

EARLY MESSAGES

WAR SUMMARY.

Although the peace pour parlers between the Bolshevik and Teuton allies have been resumed at Brest-Litovsk, the peace by agreement section of the German populace and some of the papers continue their expressions of dissatisfaction with the ambitions of the Pan-Germanists and the terms that have been advanced by the German delegates at Brest-Litovsk as the basis for peace. Amsterdam despatches announce that an understanding has been reached between the political and military parties in the political and military parties in Germany on the basis of the Russian's programme of no annexations and no indemnities in the east, and leaving to Hindenburg in case of German victory, the liberty of dealing with post-war annexation in the west; but evidence tends to show that the factions are still at odds. Additional meetings at which speakers endeavoured to outline the point of the militaristic element have been broken up, and it is announced that Chancellor Von Hertling will be permitted to deliver his delayed address on Germany's war aims to the main committee of the Reichstag next Friday, for which the Reichstag has been clamouring. Adding to political strife in Germany, Austria comes the announcement of the resignation of the Hungarian cabinet due to the conduct of the war. Failure to obtain adequate support for the military programme put forward by the cabinet is given as the reason of the resignation of the ministry. The programme included the formation of an independent Hungarian army which Emperor Charles vetoed. The situation between Russia and Roumania apparently is growing acute on the demand of the American Ambassador and the heads of other diplomatic missions, accredited to Russia. The Bolsheviks have released the Roumanian Minister and attaches of the Roumanian Legation who were arrested Sunday. The Council of National Commissioners of Russia now has sent an ultimatum to Roumania, calling for the immediate release of members of the Bolsheviks arrested recently in Roumania. A rupture of relations with Roumania and most energetic military measures are threatened for non-compliance within 24 hours.

Except in the Italian theatre, the military activities are still confined to small affairs carried out by raid parties and bombardment in various sectors. The Austro-Germans both in this mountain region in Northern Italy and around the Lower Piave River have made vicious attacks after heavy artillery work, to capture the positions wrested from them early in the week. All attempts were without result. Again there has been great air activity in this area, in which five enemy machines were sent to earth, four by British and Italian aviators and the other by anti-aircraft batteries.

HUNGARIAN CABINET RESIGNS.

LONDON, Jan. 16. The resignation of the Hungarian Cabinet on account of failure to obtain necessary support for the military programme, is reported in a Budapest despatch to Copenhagen. It is believed Emperor Charles will ask the Hungarian Premier Dr. Wekerle to remain in office and reconstruct the cabinet.

DISSATISFACTION EXPRESSED.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 16. Great dissatisfaction is expressed by the German newspapers at the slow progress of peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk and the Russians are charged with prolonging them deliberately. This delay is affecting the negotiations in progress at Petrograd where, according to one newspaper, discussions regarding the exchange of prisoners has yielded no results thus far. Most of the newspapers assert Germany will never think of completely evacuating occupied Russian territory before peace has been brought about on all fronts.

SINKINGS.

LONDON, Jan. 16. Only eight British merchant ships were sunk by mines or submarines last week. These figures given out by the Admiralty in the weekly statement of shipping losses, shows a great decrease in the number of ships sent to the bottom as compared with the record for the two previous weeks in each of which the aggregate was twenty-one.

PARTIES COMING TOGETHER.

LONDON, Jan. 16. German newspapers are quoted in a despatch from Amsterdam as saying that as the result of conferences an understanding has been reached between political and military parties in Germany in order to avoid further friction. The Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin, says the basis of the agreement is that Chancellor Von Hertling's view point in regard to eastern questions: "Acquiescence in the Russian programme of no annexations or indemnities and the right of self-determination of peoples"—is to prevail, whereas Field Marshal Von Hindenburg will have full liberty in the west.

In case of German victory to deal with any possible annexations.

RUMORS DENIED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16. Widespread rumors untraceable to any source that the United States had received directly from Germany a peace proposal or some other communication were denied to-day by Secretary Lansing.

GARFIELD ISSUES ORDER.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16. Fuel Administrator Garfield to-night issued an order closing for five days every manufacturing plant in the United States, except those producing food, as a means of meeting the fuel famine. The order goes into effect to-morrow, and applies to all war industries as well as to non-essentials. In addition, the administration will close down all manufacturing industries, except those producing food, on every Monday for a period of ten weeks. The order applies to all states east of the Mississippi River and the states of Minnesota and Louisiana. Office buildings may be heated during the five day period to prevent freezing, but on Mondays and holidays they must be closed down. Newspapers will be allowed the use of coal for but one edition a day. This applies both to morning and evening papers. Banks and Trust Companies are not included in the order, unless the Governments of the States specifically declare they should be included. The order makes allowance for any industry which might be put out of business by permitting it to keep its plant heated, but the plant will not be permitted to run.

GOVERNMENT'S ACTION SUSTAINED.

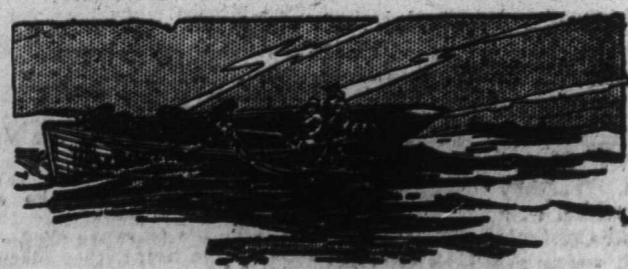
PARIS, Jan. 16. The deputies sustained the action of the Government in the Caillaux case late yesterday by a majority of 272 out of the 484 members present.

CAILLAUX LANDED.

PARIS, Jan. 16. Every detail of the first day in prison of ex-Premier Caillaux is being eagerly read by the public. "I am one of your new boarders," he began to say to the head warden on arriving at the prison, but that official didn't stop to listen, as the rules forbid conversation with prisoners. At the request of M. Caillaux, the director of the prison obtained permission for the former premier to enjoy the treatment allowed political prisoners. Caillaux was placed in a section of the prison which is continually under the observation of a warden. In nearby cells are Bolo Pasha, Deputy Louis Turmel, M. Duval, and Jacques Landau, respectively director and reporter on the Bonnet Rouge, and Paul Comby.

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(To be Continued.)

St. John's Masonic Life Insurance Association.

ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Members of the St. John's Masonic Life Insurance Association. The directors of the association beg to present their thirty-seventh annual report, and submit statement of affairs for the past year. Since our last meeting five brethren have passed away, viz. William H. Mitchell, George Askwith, John B. Lockyer, Harry B. Chamberlain and Frederick Smallwood. The assessments have been made and the several legacies have been paid, with bonuses, provided at our last annual meeting. One brother has been missing at the front in France—not officially reported since. Thirty-four new members have been added to the roll the past year. The books have been audited by Bros. E. M. LeMessurier and R. F. Goodridge, and after paying all claims and liabilities, show a good substantial balance on hand, and invested. In accordance with the bye-laws, four directors retire this year, viz. Bros. G. W. Gushue, James McIntyre, Tasker Cook and D. M. Baird; they are all eligible for re-election. This association is in good financial condition, and the families of those members who have passed away have been greatly benefitted by the amount paid them, and we earnestly recommend that the brethren unite themselves with this truly Masonic benefit.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN COWAN, President.

JOHN JEANS, Secretary.

The directors now consist of Bros. John Cowan, President; Samuel G. Collier, Vice-President; A. K. Lumsden, Treas.; John Jeans, Secretary; Geo. W. Gushue, W. N. Gray, Jas. H. Thomas, Tasker Cook, James McIntyre, Geo. R. Williams, David M. Baird, John Valentine and Edwin M. LeMessurier.

All Ports Open.

With the exception of the freezing over of a few small tides in the feet of the northern bays no ice has yet been formed. From Cape St. Francis to Quirpon all ports are open and sloop, the forerunner of the great northern fleet, has not yet been reported at either Cape Bauld or Belle Isle. However with a few days heavy north wind it is not unlikely that our annual visitor will arrive soon.

Hockey Notes.

The sudden change of weather has caused extreme disappointment to hockeyists and skaters generally and it looks as if the rink will be unprecedentedly late in opening.

It is now understood that the Hockey League will not meet before Saturday night next so as to give ample time to all their clubs to formulate their plans and complete their ideas.

Some of the teams are going to find it very difficult to get a full crew on deck.

The Inter-Collegiate teams are anxiously waiting to have their first practice.

Here and There.

CAPTAIN'S NEW VESSEL.—It is understood that Captain Wray, a well known master mariner, will go in command of the new fish carrier, Pauline Martin.

Grip Follows The Snow.

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BIG STORM AT CAPE BRETON.—A fierce hurricane and wild snow storm swept over the Cape, Breton Coast on Tuesday night, train traffic being held up in consequence and the mails coming here being detained.

WILL ADDRESS GEORGE ST. A. R. C.—Rev. Dr. Jones will address the members of George St. Adult Bible Class on Sunday afternoon next. A musical treat will be in store for those who attend and the offering will be devoted to the American Relief Fund.

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When you see a man with the inconspicuous bronze star pinned to his coat by a blue ribbon on which are thirteen white stars you may know that he has done a deed that has placed his life in such jeopardy that escape from it was nearly a miracle.

The medal of honor was first authorized by congress in 1862 and was for non-commissioned officers and privates only. But in the following year the law was changed to extend the award to commissioned officers also. In all about 1,600 of the medals were presented for services in the war between the states, and it is a in its present form the medal of honor went to private soldiers.

In its present form the medal of honor is a five pointed star with a medallion in the center bearing the head of Minerva and around it "United States of America" in relief. On each ray of the star is an oak leaf, and the points themselves are trefoil shaped. A laurel wreath in green enamel encircles the whole, and this wreath is surmounted by "Valor," which in turn is surmounted by an eagle that attaches the decoration to its ribbon.

Accompanying this medal there is a badge, or lapel button, hexagonal and made of blue silk with the thirteen original stars in white. The army medal is represented by a small blue button studded with stars, while the navy medal is represented by a small red, white and blue bowknot.

It was not until 1897 that regulations definitely enunciating the conditions under which the medal should be awarded were promulgated. They emphasized the difficulty of winning the decoration and the great honor attaching to its possession.

"Medals of honor authorized by the act of congress approved March 3, 1863," say the regulations, "are awarded to officers and enlisted men in the name of congress for particular deeds of most distinguished gallantry in action. In order that the congressional medal of honor may be deserved, service must have been performed in action of such conspicuous character as to distinguish clearly the man for gallantry and intrepidity above his comrades, service that involved extreme jeopardy of life or the performance of extraordinarily hazardous duty. Recommendations for the decoration will be judged by this standard of extraordinary merit, and incontrovertible proof of performance of the service will be exacted."

"Soldiers of the Union have ever displayed bravery in battle, else victories could not have been gained. But as courage and self-sacrifice are the characteristics of every true soldier, such a badge of distinction as the congressional medal is not to be expected as the reward of conduct that does not clearly distinguish the soldier above other men whose bravery and gallantry have been proved in battle."

In other words, the medal of honor is a medal for superheros, for men who not only risk their lives in some extraordinary way, but who display such intelligence in the action that it stands out as something apart from conduct in the line of duty. Executive orders prescribe as follows the way in which the medal may be gained:

The recommendations must be presented by some one other than the proposed recipient, one who is personally familiar with all the facts and circumstances claimed as justifying the award, but the application may be made by the one claiming to have earned it, in which case it will be in the form of a deposition reciting a narrative description of the distinguished service performed. Recommendations will be made by the commanding officer at the time of the action or by a soldier or an officer having

personal cognizance of the act for which the badge of honor is claimed. The regulations also provide for exhaustive examination of the circumstances in each case and for an investigation that removes every possibility of fraud. Affidavits from witnesses are required, and the system safeguarding the distinction is hedged about with innumerable restrictions. It may be taken for granted that a man who secures one of the coveted medals has earned it with interest.

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