

LETTER FROM FORMER KAISER IS CONDEMNED

Causes Sensation in Berlin and is Bitterly Attacked by Socialist Press.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The former Kaiser's remarkable letter to Field Marshal von Hindenburg is not likely to do the cause of Hohenzollernism much good in Germany. Even ardent monarchists sharply criticize the fact that publication of the letters was permitted just at the moment when the London reparations conference begins, and it is important to Germany that allied public opinion should not be needlessly irritated by taking up old controversies.

Many newspapers express the hope that the Allies will not confine in this matter the German former Kaiser with the German people, and it is certainly important that the world should know that the letter to Field Marshal von Hindenburg has in fact done no service here to the declining cause of Hohenzollernism.

Extraordinary Scenes Occurred in Daily Over Adjournment

Griffith and Mary MacSwiney in Passage of Words—Collins Given Jolt.

London, Dec. 22.—According to a despatch to the Press Association from Dublin, extraordinary scenes occurred in the Daily Eireann over the adjournment motion. A reference by Arthur Griffith to the length of Mary MacSwiney's speech brought Miss MacSwiney to her feet with a tearful remark: "For seventy-four days I sat through Brixton (meaning Brixton prison) and I think I have a right to speak for the honor of my nation."

Another incident occurred when the Countess Markievicz referred to Michael Collins as having faced Premier Lloyd George night after night until Mr. Collins was worn out and weary. To this, according to the Press Association, Mr. Collins retorted: "I never was worn out and weary."

"Well, he admitted that he was somewhat befogged," retorted the Countess.

"I did not," shouted Mr. Collins at the top of his voice.

The Press Association says a very lively babel of voices followed the exchange, but that ultimately Countess Markievicz apologized to Mr. Collins.

Give Himself Away. A young man sat in a parlor alone. To him, a beautiful girl entered. Thereupon the young man arose, took six cigars, from his upper waistcoat pocket, laid them carefully on the piano, and then advanced towards the girl passionately, his arms outstretched.

But the girl drew back. "You have loved before," she said.

Office Boy Killed One Bandit And Threw Scare Into Others

Four Jump Into Taxi and Speed Away—Officer's Shot Brings Grief to Chauffeur.

New York, Dec. 22.—One automobile bandit was slain, and a second, seriously wounded, in a pistol battle that followed an attempt, late today, to loot the offices of a real estate firm in West 63rd street, near Broadway. Four others escaped.

The bandits, having Mrs. Mary Stockinger, apartment reading superintendent, alone in the room, held her against the wall with revolvers and took \$800 from the safe. A colored office boy, Charles Davis, returning from an errand, saw the hold-up through a window, procured his pistol in a nearby room, and when the bandits emerged opened fire. One fell dead, the others jumped into their taxi and sped west. A policeman fired at the car as it turned down West End avenue, and another bullet grazed a block further south, the bullet shattering the jaw of the driver, whose name was given by the police as John Little. He drove on for six blocks, and then, weakened by the loss of blood, lost control and the car smashed into the curb. Little's four companions escaped. He refused to give their names when taken to a hospital.

Lord Reading Takes Firm Stand In India Troubles

Refuses to Withdraw Proclamation Against National Volunteers and Non-Cooperators.

Calcutta, Dec. 22.—Lord Reading, Viceroy of India, today declined to withdraw his proclamation against the "non-cooperators" and national volunteers, and those prohibiting seditious meetings. This stand was announced to a native deputation which called upon him to take these steps and to liberate the Mohli leaders already imprisoned. They also suggested as a remedy of the present unrest that a conference of all the important leaders should be called.

The Viceroy explained that the Government must maintain order, and none of the members of the deputation was in a position to give assurance that open defiance of the law, on the part of the non-cooperators, would cease. Lord Reading, however, told the deputation he hoped the Government might be able to change its attitude in the future, and permit a consideration of the suggested conference.

Soethkoya Tangal, who recently proclaimed himself the Governor of a Mohammedan Kingdom in Kananur, surrendered himself to the authorities today, and two other Mohli leaders were captured.

The three great naval powers at present are Great Britain, the United States and Japan.

Greenland, with approximately 240 Danes and 22,000 Eskimos, is without police or courts.

Around the British Isles there are more than 1,000 vessels of from 200 to 10,000 tons each, lying in twenty fathoms (120 feet) or less of water.

Empty Stocking Fund Still Open

Donations Will be Welcome Till This Evening as There Are Yet Some Kiddies to Provide for.

The "Empty Stocking Fund" is still open and getting strong, and donations of money will be received right up till Saturday.

It was thought, at the opening of the fund, that a couple of hundred pairs of stockings well filled with fruit, candy, nuts, etc., would be quite enough to supply the demand, but the list of names sent in by the clerk for the most worthy cases in the city along with the list received from the secretary of the Associated Charities, and from private correspondence, has taxed the efforts of the "Empty Stocking" editor and his assistants and given them a great deal of extra work.

Up till last night no less than eight hundred and sixty-six names of children had been received, and each of these kiddies will receive on Sunday morning, a pair of the best woolen stockings to be obtained, as well as the good things that they are filled with. The different clergymen of the city who have sent in names of worthy children have had their orders filled, and in most cases the loss of the good things that they are filled with is being kept strictly confidential, and the delivery of the Santa Claus presents to the children is conducted in such a manner that neighbors know nothing whatever about the matter, and the parents of the children need not think that it is a case of charity, for it is only a little present made possible by kind citizens who donated money enough to make it possible. Extra names were received last night, and the orders were filled, and this made it necessary to purchase another consignment of stockings and the fillings.

We expect to receive names right up until Friday night, and as every case is investigated, and when known to be worthy, these requests are granted. It is expected that more names will be received today and we still need some more money. This is a grand opportunity for the man woman or child in the city who would like to assist in making a joyous Christmas for some child who is not to blame for his unfortunate circumstances at the present time. We work for months or there is a widow left to work and care for her dear children; then there are many cases of the wage-earner whose bread is eaten by a long line of dependents. In these cases a pair of fine stockings, well filled with good things, is a luxury when it takes every cent to be obtained to pay rent, fuel, clothing, and establish in the city, or the efforts being made by organizations to assist in some cash today, and don't allow any youngster in St. John to awake on Christmas morning without having been visited by Santa Claus.

Remember that you will enjoy plenty of good things on Christmas Day, and that by a donation of cash, little poor unfortunate children will also be given an opportunity to know that there is some happiness still left for them. Kindly send in a cash donation today, so we can get them out as early as possible. You send in the money, and Santa Claus will deliver the well filled stockings.

It might be stated that "Procedera Club" sent in a cash donation yesterday, and there is a chance for any other club to follow the example.

Let us make it big, and see if we can't make a thousand children happy. We were all young one time. Think it over quickly and give a donation to the Standard office personally or send it through the mail. This is the last call for a donation to Christmas Eve, and don't allow any youngster in St. John to awake on Christmas morning without having been visited by Santa Claus.

REXTON. Rexton, N. B., Dec. 21.—Rev. R. B. Fraser attended a clergy conference held at Hucouch, Tuesday.

The Rexton Dramatic Club staged their play, "The Rebellion of Mrs. Barclay," in Rexton Public Hall, on the evening of Monday, Dec. 19th, and on Tuesday, Dec. 20th, in Richibucto Temperance Hall. On both evenings the halls were well filled by appreciative audiences.

Alexander Robertson, of Mundeville, was badly hurt recently, having been kicked by a horse. His family were called home to his bedside. Mr. Robertson is now much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Call are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a little son in their home this week.

Mrs. J. H. Irving, of Buctoche, is recovering from West Nile disease.

Word has been received here of the serious illness at his home, in Rutherford, Calif., of John Adams, who moved from Rexton a few years ago.

Fred Robertson has returned to Bathurst, after having visited his old home in Mundeville, Kent Co.

Miss Lillian Watson has arrived home from the Pacific Coast and is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Watson.

R. O'Leary's mill has begun operations for the winter. There was a great tide here Tuesday and the many fishermen had their nets torn with drift ice and some nets were lost.

Many Seeking To Join Next Mount Everest Expedition

Opportunity of Standing on Top of the World Appeals to Adventurers.

London, Dec. 22.—Keen competition has developed already for a place on the Royal Geographic Society's next Himalayan expedition. The announcement that a new party would be formed had hardly been made by Colonel Sir Francis Younghusband when applications began pouring in.

Brigadier General G. C. Bruce, chosen for the leadership, filled one gap, so that only six more remain, and officials of the society are waiting now to determine how many of the men who were with the party this year want to go again. There is a type of Englishman to whom the adventure appeals particularly. It was to them undoubtedly that the Manchester Guardian recently addressed the following editorial: "Many are out of luck this winter, but to some six men, not yet identified, happy chance is extending her skirts to be grasped. The Mount Everest Committee will choose them to be its storm troops for the final attack—as we all hope—on Mount Everest early next summer. All the mountaineers in the empire, of course, will be longing to go. The career of the world, of nothing else, will prevent most of them doing more than dream of the gratification of such a longing. Of the rest, or of such of them as are thoroughly fit and expert, the Mount Everest committee, fortune's almoner, will have the heartrending job of sending about six men away. To these six will be awarded the most glorious chance that men ever had of standing, first of all mankind, on the highest point upon the surface of the earth. From a point of view in the moon Mount Everest and all the Himalayan peaks would not doubt have no more majesty than the mean key ranges of bushes and wheels and knobs upon Barflogh's nose. But, now that both poles have been reached and all parts of Africa scored, the highest peak in the world is a wonderful and memorable thing left to be done in the way of obvious explorations of the earth.

This prize has now been fully reconsidered and primed and prepared in a wonderful way for the ultimate victors. They will be like the treading who comes in at the finish when all the obscure sons of Mars who have retired from the ring. A score of adventurous pioneers have for years been amassing the useful body of knowledge of general Himalayan conditions.

"This year an expedition financed by a public subscription has done the simple staff work needed for a thoroughly well managed and successful reconnaissance. Next year's final assault of the peak will be the head of a long and lustrous spear of multitudes of personal and material, provided and marshaled by the committee. The task of the six will be to climb, really to walk under severe physical difficulties from cold, wind pressure and deficiency of oxygen in what a golden tough job for any mountaineer to get to try the height of his youth upon. Whoever the happy men may be they deserve all our congratulations and they will have all our best wishes in the assault."

In Shanghai, China, there are 13 shops devoted exclusively to automobile building.

Among the 351,000 foreigners in China there is only one person listed as a Mexican.

Eighteen public holidays are celebrated in France.

height that you walk of an afternoon from Zermatt to the track to the little Mettlihorn. Of course the going on Everest will be very different; how different is expressed by the fact that when the reconnoitering party reached the highest point this year, the longed for point two miles away and 6,000 feet higher was quite beyond its power to reach. It will be a tough job for the six and success will not come without much toil and pain; it may not come next year at all. But in a world full of tough jobs, pains, fatigues, uncertainties of victory, what a golden tough job for any mountaineer to get to try the height of his youth upon. Whoever the happy men may be they deserve all our congratulations and they will have all our best wishes in the assault."

Australia Has Reconstructed Its Federal Cabinet

Rt. Hon. W. M. Hughes Remains as Premier and Minister of External Affairs.

London, Dec. 22.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Rear Admiral Melbourne correspondent cabled that it is officially announced that the Australian Federal Cabinet has been reconstructed. Rt. Hon. W. M. Hughes retains the Premiership, and is also Minister of External Affairs. Postmaster-General Henry Wise, Minister for the Navy Wm. Henry Laird Smith, and Vice-President of the Legislative Council Edward John Russell have relinquished office.

Captain Bruce, who represented Australia in the recent assembly of the League of Nations, succeeds to the Treasury, vacated by Sir Joseph Cook, who has been appointed High Commissioner in London. Other new ministers: Foster, Lamond and Earle, the latter becoming vice-president of the Legislative Council. Mr. Marks becomes salaried Parliamentary under-secretary, assisting Premier Hughes. This position is a new one in the Australian Government. The holder will not be a member of the Cabinet.

The Military and Naval Departments of the Federal Government have been amalgamated and will be in charge of Hon. Walter Massey Grease, the present Minister of Trade and Commerce. The most notable change in the Australian Federal Cabinet is that Senator George Foster Pearce, who has been Minister of Defence since before the war, is now appointed Minister for Home and Territories, the present incumbent of that office being Hon. Alex. Poynton. The re-assignment of the ministerial duties in the Home and Territories department is the result of an order that Premier Hughes has been concentrating too many responsibilities under his personal control. The reconstructed Cabinet is considered to be stronger than the old Cabinet.

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