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But He Still Professes Confidence in Message to Forces.

GERMANY IS UNITED

"Let Us Face New Year Unflinchingly," Is His Plea.

BERLIN, Jan. 1. (Via London.)—Emperor William, in a New Year's message to the army and navy, asks them to face the New Year unflinchingly and to look forward to new deeds and new victories for the beloved fatherland. The message, which was made public at main headquarters here, is as follows:

"After five long months of heavy and not fighting we enter the new year. 'Brilliant victories have been gained and great successes achieved by the German army almost everywhere on the territory of the enemy, while repeated attempts of our opponents to swarm on German territory have failed.'"

"Praises Navy. 'My ships have covered themselves with glory on every sea and the crews have proved not only that they know how to fight victoriously, but to die like heroes when overwhelmed by superior forces.'"

"Behind the army and the fleet the entire nation stands in unexampled harmony, prepared to sacrifice its blood for the fatherland. As the enemies are still firmly kept low, always fresh forces are rolling up against our army and the army of our faithful allies, but their numbers do not frighten us. Although the times may be serious and the task before us a heavy one, we look forward to the future with the firmest confidence."

"Next to God's wise guidance I trust to the matchless bravery of the army and navy and know myself to be as one with the entire German nation. Therefore, let us face the new year unflinchingly. Let us look forward to new deeds and new victories for our beloved fatherland."

(Signed) Wilhelm.

THIRD OF JUDAEA FOR SALE TO JEWS

Announcement Made by Dr. Kaplansky of The Hague to Zionists.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 1. (One-third of Palestine is for sale to the Jews, according to a statement by Dr. Kaplansky of The Hague, made here today before the annual convention of the Knights of Zion. Heretofore the chief argument of opponents of Zionism has been that Palestine was unpurchasable.

In accordance with a rule established at the convention, forbidding the mention of the bearing of the European war upon the Zionist movement, Dr. Kaplansky was unable to state whether the war was responsible for the condition he mentioned.

Dr. Kaplansky is general secretary of the Jewish National Fund Bureau. The fund now totals 5,000,000 francs, he said, three-fourths of which is invested in Palestine farm lands. The total Jewish population of that country, he said, is about 120,000, though it is more than 3,000,000 people.

HEAVY LOSS BY FLAMES IN LARGE PULP MILL

Hundred Thousand Dollars Worth of New Brunswick Plant Destroyed.

NEWCASTLE, N. B., Jan. 1. Three-fourths of the New Brunswick pulp mill at Lower Derby, six miles from here, built six years ago and doing a large business, was burned to shreds, leaving only the chemical and boiler plants. The damage was about \$100,000 and is about covered by insurance in some 30 companies. The mill, which employed 100 people, had been shut down since the middle of last May.

The company will rebuild on Miramichi, whether at Millerton or Newcastle is uncertain.

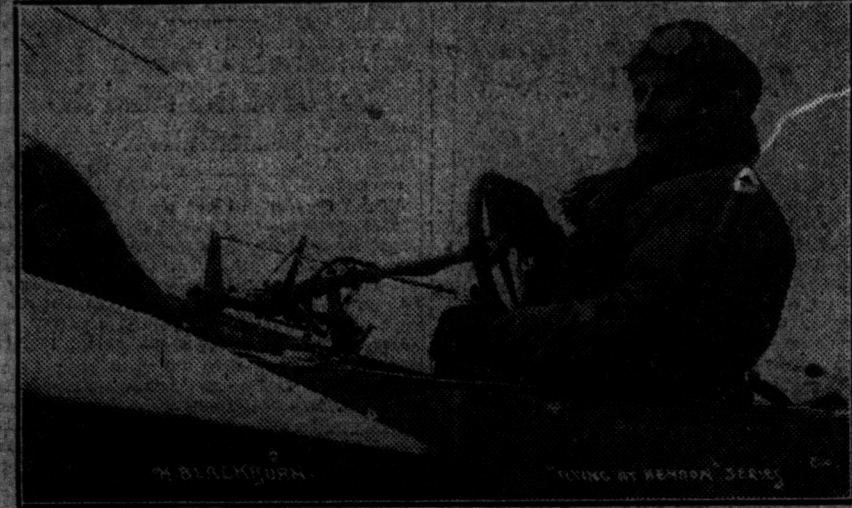
FIGHTING INCESSANT BUT IS NOT DECISIVE

Little Definite News From Battle Front Reached London Yesterday.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—There is a paucity of news from the fighting on land where the armies of the allies and the Germans are carrying out the same manoeuvres as have been in effect for many days. On the entrenched line in Flanders and in France artillery and infantry attacks still prevail, but without decisive results.

In Poland the Germans are trying to get thru to Warsaw and the Russians are disputing vigorously their every move. North of the Vistula and along the east Prussian frontier fog envelops the armies and hinders their actions.

HE BOMBARDED CUXHAVEN



H. Blackburn was one of the heroic naval aviators who took part in the recent raid on Cuxhaven. He has long been known among the flying men as one of the steadiest and most brilliant.

This picture was taken at Hendon.

REGRET FOR FORM OF AMERICA'S NOTE

Nation Wishes It Despatched in Accustomed Way, and Differently Expressed.

BOTH SIDES TO BLAME

False Manifests Complained of—No Serious Cause for Objection in Protest.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLE. LONDON, Jan. 1. (Regarding the American note, The Nation says: "We confess to feeling some regret as to the form of America's note. We wish it had been somewhat differently expressed, and been despatched in accordance with the accustomed way—we will not say of diplomacy, but of friendly correspondence."

"There are two ways of conducting a controversy of public interest. A man may give his correspondent the sole right of his opinion, or he may turn it into a public matter by despatching a copy of it to the press at or before the hour of its receipt. It appears that the United States state department chose the latter course, but there is no call to turn an error of tact into one of substance."

"For the rest there is no deeply serious cause for complaint. It was inevitable that a nation, not at war, should fail to understand the difficulties of one who is, especially when the interests of belligerent and neutral are in conflict."

False Manifests Scored. The Nation complains of false manifestos and the declaring of ships' names, which it says each party owes a duty to the other. It expresses doubt as to a serious attempt to curtail Germany's food supply, sustains Lord Salisbury's doctrine with respect to foodstuffs, and says it hopes that no food will be stopped unless it is destined for the army. The newspaper considers that the enormous Italian imports of copper probably have been due to war preparations.

No Cause for Friction. "It is indeed a general attitude," The Nation says in conclusion, "which is the real test of the relationship of great friendly countries under stress of a world-wide war. Granted that we have annoyed American traders by making contraband some of their southern products as well as by embargoing the export of rubber and wool. It is for us to show that there has been reasonable consideration for their trading and for America to show that there has been proper policing of unfair traffic for high profits. Speculative shippers of all countries rush into such ventures in times of war, but they are mere dealers in international mischief and the special plagues of their own governments. There is no cause for Anglo-American friction."

WAR OVER THIS YEAR

PROPHECY OF POINCARÉ

President of France Expects Great Peace Celebration Next Year's.

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LONDON ELECTED LABOR CANDIDATE

Stevenson Defeated Mayor Graham Who Sought Fourth Term.

GLAUBITZ CASE ECHO

Mayor-Elect Pledged to British Control of Department.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLE. LONDON, Ont. Jan. 1.—C. M. R. Graham, mayor for the past three years and candidate for a fourth term, was defeated at the polls today by Dr. H. A. Stevenson, running with the endorsement of the Trades and Labor Council, by a majority of 1,000 votes.

The case of Dr. J. Z. Glaubitz, general manager of the public utilities commission, who is charged with aiding a German spy, is being used by Stevenson as a platform for his campaign. He pledged to British control of the department.

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Canada Must Change Her Nickel Policy

The British public has to undergo another rude shock in the destruction of another British ship and 500 of her crew, the helpless victims and victim in all probability of a German torpedo boat—built with Canadian nickel supplied by an American company that controls our nickel output!

Can we as a dominion of the empire continue to let the export of nickel pass out of our hands? The empire has protested; the admiralty has been assured by the Canadian Government that we have a check on the nickel that leaves our country. Have we? Are we acting a loyal part in thus allowing the practice to continue? Can we explain ourselves either to the empire or the allies? The government explain itself to the Canadian people?

It must stop today and for good. The interest of no Canadian company, no American company, no individuals, however powerful, must be allowed to further imperil the safety of the navy. The safety of the empire is paramount.

Is it to go to the world that Canada both failed to give ships and failed to keep control of her nickel product?

Germany shows a most fevered activity in building more of these torpedo boats, and seeks to continue her secret onslaughts on the ships of the British navy that must patrol the seas and keep the coast clear.

Germany will spend millions of her gold to get our nickel and also will resort to a thousand schemes to get it—if it is to be held out of our country!

GREAT ARMIES IN STATE OF DEADLOCK

Berlin Admits Saint Georges is in Possession of Allies.

STEADY CANNONADING

Germans Claim Capture of British Trench—Little Change in Poland.

CANADIAN PRESS DESPATCH. LONDON, Jan. 1.—The news from the front today is that the British latest loss to the British navy, which of considerable proportions are taking place along the two lengthy fronts.

The fighting in Flanders and northern France has been continued largely in the same manner, except near Bethune, where the Germans claim they have taken a British trench. They admit, however, the loss of Saint Georges, near the Belgian coast, which the official report from Berlin says it was decided not to retake owing to the high level of the Argonne river, where the battle has been almost continuous for weeks past. The Germans claim to have made a little progress as an offset to which, however, the French declare they have continued their advance in upper Alsace.

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Six New British Armies Will Soon Be Organized

Most Distinguished Generals Chosen by Kitchener To Command—Each Will Consist Approximately of Three Army Corps—Increases to Present Expeditionary Force.

CANADIAN PRESS DESPATCH. LONDON, Jan. 1. 8.50 p.m.—An army order issued tonight announced that the present organization of the army will be further increased by the creation of six armies, each of which will consist of three army corps. The first army will be commanded by Lieut.-Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, who headed the first army corps of the expeditionary force; the second by Gen. Sir Horace L. Smith-Dorrien; the third by Lieut.-Gen. Sir Archibald Hunter; the fourth by Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton; the fifth by Gen. Sir Leslie Brudenell; and the sixth by Gen. Sir Bruce M. Hamilton.

Maj.-Gen. Sir Charles C. Monro, Lieut.-Gen. Sir Charles Ferguson and Lieut.-Gen. Sir H. C. O. Plumer have been given command of the first, second and third army corps respectively. This organization follows on the absorption of Lord Kitchener's army into the regular army.

FORMIDABLE SUNK SURVIVORS FEW

Six Hundred Perished When Battleship Sank in English Channel.

PROBABLY TORPEDOED

Great Heroism Shown by Trawler's Crew in Effecting Rescue.

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The rescue was effected under dangerous and exciting circumstances. The crew of the trawler were amazed while running before the gale for shelter to find a small open boat drifting under their lee, thru mountainous seas with an air hoisted, bearing a valiant crew. After strenuous efforts those on the trawler succeeded in getting a rope to the cutter and brought her with great skill to beach at their anchorage.

The naval men began to jump aboard, but even then there was danger of losing men as the seas were rising 20 feet high. After 30 minutes labor, however, all were safely rescued. One lad of 19 was so exhausted by exposure that he required immediate treatment to save his life. When all had left the cutter her rope was cut, as she was full of water, having a hole under her hull which had been stuffed with a pair of trousers of which one man had divested himself for the purpose.

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BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE PRAISED BY PAGE

American Ambassador Regards Press Comments on Whole as Fair.

NO ULTERIOR MOTIVE

Suggestion That Wilson Cabinet is Playing Politics, Scouted by Page.

CANADIAN PRESS DESPATCH. WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Ambassador Walter Hines Page, in a long report from London, received here today, following his conferences with high officials there, described the general attitude of the British Government and the people toward the American note of protest concerning shipping as entirely friendly. He said it had been promised within a few days.

The ambassador detailed the British press criticism, whose tone he regarded as on the whole, reasonable and amicable. In some quarters, not among officials, he found a disposition to search for a motive behind the American note, some Englishmen suggesting that the Washington administration had been compelled to yield to the pressure of the public opinion, or that the note was a mere device to prevent the American people from being misled by the press.

High officials of the Washington Government pointed out tonight that there was not the slightest foundation for such a suggestion as the note was not originally intended for the press. It is understood that Ambassador Page had anticipated such mistaken impressions by assuring the British Government informally that the U.S. was merely turning its back on the press. The phrases in a candid and frank manner, he is understood to have explained, particularly because it was not written with the idea of publication. As the synopsis leaked out, however, the ambassador had been instructed to arrange for its publication in the press, to prevent any such mistaken impressions. He was much surprised to find the press so ready to take the note as a mere device to prevent the American people from being misled by the press.

No Premature Publication. Incidentally, the ambassador stated that the British Government had not received any communication from the U.S. Government regarding the note. He reported that Lord Haldane, in charge of the foreign office, was informed of the purpose of the communication before even the first intimation of the contents of the note was published.

The views of the British press were read with much interest by officials. The argument that England is fighting what she believes to be a life-and-death struggle, it was pointed out, was fully recognized in the American note, but it was contended that some of the delays and detentions of cargoes exceeded the manifest necessity of a belligerent. The United States Government, it was stated by officials, is disposed to take into account the general difficulties occasioned by the war, but desires that some steps be taken to prevent impairment of trade that is actually legitimate in every respect. The general belief in Washington, it was pointed out, is that the American exporters of uncertainty.

OPERA BOUFFE REVOLT ARISES IN PARAGUAY

Artillery Regiment Takes Field Against Government—President Captured.

CANADIAN PRESS DESPATCH. LA PAZ, today prints a despatch received from Formosa, Argentina, stating that a revolt has broken out in Paraguay, an artillery regiment having taken the field. The despatch adds that Dr. Benigno Schuster, president of the republic, is a prisoner.

TWO SKATERS DROWNED.

CANADIAN PRESS DESPATCH. SYDNEY, N.S., Jan. 1.—Norman Macdonald, aged 17, and Miss Lena Macdonald, (eleventh) sister, aged 15, were drowned at the village of Pouch, C.B., yesterday. They broke thru the ice while skating.

CALCUTTA AT DEVONPORT.

HALIFAX, Jan. 1.—