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RUSSIANS SMASH GERMANS ON 300-MILE FRONT

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GRECIAN MOVE MEANS DRIVE OF ENTENTE IN MACEDONIA

Boldness of Allies' Act Toward Greece Foreshadows This. MEAN BUSINESS THERE Is More Effective Answer To Peace Talk Than Verdun. REACTION FROM PEACE Warring Nations Are Anxious To Try One More Throw at War's Gaming Table.

New York, Jan. 10.—The London correspondent of the Tribune called last night as follows:

"The Allies' move in Macedonia is the reason for the ultimatum to Greece. At the same time they are prepared for a co-ordination of effort on other fronts on a scale unequalled since the war opened.

"This is on the presumption that Germany does not want peace badly enough to meet the Allies' move than any other way. There is an indefinable something in the air, a belief not supported by any tangible proof, that neither Germany nor the Allies are yet ready to put their cards on the table. It seems certain that both sides have stiffened in the last week—that both are willing to gamble a little longer.

Reaction in Peace Push. "All over Europe there is a strong atmosphere of coming peace, which is bound to grow; but just now there is, also, and more noticeably, a reaction from the first big German advance.

"There is no doubt that the German people want peace, and that they want it more than any possible territorial gains. But the question is whether they can find some way to enforce their demands against the leaders of Prussian militarism, the Junkers; whether they can make the army let go and the statesmen really try to find a way out. Cannot Stop Momentum.

"There is also a feeling that the war has attained a momentum too great to be stopped yet—that it cannot terminate without at least one more big push—probably one more from each side. No one now expects the war to last out the year, but most prospects have extended the date of their forecast, whether it was expressed in weeks or months.

"The action toward Greece is the best evidence of their intention to strike hard and soon. It is, far more completely than the recent smash at Verdun, an answer to the German peace offer.

Italy in Line, Too. "For the first time, the Allies have played a bold game with Greece, which means that they are now assured of the whole-hearted support of Italy, a support which includes not only the holding by Italy of the army on her own front, but material assistance in other theatres of war.

"Lloyd George, Lord Milner, and their party arrived tonight from Rome, where it is now evident that the premier succeeded in winning the Allied war council to his belief that the war could not be settled easily on the western front."

OUR CANCELLATIONS IN C. P. R. ORDERED; THREE ALTERATIONS

With West and East Bound Trains Affected by New Schedule.

Our cancellations and three changes in C. P. R. trains have been ordered in district, the new timetable to be effective at midnight Sunday. The trains to be cancelled are: No. 356, the Queen City Special, now here at 9 a.m., for Toronto, on Jan. 11, now leaving here at 4:10 a.m. Detroit, on Jan. 11, now arriving here at 11:55 p.m. Windsor, on Jan. 11, now arriving here at 4 a.m. Toronto, on Jan. 11, now leaving here at 6:30 a.m. for Toronto, on Jan. 11, now arriving here at 7:40 a.m. and is due to arrive Toronto at 11:50 a.m. The train leaving at 8 o'clock in the morning now running only to Chatham, and going through to Windsor, and the corresponding eastbound train, now leaving Chatham at 5 o'clock in the morning, arriving here at 8:30 p.m., will be made up in Windsor, leaving here at 2:40 p.m., arriving here at 7:23 a.m. The cancellation of the Queen City Special removes one of the C. P. R.'s fast trains, and one that was always heavily patronized.

CALLED RIGHT MAN IN RIGHT PLACE AT THIS DECISIVE WAR PHASE



DAVID LLOYD GEORGE, premier of Britain, has just been praised from Italian cabinet minister.

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN BEING LAUNCHED TO START BRITISH LOAN

Lloyd George and Aides To Lead Public Appeal.

TO CANVASS EVERYWHERE Britain's Hidden Wealth Will Be Swept Into Public Treasury If Possible.

London, Jan. 10.—Although the formal terms of the new British war loan will not be made public until Friday, a nationwide campaign for subscriptions will formally be launched at a mass meeting in the London Guildhall tomorrow.

Premier Lloyd George and Andrew Bonar Law and Reginald McKenna, the present and former chancellor of the exchequer, will be the chief speakers. From this meeting as a starting point will begin a sweeping canvass carefully organized with the aim of getting all available pence, shillings and pounds from every nook and corner of Great Britain and Ireland.

Mass meetings will be held in every important town with speakers of various degrees of prominence. These meetings will be followed by an elaborate program, including even house-to-house visits by experts who will explain in detail the necessity of the national effort, and the means whereby everyone can get the largest possible amount of the "victory loan."

MUD-SLINGING TACTICS OF FERGUSON IN PLAY

Hysteria of Cabinet Minister Breaks Loose in West Simcoe.

[Special to The Advertiser.] "Toronto, Jan. 10.—Fergusonism in politics is being exhibited in the province again, this time in West Simcoe. The Hon. C. H. Ferguson himself has been in the riding 'slinging mud' and conducting the campaign on the level that he usually manages to put it on. The trouble about his system of using violent invectives is that the novelty soon wears off and the reaction sets in. This minister and the methods he represents played a prominent part in both the North Perth and Southwest Toronto elections, with results disastrous to the Government, yet the same tactics are being repeated in West Simcoe. The influence of Fergusonism spreads; the campaign literature of the Conservatives in this contest is violent to a point bordering on hysteria and like most hysteria is almost ludicrously rambling and confused. The more it is circulated in the riding, the more public opinion veers toward Mr. Scott, who in such a really way summed up the case in saying: 'If any of my friends should write such stuff about the Conservatives I'd quit. We are going to fight this contest fairly and cleanly, and not on any such level.'

Another old-timer, who has helped valiantly in losing recent by-elections for the Government is in the riding—the Hon. L. B. Lucas. It will be interesting to see what particular sort of gymnastics he attempts in this contest. Whether he will resume his posture of standing on his head with his ear to the ground or whether he has some new act will soon be revealed.

The panicky hurry-scurrying of cabinet ministers and Government leaders, the jostling each other in their excitement throughout the constituency is an amazing spectacle. Here is a rural constituency with a Government majority in 1914 of 1,080, and yet it is obvious that the Government is struggling under the shadow of a great fear.

C. P. R. FREIGHT STRIKES ENGINE AT WOODSTOCK

Woodstock, Ont., Jan. 10.—A double-headed freight train collided with a yard engine backing out of a switch in the C. P. R. yards here this morning and seven cars and the yard engine were smashed. The line was completely blocked until nearly noon. The trainmen jumped and escaped injury, but Fireman Murray was badly shaken up.

Local C. P. R. officials stated that no London trainmen were on the train, the crew being one from Toronto.

ARMIES OF CZAR HURL ATTACKS AT TEUTON FOES

Riga Offensive Coupled With Drives at Sarat and Suchitza.

GERMANS FEEL EFFECT Report Repeated Thrusts of Russians at Many Strategic Points.

PUSH ON AT SERETH Berlin Statement Declares Russ Forces Retreat Behind Old Line There.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.] London, Jan. 10.—Brief phrases in today's Berlin official statement indicate that the Russian offensive, which first manifested itself in the Riga region, has now spread over a front of approximately three hundred miles.

Berlin speaks of Russian attacks extending from the coast to Lake Narocz, and yesterday Germans admitted losing an island in Dvina River, north of Dvinsk Lake. Narocz, however, is about seventy-five miles south of Dvinsk, and only little further north than Vilna.

Russians are therefore steadily assaulting the German line from Gulf of Riga to Vilna region, a front which in itself equals in distance the whole front held by the Italians against the Austrians.

Berlin, Jan. 10.—Via Sayville.—Renewed Russian attacks with stronger forces were made yesterday southwest of Riga, near the northern end of the Russo-Galician front. The war office announcement follows:

"Eastern front. Front of Prince Leopold: Stronger Russian attacks southwest of Riga, and numerous advances by smaller detachments between the coast and Lake Narocz were again yesterday without success.

Drive on Rumanian Front. Regarding operations on the Rumanian front the statement reads:

"The Russian and Rumanian forces tried to recapture the heights near the town of Sereth. (Continued on Page 3, Column 5.)

QUEBEC TO FIGHT FEDERAL MOVE TO MAKE IT GO DRY

Liquor Men Say Export Can Be Stopped by Dominion, But Not Home Sale.

Montreal, Jan. 10.—Prevention of shipment of liquor from a "wet" province to a "dry" province by the Federal Government, was discussed at a conference yesterday of representatives of the Quebec Licensed Victuallers' and Allied Trades.

The meeting was called to consider what steps the liquor interests of this province should take in view of the movement that will be made at Ottawa to secure the prohibition of the importation and manufacture of liquor in the Dominion. It was agreed that as matters stand now the temperance legislation of "dry" provinces is off-putting to the liquor trade here by the fact that a "wet" province as is the case between Quebec and Ontario.

The conference was of the opinion that the Federal Government would well within its right in prohibiting the passing of liquor from one province to another, but it could not make Quebec dry without its consent. A delegation of Quebec liquor men will be sent to Ottawa to advance this view.

NOT A BIG YEAR FOR LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS

Some Asphalt Paving and Storm Sewers Main Part of Program.

City Engineer Brasier is busy outlining the work for 1917. It will not be a big year for local improvements. Contracts have been let for about 25,000 yards of asphalt paving, and little more will be done, it is expected. There will not be many sanitary sewers laid, and the sidewalk and curb construction will be very small.

However, some storm sewers will have to be laid to complete the system, and Mr. Brasier will have charge of this work, not Chipman & Power, as has been the case in the past.

BOARD TO ORGANIZE.—The board of health will meet next Tuesday afternoon for organization purposes, and it is expected will select C. R. Semerville as chairman for the coming year. The board will follow out the system of the past two years, which has netted excellent results. The bringing of the Public Health Institute to bear on the health work of the city, it is said, resulted in much good. The representative of the Sanitary Engineers, E. H. Russell, will work for better plumbing, and it is expected that drastic measures will be taken to improve the plumbing.

LINKS BINDING ENTENTE SOLDIERED TOGETHER BY ALLIED WAR CONFERENCE

Conference at Rome Has Renewed Strength and Hope in Victory, and Defeated German Machinations To Separate Italy.

New York, Jan. 10.—A news agency dispatch from Rome, published here today, says:

"The Allied council just concluded must be considered one of the most important of the war. It has definitely soldered the links between the Allies of their brotherly sympathy and stern resolution to achieve a final victory which will assure lasting peace and right and justice."

So declared War Commissioner Bissolati-Bergamaschi, member without portfolio in Italy's cabinet, in an interview today.

"I am fully convinced from Premier Lloyd George's electric personality, adamant character and his quick and unerring decision, that he is the right man in the right place at this present decisive phase of the war.

"The practical result of the Allies' conference is of the highest strategic, political and economic moment, and will be so manifested in the near future. 'Representation of all the Allied nations derived from the meeting a new strength and faith in victory—the Italians especially. It confirmed the realization of their national aspirations.

"There is perfect understanding now among all. It is utterly impossible that Italy will ever be separated from her alliance, despite any German machinations."

GERMAN RAIDER IN ATLANTIC IS REPORTED SUNK

Marine Rumors at New York Say British Cruiser Destroyed.

VOLTAIRE IN BERMUDA? Owners Announce Her Reported Recapture by the Allied Warships.

New York, Jan. 10.—Persistent reports that a German raider was met in the Atlantic and sunk by a British cruiser yesterday afternoon were current today in well informed steamship circles. Details are lacking, as is the identity of the vessels engaged and the location of the encounter.

Coupled with these reports was a statement today by the Lamport & Holt Line, owners of the overdue steamship Voltaire, that rumors had come to them that their vessel was in one of the ports of Bermuda. The officers of the line say they had heard that the Voltaire, after capture by a German raider, had been recaptured and taken to Bermuda, but that their information was unofficial.

The Voltaire was last reported to have left Liverpool on November 28 for New York.

Escaped December 9. Cable advices from London, under date of December 9, told of reports that a German raider had succeeded in getting through the British cordon around the North Sea. Soon after, wireless warnings from naval stations at Halifax and the Bermudas were heard at frequent intervals cautioning Allied shipping to look out for a raider. One of the warnings intercepted by a neutral vessel and made public here, described the raider as a vessel of about 4,000 tons, 225 feet long with 46-foot beam, well armed and fitted with torpedo tubes. Allied ships were instructed to "take all precautions when approaching any other ship at sea."

Many Reports of Raider. Several unconfirmed reports of a raider being sighted have reached shipping men here. One report put the unknown in the vicinity of the Azores, another several hundred miles off Halifax, and a recent report brought here by a pilot, was that the raider was less than 400 miles off Sandy Hook. The wireless warnings have been repeated daily since December 9.

"BUFFALO BILL" DIES AT HIS DENVER HOME

Denver, Col., Jan. 10.—Col. William F. Cody ("Buffalo Bill") is dead. The famous hunter and scout died at 12:05 p.m. here today at the home of his sister.

Col. Cody has several relatives in the city and has visited here in many occasions. His last visit to the city was in March, 1915.

He was expected here this winter, but illness prevented.

There are seven cousins residing in the city: J. F. Cody, of 93 Stanley street; Arthur Cody of West London, Mrs. Blackwell of St. James street; Max Cody of Oxford street, and William Cody, Mrs. George Benson and Mrs. T. Cody of 340 Duferin avenue.

SINK BRITISH WARSHIPS ON PAPER, NOT REALITY

Fritz Official News Heralds Another Fictitious Victory.

Berlin, Jan. 10.—Via Sayville.—"According to the Basler Anzeiger," says an Overseas News Agency announcement, "the British armored cruiser Shannon, of 14,899 tons, was sunk in November last through a mine explosion."

London, Jan. 10.—The British admiralty stated today that there is no truth in the story printed by the Swiss newspaper Basler Anzeiger, that the British armored cruiser Shannon, of 14,899 tons, was sunk by a mine off the south coast of England last November.

BLOW AT ITALY BY HINDENBURG TEUTONS' PLAN

British Expert Declares German Chief Will Try a Speedy Stroke.

RUSSIA MAIN OBJECTIVE Will Be Anvil for Enemies' Hammers in Campaigns of 1917.

FORECASTS NAVAL FIGHTS Gallant Blockade Conditions Will Goad Central Powers To Activity.

London, Jan. 10.—The military expert of the Times discussing the question of Germany's probable war plans in the near future, expresses the opinion that Field Marshal von Hindenburg may attempt a blow against Italy before the spring finds all his opponents prepared to meet him with their full strength.

The writer dismisses the possibility of an attack on the western front as remote, but says that the German chief of staff may use his "floating balance of reserves" against Gen. Cadorna because "twenty more divisions, added to the thirty-three Austrian divisions facing Italy, would give him a good chance of doing something."

After saying that the situation in Switzerland must not be disregarded since "neutrality counts less than nothing to the Germans," the writer finally concludes that Russia will be von Hindenburg's main objective.

Germans in Good Position. "With 135 divisions on the Russian front," he says, "von Hindenburg has the power necessary to conducting a fresh campaign with vigor and the current operations in Rumania tend to throw back the Russian line, and place the Austro-Germans in a better position for continuing the attack on Russia than they could boast last autumn. The German declare that they are improving the Russian line and the international disorganization of Russia and affirm that the Russian armies are exhausted and short of war material. The Austro-German railway system is far superior to the Russian, and the German auxiliary service act will supply the drafts needed for an offensive campaign. Russia must certainly be prepared to (Continued on Page 3, Column 7.)

\$125,000 FIRE DAMAGE IN QUEBEC CITY BLAZE

Lower Town Warehouses Threatened by Flames That Defied Firemen.

Quebec, Jan. 10.—Fire, breaking out about seven this morning in the warehouse of J. B. Renaud & Co., crockery dealers, caused over \$125,000 damage to that firm, also the loss of the contents of the warehouse and wholesale district. The flames, when discovered, had gained great headway, finding in the straw and packing material of the crockery firm an easy prey, rapidly spreading to the Turcotte warehouse, quickly wrecking both places.

The warehouses of the Frost & Wood Company, farm implements, was also attacked by fire, but this was quickly subdued and the latter place was only lightly damaged by smoke and water. Fears, at one time, were entertained for the vast stores and warehouses of the Mechanics Supply Company, but this firemen managed to protect, so that insignificant damage only was caused by smoke. There were no accidents.

WILL STOP REVOLUTION. SOCIALISTS OPPOSE UNRESTRICTED WAR IN SUB CAMPAIGN

Fear Damaging Effect on Possible Peace Negotiations if Murders Continue.

Amsterdam, via London, Jan. 10.—The German Socialists' Vorwaerts Association has declared emphatically against unrestricted submarine warfare, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Rheinische Westphaelische Zeitung of Essen. The dispatch quotes Herr Doert, a Socialist member of the Reichstag, as saying at a meeting of the organization on January 8: "We expect the German Government to leave no stone unturned in support of President Wilson's efforts for peace. On no condition must our relations with neutrals risk being prejudiced by unrestricted warfare. The Social Democracy is firmly adhering to the policy outlined in August, 1914."

LONDON'S PROSPERITY INDICATED BY INCREASED JEWELRY SALES AND PROMPT PAYMENT OF BILLS

Associated Advertising Clubs' Investigation Shows Increase of Sales in All Lines in City of 14 Per Cent Over 1915—Other Cities Show Well.

London is prosperous, according to the annual report of the merchandising research committee of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, just received here.

When people had money to buy more luxuries in 1916 than in 1915, in the face of the higher prices asked for necessities, that was a sure sign of unusual prosperity, and the people of this city bought 12 per cent more jewelry in the index month of November, 1916, than in November, 1915, the index shows.

Sales are a sure index to prosperity, and sales in this city increased in all lines investigated 14 per cent in 1916 over 1915.

Merchants of this city collected 38 per cent of their October 21 outstanding accounts during November. The table follows:

Sales	Dept. Stores	Grocery	Clothing	Hdw.	Drugs	Jewelry	Gen. Av.
100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
114	114	114	114	114	114	114	114
128	128	128	128	128	128	128	128
142	142	142	142	142	142	142	142
156	156	156	156	156	156	156	156
170	170	170	170	170	170	170	170
184	184	184	184	184	184	184	184
198	198	198	198	198	198	198	198
212	212	212	212	212	212	212	212

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ULTRA SENSATIONAL NOTE, SAYS FRENCH JOURNALIST OF ALLIES' WILSON REPLY

BOLLING DENIES "TIP" GIVEN ON PEACE NOTE MOVE

President's Brother-in-Law Declares He Got First Word Through Newspapers.

Washington, Jan. 10.—After another brief session today the House rules committee suspended public hearings on Representative Wood's resolution to investigate whether there was a stock market leak on President Wilson's peace note. Many congressmen believe the committee will report for an investigation.

W. M. Bolling, a brother-in-law of President Wilson, and a member of F. A. Connolly and Company, brokers, Washington, was the first witness at today's hearing. He denied he had anything to do with a "leak."

"I have nothing to say," he said, "except that whoever is responsible for bringing my name into this, Representative Wood, I believe, must send me an apology at the same time that he sends one to Secretary Tamm."

"I did not receive your first information regarding the president's note," Representative Henry asked. "When I read it in the newspapers."

SPAIN GRATIFIED BY KING ALFONSO'S ACT

Expression of Confidence in Ministry Popular Move.

Madrid, Jan. 10.—Via Paris.—The king's renewal of confidence in the Romanones Ministry has produced an excellent impression, the more so as it was only given after the sovereign had consulted the highest personages in the country, who were unanimous in advising the retention of the Government in power. President Romanones was authorized in asking for the confidence of the king, the king's confidence by the violent campaigns recently carried on against him. The Government is now believed to have all the prestige necessary to face the exterior and interior problems. Parliament will reconvene on January 29.

FRENCH FRONT QUIET BECAUSE OF WEATHER

Both Paris and Berlin Report Little Doing Last Night.

Paris, Jan. 10.—There were no important developments on the French front last night, the war office announces.

DUELS ON ANCRE. BERLIN, JAN. 10.—VIA SAYVILLE.—GAIN HAS INTERFERED WITH ACTIVITIES ON THE FRANCO-BELGIAN FRONT, ARMY HEADQUARTERS ANNOUNCED IN TODAY'S STATEMENT, WHICH READS:

"Western front: During the rainstorm that has prevailed there has been little fighting activity. Only on the Ancre were there lively artillery duels."

VIVID DREAM

Montreal, Jan. 10.—When the item in a Chicago paper which claims among other things that "Lord Shaughnessy is the man picked by the powers that be in England to solve Britain's 100-year-old problem, the Irish question," his lordship said: "These are the creations of a brilliant newspaper imagination."

THAW BELIEVED TO BE IN PITTSBURG HOME

Sensational Millionaire Said To Be in Family Mansion There.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 10.—Harry R. Thaw, indicted in New York yesterday for kidnapping and assaulting Frederick Gump, Jan. of Kansas City, was believed early today to be at the Thaw home in Beechwood Boulevard, this city. Members of the Thaw family would not say whether he arrived last night or early today, and refused to answer all questions as to the probable length of his stay.

At an early hour today, Capt. Archibald MacCall of the detective division of the Pittsburg police, had received no reports from New York or Philadelphia police to arrest Thaw. All telephone inquiries at the Thaw home were investigated, and no visitors were admitted which tended to confirm the belief that Thaw had arrived here from Washington some time during the night.

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, 38; lowest, 33. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 34; lowest, 16.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD. Toronto, Jan. 10.—8 a.m. Today—Strong north and northwest winds, local snowfalls, and colder. Thursday—Fair and decidedly cold. Temperatures. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations	Hgh.	Low.	Weather
Victoria	48	16	Cloudy
Calgary	40	16	Clear
Winnipeg	30	20	Clear
Port Arthur	30	20	Fair
Port Sound	30	20	Cloudy
Toronto	38	16	Snow
Ottawa	30	16	Fair
Montreal	34	16	Fair
Quebec	30	16	Snow
Thunder Bay	30	16	Cloudy