

## GERMANY IS SAID TO BE NOW FACING ECONOMIC RUIN

### British Army of 2,000,000 is Now on the Western Front in France

#### AN ECONOMIC RUIN NOW THREATENS GERMAN EMPIRE

And Her Peace Proposals are Last Hope of Staving Off Same

By Courier Leased Wire.  
London, Jan. 5.—(New York Times Cable)—A despatch to The Daily News from Rotterdam, says: "From a neutral in close touch with the government and diplomatic circles in Berlin I have received the clear statement of the general proposition in Germany at the present moment, the real motives which inspired the Kaiser's peace proposals, the probable effects of its failure and the attitude toward the prolongation of the war of the mass of the population."  
"My informant's considered judgment, based on close observation and intimate knowledge of affairs as proved by previous communications brings out the following chief points:  
"That the German government wishes for peace in order to prevent the economic ruin of the country.  
"That the immediate cause of the peace proposals was the internal situation brought about primarily by the failure of the potato harvest and the consequent dearth of food for the next few months making the peace offer necessary in order to maintain the government's hold on the people.  
"That in this respect the device will succeed only inasmuch as Herr Scheidemann, leader of the Social-Democratic Reichstag majority party having previously jumped into the hands of the government by posing as a pacifist, has regained his following in the country.  
"That the military position is not regarded as desperate.  
"That what is really feared is irreparable ruin as a result of the working of the civilian conscription which was essential to the carrying on of the war.  
"That this fear coupled with continual pressure from Vienna and Sofia will lead the German government to grasp every opportunity of offering a chance of making peace."

#### ONE ARMED MAN BREAKS JAIL

Chicken Thief at Whitby Assaults Jailer and Escapes

Whitby, Jan. 5.—George Arnold, a chicken thief under sentence of three years for assaulting Constable Stephens of Oshawa, escaped from the county jail last evening. Governor Schiller was within the bars supervising the removal of the supper dishes, when Arnold knocked him down by swinging the iron gate against him. Although dealt heavy blows by Schiller, the desperate prisoner fought his way to the door, and with the keys made his escape. Arnold is a one-armed man, who, when a prisoner in this same jail some years ago, nearly killed Turnkey Alexander Bruce with keys and made his escape. Sheriff Paxton and a posse of constables are hot on Arnold's trail. He is an Oshawa man.

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#### Weather Bulletin

Toronto, Jan. 5.—A shallow area of low pressure which was over the south western states yesterday, has moved quickly towards the great lakes and developed into an important storm. The temperature continues very cold in the western provinces while from Ontario eastward the weather is comparatively mild. Storm signals are displayed along the Atlantic coast.  
Forecasts.  
Rain and snow followed to-night by high northwest winds and a change to colder. Saturday—Fair and much colder.

#### General Haig is at the Head of Largest Active Service Army Ever Levied in the British Empire

#### Pope Said to Favor Christian Reunion

Closer Relations With English and Russian Churches Believed to be Under Consideration

Washington, Jan. 4.—Private letters from the Vatican received by Dr. A. Palmieri, of the library of Congress, recognized writer on ecclesiastical subjects, announce that Pope Benedict XV. is about to appoint a commission of four cardinals to renew a movement begun by Pope Pious X., looking to a reunion of Christendom and the cultivation of friendly relations with the Anglican church. A public announcement on the subject from Rome is expected shortly.  
The Movement  
Dr. Palmieri said to-night that the new movement, as outlined in his advices, will be directed particularly toward the establishment of a reunion of the Russian church and the papacy and to a thorough re-examination into the validity of Anglican or Episcopal ordinations, which was settled in the negative in a papal bull "apostolical sedis" by Pope Leo.  
The friendship of the Anglican church is appreciated by Rome, for she may be as a link of union between Roman Catholicism and Russian orthodoxy.

#### AUSTRIANS STILL CROSS TO U. S.

Go From Sarnia to American Cities to Send Money Home

Sarnia, Jan. 4.—Austrian citizens of Sarnia continue to leave Canada on trips to Port Huron and Detroit for the purpose of sending home to Austria large sums of money which they are making by working in local munitions plants. At the present time there is no effort being made to stop these alien enemies from going out of the country, and only if they return can they be punished. Yesterday an Austrian who left Canada, returned and was picked up by immigration officers, and was fined in court today. The practice of making these trips has grown to such proportions that special efforts will be made to put a stop to it.  
The Canadian immigration officials have tonight confirmed the statement that a new rule had gone into effect, and that no more Americans crossing to Canada in search of work will be permitted to land. The Port Huron men now employed in Sarnia will not be molested, for the present at least, but no new applicants will be allowed in. A Port Huron man crossed today in answer to Sarnia advertisement, but was turned back, being informed that no more men would be allowed to look for work. There are many idle men in Sarnia at present, owing to one or two of the factories being on short time, with reduced payroll. It is stated that when the Canadians have been taken care of the bars will very likely be taken down again.

#### FOR BELGIAN RELIEF FUND

Through Brantford Board of Trade to provide for the care of One Hundred Families

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#### RESIGNS POST

Kincardine, Jan. 5.—M. A. H. Ingram, superintendent of the municipal light and water plant, has forwarded his resignation to the commission, to take effect on Feb. 1.

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#### BULGARIA HAS WON GAME, SAYS PREMIER

Can Now Afford to Sign a Peace Treaty Satisfactory to All—Cardinal Hartmann Visits France

By Courier Leased Wire.  
London, Jan. 5.—A Rotterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, which does not specify the source of its information, says that Premier Radoslavoff of Bulgaria, made the following statement to a Hungarian journalist:  
"Bulgaria has won the game, and can afford to sign a peace treaty satisfactory to all. Peace is nearing quickly. We are expected to make concessions, but the greatest concession—our peace offer—has already been made."  
Visited France.  
Berlin, Jan. 5.—via London.—The Koelnische Volks-Zeitung in making reference to the visit of Cardinal von Hartmann to the occupied regions of France and performing pontifical functions there, says he acted with the expressed permission of the Pope.  
"Moreover," adds the paper, "Cardinal von Hartmann, who has repeatedly conferred with the Emperor on behalf of the Rheims Cathedral carried an autograph letter from the Pope to the Emperor in which the pontiff asked that German military authorities permit under satisfactory guarantees the restoration of the Cathedral during the war because the danger of its falling down is imminent."

BANK CLEARINGS  
By Courier Leased Wire.  
Ottawa, Jan. 5.—Bank clearings at Ottawa for the week ended January 4, (five days), \$5,307,818, as compared with \$5,120,968 for the corresponding week in 1915.

#### British Transport Sunk With 133 Men

Liner Taken Over By British Admiralty Is Torpedoed By Sub in the Mediterranean

London, Jan. 4.—The British transport Ivernia has been sunk, it was officially announced to-night. The announcement reads:  
"The Ivernia was sunk by an enemy submarine in the Mediterranean on January 1, during bad weather and while carrying troops. At present four military officers and 146 men are missing.  
"The casualties among the Ivernia's officers and crew are not definitely known, but hopes are entertained that the only officers of the ship missing are the surgeon and chief engineer."  
A supplementary report issued by the admiralty says that 33 of the crew of the Ivernia and 120 men are missing.  
The Cunard liner Ivernia, a 14,278 ton steamer, has been for some time in the British government service as a transport, having at various times carried troops from Canada and between British ports and the Dardanelles. There has been nothing in recent reports regarding her movements. She was built in 1900 at Newcastle. Her length was 582 feet and she was 61 feet in beam and 37 feet in draft.

#### Huns Plan Naval Effort Will Not Invade Switzerland

London, Jan. 5.—(New York Word Cable)—Germany is preparing a tremendous naval effort," says the Amsterdam correspondent of the Daily Express. "From Germany it appears that the greatest activity is now prevailing from London yards have been completed. Zeppelin stations have been strengthened, as at Cuxhaven, Emden, Wilhelmshaven and Kiel, or new ones built. Zeppelins scout day and night in fear of a possible English attack."

#### CONFIDENCE IN SUB CAMPAIGN

Expressed by German Naval Critic; Will Lessen Trade of Entente

By Courier Leased Wire.  
London, Jan. 5.—Confidence in the effect of Germany's submarine campaign is expressed by Captain Persius, the German naval critic in his review of the naval war, in The Berlin Tageblatt, according to a Reuters despatch from Amsterdam. Captain Persius says:  
"We firmly believe that the commercial shipping of our enemies will become still less active in 1917. This will be accomplished by our daily growing submarine weapon. Our confidence for the new year is based on the expectation that our submarines will continue with growing success the process of wearing away the economic life of our enemies."

#### U. S. CAPTAINS TALK TOO MUCH

Australia Protests Against Monopolization of Wireless

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Washington, Jan. 5.—Garrulous American sea captains, talking with each other by wireless, have brought down on their heads the wrath of the Australian Government officials, it was learned to-day.  
Complaints has reached Washington that American ships 2,000 miles apart in the South seas discuss trivial subjects when the Australian wireless is trying to get into the air important messages. The charges are being investigated by the United States Government officials, and a curb will be put on the practice if it is found that the wireless is being used for too free exchange of unimportant messages.

#### Understands That French Senate Has Spoken Finally

By Courier Leased Wire.  
London, Jan. 5.—Publication of German peace conditions would be useless in view of the attitude of the British and French press according to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger quoted in an Amsterdam despatch to Reuters. The Anzeiger bases its opinion on the resolution in the French senate that France could make no peace with an enemy who occupied French territory.  
"Publication of our conditions," says this paper, "would now be undignified and moreover would not be the least use. The evacuation of French territory is made a preliminary condition for peace negotiations. Though this condition is not contained in the Entente note it still exists and therefore it is the French senate and the French Government who render impossible the publications of our peace conditions."  
"We must show to the door any neutral who should dare to demand from us the words of the reply for opening negotiations is no peace offer." We must refer such a neutral to the resolution of the French senate.

#### ANOTHER CASE OF FRIGHTFULNESS

Crew of Steamer "North Wales" Perish When Ship is Torpedoed

London, Jan. 4.—An admiralty announcement of another case of "callos" disregard for the lives of non-combatants come to light," says that nothing further has been heard of the British steamer North Wales, proceeding in ballast from Hull for Canada, which a German wireless despatch on November 10 reported as having been torpedoed.  
As only a piece of wood marked ashore, together with some bottles on the Cornish coast, it is presumed that the crew which took to the boats in the gales then raging were drowned.

#### NOTHING DOING

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Clark Griffiths, manager of the Washington American League club, who is here to-day on his way from Montana to Washington, said in answer to reports that he was negotiating a deal to sell Walter Johnson, his star pitcher, to the Cleveland Americans. "I'll trade Johnson for the Cleveland franchise, nothing less."

#### TERMS OF ENTENTE FOR PEACE SETTLEMENT

Belgium, France, Poland, Serbia, Montenegro and Armenia Would All be Provided For

New York, Jan. 5.—A New York Times cable from London:  
"These points may be indicated as likely to find place in the Entente Allies' statement of their concrete peace terms in the joint reply to President Wilson:  
"First, the release and indemnification of Belgium.  
"Second, the release of the occupied portions of France and indemnification for the occupation.  
"Third, the freedom of Poland, Serbia and Montenegro.  
"Fourth, the relief of Armenia from Turkish oppression.  
"Fifth, the establishment of a protectorate over Armenia, possibly by Russia and if not by Russia by a league of powers.  
"Sixth, the ending of the Ottoman dominion of Europe and the possession of Constantinople by Russia."  
These are the concrete terms. Once the way is cleared for their acceptance by the Central Powers there will remain chief among the other things for which the Allies are fighting the overthrow of Prussian militarism. In the accomplishment of this ideal it may well be that the United States may play a decisive part. How may be indicated in the Allied note in reply to the President.

#### MANY HANGMEN

Several additional applications have been received by Sheriff D. M. Cameron of London, Ont., for the job of hangman to officiate at the execution of Mike Tancredi, sentenced to die January 23.

#### TRAIN SOLDIERS TO WORK ON LAND

Ontario Government Will Start Such a School at Monteth

Toronto, Jan. 4.—A training school for settlers is to be established at the Monteth. Experimental Farm in Northern Ontario and work will be started early in the spring to get the necessary buildings and other equipment ready.  
According to Hon. Howard Ferguson, the training school will be used as the starting point for his big plan to settle soldiers upon the land. When the war is over and the soldiers come back, those who want to take up land will be enrolled at the school for farm training.  
When the number enrolled is sufficient to warrant going ahead with actual settlement on the community basis, the training school, it is understood, will be made to serve all comers, giving training to every prospective settler who wants to farm but is not equipped for it. But the soldier will get first call.  
The community plan of encouraging settlement by soldiers will probably call for appropriations of about \$1,500 to "set up" the men on their homesteads. This is estimated as the minimum needed to buy a settler stock and equipment and build him a modest house and barn.

#### MR. SAUNDERS PROMOTED

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—John C. Saunders, for many years Dominion book-keeper, has been promoted by Sir Thomas White to the position of assistant deputy minister of finance, vacated by Mr. H. T. Ross, who goes to the Canadian Bankers' Association.

#### EARTHQUAKE AT NORTH BAY

By Courier Leased Wire.  
North Bay, Ont., Jan. 5.—At 10.30 o'clock last evening a slight earthquake shock was perceptibly felt here. The shock which traveled from east to west was accompanied by a loud roar. In a number of homes, crockery and utensils were upset.

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