

TREATY BECOMES EFFECTIVE NEXT WEEK

GERMANY WILLING TO SIGN
TREATY WILL MODIFY DEMANDS

Guarantees Are Asked by Berlin Government That a Reduction in Quantity of Dock and Harbor Materials Demanded Will Be Made.

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Paris, Dec. 29.—Hopes have again been raised in supreme council circles of an early exchange of ratifications of the treaty of Versailles. The end of the first week in January is given now as the probable date when the treaty will be put into effect.

Paris, Monday, Dec. 29.—Kurt von Lersner, head of the German delegation at Versailles, called on Paul Duta, secretary of the peace conference, this afternoon. Greatest reserve is maintained relative to the subjects of the treaty. It is only known that Herr von Lersner did not bring the German reply to the last note to the Berlin Government from the Allies.

It is generally understood, however, that Germany is inclined to sign the protocol to the peace treaty on condition that guaranteed as to the quantity of harbor and dock materials to be handed over in compensation for the German warships sunk at Scapa Flow. This proposal springs from the German demand yesterday between Paul Duta, general secretary of the peace conference, and Baron Kurt von Lersner, head of the German mission here. It was said today that the chances were considered good that the Germans would decide to sign the protocol, now the subject of negotiations, the figures on harbor tonnage demanded as reparation for the sinking of the German ships at Scapa Flow. It is explained that the supreme council will satisfy Germany's demand for a more specific private agreement on the reduction of tonnage asked for, through affixing to the protocol the text of M. Duta's verbal promise to Baron von Lersner on the subject.

The Rhineland commission is expected to meet as soon as practicable after the treaty is promulgated. This commission will have jurisdiction over the territory occupied by the Allied troops in the Rhineland.

The so-called military mission dealing with the subject of transportation of Allied troops to the districts where they are to be held under the terms of the treaty, reported to the council today that satisfactory arrangements had been made with the Germans for the movement of these forces. It is estimated that it will require two weeks to complete the arrangements, and it is proposed to send to that date the date of the treaty.

THREE RESCUED
FROM WRECK OF
BELGIAN SHIP

Were Only Survivors From Crew of 29 From Steamer.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 30.—Three men were rescued today from the wreck of the Belgian steamer Anton Van Driel, which struck on the rocks at the entrance of St. Mary's Bay at midnight Sunday. They are the only survivors of the crew of 29. All were frightfully frost-bitten from the long exposure on the bridge, which was the only portion of the vessel to remain above water.

The rescued men are the second mate and two firemen. They were taken to Trepany by the rescue steamer Graham, which was sent out from that harbor to the scene of the wreck.

Shore observers at the village of St. Shotts were unable to see any sign of the ship until the rescue steamer arrived yesterday during the storm clinging to the bridge, had perished in the constant wash of the sea.

There was just a chance that the men had taken refuge in the wheelhouse, and although the sea was still running so high that approach to the wreck was perilous, the captain of the Graham decided to take the risk. The lifeboat crew that he sent to investigate succeeded in working their way under the lee of the wreck. The three men were rescued from the wheelhouse, and getting aboard, they found the three men who were rescued from the wreck. The rescue was effected with much difficulty and the men were in a serious condition when taken to Trepany. Physicians said it was uncertain whether they would recover. Bodies of the many sailors who were lost yesterday are attempting to escape from the vessel in lifeboats.

HON. J. E. CARON MAY
BE NEXT PREMIER OF
QUEBEC PROVINCE

Important Questions Before Quebec Legislative Assembly.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—Members of the Quebec Legislative Assembly, seen here today, state that important matters are before the Chamber, notably the question of the retirement of Sir Lomer Gouin. There was recently held in Montreal a caucus of Montreal members at which this question was virtually settled, and it was then mentioned that Hon. J. E. Caron might become Quebec's prime minister. Hon. Walter Mitchell, provincial treasurer, said he had no objection to Caron's becoming premier, and that he would support him in the event of his becoming premier.

FIVE CHARGED WITH
MURDER AS RESULT
DEATHS FROM LIQUOR

All Plead Not Guilty and Are Held For a Hearing.

Chicopee, Mass., Dec. 30.—The men brought here last night by Col. A. F. Fote, head of the state police department, and state detectives from New Haven, Conn., where they had been arrested, charged with manufacturing wood alcohol "whiskey," were arraigned in police court today, charged with murder. All five pleaded not guilty and they were held without bail for a hearing on January 3. The men are Frank Sidello, alias Lucibello, John Pinto, alias Sirello, Dominick Perotti, Harry Vincent and William Guangi.

AMERICAN TREASURY
ESTABLISHES CREDIT
IN FAVOR OF ITALY

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—The treasury today established a credit of \$416,000,000 in favor of Italy. This makes a total credit of \$1,621,380,000 in favor of Italy and of \$2,647,834,000 to all of the Allies.

What's Doing Tonight?

THEATRES.
Patricia—"Blind Husbands," and vaudeville.
Majestic—"Tom Moore in 'Heart's Case,'" and Miss Merlyn Peacock.
Grand—Mary Pickford in "Heart of the Hills," and vaudeville.

OTHER EVENTS.
O. H. A. Hockey—Paris vs. London Juniors, Lyle street rink.
C. W. V. A.—Special meeting, Masonic Hall, 8 p.m.
Public Meetings—Charles Street and Ryerson schools, 8 p.m.

STORE UP SUNLIGHT TO HEAT
HOMES IS THE AIM OF SCIENTISTS

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 30.—Heat energy of the atmosphere is sufficient to replace fuel for all purposes, according to a paper H. H. Platt of Philadelphia, read at the convention today of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He urged the scientists to use their energies to bring about means of "abstracting this fuel so as to relieve coal-oppressed humanity."

Botanists and meteorologists discussed ways and means of furthering production of foodstuffs and reducing the living cost. The recent discovery in Utah of the bones of a dinosaur, a historic animal, which, it was said, is believed to be the largest specimen ever found, was disclosed by Dr. William J. Holland, director of the Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh. Dr. Holland said the monster's neckbone was five feet long, and that its skeleton would be articulated when all of its bones were found.

NEARLY HUNDRED
MILLION RAISED
UNDER PROFITS
WAR TAX ACT

Measure Passed in 1916 Due To Expire On Wednesday.

MET WITH DISFAVOR
Government's Policy Is Not Likely To Be Announced Before Budget Speech.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Tomorrow the business profits war tax act will expire, and the question will arise of its renewal or its discontinuance. During the four years the tax has been in force it has provided the major share of receipts from war taxes, including the present year, returns for which are not available, the estimated yield of the tax since its inception is in the neighborhood of one hundred million dollars. For the past four years the revenue has been:

1916-1917—\$12,506,000.
1917-1918—\$21,271,000.
1918-1919—\$22,740,000.
1919-1920 (estimated)—\$30,000,000.
Total, \$76,517,000.

Tax on Sliding Scale.
The tax is imposed on a sliding scale, and designed to strike at big profits. From a rate of 25 per cent on business profits between 7 and 15 per cent, it reaches as high as 75 per cent on profits in excess of 25 per cent. Although, in view of war conditions, objection to the tax has not hitherto been voiced, manufacturers held that it hinders expansion of industries. In his last budget speech Sir Thomas White took this point, "Our business profits taxation," he said, "unless reformed, must become an adverse influence upon the investment of money in business enterprise in Canada. At present, there is a widespread tendency throughout the world to severely tax profits. Within bounds, such a policy is not only justified, but it is a necessary and reasonable point it can only defeat its purpose with consequences detrimental to capital, labor and the community as a whole."

Would Tax Corporations.
The prime minister's policy in regard to the tax is not likely to be announced before the budget speech. Then, if considered advisable (as has been done before), the tax can be renewed. The government must make provision under the income tax for further taxation of corporations. In any event, there is evident need for revenue.

Before the war the great debt of the Dominion stood at \$38,000,000. It now stands at \$1,800,000,000. Immediately before the war interest charges on the national debt were \$15,000,000. For the present year they are estimated at \$115,000,000.

D'ANNUNZIO ORDERS
THIRD PLEBISCITE

Poet-Soldier Is Not Satisfied With Votes Previously Taken.

Rome, Monday, Dec. 29.—Capt. Gabriele D'Annunzio has ordered a new plebiscite at Fiume to determine the future status of that city, according to the Epoca. Two plebiscites have already been held in the city.

POLICE BARRACKS IN
COUNTY CLARE TOWN
RAIDED AND BURNED

Officers Were Absent On Duty When Place Was Destroyed.

Killybegs, County Clare, Ireland, Dec. 30.—Police barracks at Lisycasey, near here, were raided and burned to the ground Sunday night. All the police were absent on duty, and a sergeant's wife was in charge. She was forced to leave hurriedly, not being allowed to collect her wearing apparel or other belongings.

SENATOR JOHNSON WILL
ANNOUNCE CANDIDACY

Pierre, S. D., Dec. 30.—United States Senator Hiram Johnson of California today filed with the secretary of state an announcement of his candidacy for a Republican presidential nomination. He will be an independent candidate for endorsement at the South Dakota primaries in March.

STEAMSHIP SAILINGS

Liverpool, Dec. 29.—Sailed: Steamer Winifreda (British) Boston.

Minneapolis, Dec. 30.—Marion L. Burton has resigned as president of the University of Minnesota to become president of the United of Michigan.

STORE ON DUNDAS
STREET GUTTED BY
FIRE WHILE CLOSED

Proprietor Values Stock At \$10,000.

Fire of unknown origin completely gutted the millinery establishment of B. Winheim, 306 Dundas street, shortly after 12 o'clock today. Mr. Winheim stated that he valued his stock at about \$10,000. It was partially covered by insurance, just how much he was not prepared to say.

"I do not know how the fire started," he said. "When I awoke at 11 o'clock I found the place up in flames. As our usual custom is to have the place closed, I was not in the store when the blaze was when the news was telephoned to me at my home."

It was a nasty blaze for the firemen to fight, the smoke was particularly dense. However, the water pressure was good and in a short time the building was completely flooded, and the firemen were able to get the fire under control. The fire started in the rear of the store, and spread to the front. The firemen were able to get the fire under control, but the damage was done. The firemen were able to get the fire under control, but the damage was done.

WIFE'S GIFT CAUSES
DETROIT MAN'S DEATH

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ENVER PASHA AND TALAT
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German Aviator Manages to Get Exiled Ministers Away.

Stockholm, Dec. 30.—Col. Dalbeck, a Swedish officer, at the head of the Swedish air force, who has taken refuge from Kovo, has related a thrilling story of the narrow escape of Enver Pasha and Talat Bey, former Turkish ministers, now in exile, from being captured by British forces and Lithuanian troops a few weeks ago.

One day, said Col. Dalbeck, an unusual large aeroplane, built entirely of aluminum, was seen in the neighborhood of the city. The plane was being piloted by a man who was being followed by a British aircraft. The plane was being piloted by a man who was being followed by a British aircraft.

RETIRED REAR-ADMIRAL
DROPS DEAD AT HOME

Washington, Dec. 30.—Rear Admiral John E. Pillsbury, retired, dropped dead at his home here today.

Admiral Pillsbury was born in Massachusetts in 1846, and received a presidential appointment to the naval academy in 1862. He was retired in 1908, having attained the rank of rear admiral the same year.

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, 24; lowest, 1 below. The official temperature for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 29; lowest, 24.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.
Toronto, Dec. 30.—8 a.m. Clear. High, 30; low, 10. Wind, S.W. 10 to 15. Light snow, but mostly fair, with some light rain on Wednesday.

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Place	Highest	Lowest
Victoria	48	14
Calgary	30	14
Winnipeg	24	14
Port Arthur	28	10
Sault Ste. Marie	26	14
Toronto	24	14
Kingston	24	14
Ottawa	16	10
Montreal	14	10
Quebec	4	8
Halifax	14	8
St. John's	2	2

Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.
The depression which was in the vicinity of Lake Superior yesterday morning is now centred in New York State, with diminishing energy.

The northern cold wave is gradually spreading in the Western Provinces. Light local snow has fallen in Northern Alberta, and a moderate snowfall has occurred over Ontario.

VICTIM OF HOLD-UP
IN DETROIT TO BE
BURIED IN LONDON

F. C. Myers Was Brother of Charles Myers.

Frederick C. Myers, who died in the Receiving Hospital, Detroit, as a result of a hold-up affair on December 6 in this city, is being buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery here, a few days after his death.

His brother, Charles Myers, resides at the Park Hotel, 1007 Dundas street. Another brother, Harmon, of Chicago, and a sister, Mrs. Peter Wilson, also survive. Deceased left a wife, three sons and two daughters.

About 5:30 o'clock on the morning of December 6 Mr. Myers was walking from his home to his garage at the rear of his residence, East Grand Boulevard. While doing so, he was approached from behind and struck him over the head, leaving him unconscious. The hold-up man took \$200 in cash. His identity is unknown and there is no clue to his whereabouts.

The body is expected to arrive in this city this afternoon. The funeral will take place from Ferguson's undertaking rooms, it is expected.

KOLCHAK'S MINISTERS
ARE KILLED IN WRECK

Train Leaves Rails and Runs Down Slope.

London, Dec. 30.—A wireless dispatch from Moscow asserts that the ministers of Admiral Kolchak, head of the all-Russian Government, were killed when the train on which they departed from Omsk left the rails and ran down a slope.

TORONTO POLICE MAY
RECEIVE REWARD FOR
BANDITS' CAPTURE

Commissioners Sanctioned It, a Reward of \$1000 Will Be Offered for the Apprehension of the Auto Bandits Which Have Been Terrorizing the City, and for the First Time in the History of the Force the Officers Effecting the Capture Can Receive According to the Rules of the Department.

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CHARGED WITH MURDER;
ADMIT ROBBERING STORE

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 29.—W. H. Elrick and George J. Clements, two of the three men charged with the murder of W. J. DeGeorge, today confessed to a robbery of a storekeeper, of \$70 in cash, during the week before DeGeorge was murdered.

At the request of the crown prosecutor sentence was reserved.

OSLER CONTRACTED
SMALLPOX SO AS
TO STUDY DISEASE

Montreal, Dec. 30.—Testimonies to and examples of the late Sir William Osler, Professor of Medicine at the University of Oxford, were given today at McGill University by persons who came into contact with him while he was in Montreal.

Professor F. J. Sheppard told how Osler hoped that to the smallpox hospital and how, in order to better understand the disease, took it himself.

CANADA SENDS LARGE
STUDENT DELEGATION
TO U. S. CONVENTION

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 30.—Canadian delegates to the student volunteer convention held a business meeting today preliminary to the general convention, which convenes tomorrow afternoon.

About 150, arrived last night. Several hundred others from Canada were expected to arrive at various times today.

John R. Mott of New York will preside at the sessions. Prominent men from all parts of the United States and several other countries will attend. The convention will adjourn January 4.

MAJOR-GEN. BARRY DIES

Washington, Dec. 30.—Major-Gen. Thomas H. Barry, retired, former commander of the department of the east, died at the Walter Reed Hospital, here today, after an illness of three weeks. Cause of death was the direct cause of death.

COMMISSIONER R. C. WALLACE,
WHO HAS RECOMMENDED TO THE MANITOBA
GOVERNMENT THAT A WIRELESS TELEPHONE
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Choice Will Be Made Within the Next Few Days.

NO ELECTION COMING

Sir Robert Borden Not To Receive a Public Farewell.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—It is authoritative stated that the choice of an acting prime minister will be made this week before the departure of Sir Robert Borden for the South. As senior member of the party council the choice would naturally fall upon Sir George Foster, but it is not definitely known that he is desirous of assuming the responsibilities of the post for a long period.

Hon. J. A. Calder is mentioned in political circles as a probable choice. Sir George Foster, another suggestion is that Sir George Foster will act until Parliament opens, when he will be assumed by a younger minister.

SIR WILLIAM OSLER'S
WORK EULOGIZED BY
BRITISH NEWSPAPERS

Regarded by All As Foremost Medical Authority of His Time.

London, Dec. 30.—The press notices of Sir William Osler's death eulogize his work as a physician and as a writer. The Times says: "His great power of inspiring others in getting the best out of pupils and his high personal idealism, combined, make his influence altogether extraordinary."

As an example of a tribute paid to him, the Morning Post recalls that, when he was a young man, he was presented with two volumes of essays, contributed to by one hundred of his friends, and that the volume was dedicated to him by the British Empire and the United States.

Sir Clifford Allbutt, in making the presentation, spoke of the supreme service rendered by Sir William Osler, and hoped that his work would be continued by his successors in the profession of medicine and in the service of the state.

According to the Daily Mail, he was a wonderful and great man, ranking with the foremost teachers of our time. Allusion is made to the controversy over the admission of women into the medical profession, which he was the first to declare that the effective, vitalizing work of the world is done between the ages of 25 and 40, and that the medical profession should be open to women.

General Sir John Wilson, representing the British Empire, said that the work of Sir William Osler was a great contribution to the world, and that his work would be continued by his successors in the profession of medicine and in the service of the state.

BETTER TYPE OF
IMMIGRANTS ON
WAY TO U. S.

Decreased Number of Foreigners Expected To Come to America.

New York, Dec. 30.—Heavy immigration, which has taxed the facilities of Ellis Island and delayed unloading of steamships at this port, is only temporary, and presages no great influx of foreigners into the United States, according to the immigration authorities here estimated today. The year's immigration from all countries will be only 300,000, compared with pre-war figures of from 800,000 to 1,000,000 annually.

Probably 50 per cent of the recent arrivals are reservists, mostly Italians, who left the United States to fight for their native land. Many of them are American citizens, about whose balance there is no question. The arrivals include a large representation of the war-torn countries, who had been unable to return to their homes because of war conditions. Evidence of this is the fact that many of the arrivals have steamship tickets sold to them at a discount of 50 per cent. The character of the arrivals has changed. Many of the arrivals have been of the type of the war, and are now well established.

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MILLIONAIRE, ACCUSED
BY SOCIETY GIRL, DIES

Providence, R. I., Dec. 29.—Col. Charles Alexander, millionaire businessman and widely known, is dead at his home today at the age of 72. Col. Alexander was a director of one of the largest steel corporations in Canada, and other business enterprises. His name became nationally known in 1914, when Jessie Elizabeth Cope, formerly a society girl, prosecuted him for the charge of violating the Mann "white slave" act. Col. Alexander was arrested and later the young woman was herself prosecuted on the charge of attempting to blackmail the used millionaire.

HEAVIEST SNOWFALL IN TWO
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