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Breaking Off Of The Negotiations Looked For

Rupture At Brest-Litovsk Any Moment, Say Petrograd Correspondents of London Newspapers

London, Jan. 14—The Daily News' Petrograd correspondent sends the following:

"The final rupture of negotiations at Brest-Litovsk may be expected at any moment, if, as seems probable, the German militarists continue to impose their policy on their delegates."

The correspondent says a despatch from Kuban reports that the Turks have broken their armistice by landing 20,000 troops between Trebizond and Lize, and that a submarine has sunk a Russian transprt.

London, Jan. 14—Warning of the possibility of a final breach in the Russo-German negotiations is the outstanding feature of the current news from Petrograd. In the meantime, according to the correspondent of the Daily Mail in the Russian capital, the armistice has been extended until February 18, and the Russian delegation will return to Petrograd tomorrow, but the peace negotiations will be resumed after an interval at Warsaw.

LENINE PLAYING IMPORTANT PART.

Premier Lenine has returned to Petrograd and is reported to be taking an important hand in guiding the negotiations with the Central Powers, although avoiding the limelight. The correspondent of the Daily Mail says that some extremists are dissatisfied with Foreign Minister Trotsky's conduct of the negotiations, thinking he is too willing to meet the German views, and they suggest that Lenine take his place at future conferences.

The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News reports that the Germans are doing their utmost to stop fraternisation at the front. He interprets this to mean that the Bolsheviki propaganda is having its effect among the German soldiers.

The Germans confiscate all copies of the Fackel, a Russian newspaper printed in German quoting a full account of the Brest-Litovsk negotiations, and other

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THINKS RUSSIA IS REALLY OUT OF WORLD WAR

Sir George Buchanan, British Ambassador, Gives Interview

Says Situation is Very Uncertain, But Bolsheviki Are Too Strong to be Turned Out While They Keep Promises

London, Jan. 14—Sir Geo. W. Buchanan, British ambassador to Russia, in an interview in Stockholm with a correspondent of the Daily News, says that the situation in Russia is so uncertain that nobody can know on one day what will happen on the next, but the Bolsheviki are in such a strong position that no other party at present is able to turn them out. He said the Bolsheviki will be the ruling power so long as they are able to keep their promises to the people.

Asked whether the Entente Allies were likely to recognize th Bolsheviki, Sir George replied that they could not be recognized as representative of the whole of Russia, their supporters being only in the north. South Russia, he said, was going its own way. The Bolsheviki had summoned the constituent assembly, but the real rulers of the country would be the councils of workmen's and soldiers' delegates.

Sir George declared that Foreign Minister Trotzky was working whole-heartedly for peace and at the same time fighting the Germans with their own weapons. His propaganda in the German army certainly had had a certain amount of success, although the Germans denied it.

Whatever happened, Sir George, who is returning to London because of illness, said he was convinced that Russia's role as an active participant in the war was ended.

LOSS OF MILLION

Firebug Again Believed at Work Against U. S Government

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 14—Fire broke out in an industrial building which housed thirty manufacturing concerns last night and destroyed the building and adjoining property, causing a loss estimated at $1,000,000. Fire Chief Locks said he believed that the fire was incendiary.

Several of the companies were making machinery for the government under war contracts.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCES ARE HELD IN BERLIN

Amsterdam, Jan. 14—Most important conferences were held in Berlin at the week-end, according to German newspapers. They were inaugurated by the emperor's reception to the Crown Prince on Saturday, when Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and General Von Ludendorff also conferred with prominent personages. On Sunday there were important discussions between the higher army command and Chancellor Von Hertling, after which the emperor had an audience with the chancellor and Field Marshal Von Hindenburg.

NEWFOUNDLAND IS FACING A FOOD CRISIS

Fort William, Ont., Jan. 14—Indications that a food famine is seriously threatening Newfoundland are contained in private advices received by grain men in this city. A local firm last week received a cable from the colony stating that they must have grain at any price, as horses were starving for lack of feed and the food situation was nearing a serious crisis. The matter has been taken up with the board of grain commissioners, and the railway board, it is understood, in order to rush through some of the urgently needed grain.

"KULTURED" HUNS PUNISH MONS OFFICIALS

Refused to Ring Bells in Celebration of Victory Claimed by Germans

Havre, Jan. 12—The burgomaster, aldermen and councillor of Mons have been condemned individually to pay a heavy fine for refusing to have the bells rung to celebrate the German announcement of victory at Caporetto, on the Isonzo front.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS ARE TO BE REPRESENTED

Conference in Ottawa Over Matter of Soldiers Suffering From Mental Troubles

Ottawa, Jan. 14—A conference of representatives of all the provincial governments will take place at Ottawa early this week, at the call of Sir James Lougheed, chairman of the military hospitals commission, to consider the question of the care and accommodation of returned soldiers who are suffering from various kinds of mental troubles.

The number of seriously affected men is extremely small, and a medical investigation of the subject, conducted some months ago, tended to disprove the popular belief that the strain of military service at the front had led to the mental collapse of a great number of soldiers. In fact, not a single authentic case was located where a man's mind had collapsed from the strain under fire.

POPE SAID TO APPROVE ALLIES' PEACE TERMS

Rome, Jan. 14—(Toronto Mail and Empire Cable)—The Pope has expressed confidentially to an Entente envoy accredited to the Holy See his unqualified approval of the Allies' peace terms, which include substantially his own suggestions. Hence he is prepared to use his influence and authority for their acceptance if an occasion arises. The Pope has reiterated his determination not to intervene officially unless he is asked to do so. He has been conducting a most active correspondence with the Emperor of Austria since the beginning of this year.

"SINKING," SAYS REPORT FROM THE STEAMER TEXAN

American Vessel Apparently Was Rammed by Another

EVIDENTLY SOME RESCUED

Forty-Three Of Crew Said To Have Got Away In Boats—Perhaps It Was An Iceberg, Say Shipping Men

An Atlantic Port, Jan. 14—Agents of the American steamship Texan, 14,000 tons, today received advices from naval authorities that she was sinking at sea. The location of the ship was not given. The naval authorities did not state the cause of the Texan's distress, but reports reaching shipping circles here were that the vessel had been rammed amidships in collision with another ship.

A steamer arriving here today reported that at 4 a. m. she picked up an "S. O. S." from the Texan reporting that she had been struck amidships and was sinking. Lifeboats had been lowered. The message from the Texan said: "Good-bye—no more."

The Texan left here recently with a cargo of nitrates bound for a French port.

It was said a steamer which had picked up the Texan's "S. O. S." calls was hurrying to her assistance, and that the crew of 43 had taken to the boats.

The Texan's wireless operator reported that the starboard boats had been lowered, that the aft boat was lost, and that an attempt was being made to lower the forward boat. Oil from the ship's hold was poured on the starboard side to make sea conditions better for launching the lifeboats.

In the absence of definite word regarding the accident shipping men expressed the opinion that the Texan may have encountered an iceberg. Efforts were made by government radio stations to communicate with ships with which the Texan might have been in collision.

MR. BELYEA GETS HARBOR LOTS

Fishery Matters Before The Commissioners—Third Lot Is Given To Him Under Lease

J. Fred Belyea appeared before the common council this morning and asked them to consider a counter proposition to the one he submitted some time ago regarding the erection of a sardine factory. He asked the city to sell him three lots in West St. John specified as Nos. 2, 3 and 5. In case the city would refuse to sell the last mentioned he asked to be granted a lease providing that at any time the city desired to take over the lot they would pay for all improvements made up to $5,000.

Commissioner Russell moved that lots 2 and 3 be sold to Mr. Belyea for $300 each and that he be granted a lease for No. 5 for $40 a year with a clause inserted that the city can acquire the property at three months' notice providing they pay for any improvements up to $5,000. These motions were seconded by Commissioner Wigmore and passed. Commissioner Fisher voted against both motions.

When the proposition was first presented before the council, Commissioner Russell read a recommendation from Engineer Hatfield regarding the sale of said lots as follows:

"The three lots requested all lie within the area that would in all probability be required for the approach to a bridge spanning the harbor, if such should ever be built. Outside of this, lot No. 5, which would be an extension to low water mark, will as far as I can ascertain somewhat affect the fishing privilege known as the 'Diver,' that is the run of fish passing up through the channel would be forced to turn out towards Navy Island and follow the deeper water of the existing channel at this place. Upon giving this proposition every consideration it is evident that the greatest care should be exercised in the selling of this lot; a lease of same could be terminated at almost any time and for all general purposes should fill the requirements of the applicant outside of financing on the principle of issuing bonds in case the applicant would want to be owner outright of the said lot.

"In connection with lots 2 and 3, as previously stated, they would be affected by the approach to the bridge, but outside of this contention I do not see that there is any other reason against selling these lots provided they are put to good use and yield a substantial revenue in the way of wages to a large number of citizens."

Mr. Belyea explained that the extension would not affect fishing. He said that the council seemed more concerned with the fishing privilege than the council did some years ago when they did away with the whole of Carleton flats and stopped fishermen from catching millions of gaspereaux.

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FOOD TROUBLES IN SPAIN

Barcelona, Jan. 14—The publication of a decree fixing the prices of foodstuffs has resulted in serious disturbances. Many of the shops have been shut and bands of women paraded the streets. Mobs attacked the shops, looting them. Similar scenes are reported from Valencia.

THE ONLY WAY

KEYED UP TO HEAR PROPOSALS RE MAN-POWER

House of Commons In London Re-assembled Today

Statement by Sir Auckland Geddes Outstanding Feature — Releasing of Large Number of Workmen for Places in The Army

London, Jan. 14—The House of Commons reassembled today. All interest centred in a promised statement by Sir Auckland Geddes, minister of national service, on the government's man-power proposals.

Sir Auckland has been holding conferences during the last few days with trades union leaders. These conferences will be continued this week, and until they are concluded, a complete survey of the situation is impossible.

The aim of the minister of national service is to obtain a substantial agreement with the labor men on the government's proposed military service bill, the primary object of which is understood to be to secure reinforcements for the army by releasing a very large number of young and fit men now doing civilian work in national and semi-national capacities at home. This means the cancellation of the certificates of exemption that these men obtained because of their employment in munition works and other war industries.

A majority of the trades union leaders virtually have agreed to co-operate with the government in this combing out process, but the shop stewards of the engineering and shipbuilding industries have not yet given their adherence to the proposal. They refuse to accept any agreement made between the government and the trades union officials, and demand, on the other hand, immediate conscription of wealth and adequate provision for war victims.

GRAND TRUNK RECOVERS AFTER A BLIZZARD.

Montreal, Jan. 14—All the trains on the Grand Trunk, held up yesterday on account of a blizzard, were moving today. The service was expected to get back to something near normal some time today.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Synopsis—The storm has passed away to the northward and the weather is fair and cold throughout the dominion. A disturbance now in Texas is likely to move to the eastern middle states.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay, Upper St. Lawrence and Ottawa Valley—Fresh southwest winds, fair and cold. Tuesday, northeast winds, cold with a snow fall.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf and North Shore—Fresh westerly winds, fair and cold today and Tuesday.

Moderately Cold.

Maritime—Fresh to strong west and southwest winds, fair and moderately cold today and Tuesday.

Superior—Fresh westerly winds, fair and cold today and on Tuesday.

Western Provinces—Fair with moderately lower temperature today and on Tuesday.

New England—Snow tonight and Tuesday; warmer Tuesday, moderate variable winds, becoming north to east today, probably increasing.

LONDON PAPERS ANXIOUS ABOUT IRISH MATTER

Final Phase of Convention Discussion This Week

Times Hopes for Agreement But Says Possibility of Different Result Should Not be Ignored—Chronicle Speaks of Possible Breakdown

London, Jan. 14—In anticipation that "the present week must see the final phase of the discussions of the Irish convention," the Times discusses the prospects with evident anxiety over the result.

"Everybody," it says, "is still entitled to hope that the last days of the convention will yet produce unanimity, but it would be sheer folly to ignore the risk of a different result or to minimize the disastrous issue which would follow failure. For this reason we emphasize that the plain duty of the government is to be prepared for either events.

"We ourselves disbelieve that total failure is any longer possible. Sir Horace Plunkett's (chairman of the convention) public utterance that at worst 'we shall leave the Irish question better than we found it,' does represent to common knowledge the actual facts of the situation. There notoriously has been an approach to acquiescence in certain broad principles.

"If, as we fear, the convention has not yet reached that substantial measure of agreement which would merely require the blessing of the imperial parliament, it will at least be able to give the government a new lead in dealing with the problem."

The Times then appeals to the government to have its own plan ready dealing with the problem immediately, and dwells on the great importance of a settlement to the empire, to the progress of the war and to relations with the United States.

Prominence to the question is also given by the Daily Chronicle, which prints a four column article from its Dublin correspondent under the head: "Critical days for the Irish convention."

The writer makes a strong plea for agreement, and, referring to Sir Horace Plunkett's statement as quoted by the Times, which has been construed in some quarters as foreshadowing possible failure, says: "This prospect of a possible breakdown of the convention makes observers a little uneasy."

SAY TEN TO FOURTEEN KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

Houston, Texas, Jan. 14—Northbound passenger train No. 17 of the Houston and Texas Central Railway split a switch and crashed into a freight train standing on a siding at Hammond today. A report places the number of killed at from ten to fourteen and the injured at possibly twenty.

ARCHBISHOP OF YORK TO VISIT STATES IN MARCH

New York, Jan. 14—Most Rev. Cosmo Gordon Lange, Archbishop of York, will arrive in the United States in March, it was announced here yesterday by the war commission of the Episcopal church, of which the archbishop will be the guest.

GAVE UP OFFICE TO ENTER ARMY; NOW IS GIVING UP HIS LIFE.

Macon, Ga., Jan. 14—Major A. P. Gardner, former congressman from Massachusetts, who resigned when war was declared, to enter the army, is dying in Camp Wheeler today from pneumonia.

Canadians Raid German Trenches

Successful Operation Last Night North of Lens Adds To Number of Hun Prisoners In British Hands

London, Jan. 14—German trenches north of Lens were raided last night by Canadian troops, who brought back prisoners, says the official statement from Field Marshal Haig today. Near Mericourt, southeast of Lens, British soldiers were victorious in patrol engagements. The statement reads:

"Canadian troops last night successfully raided the enemy's trenches north of Lens and brought back prisoners. We suffered no casualties. Patrol encounters took place during the night east of Mericourt, resulting in our favor. On the rest of the front the night was quiet."

FRENCH REPORT.

Paris, Jan. 14—"On the left bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) the French fire, directed with precision, dispersed German detachments which were attempting to approach our lines in the sector of Goose Hill," says today's official announcement. "There is nothing to report from the remainder of the front."

GERMANY FEELS A NEW PINCH

Imports of Food Stopped in Two Ways, According to Reports to Washington

Washington, Jan. 14—Germany's imports of food have been stopped, not only by prohibition of re-export of food supplies sold to neutrals, but also by Allied control of products used in shipping foods grown wholly within those countries, according to consular reports received here today. Advertisements for German twine appearing recently in Danish papers revealed that exports of preserves to Germany had been shut off because twine used in the packing was sold by the Allies under agreement that it should not be re-exported. German twine had to be obtained before orders could be filled.

Similarly, condensed milk shipments were stopped by forbidding re-exportation of cork tops. Wood eventually was substituted.

All dairy products sold to Germany have been reduced in quantity.

WINS BAR TO HIS MILITARY MEDAL

Further Honor For Capt. Gerald Anglin—Others In Distinguished List

Mrs. J. V. Anglin of Lancaster Heights received a letter yesterday afternoon from her son, Captain Gerald Anglin, M. C., of the 26th Battalion, saying that he had been awarded the additional bar to his medal and also that Captain Gregory of the battalion, the transport officer, had been awarded a military cross, also Lieutenant Gunn, scout officer, and Lieutenant McKnight who "carried on" when Major Leonard was hit. The announcement of these decorations just recently appeared in orders.

Lieutenant Gunn is a native of the United States and came to St. John in order to enlist. He went overseas with the original battalion as a private and has been steadily climbing until he has finally won his commission. He was recently awarded the D. C. M. When in St. John he made many friends. Captain Gregory is a St. Stephen man.

SOLDIER IS ILL

Mrs. James A. Whipple of 3 Whipple street, West St. John, has received a letter from her son Pte. Frederick C., who is a member of a well known New Brunswick battalion. He is in a hospital in France suffering from diptheria, but hopes to be able to be about again in a few weeks.

LAST OF TRIPLETS DIES

There will be many to grieve with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin McCluskey of 141 Bridge street in the death of their little daughter Margaret, aged fifteen days. She was the last of the three little girls born to Mrs. McCluskey on December 28. The other two died soon after birth.

A CHALLENGE

Alphonsus Moore wishes to challenge Gerard Tracey to a half mile race in the Victoria Rink on January 24, the race to be best two out of three heats for a side bet of $25; arrangements to be made at the rink.

A NICE STRING

Frank Smith won the prize box of cigars put up last week in the Y. M. C. I. alleys for the highest string rolled. He made 141.

Tom Lee Buried.

New York, Jan. 14—Tom Lee, mayor of Chinatown, was buried today with all the pomp and splendor of Celestial rights.

ORDER EX-CZAR BACK TO CAPITAL OR TO KRONSTADT

Peasants Demand Trial In Either of Those Cities

POLITICAL INTRIGUING

Rioting in Sebastopol and Reported Killing of 62 Officers, Including Admirals — Victory Over General Kaledines Announced

Petrograd, Jan. 14—The executive committee of the peasant deputies has passed a resolution urging the council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates to order the removal of former Emperor Nicholas and his family from Tobolsk to Petrograd or Kronstadt. The council is ordered to place the former imperial family on trial before a revolutionary tribunal at either of these cities.

Petrograd, Jan. 13—A decree was published today giving to local councils of soldiers' and workmen's delegates the right to hold new elections to replace delegates to the constituent assembly who are deemed not to represent the interests of the masses of workmen or peasants. This step was taken as the best means of combatting the political elements which hope to use the constituent assembly as a weapon against the Bolsheviki government.

London, Jan. 14—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Petrograd reports that rioting has been going on for several days at Sebastopol. The date of the trouble is not specifically stated. Apparently the rioting was started by the crew of a torpedo boat, who arrested their officers and shot them. T

The sailors then made wholesale arrests, and many lynchings followed. Sixty-two officers were killed, including Vice Admiral Novitski and three other admirals.

Petrograd, Jan. 13—That Bolsheviki soldiers have cleared the basin of the Don river of troops of General Kaledines, gaining possession of important coal fields, is announced officially. They have also captured Ekaterinoslav. In the operations in the Don region the Bolsheviki lost ten killed and twenty wounded.

The Bolsheviki government has informed the Armenians in Turkish Armenia that it supports their right to self-definition.

The French consul general in Finland announces that his government has requested the French ambassadors at Washington, London and Rome to urge the Allies to recognize Finland.

ELEVEN HUNDRED SHIPS ARMED BY AMERICANS TO FIGHT SUBMARINES

Washington, Jan. 14—Eleven hundred ships have been armed by the navy against submarine attacks since last March. This was revealed today in a report by the house naval investigation sub-committee.

WIDER SCOPE FOR OPERATING DEPARTMENT OF SHIPPING BOARD.

Washington, Jan. 14—Reorganization and expansion of the operating department of the shipping board so as to place representatives in London, Paris and Rome and branches at nearly all important Atlantic coast ports was announced last night as one of the direct results of the inter-allied war conference.

PARLIAMENT NOT LIKELY BEFORE MARCH 6

Ottawa, Jan. 14—In official circles Wednesday, March 6, is the earliest possible date on which parliament is likely to meet, and it may be a week later before the house assembles. The situation is peculiar because the result of the soldiers' vote is not likely to be known for some time. It is likely that the figures will not be received until towards the end of the present month. Final election results will probably be announced during the first week of February.