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# RUSS AND BULGAR MAKE SEPARATE PEACE

## BIG AND EFFECTIVE ARMY OF AMERICANS IN FRANCE AND READY FOR GRIPS WITH HUNS; A MILLION AND HALF IN ARMS

U. S. Secretary of War Gives Figures Showing the World's  
Record for Nation's Mobilization of Man Power—Army  
of Substantial Size Already in France and Completely  
Equipped.

Washington, Jan. 10.—The United States now has in France an army of "substantial" size ready for active service, Secretary of War Baker today told the Senate War Investigating Committee.

Officers and men, he explained in a statement of the mobilization accomplishments, have been trained specially for modern warfare, independent lines of communication and supply are in process of construction and great progress has been formulated for the production of new instruments of war.

Arms of the most modern and effective kind, the secretary declared, have been provided for every soldier in France, and are available for every fighting man who can be sent to France in 1918.

An army of nearly a million and a half men, enlisted and selected without serious dislocation of the nation's industries, is now in the field or in training at home or abroad, he asserted. The substance of the army, he continued, has been above criticism, while its initial clothing supply, temporarily inadequate, is now substantially complete.

Splendid effectiveness of the war department's mobilization, for two purposes, he said, in the first place, the American people are entitled to know of the splendid effectiveness with which they have been able to organize the most powerful and effective military power of the nation in a great cause; and second, our army in France, under General Pershing and our allies are entitled to have the benefit resulting from the pressure of the mobilization of our resources which must come when the democracy has neither blundered nor hesitated, but actually brought the full power of the new and resources into completely organized strength against their military machine.

A World's Record.

"No army of similar size in the history of the world has ever been raised, equipped or trained so quickly. No such provision has ever been made for the comfort, health and general well-being of an army.

"By the co-operation of all interests and all people in the country, the nation has now created a spirit of unity and confidence in its powers. More has been done than anybody dared to believe possible. That there have been here and there errors and misgivings, and that some have not been saying, but should be wanting to find out the real truth, and the real situation of the army, military and civilian, have applied themselves to this undertaking and the results demonstrate the success of their efforts.

The Mobilization.

The secretary said the committee an outline of the work of the department and its various bureaus.

The total number already in the military service," he said, "is one and a half million, and the number ever mobilized by this nation."

On the first day of April, 1917, the regular army, he continued, "comprised 5,731 officers and 121,277 enlisted men, and the reserve 4,000 officers and 475,000 enlisted men; the National Guard of 16,000 officers and 400,000 enlisted men; the National Guard of 480,000 officers and the reserve of 84,575 officers and 72,750 enlisted men; and other words, in nine months, the increase has been from 9,731 officers to 10,526 officers and from 202,277 to 1,428,550 men.

\$2,120 in Air Corps.

"The aviation corps on the 1st day of April, 1917, consisted of 65 officers and 1,120 men; on the 1st day of January, 1918, it consisted of 3,300 officers and 82,120 men.

"For the fiscal year 1918, Congress appropriated for the war department \$158,000,000; for the fiscal year 1919, \$200,000,000; for the fiscal year 1920, \$400,000,000; for the fiscal year 1921, \$757,228,716. In other words, taking 1918 as a normal year, the appropriations for 1919 are nearly fifty times as great."

RENEWALS FORM BULK  
OF PASSPORT REQUESTS

Travelers' Permits, Expiring on Dec. 31, Being Removed.

Although a limited number of passports are being issued to men in Class I in this military district the large percentage of passport requests being handled through the office of Dominion Immigration Inspector John Riggs is for renewal of permits which expired in December.

A great many passports, made out to travelers, were sent to the office of the department on December 31. Since then these permits have been applied for a renewal of their permits to leave Canada on business.

"I was informed by the department recently that a newer and more efficient form of passport would be sent out, but to the present I have failed to receive them and am using the old forms," said Inspector Riggs today.

The case of men in Class I, the permission has to be granted by the deputy registrar and the military authorities.

PACKERS BURNED OUT.

Chester, Pa., Jan. 10.—Fire early today destroyed the plant of the John J. Buckley Company, pork packers. The loss is \$250,000.

THREE PERSONS DIE  
IN RAILWAY CRASH

Second Section of Fast Train  
Rams Into First Section  
in Texas.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 10.—Three persons were killed and eleven injured at 2:10 o'clock this morning in a head-on collision between two sections of the Katy flyer in the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway at Grille, about forty miles northeast of here. First reports placed the number of deaths at sixteen, but this later was denied by officials after investigation.

STATES PREPARES FOR  
FREIGHT MOVING WEEK

Washington, D. C., Jan. 10.—Steps to make effective the nation-wide campaign for clearing railroad terminals during next week, designated as "freight-moving week" were taken today by Director-General McAdoo. Boards of trade, shippers' organizations and state and local officials were urged to do their utmost to stir up agitation for prompt unloading of cars.

KAISER ASKS  
THAT SWEDEN  
SHOULD ACT  
AS MEDIATOR

Wants Stockholm to Approach  
Entente Over Peace  
Terms.

IS PETROGRAD REPORT  
Delegations at Russ Capital  
Said to Have Made  
the Move.

Petrograd, Jan. 9.—The German delegations in Petrograd are reported by the Evening Post to have got in touch with the Swedish legation here and to have expressed the desire that Sweden act as a go-between with Great Britain, France and Italy.

UNCLE SAM'S  
MIGHTY ARMY

Regular Army	Officers	Men
10,250	475,000	
National Guard	16,311	400,000
National Army	84,575	480,000
Aviation Corps	3,900	82,120

ARREST ORDERS  
ISSUED TO ALL  
POLICE SQUADS

Men Who Failed to Answer  
First Draft Call To Be  
Apprehended.

CHECKING UP THE LISTS  
Authorities Will Soon Be  
Armed With Names of  
M. S. A. Deserters.

Orders for the arrest of all defaulters under the Military Service Act are being sent out throughout Western Ontario to both military and police officers, according to the authorities at district militia headquarters, and beginning today the men who have failed to respond to their names when called at the armories will be speedily apprehended.

The last of the men who were to be called up for duty in the first call arrived in the city Wednesday, and those whose names appear on the list as having failed to respond will be apprehended unless it can be shown that they did not appear owing to the fact that they had already reported for service before notified and are now serving in some of the artillery units or the Royal Flying Corps or some other branch of the service.

It is expected that armed with the lists, compiled by the deputy registrar, of men who have not complied with the provisions of the military service act, police will find it comparatively easy matter to effect their arrest.

It is thought that it will require a few days for the final checking up of the lists and for the lists to reach the officers for whom they are intended, so that it is possible that no arrests will be made as a result of the orders for a short time.

HUN SABOTAGE PLOT  
UPSET BY UNCLE SAM

Score or More of Aliens Have  
Been Placed Under  
Arrest.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Through intercepted communications and evidence found on a score or more of arrested aliens, Government agents have discovered a concerted movement to reorganize German sabotage and anti-war propaganda in this country. The movement was broken up and enemy activities now are believed to be confined to sporadic cases carried on largely by pro-German sympathizers without guidance from a central headquarters.

It is known that about thirty Germans and a few Scandinavians have been arrested on suspicion of complicity in the new plot. The Germans have been interned and the Scandinavians sent out of the country. Some Americans are under suspicion, and are being closely watched.



## U. S. TAKING CHANCES ON FOOD TO HELP FAMINE-MENACED EUROPE

Washington, Jan. 10.—The food situation in Europe is regarded here as so critical that the food administration has decided to take a chance on a shortage in the spring by releasing in part their needs. If consumption of reduced official allowance is probable shortage of flour in the United States in May before the new wheat crop comes in in June.

## PETERBORO AND OTTAWA FIRES TAKE 6 LIVES

Four Children Perish as Result  
of Blaze in Hospital at  
the Capital.

Café Worker Perishes  
Overcome by Smoke and  
Flames When Peterboro  
Restaurant Burns.

Ottawa, Jan. 10.—Four little children are dead as the result of a fire which swept the east wing of the Water Street Catholic General Hospital this morning. The victims were a boy, aged 10, and three girls, aged 8, 7, and 6. The fire broke out in the kitchen of the hospital, and spread rapidly to the ward where the children were lying. The fire was extinguished by the fire department, but the children had already died.

## MAN FOR MAN. ALLIES CAN WHIP HUNS ANYWHERE

Cleveland, O., Jan. 10.—"It is always unwise to predict the result of an unknown peril," Sir Frederick Edwin Smith, Bart., British attorney-general, said in an address last night, referring to the military situation in Europe. "The psychological effect of the western front, 'but the Allies await with supreme confidence.' Three and one-half years of war have taught the French and British soldiers that, man for man, they can whip the Germans anywhere."

## MANITOBA GIVEN PERMISSION TO APPEAL RATES

Province Can Take Case to  
Supreme Court—New Rates  
Stand Meanwhile.

Ottawa, Jan. 10.—The railway board this morning granted the request of the Manitoba government to appeal to the Supreme Court on questions of law arising from the Government's agreement with the C. N. E. the recent judgment of the board annulling freight and passenger rates. Pending the Supreme Court's decision, the judgment goes into effect February 1, subject to any modifications which may be made by the board. The C. N. E. on behalf of the railways was also granted the privilege of taking a cross-appeal to the Supreme Court in respect of the findings of the board relating to the Crow's Nest agreement. It was agreed that F. H. Chrysler, R. C. for the Manitoba Government, and F. H. Philpott, K. C., for the Canadian Northern Railway, would appear before the Supreme Court which meets next month and present their cases.

## PROVINCE OF QUEBEC HAS NICE SURPLUS

Treasurer Reports \$158,440  
Net to Good—\$375,000  
for Patriotic Fund.

Quebec, Jan. 10.—The net surplus of the Province of Quebec for the past year was \$158,440. Hon. Walter Mitchell, provincial treasurer, will officially announce this in the budget speech being made today.

The ordinary revenue of the province was \$3,044,112, while the ordinary expenditure was \$2,885,673, leaving a surplus of \$158,440.

However, the affairs of the Province of Quebec being in such a prosperous state, Mr. Mitchell deducted from his revenue account \$375,000, a part of the million-dollar grant to the Canadian Patriotic fund, which the Province of Quebec voted at the previous session.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell is also dealing with Sir Thomas White's request as to provincial and municipal borrowings.

## SAPPERS BADLY BURNED IN BRANTFORD ACCIDENT

Brantford, Jan. 10.—Sapper Daniel Clay was badly burned about the face, head, arms and upper body and Sapper Sam Norman was also badly burned around the face, through an explosion in the old postoffice here, used as a depot for the Canadian Engineers here, this morning.

They were emptying a sack on the floor near a coal stove when the explosion occurred. The cause of the explosion will be made the subject of a strict investigation. Both are Hamilton men. Clay was rushed to the hospital.

## RUSSIA SIGNS PEACE PACT WITH BULGARIA BUT REFUSES TERMS OFFERED BY THE TURK

Swiss Dispatches State Petrograd and Sofia  
Have Reached An Agreement Ending  
Hostilities, But Proposals Put Forward  
By Turkey Have Been Turned Down.

Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 10.—A separate peace agreement has been signed by Russia and Bulgaria, the Bund reports.

RUSS-BULGAR CONDITIONS.

Berne, Jan. 10.—A Bulgarian correspondent of the Bund says Premier Radoslavoff read the following dispatch from Brest-Litovsk in Parliament:

"War between Russia and Bulgaria ceases. Diplomatic and economic relations between Russia and Bulgaria are resumed. Russia recognizes Bulgaria's right to nominate a delegate to an international Danube commission. The first peace is thus concluded, with the consent of Bulgaria's allies."

The Bund says Bulgaria has appointed a minister to Petrograd and a consul to be stationed at Odessa, and has ordered the resumption of navigation to Odessa.

TURK PROPOSALS REJECTED.

Petrograd, Wednesday, Jan. 9.—Separate peace proposals made by Turkey it is reported, has been refused by the Bolshevik Government. Turkey was requested to participate in the general conference between Russia and the central powers.

A dispatch received in London last Saturday from Petrograd purported to give the Turkish peace terms, as presented to Russia, but the dispatch did not state that Turkey's proposals had been made independent of the other central powers. Among the terms proposed by Turkey were free passage of the Dardanelles for Russian ships, Russian evacuation of Turkish territory and demobilization of the Russian Black Sea fleet. Turkey was to retain her active army in consequence of continuation of war against the Entente.

Bulgaria took part with Germany, Austria and Turkey in the first negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, and it has been assumed that no peace terms would be agreed to by the Central Powers except in concert. However, advisers yesterday giving the names of those who took part in the first session of the Brest-Litovsk conference when they were resumed this week made no mention of a Bulgarian representative.

FERDINAND FOR ANNEXATION.

King Ferdinand of Bulgaria is credited with opposing the formula of peace without annexations or indemnities, declaring Bulgaria should retain the territory she had won. This would not interfere with a peace between Russia and Bulgaria, however, inasmuch as the territory Bulgaria desires consists of parts of Serbia and Rumania. Premier Radoslavoff was quoted in a Sofia dispatch last month to the effect that Bulgaria had accepted the Russian proposals, providing for ending the war, restoring commercial treaties in effect before the war and settling the Danube question.

## PEACE CONFAB WILL MOVE TO NEUTRAL CITY

Selection of Point for Further  
Discussion Under Con-  
sideration.

London, Jan. 9.—At the first sitting of the resumed negotiations at Brest-Litovsk on Tuesday, says a dispatch sent out by the Official Russian News Agency, the discussion between the Russian delegates and those of the central powers centred on the selection of a city in some neutral country in which to continue the deliberations. There is every probability, it is added, of a satisfactory arrangement being reached.

## COVERED WHOLE CITY BUT UNABLE TO GET COAL FOR THREE DAYS

Soldier's Wife, as Last Resort,  
Appealed to City Relief  
Inspector to Get Fuel.

Inspector J. W. McCallum of the city relief department was Wednesday asked by a soldier's wife to try and get her a small supply of coal. Hers was a distressing tale. She and three children had been without a pound of fuel since Sunday. She had covered nearly the whole city, visiting each dealer. The answer, she said, was ever the same. They had no coal for her. And she had the money to pay for it.

Some time ago, the soldier's wife had a somewhat trying experience, though not so bad as this one. She had at that time appealed to Mr. McCallum for relief. He had given her the coal. The woman is a retiring nature. She said that she did not like to bother Mr. McCallum. She tried to help herself. Her effort failed. Not a dealer would grant her appeal for coal. She was forced to go to the city relief office.

Mr. McCallum says that he has quite a few such appeals of late.

## COSSACK LEADERS ARE DEFEATED BY "REDS," DUTOFF IN FLIGHT, KALEDINES RETREATS

Petrograd Reports Heavy Re-  
verse for Southern Rebel  
Armies.

Petrograd, Jan. 9.—Gen. Kaledines and Dutoff, the Cossack leaders, the Official News Agency announces, have been defeated. Gen. Dutoff is in flight, pursued by revolutionary soldiers and the amount of the Cossack retreat is retreating.

The Workmen's and Soldiers' Council at Kharkov is reported to be increasing, while the Ukrainian Council of the eleven army has been arrested.

STOPS STOCK TRADING.

London, Jan. 10.—The Bolshevik Government, a Reuters dispatch from Petrograd says, has issued a decree suspending stock exchange trading in private companies. The Government also has forbidden transactions in stocks and bonds, and is determining the amount of interest payable by private companies.

300,000 TURK BRIGANDS  
ARE MOSTLY DESERTERS

Bent on Pillage, Sometimes Attack  
Ottoman Troops.

Geneva, Jan. 8.—A Constantinople report received here says that within the Ottoman Empire there are roving bands of brigands estimated to number 300,000. They are mostly armed deserters from the army, and are bent on pillage. They even venture near towns, and sometimes attack regular troops in order to get arms and food.

## THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLDER.

Forecast.

Fresh to strong northerly winds, fair and cold snow showers. Friday—Strong northerly winds, fair and colder.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 3 a.m. today.

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Windsor	38	31	Cloudy
Quebec	38	28	Cloudy
Port Arthur	44	32	Clear
Port Stanley	44	32	Cloudy
Port Hope	44	32	Cloudy
Buffalo	44	32	Snow
Toronto	44	32	Snow
Kingston	44	32	Snow
Ottawa	44	32	Snow
Montreal	44	32	Snow
Quebec	44	32	Snow
Father Point	44	32	Snow
Minus (—) means below zero.			

## LOCAL TEMPERATURES

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock this night: Highest, 23; lowest, 13.

The official temperatures for hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Highest, 23; lowest, 13.