUITING-OFFICERS HERE AND THE FRONT TRENCHES, AND UNLESS STEPS ARE TAKEN THAT WILL ENSURE LARGE FURTHER ENLISTMENTS FROM CANADA, WE SHALL SEE MEN RECRUITED BY CONSCRIPTION IN GREAT BRITAIN USED TO FILL UP THE RANKS OF THE FOUR CANADIAN DIVISIONS AT THE FRONT. WE ARE DRIFTING TOWARDS THAT WITH ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY.

SOME TURKEYS AT 30 AS THE MARKET CLOSED

At 9:45 o'clock on Saturday night the all coveted Christmas relish, Mr. Turkey, was selling for 30 cents a pound. All day Saturday and all night up to that time the price was ranging from 35 to 40 cents.

HEROIC BISHOP OF ARRAS DEAD

Paris, Dec. 26.--(Delayed)--Monsignor Emile Lobbbeley, Bishop of Arras, who was recently decorated by President Poincare with the Legion of Honor for remaining in the city during the bombardment, and aiding the soldiers and the civil population, has died at Boulogne-Sur-Mer.

Death removed an old resident of St. John and vicinity yesterday in the person of Patrick McGrath, who passed away at the home of his son, Thomas, in Sea street, Bay Shore.

Maritime--Strong northerly winds, fair and colder today and on Wednesday. New England--Cloudy tonight and Wednesday, probably snow except fair on east coast tonight. Slightly warmer Wednesday; moderate northeast to east winds, increasing by Wednesday morning.



ITALY CALLS UP CLASS OF 1898. Some Fighting on Christmas Day--Snow on Mountains 15 Feet Deep

Rome, Dec. 26.--The feeling of peace in the air has not affected in the slightest measure Italy's military obligations. The new class, those born in 1898, has been called to report to the colors in January.

While from the peaks of Trentino to the shores of the Adriatic Christmas passed in vigilant watching it was varied in some spots by sudden attacks notwithstanding fearful weather conditions. Snow in the mountains is fifteen feet deep.

BORDEN GOING TO IMPERIAL CONFERENCE

Ottawa, Dec. 26.--An invitation to attend the imperial conference and to suggest a convenient date for its assembly has been received by Sir Robert Borden. He will attend the meeting but the government has not yet considered suggestions as to the time it should be held.

FINGER TORN BY TOOTH OF HOG; FARMER DIES

London, Ont., Dec. 26.--James Shaw, one of the wealthiest and most prominent farmers of the Moore township, is dead of blood poisoning, caused by having his finger badly torn by a hog's tooth.

SCANDINAVIAN ARRIVES

The Allan liner Scandinavian arrived in Liverpool at 12:45 today.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service. Synopsis--A pronounced area of high pressure is central over the Ottawa Valley, while a fairly important disturbance covers the country to the west of the Mississippi Valley.

Warships in Fight In Strait of Otranto

Enemy, as Usual, Flees When Real Man-O-War-men Appear--Little Going on Among Land Forces

Rome, via Paris, Dec. 26.--A naval engagement between French, Italian and Austrian warships in the Strait of Otranto was announced in an official statement issued by the admiralty, which says: "Several enemy ships attacked our patrol vessels in Otranto Channel on the night of December 23. French and Italian warships came to the rescue and the enemy fled under cover of darkness, after a sharp engagement. What damage he suffered is unknown. Two French destroyers and one patrol boat were hit and slightly damaged."

MISS ESTELLE McPEAKE DEAD IN FREDERICTON

Sister of Capt. J. A. McPeake--General News of the Capital City

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 26.--Miss Estelle McPeake died suddenly at her home here last night. She was a daughter of the late Patrick McPeake, former postmaster, and a sister of Capt. J. A. McPeake, who lately returned from the war front. There are three sisters--Mrs. John O'Brien of Nelson, Mrs. John E. Jennings and Mrs. J. Fred Ryan of Fredericton.

UNITED STATES IN THE WAR BY SPRING

Germany Demanding Resumption of Sea Terrorism

New York, Dec. 26.--The Herald publishes the following: "The Herald is enabled to announce authoritatively that the German people are demanding of their government the resumption of the campaign of frightfulness even at the cost of war with the United States. According to a high government official, James W. Gerard, American ambassador to Berlin, and other diplomats in Germany, who were recently in America, came for the purpose of discussing the situation in Germany and of effecting some sort of arrangement so that peace between the two countries could still be maintained."

STEAMSHIP SINKING; SENDS OUT HELP CALL

New York, Dec. 26.--The steamship Maryland was reported sinking late last night off New York. A wireless message said that the engine room was rapidly being flooded and asked that aid be sent immediately.

LADY ABERDEEN IS ON WAY TO HALIFAX

Lady Aberdeen will pass through the city tonight on the Boston train, en route from Boston to Halifax. It will be so late an hour that there will be no formal greeting. Her Ladyship will return from Nova Scotia to St. John and also visit St. Stephen. An official car has been placed at her disposal. A telegram announcing that she would go through tonight was received by Mrs. G. A. Kuhring, president of the Women's Canadian Club.

ASQUITH'S DAUGHTER TO WED OFFICIAL OF AMERICAN EMBASSY

London, Dec. 26.--The newspapers report the engagement of ex-Premier Asquith's daughter, Elizabeth, to Hugh S. Gibson, first secretary of the American embassy in London. It is understood that the marriage is to take place immediately.

GREETINGS TO MAYOR

Mayor Hayes received a neatly gotten up Christmas card from the officers of the 69th Battalion, an engraved greetings card from the Canadian Club of Winnipeg, and greetings from the mayor and council of Toronto for the mayor and citizens of St. John.

POLICE COURT

Magistrate Ritchie, who has been absent in St. Stephen for the last week, arrived home today on the Boston train and held court this afternoon.

The police sheet showed that there had been twenty-four arrests during the Christmas festivities. Most of the arrests were for drunkenness, there being the names of fifteen prisoners on the police books for that offence.

Alexander Parlante was arrested in Union street on Saturday night on charges of drunkenness and carrying a loaded revolver. He was let out on a deposit of \$58.

Frank Davis, an Italian, was placed under arrest by the city detectives on charges of selling and keeping liquor without a license at 227 Brussels street. He left a deposit of \$150.

Angus and Alice McDonald were taken to police headquarters on Saturday night as a result of a raid in Sheffield street by Detectives Barrett and Duncan, Sergeant Scott and Politian Donohue. Besides these two, who are charged with conducting a disorderly house, Margaret Whalen, Kate Lambert and Willington Andrew were charged with being inmates. The last named prisoner left a deposit of \$25.

NEW SPRINKLER SYSTEM W. H. Thorne & Company, Limited, have commemorated the anniversary of the big fire in their establishment last year with the installation of a sprinkler system. The connections have been made and the water will be turned on to fill the pipes this afternoon.