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PEACE MEET AT BREST-LITOVSK BROKEN UP?

Peace Negotiations at Brest-Litovsk Reported Broken off

Another Report Says Germany Will Make New Offer.

VIEW OF A PEACE DELEGATE.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 2.—Germany will not consider the Brest-Litovsk declarations binding on her unless the Allies accept the invitation to negotiate a general peace, according to M. Pavlritch, non-Bolsheviki delegate, who returned from the conference today.

"Germany's fundamental aim in the negotiations," he said, "is to establish an economic union from Hamburg to Poland gulf. In return for the evacuation of Belgium and France, Germany will demand the freeing of Mesopotamia, Arabia and Palestine, as well as the return of Tripoli, in case of further success against Italy.

TO MAKE NEW PEACE OFFER.

BERNE, Jan. 2.—Within ten days, the Central powers will make a new declaration of modified peace conditions, "owing to the Entente's attitude," according to quotation from the Munich Nachrichten received here today.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—New declarations regarding German peace terms will be issued within ten days, according to a Munich, Bavarian newspaper. It is said the attitude of the Entente powers, presumably toward terms expressed at Brest-Litovsk may bring about some changes.

ASSERTS PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BROKEN OFF.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk have been broken off by the Bolsheviki government, owing to the German attitude in regard to Poland and Lithuania and the enemy's proposal that German garrisons be retained at Libau, Riga and elsewhere, according to telegram from the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News, appearing in a late edition of that paper today.

Ring Out The Old Ring in The New"

Celebrated in the Good Old Way.

The passing of the old and the birth of the New Year was celebrated in the city in the usual good old way. Bells rang, whistles blew and fire crackers cracked for ten or fifteen minutes without intermission. Some citizens danced the year in, some skated it in, while others sang it in.

Family reunions were many, and round the gladsome hearth parents listened to the stories of their children, who had flocked home to the old nest to spend the day with those who had treated them so kindly and nourished them with care before their wings were strong enough to bear them away to battle the storms of life.

Happy indeed were those to whom Santa Claus had been kind by filling up the family coal bin. To these the stoking of the furnace was a joy, not a labor, on the glad New Year.

However, in the midst of the happiness enjoyed by many those less fortunate were not forgotten and many a heart throb of sympathy was felt for parents whose splendid sons, sleeping under the turf of France and Flanders, never more will assemble under the parental roof on glad New Year Days to come to bring joy and happiness to those most dear to them.

In many of the churches services were held where fitting reference were made.

Mr. Edwin F. G. Kuehner Has Passed Away

Was A Former Member Of The 83rd. Battalion. The Soldier Had Been Ailing For Some Time.

Intelligence of the death of one of the city's young men is imparted to many friends today. The departed gentleman is Mr. Edwin F. G. Kuehner.

The young man is a former member of the Empire's fighting units. For fifteen months he was with the 83rd. Battalion, Toronto, where he had resided and where he enlisted. Fifteen months ago he contracted a cold and he had been ailing for two years, his condition becoming more serious, his death finally occurring at 3.30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the home of his parents, 67 Irvin street.

The late citizen was 32 years, 2 weeks of age, and was born in the city He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kuehner, who with 3 sisters and three brothers survive. He was unmarried. A brother, Pte. Walter Kuehner, is in France, having enlisted with the 90th. Rifles, Winnipeg. The departed enjoyed the high respect of all who knew him. They will learn with regret that he has been called at such an early age.

The funeral will be held from the home, 67 Irwin Street, to Mt. Hope Cemetery at 2.30 o'clock Thursday afternoon. A memorial service will be held in Zion Evangelical Church next Sunday morning.

MISS LAURA HUGHES, daughter of Dr. James L. Hughes, Toronto, whose marriage to Dr. Erling Lunde of Chicago, took place Saturday.

Petrograd Correspondent Urges Allies to Join

WARNS BRITAIN OF DANGER.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Petrograd correspondent of The Daily News wonders whether the danger of a separate peace is realized in England. He says it would be a defeat for German democracy in addition to insuring a virtual enslavement of Russia, as it would be a victory for the military caste in Germany.

"It may mean," he adds "much more than Russia's neutrality. If we make no move, it seems possible that the Germans will ask the Russians to help them in enforcing Russian peace terms on the entente allies. Trotzky is well aware of the danger and, though faced with the necessity of concluding peace, is doing his utmost to stimulate a revolution in Germany. Fraternization at the front already has passed beyond control of enemy officers and enormous quantities of revolutionary newspapers printed in German are being distributed.

Would Publish Terms.

"I am convinced that our only chance in defeating German designs is to publish terms as near the Russian terms as possible, and, by taking a powerful hand in the proposed conference, help the democratic movement in Germany while helping the Russians to force the German Government in the direction it has had to take.

"Whatever party might be in power in Russia, it would be compelled to conclude peace and Trotzky's method is more likely to damage Germany than the method of any more polite person in his place. The nationalization of the banks puts a weapon more powerful than the guillotine in the hands of the Government and probably will end much of the present sabotage."

The writer foreshadows a further leavening of the ministry by men from other parties joining the Government.

Disappointment For Foe.

The Petrograd correspondent of The Times, who is visiting London, continues his anti-Bolshevik statements today. He says it is not unlikely that the Germans who are now reckoning upon the great advantages they expect from the Russian revolution, will suffer a grievous disappointment provided the friends of the Russian nation offer it a helping hand.

He implies the Russian people will not continue to submit to German exploitation through Bolshevik "adventurers" if a closer union is established between Russia and the entente allies.

HYDRO POWER WAS OFF

Hydro Power was unsteady this afternoon. The 'juice' was off for the greater part of the time between 2.00 and 3.45.

Last Train From and to Elmira to be Cut Off

Otherwise Present Time Tables To Stand.

A curtailment of one train each way between here and Elmira on the G.T.R. line goes into effect on Sunday next, when the new time table begins.

Beginning Monday, January 7th. the last Elmira train will be eliminated. This train now arrives shortly after 8 o'clock each evening except Sunday and goes back shortly after 9 o'clock every night. Therefore there will also not be a train for Elmira at that hour. The last train for Elmira after Sunday next will be the present train leaving here shortly after 6 o'clock p.m. Aside from the cutting off of the last train each way the old time table will be in effect.

There will be no changes in the main-line time tables.

American Delegates Urge Speedy Dispatch of Troops

AND CLOSER CO-OPERATION OF ALLIES

WASHINGTPN Jan. 2—The constant and speedy dispatch of America troops to the European battle front is the prinicpal recommendation made to the U.S. government by American delegates who recently returned from the Inter-Allied war council at Paris.

Speaking of the merchant shipbuildingprograme and closer co-operation with the co-belligerents are the other principal recommendations.

This was disclosed today by the State Department which made public a summary of the result of the conference.

Montreal Arena Lestroyed by Fire

COST $75,000 AND SEALED 8000

MONTREAL, Jan. 2.—Fire, followed by the explosion of an ammonia ice-making plant, completely destroyed the famous Montreal arena this morning.

It was built in 1909, at a cost of seventy-five thousand dollars and accommodated eight thousand people.

Government Steamer Given up For Lost

OTTAWA, Special), Jan. 2.—The Government Steamer "Simcoe," which was reported in a sinking condition off Magdalena Island, sometime back, is now given up for lost with all of her 46 hands.

Efforts to locate the missing vessel have been futile.

WILLIAM MARCONI, inventor of wireless telegraphy, who has been appointed Italian High Commissioner to the United States.

Last Hour Despatches

SIX ENEMY AIRPLANES PUT OUT OF ACTION

PARIS, Jan. 2.—Six German airplanes were put out of action yesterday by the French.

Artillery fighting continues at various points on the front, but no large infantry actions are reported.

BRITISH GUNS REPULSE ENEMY RAIDS

LONDON, (Official), Jan. 2.—Several raids were made by German forces on the British defences on Arras and Belgian fronts last night. British guns caused repulse of all such efforts with heavy losses.

BOLSHEVIKI AND RUMANIANS AT BREAKING POINT.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 2.—The Bolsheviki and Rumanians are at the breaking point. Minister Tsherbatscheff is refusing to send provisions to the Rumanian troops, thereby causing much suffering.

TO-DAY'S CASUALTY LIST.

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—Today's list of 114 Canadian casualties shows ten killed in action, two dead, four died of wounds, fifteen wounded and nine missing. Balance of the wounded were gassed or are ill.

While visiting his brother in London, Ont., Wm. Henry Gables, a commercial traveler of Ingersoll, was suddenly seized with a fit of coughing at midnight on Christmas Day and died soon after.

Following the Halifax disaster, much stricter regulations for the handling the explosives have been adopted in Great Britain, and are enforced under severe penalties.

A GERMAN WATCH TOWER. This photo, taken from a German prisoner, shows a four-storey observation post of a German battalion on the western front. An observer can be seen at his post.

Montreal Newspaper Advocates Secession of Lower Canada

Consider That Canada West of Ottawa Would Dictate.

SAYS SENTIMENT FOR SEPARATION IS WIDESPREAD.

MONTREAL, Que., Jan. 2.—La Croix declares in its latest issue that the idea of a new Lower Canada, composed of Quebec and three lower provinces, is making great progress throughout the country.

Joseph Begin pokes fun at La Presse for having at first declared there was no public sentiment behind the movement, yet later on is obliged to discuss it in a very serious manner.

La Croix looks upon Francouer's and Dussault's motions in the legislature and Quebec city council respectively, as absolutely serious and as reflecting the opinion of the French Canadian people.

La Croix asks Sir Robert Borden now that he has the force to do so, if he will put into execution his war programme? He was authorized by the last parliament to send 100,000 more men to Europe. Will he still ask for more when this is all shed on the battle fields? LaCroix fears that he will.

"There is, however, a way of preventing this awful work," adds the newspaper," and that will be to exact the separation of Lower from Upper Canada and to raiss up a constitutional wall between Ontario and Quebec, by allying ourselves to the Maritime provinces, whose hearts beat in unision with our own; and who will join us in kicking out the fresh ones lately arrived from the stump of London and who from the other side of Ottawa seek to destroy us like a hideous serpent, which after being warmed into life, raises its head against its benefactor."

Short Interviews on the Local Coal Situation

MAYOR GROSS "I haven't heard anything as yet from the Fue Controller at Ottawa. Thelocal situation is still serious. I have had many enquiries from people who need coal."

A DEALER "There is nothing in the report that we have received sixteen to twenty carloads of coal. We have a little, that's all. You can get coal, but only in a few hundred pound quantities."

The statement about small quantities can be verified by the observer, if he keeps his eye on the street and coalyards. Hundreds of bagsful of coal and little hand sleighs were utilized to-day.

SANITARY INSPECTOR BUCHHAUPT: "The New Year has started off well as far as the health of the city is concerned, not a single case of contagious disease existing within the municipality.'

Re Notices to Report.

POST MASTER H. BOEHMER:—"There are quite a number of military papers going through this office but we can't tell which are notices to report .Some are notices re appeals but all are in the same enclosures".

This reply was received in regard to the Record's query as to how many young men are receiving notices to report. It has been reported that 200 local men and 100 Waterloo men today received notice to report on Jan. 5th 7th. and 8th.

Reply From Mr. Harris Re The Coal Situation

Following Up Mayor Gross' Telegram to Controller MacGrath

"Dominion fuel Controller, Ottawa, transmitted your wire to me. Suggest you adopt plan outlined his communication of Dec. 28th to Mayors of municipalities, which you have doubtless heard."

R. C. Harris,
Honorary Fuel Controller for Ont.

Mayor Gross this afternoon telephoned Mr. Harris that he has not received any instructions from Fuel Controller MacGrath as he states in this telegram. "Mr. Harris has informed me he would forward the same to me, immediately, setting out proper instructions," the Mayor said. "Mr. Harris also said he is looking after some of the delayed coal shipments to local dealers."

Appeal Cases From Day to Day Locally

Jacob Streicker—Allowed as farmer.
Frederick Voll—Allowed as farmer.
Schultz, Herbert—Allowed as farmer.
Rudy, Jacob—Dismissed.
Simpson, Charles T.—Dismissed.
Sahle, William—Adjourned till Dec. 31.
Snyder, Percy—Allowed as farmer.
Anthony, Frank T.—Allowed till Dec. 31.
Lippert, Elroy—Allowed as munition worker.
Weaver, Edwin—Allowed a farmer.
Von Neubronn, H. D.—Allowed till April 1, 1918.
Rooke, Edgar—Reserved.
Scheuerman, Leo—Allowed as farmer.
Hummel, Alfred—Adjourned.
Brohman, Charles—Allowed as farmer.
Ohlheiser, Hugo—Aliowed as gardener.
Doelle, John—Allowed as locomotive fireman.
Timm, John—Adjourned for reexamination.
Wolfhard, F. H.—Dismissed.
Frey, Floyd W.—Dismissed.
Bisk, H. A.—Reserved.
Hahn, M.—Allowed till April 1st, 1918.
Zettel, J. F.—Allowed owing to exceptional domestic conditions.
Clarke, Sam—Reserved.
Heier, Alvin—Dismissed.
Doherty, Chas. F.—Allowed as farmer.
Wilkins, M. W.—Allowed as farmer.
Mohr, W. J.—Allowed as farmer.
Strauch, Arthur—Allowed till March 1st, 1918.
Binkle, Geo. A.—Allowed as a farmer.
McNinch, F. E.—Allowed till class B. is called.
Mohr, E. A.—Allowed as a farmer.
Wismer, B. B.—Allowed as a farmer.
Rau, Edward—Appeal allowed.
Reiha, F. A.—Appeal allowed.
Hammer, T. J.—Allowed as farmer.
Hergott, Simon—Allowed as farmer.
Voll, Alex. H.—Allowed as farmer.
Knipfel, Chas.—Dismissed.
Glasser, H. T.—Allowed as farmer.
Strauss, Herbert—Allowed as farmer.
Streiker, John—Dismissed.
Bingemann, R. B.—Dismissed.
McKenzie, John A.—Allowed as farmer.
Miller, Chas. L.—Adjourned.
Saltzbury, Alva—Allowed as farmer.
Lotz, W. H.—Allowed as a farmer.
Hoffman, Lorne—Dismissed.
Otto, J. W.—Adjourned.
Heipel, E. D.—ALowed as a farmer.
Greyerbiehl, Louis—Allowed as a farmer.
Koehler, Astor T.—Allowed as farmer.
Koch, Arthur E.—Allowed as farmer.
Hergott, Martin—Allowed as farmer.
Hergott, Joseph—Allowed as farmer.
Schell, Alex. J.—Extended to Nov. 1st, 1918.
Froehlich, Henry—Dismissed.
Ertel, Alex.—Allowed as farmer.
Beger, Edgar E.—Adjourned.
Segmiller, Henry—Allowed as farmer.

Bright Successful Mining Engineer Killed

FRED GREENE, FORMERLY OF THIS CITY, CUT DOW

There was received from New York to-day, by Mr. J. J. A. Weir, a copy of the Sun, containing the following distressing news:

Butte, Mont., Dec. 25.—Fred Greene, one of the best known mining engineers in the northwest, who was connected with the engineering department of former Senator W. A. Clark's interests, and Miss Jessie Wharton, daughter of J. R. Wharton, general manager of the Butte Electric Railway Company, were killed instantly this afternoon when a Northern Pacific train, its [illegible] obscured by willows, crashed into Greene's automobile. Miss Wharton was prominent in Butte Society.

Fred Greene was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Greene for many years a resident of this city and Waterloo. He obtained his primary education in the public school and Collegiate Institute here and was accounted a bright and intelligent boy.

He had lived in Butte for many years and as a mining engineer won both position and repute.

General regret will be felt in the twin-city over this untimely taking-off and commiseration for his bereaved parents. Carl, a younger son, is a lieutenant in the U. S. Army, stationed at New York, where Mr. is a lieutenant in the U. S. Army, stationed at New York, where Mr and Mrs. Greene reside.

The navigation season being closed, the last fleet of steamers for the season passed Colchester on Friday last, and the light at Colchester Reef has been discontinued.

Customs officers at Sarnia, since the new liquor regulations came into effect compel those trying to bring it into Canada either to take it back or dump it into the river.

After being struck by a Michigan Central Express train, Miss Lottie Couchman, of St. Thomas, died in a hospital. She was to have been married in ten days.

Minister Delivered Farewell Sermon Yesterday Morning

St. Matthew's Presentation to Rev. C. Zarnke. A Fitting Recognition of good services of pastor.

The retiring minister of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Rev. C. Zarnke preached his farewell sermon yesterday New Year's morning, when many shippers were present and heard the final message of the pastor.

Rev. Mr. Zarnke based his [illegible] for the occasion on Acts, 20:32 "And now brethren, I commend you to God, and to the Word of His grace, which isable to build you up, and give you an inheritance among them which are sanctified."

The pastor in the introduction of his remarks thanked the people for their cooperation and [illegible] that had been shown him during the period that he had been [illegible] the pastorate. The meeting therefore was one of [illegible] avoidable as the memories [illegible] to the future the [illegible] prosperity and blessing [illegible] would continue in [illegible].

After the close of the [illegible] of the Board of Trustees, Messrs C.S. Smith and A.L. Bitzer step up to the revered gentleman the former reading a message of regret and also of hope that the departing pastor in his lighter field would soon regain his health, while Mr. Bitzer on behalf of the church presented him with a purse of money.

Rev. Mr. Zarnke and the members both were deeply moved by the incident.

The minister hardly was able to give expression to his thanks. In his reply he reiterated his hope that the congregation would continue to prosper and grow as it has in the past.

Selects To Be Soon Sent Overseas

JOIN COLORS TO-MORROW.

OTTAWA, Jan. 1.—The first draft under the M.S.A. joins the colors on Thursday. Every man called up has received from his district registrar notification to report to his depot battalion. As rapidly as district headquarters can handle and equip the men the balance of the first draft will be called up day by day.

Full preparations have been made for giving the draft its preliminary training. Commissioned and non-commissioned officers, with actual war experience, have been secured, and the men will thus be familiarized from the outset with warfare under modern conditions. It is expected however, that the [illegible] the training will be effected [illegible] Transportation difficulties rapidly being met. The first batch of men is expected to be on its way over with brief delay.

Absentee Detachments.

Stringent regulations have been passed to meet the case of deserters and absentees without leave. Special instructions have been issued to chiefs of police circularized. To [illegible] the traveling expenses of prisoner escorts and to provide facilities for men who desire to surrender, the creation has been authorized of absentee detachments. The detachments will receive and provide for the temporary accommodation of absentees. Such a detachment may be stationed in some particular locality for a period, or may be specially formed to proceed to some place for the purpose only of dealing with such absentees as may happen to be in custody.

An absentee detachment will consist of an officer already on the strength and such other ranks as may be necessary to maintain discipline and provide escorts. No absentee detachment is to be formed unless the expense to be incurred is likely to be substantially less than it would be if the absentees were brought in under escort to the depot battalion.

Special regulations covering the case of defaulters under the Military Service Act, i.e., men who [illegible] under the proclamation calling the first class. If "without reasonable excuse" they are liable to five years prisonment and subject to be tried either civil or military [illegible] defaulter who comes [illegible] of the civil police and [illegible] by a civil magistrate [illegible] up to a military [illegible] to a depot battalion [illegible] tachments.

Defaulters who [illegible] handled leniently. [illegible] stances of the [illegible] ally nothing more [illegible] ishment will be [illegible] appears that a man [illegible] exemption, facilities [illegible] the hearing of his [illegible] bunal.

MRS. KALM [illegible] announced her intention [illegible] the seat vacated by the death of her husband in Vancouver City [illegible] coming Provincial [illegible]