

REJECTION OF GERMAN PROPOSAL FORECAST IN RUSSIA  
KING'S CONFIDENCE IN FINAL VICTORY UNSHAKENALLIES' REPLY TO  
REJECT PROPOSAL  
FOR PEACE MOVESays Entente's Answer Will  
Be Emphatic.

CONSIDERS IT ANSWERED

Czar's Government Therefore  
Takes No Action Over  
Official Text.

Petrograd, via London, Dec. 22.—Since the text of the German peace proposal, transmitted through the American embassy to the Russian foreign office, is identical with the declaration already received unofficially through the press, the Russian Government considers that the offer of the Central Powers has already been adequately answered.

The official reply, in conjunction with Russia's allies, will be made as purely a matter of form and will contain no new point, it is stated that it will embody official sentiment heretofore expressed, and will emphatically reject the proposal on the ground that its vagueness and lack of sincerity do not permit of its serious consideration.

FLYING-MACHINES  
OF FRENCH "ACES"  
IN AERIAL DUELSCannot Be Beaten, Declares  
Canadian Aviator.

## SAW BOELKE'S ACCIDENT

Returned Soldier Witnessed  
Collision That Sent Ger-  
man Flier To Death.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—"Aces" is the nickname given to the fastest French flying machines, because they cannot be beaten, according to Lieut. P. H. Paquin, a French-Canadian member of the Flying Corps, just returned from the front in France. The French machine is a Spad, and is used by Lieut. Nungesser, yesterday reported as bringing down his first German airplane.

Lieut. Paquin, who boasts he can speak French and English, was stationed at the junction of the Allied armies on the Somme, says it might not be thought the airmen made many kills in bombing raids. As a matter of fact, they seldom make a miss. A new condition with which their machines are fitted, took into account the speed being attained. A skilled bomber could not miss a self-guided bombing.

Lieut. Paquin witnessed the accident in which the famous German aviator, Boelke, was killed. He said Boelke, who could easily be identified by his yellow helmet, was trying to escape a British machine. He looped the loop, and collided with another German machine. He saw Lieut. Nungesser bring down his 20th machine.

Lieut. Paquin says the record for aeroplane destruction is held by an Englishman, Capt. Bell, who has brought down 23 hostile machines.

PREMIER RETURNS FROM  
HIS SPEAKING TOURReaches Toronto Today to Address  
Meetings There Tonight.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Sir Robert Borden and R. B. Bennett, M. P., arrived here at 10:15 this morning on the Canadian Northern train from Winnipeg.

CANADIAN SHIP  
THROWN ON ROCKSPrince Edward Island Bark Foundering  
In Atlantic.

Woods Hole, Mass., Dec. 22.—The British bark Mary Duff, from Charlottetown, P. E. I., for New York, was thrown onto the rocks at Tarpaun Cove, in Nantucket Sound, in a gale to-day. She was pounding heavily when the coastguard cutter Acadia proceeded to her assistance from New Bedford.

The vessel, loaded with potatoes, anchored off the lighthouse at Tarpaun Cove last night, but the wind caused her to tug at her anchor, so that they dragged, and she went on to the rocks. Capt. Wiser is believed to have a crew of 200 men aboard.

## BLUE BOTTLES AND JUMPING JACKS

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

I attended one of the meetings in the interests of municipal government. It seemed to me that the activities on the whole were those of buzzing blue bottles and jumping jacks.

The blue bottles buzzed about the speakers who were endeavoring to explain matters, and the jumping jacks popped up every once in a while. I only wished that I had a few mustard pies, and whenever I saw the alderman who reminds me of a Charlie Chaplin, who takes himself seriously, I would have let him have one. And I certainly would have handed one particular blue bottle some lousy awats. What a knock-about comedy for the movies could be made of one of these verbal catch-as-catch-can bouts! The Ministerial Alliance ought to get busy.

JOHNNY TROTTER.

GERMANY ONLY WAITS REPLY  
OF ENTENTE TO IMMEDIATELY  
ANNOUNCE TERMS OF PEACEOfficials Have Persuaded Selves That Lloyd George and  
Premier Briand's Speeches Leave Door Open  
For Negotiations.

London, Dec. 22.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from The Hague says it is announced semi-officially that should the Entente Allies in their reply to the peace proposals of the Central Powers leave the door open for negotiations, Germany will make known her chief peace terms immediately.

The German newspapers which contain the announcement declare that the speeches of Premier Lloyd George and Premier Briand do not contain a single word which justifies the supposition that the answer of the Entente powers will deliberately reject Germany's peace offer and that, therefore, the German government will define its attitude after receipt of the reply of the Entente allies.

FRENCH HONOR GENERALS  
WHO LEAD VERDUN FIGHTPromotions and Decorations Accorded  
Famous Soldiers.

Paris, Dec. 22.—Bris. Penelon Francois Germain, one of the commanders in the victory at Verdun on December 15, has been promoted to be general of division.

Bris. Guyot d'Assieres De Salles, who commanded the division which retook Fort Douaumont, has been given the cross of a commander of the Legion of Honor. Gen. Foch has been awarded the Military Medal, the highest distinction a general officer can receive.

This medal is a simple decoration which was created for soldiers in the ranks and non-commissioned officers. The only commissioned officers who can receive it are generals who have already won the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor.

FAMOUS IRISH MEMBER  
OF BRITISH HOUSE DIESAdventurous James O'Kelly Passes  
Away in 71st Year.

London, Dec. 22.—James J. O'Kelly, Nationalist member of the House of Commons, died in London this morning. He was born in Newry, Co. Down, Ireland, and was in his 71st year.

Mr. O'Kelly was widely known for his adventurous career. He was one of Parnell's earliest recruits in Parliament, and was prominent in the Irish Nationalist movement. He was a member of Parliament for many years, and was known for his courage and leadership.

Doesn't Want Peace  
Because It Stops  
All War ProfitsProminent New York Financier Against Cessation of Hostilities  
Because It Would Bring European Laborers  
Back To Work.

New York, Dec. 22.—Opinions here concerning the advisability and possible effect of President Wilson's note to the belligerent governments were found to differ, with a preponderance of judgment in favor of Mr. Wilson's action, as seen in its ultimate good, says the Times. Almost no one interviewed believed that the note would bring about immediate peace, but that it would hasten the coming of peace was the belief of many. There were those, however, who sharply criticized the president and thought his appeal unfair to the cause of the Allies.

Comptroller William A. Prendergast deprecated the American note, declaring that the United States is not ready for peace. "DECLARATION OF PEACE WILL AUTOMATICALLY PUT MANY OF OUR MEN OUT OF WORK AND WILL GIVE EMPLOYMENT TO MANY OF EUROPE'S LABORERS," he pointed out.

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RUSSIANS THROW  
BULGARIANS IN  
LAKE BY ATTACKBy Daring Attack Advance of  
Enemy Checked in Un-  
usual Manner.

## SINK TWO GUNBOATS

Turkish Craft in Black Sea Is  
Destroyed by Gunners  
of Czar.

## RETIRE IN DOBRUDJA

Superior Numerical Strength  
of Foe Causes Continu-  
ance of Retreat.

Petrograd, Dec. 22.—Via London. British Admiralty per Wireless Press.—Russian troops in the northern part of the Rumanian province of Dobruja, having been attacked yesterday along the whole front by superior numerical forces, says the Russian official statement issued today, they began a further retirement to the northward.

The text of the statement reads:

"Rumanian Front: On the left bank of the Danube the active attempts by the enemy to attack us were repulsed by our fire."

"In Dobruja the enemy, with superior forces, attacked our detachments along the whole front. After stubborn resistance our detachments commenced to withdraw to the northward."

"By a daring attack of one of our regiments the Bulgarians, who had advanced to the east of Lake Babadag from the village of Enisala, were thrown into Lake Bolata and a greater part of them were drowned. One hundred and fifty were taken prisoner."

"Black Sea: We have sunk two Turkish motor gunboats."

BRITISH CAPTURE  
TURKISH POSITION  
NEAR SUEZ CANALTake El Arish, Ninety Miles  
From Big Ditch, Says An  
Official Report.

London, Dec. 22.—El Arish, ninety miles east of the Suez Canal, was captured yesterday by the British.

El Arish is a fortified town of Egypt, on the Mediterranean, near the frontier of Palestine. It is a town of less than 20,000, in territory which had been held by the Turks since the time of their invasion of Egypt and unsuccessful attack on the Suez Canal.

The text of the British official statement announcing the capture of El Arish, says:

"Yesterday the Egyptian force of El Arish was occupied by our troops after being for two years in the hands of the enemy. From the fact that the enemy had constructed a very strong entrenched position covering El Arish, and that a large amount of work recently had been carried out there, it appeared that the enemy had every intention of offering a stubborn resistance."

"They abandoned their position on Tuesday night, and retreated to the east and to the southeast. It is a serious blow to the Turks from a moral and military point of view."

THREE PROBABILITIES  
IN MAYORALTY RACE  
WITH TWO CERTAINMayor Stevenson, Gammage,  
Johnston Likely.

Nominations were extremely quiet today, although quite a host of names were submitted to City Clerk Baker.

Nine citizens were mentioned for the mayoralty, ten for the board of control, seven for the utilities commission, four for the hospital trust, and sixteen for the board of education.

Little information as to the positions were that of school trustees were submitted between 10 and 11 o'clock. One or two names would have been added, had not the friends of Joshua Garrett been late. Others were in the same predicament. However, their names could not be added.

There was a lamentable lack of interest in the work of the board of education. Not half a dozen citizens other than some of the members of the board were on hand, and the reporters had to start nominating, in order to get some names for the places.

Little information as to the possible candidates was vouchsafed at the nomination meeting. The candidates for all offices must qualify with City Clerk Baker before 9 o'clock on Saturday evening. This applies also to the board of education. It is necessary for the candidates for this position to take the oath.

The names submitted were:

FOR MAYOR.

Frederick Burdon, physician, by E. H. Johnston and J. A. Dean.

William Arthur Wilson, traveler, by J. A. Dean and E. H. Johnston.

John Franklin White, manufacturer, by T. W. McFarland and R. J. Webster.

William McKintosh, manufacturer, by J. A. Dean and E. H. Johnston.

FOR BOARD OF CONTROL.

Samuel Richard Manness, manager, by E. H. Johnston and Dr. H. A. Stevenson.

Robert Wesley Shaw, physician, by J. A. Dean and E. H. Johnston.

John Franklin White, manufacturer, by T. W. McFarland and R. J. Webster.

William McKintosh, manufacturer, by J. A. Dean and E. H. Johnston.

FOR UTILITIES COMMISSION.

Frederick George Mitchell, merchant, by J. A. Dean and E. H. Johnston.

William Wallace Gammage, merchant, by J. A. Dean and E. H. Johnston.

FOR HOSPITAL TRUST.

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## ACCLAMATION FOR TRUST

Expected That Lt.-Col. Gart-  
shore Will Have No  
Opposition.

Little light was thrown on the possible candidates for municipal offices this morning.

It is certain that Mayor Stevenson and Controller W. W. Gammage will continue for the mayoralty. That ex-Ald. E. Johnston will run is a possibility. In fact it seems likely that he will take a chance.

It is expected that Lieut.-Col. W. M. Gartshore will be given an acclamation for the hospital trust, although four were nominated for that place.

The probable line-up is:

For Mayor.—Stevenson, W. W. Gammage, E. Johnston.

For Board of Control.—S. R. Manness, Dr. R. W. Shaw, John M. Moore, R. J. Webster, Charles W. Summers, A. P. Palmer, E. S. Little.

For Utilities Commission.—F. G. Mitchell, T. W. McFarland, Garfield McCormick.

Hospital Trust.—Lieut.-Col. W. M. Gartshore.

There is a possibility of an acclamation for the board of education. Five former members of the board are seeking re-election.—A. A. Langford, Dr. W. M. Shaw, Dr. R. H. H. Black, James G. Hussey, the nominee of the trades and labor council, will probably stand. This would fill the slate.

D. H. McDermid may offer himself. Strong pressure is being brought to bear to get him to allow his name to go to the electors.

None of the others have signified their intentions as yet.

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CRAWL OR FIGHT,  
ALTERNATIVE OF  
U.S. GOVERNMENTChicago Tribune Scores Peace  
Note of Wilson in Such  
Language.

This Is Way Philadelphia Public Ledger Characterizes Lansing's Speech.

THE PRESS IS WRATHFUL  
Hot Comments Follow Un-  
usual Action of President in  
Asking Peace.

New York, Dec. 21.—Further comment of American newspapers on President Wilson's note and on Secretary of State Lansing's explanations follows:

Who Threatens U. S.?

Tribune: "We are on the verge of war—Mr. Lansing has announced it. Very well, who threatens us? We should know and we must know. Did the president, feeling that the United States was on the verge of being drawn into the war, ask the belligerents to state their purposes that this nation might decide which alliance to join?"

On Verge of War.

The World: "Secretary Lansing is bringing to the knowledge of the world the warning which we are drawing nearer to the verge of war. . . . The time may not be far distant when it will be safer to be a belligerent than a neutral. The best thing about the president's note is that it brought all the issues of the war to a focus, not only as affecting the belligerents, but also as affecting the neutrals."

Will Draw German Answer.

Times: "Germany would never have suggested peace if she did not want peace, and want it very much. So far she is concerned the war has been sheer waste, enormous, immeasurable waste. . . . Whether or not it was written for that purpose the president's note will serve to draw from her a statement of the terms upon which she will be willing to end the war."

Calling It Well Timed.

The Sun: We hold that every effort is well timed and laudable that leads to the knowledge of the great mass of German people the actual truth about the situation, and the prospects of the pseudo-national cause for which they are fighting. . . . The president's note is a truth evidently already patent to the world."

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SINGLE ENDEAVOR  
OF NATION IS TO  
PROSECUTE WARKing, In Speech To Parliament,  
Thanks Armies and Announces  
Confidence In Result.

London, Dec. 22.—The text of the King's speech, made when Parliament prorogued today, was as follows:

My Lords and Gentlemen,—Throughout the months that have elapsed since I last addressed you, my navy and my army, in conjunction with those of our gallant and faithful allies, have, by their unceasing vigilance and indomitable valor, justified the high trust I placed in them. I am confident that, however long the struggle, their efforts, supported by the inflexible determination of all my subjects throughout the Empire, will finally achieve the victorious consummation of those aims for which I entered into the war.

"My Government has been reconstructed with the sole object of furthering those aims unaltered and unimpaired. I thank you for the unstinted liberality with which you continue to provide for the burdens of the war."

"The vigorous prosecution of the war must be our single endeavor until we have vindicated the rights so ruthlessly violated by our enemies and established the security of Europe on a sure foundation. In this sacred cause I am assured of the united support of all my peoples, and I pray that the Almighty God may give us his blessing."

King George was not present in person at the prorogation, which was effected by the lord high chancellor in the House of Lords and by the speaker in the House of Commons reading the King's speech. Assent also was given by royal commission to a number of acts of Parliament.

The prorogation of Parliament is until February 7.

NO MENTION MADE  
IN KING'S SPEECH  
OF WILSON'S NOTEBritish Parliament Prorogues  
Without Considering It.

ONLY BRIEF REFERENCE  
Law's Reply Sole Attention  
Directed To American  
Proposals.

London, Dec. 22.—Parliament was prorogued this afternoon without the members being given any further information regarding President Wilson's note or what action the Government contemplated with respect to it.

Neither the note nor the German peace proposal was mentioned in the King's speech, read in both Houses.

The only reference to the president's suggestion was made by Andrew Bonar Law, the Government leader, in a reply to a question by Sir William Peel, a Liberal Unionist, who asked Mr. Law declaring that the question was one which could not be dealt with except in communication with the Allies.

The speech from the throne was one of the briefest on record. It expressed confidence in the ultimate victory of the Allies and determination to prosecute the war "until we have vindicated the rights so ruthlessly violated by our enemies and established the security of Europe on a sure foundation."

HUNGARIAN OPPOSITION  
WINS OUT IN FIGHTYisza Selected to Place Crown on New  
King's Head.

Budapest, via London, Dec. 21.—The Hungarian Parliament has completed arrangements for the coronation of King Charles by electing Count Tiesse as palatine and 86 of his associates as his assistants. Count Tiesse's election followed a hard fight with the Opposition, which supported Archduke Joseph. The palatine is the functionary who places the crown on the king's head.

The work of decorating the streets has already started and, despite the war, it is intended to make the coronation an elaborate affair. King Charles will arrive at Budapest on December 27, and the coronation will take place on December 30.

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DR. MACGREGOR IS  
NOW PHYSICIAN OF  
MICHIGAN'S PRISONState Makes Amends For Un-  
just Imprisonment.

Account Paid in Full Now,  
Says Father of Appointed  
Man.

Dr. Robert Macgregor, son of A. A. Macgregor, 347 Burswell street, has been appointed resident physician of the Michigan State Prison at Jackson.

Less than one month ago, the same man was a prisoner within this penitentiary, undergoing a life sentence. Three weeks ago Governor Ferris of Michigan pardoned him, freeing him of complicity in the Spaulding murder cases.

Now he goes back to minister to the inmates of that prison, the embodiment of hope to others who may be suffering unjustly as he has suffered.

Squaring Accounts.

Michigan has not only pardoned the man who was her victim, but has made him a part of the machine that once held him. Michigan, so far as it lies in her power, has endeavored to square accounts with Robert Macgregor.

He will take his new position on January 2, and will be permitted to practice outside the prison. The salary, it is understood, will be \$2,000 a year, with residence.

Dr. Macgregor was summoned to appear before the state prison board at Jackson on Thursday, and the appointment was made yesterday afternoon. News of his selection came to relatives today.

Paid in Full.

"I feel that the account has been paid in full now," said the father of Dr. Macgregor. "Faith and hope and courage have won the fight, and now the man who unjustly punished my son is doing his best to make amends. We feel sincere gratitude to the warden, who has always been the firm friend of Robert, and to Governor Ferris, and all those who have helped him."

No Christmas present will cause more real joy than the one Michigan has made to the man who proved himself innocent of the offense charged against him.

## THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.  
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 30; lowest, 25.

The official temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock today were: Highest, 20; lowest, 20.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLDER.  
Toronto, Dec. 22.—8 a.m.: Fair and cold; rain and on Saturday.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria. . . . . 40. 35. Clouds.

Calgary. . . . . 40. 35. Clouds.

Winnipeg. . . . . 40. 35. Clouds.

Perry Sound. . . . . 25. 15. Clouds.

Port Stanley. . . . . 25. 15. Clouds.

Buffalo. . . . . 34. 22. Snow.

Toronto. . . . . 32. 22. Snow.

Thunder Bay. . . . . 24. 22. Snow.

Ottawa. . . . . 15. 15. Snow.

Montreal. . . . . 20. 20. Clouds.

Quebec. . . . . 24. 22. Snow.

Father Point. . . . . 25. 20. Clouds.

Minus (—) means below zero.

Light snowfalls have occurred in Ontario, while in the other provinces there has been generally fair weather. A disturbance now centered near the middle Atlantic coast is likely to cause stormy weather in the Maritime Provinces.

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