RUSSIAN WORKERS FROWN ON HUN PEACE TERMS

THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ACCEPT OFFER

Leon Trotzky Makes Declaration Before Central Committee of Council of Soldiers and Workmen's Delegates—Denounces "Germany's Hypocritical Peace Proposals"—Russia May Continue War—Kaiser A ive and Trouble Brewing

Petrograd, Jan. 3.—The Bolsheviki foreign minister, Leon Trotzky, declared today that the government of the Russian workers would not consent to the German peace proposals.

M. Trotzky's declaration was made before the Central Committee of the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's delegates, during an address in which he denounced in scathing terms "Germany's hypocritical peace proposals." Asserting that the government of Russian workers would not consent to such conditions, he said that if the Central Powers did not agree to free disposal of the destiny of the Polish and Lettish nations, it would be urgently necessary to defend the Russian revolution. He said the needs of the front would be satisfied, whatever efforts might be necessary.

Representatives from all the fronts who attended the meeting declared the troops would defend the revolution but said bread and boots were necessary.

Kaiser Gets Busy.

London, Jan. 3.—The situation created by the hitch in the Brest-Litovsk negotiations according to despatches from Amsterdam reflecting news from Berlin, has aroused the activities of the rulers and politicians of Germany and Austria-Hungary.

Emperor William yesterday received in joint audience Chancellor Von Hertling, Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, General Von Ludendorff, Finance Minister Von Rodern and Foreign Secretary Von Kuehlmann. The foreign affairs committee of the German Budesrath discussed the Russian situation at the chancellor's palace. Cahncellor Von Hertling had a long conversation with Admiral Von Tirpitz, the former minister of marine, and Emperor Charles received in audience Prof. Kucharzevski, the Polish premier.

Foreign Secretary Von eKuhlmann's return to Brest-Litovsk, after a hurried visit to Berlin, is said to have created surprise, as did his conference with Reichstag leaders who were summoned suddenly. Reichstag leaders are reported to have expressed dissatisfaction with the German attitude concerning occupied territory.

CANADA OUGHT TO BE IN POSITION TO PAY DECENT WAGES

Prof. Swanson Says Country Should Also Increase Its Economic Efficiency—Materially Lower Prices Not in Sight for Ten Years.

Canada ought to be in a position to pay decent wages as well as to increase its economic efficiency, when Armageddon shall have become history, says Prof. Swanson, of the University of Saskatchewan, in an interesting article in "The Monetary Times" annual. "At the outbreak of the war," he says, "this country was indebted to Europe and the United States to the extent of not less than 3,000 million dollars. The national debt will have been increased by the end of 1917 by 1,000 millions. Nevertheless, it must not be forgotten that the Dominion, as far as the national debt is concerned, is much better off than at the outbreak of hostilities. High prices for agricultural and manufactured products always favor the debtor, whether the debtor be an individual or a nation. Now it is a matter of undisputed fact that commodity prices have advanced at least 90 per cent. since August, 1914; and, therefore, with half the effort previously required in production—the only way in which any debt can be paid—our obligations to Europe and the United States may be met. We shall be worse off, economically, only with a serious decline in prices after the war." In Prof. Swanson's opinion materially lower prices are not in sight for a decade at least.

PRETTY WEDDING AT ANDOVER

Miss Anna Mora Ervin of That Town and Wellington Kierstead of Presque Isle, Me., United.

Special to The Standard.

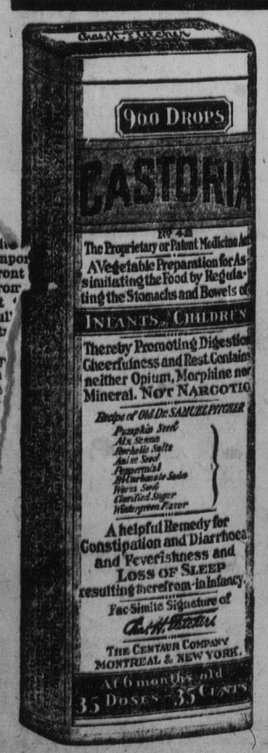
Andover, Jan. 3.—On New Year's day a pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Ervin, when their daughter, Miss Anna Mora Ervin became the bride of Mr. Wellington Kierstead, of Presque Isle. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Gordon Pringle in the presence of the immediate relatives and friends of the family. The bride, who wore a gown of blue and gold spot taffeta and carrying a bouquet of bride's roses and ferns, was attended by Mrs. Gordon Graham as matron of honor, wearing black silk with gold trimmings. She was given in marriage by her father. The bridal chorus and Mendelssohn's march were played by Miss Pearl Waite.

Immediately after the congratulations the jolly party partook of a sumptuous repast. Mr. and Mrs. Kierstead left by the afternoon train for a short wedding trip and will shortly take up their residence in Presque Isle.

The bride received many beautiful gifts, that of the groom being a sheque. The best wishes of many friends follow Mr. and Mrs. Kierstead to their new home.

N. B. SOLDIERS HELD

Halifax, Ja. 3.—Private James Grogan, a New Brunswick soldier, was today committed to the Supreme Court to stand trial on a charge of stealing $1,000 from the home of John Wells, on the day of the explosion in Halifax.



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FRENCH CAPTURE 1,400 PRISONERS AT MT. TOMBE

British Repulse Hostile Raiding Parties South and Southwest of La Bassee—Enemy Artillery Active.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Jan. 2.—(By the Associated Press)—The French in their recent successful operation on Monte Tombe captured more prisoners than they had men engaged, according to a veteran officer who witnessed the fight. From the top of a nearby hill he saw the French attack and afterwards saw the prisoners, guns and booty brought in. The French also captured their first Austrian prisoners, which is another milestone for them, as heretofore they had captured only Germans.

"In addition to the 1,400 prisoners," he said, "we counted 560 dead on the ground, and no one knows how many were in the caverns and under brush. The perfect French military system enabled them to accomplish this with insignificant loss—less than fifty men.

"When the prisoners were brought in I never saw a more miserable, pitiful, starved lot of soldiers. They looked like the riff-raff from the slums of some big city. Even the officers appeared underfed and underclothed, and I saw only one with a whole pair of breeches."

British Report.

London, Jan. 3.—"Hostile raiding parties were repulsed last night south and southwest of La Basse, leaving a few prisoners in our hands," the war office reports. "The enemy artillery showed considerable activity during the night east of Epehy."

FOOD SOURING IN STOMACH CAUSES INDIGESTION, GAS

"Pape's Diapepsin" ends all stomach distress in five minutes.

Wonder what upset your stomach—which portion of the food did the damage—do you? Well, don't bother. If your stomach is in a revolt; if sour, gassy and upset, and what you just ate has fermented into stubborn lumps; head dizzy and aches; belch gases and acids and eructate undigested food; breath foul, tongue coated—just take a little Pape's Diapepsin and in five minutes you wonder what became of the indigestion and distress.

Millions of men and women today know that it is needless to have a bad stomach. A little Diapepsin occasionally keeps this delicate organ regulated and they eat their favorite foods without fear.

If your stomach doesn't take care of your liberal limit without rebellion; if your food is a damage instead of a help, remember the quickest, surest, most harmless relief is Pape's Diapepsin which costs only fifty cents for a large case at drug stores. It's truly wonderful—it digests food and sets things straight, so gently and easily that it is really astonishing. Please, for your sake, don't go on and on with a weak, disordered stomach; it's so unnecessary.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Jessie Kearney.

The death of Mrs. Jessie Kearney, 77 St. Patrick street, took place yesterday afternoon after a short illness in the 53rd year of her age. The deceased was the widow of James Kearney who predeceased her by less than a year. She is survived by four sons, George, William, Gordon and Kenneth, three daughters, Lizzie, Annie and Mabel, all at home; and two brothers George and Kenneth Forbes of this city.

Notice of funeral later.

James Berry.

The death is announced in Machias, Me, of James Berry. Mr. Berry was born at Oak Bay, N. B. June 1, 1843. He leaves no family. Wesley Berry of Oak Bay is a brother.

Mrs. Rebecca Brown.

The death of Mrs. Rebecca Brown, widow of Samuel Brown, of St. Martins, occurred in Everett, Mass., recently. She was ninety-five years old, and leaves two sons, Elijah, of St. John, and Thomas H., of Sussex; one daughter, Mrs. Charles Harris, of Graveland, Mass.; also two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Howard, and Mrs. Captain J. Howard, both of Gaspereaux.

Thomas E. Fairweather.

The death of Thomas E. Fairweather, aged forty-one, occurred at Fort William, Ont., on December 26. Mr. Fairweather was the eldest son of the late Edward K. and Charlotte A. Fairweather, and was born in Lower Norton, Kings county. He leaves besides his wife and four children, one brother Kenneth E., on the mechanical staff of the Evening Times-Star.

Thos. C. Brundage.

The death occurred at Greenwich, on December 30, of Thos. C. Brundage, in the 59th year of his age, leaving three sons, Dr. E. M. Brundage, of Bienfait, Sask.; H. A. Brundage, of Greenwich, and C. L. Brundage, of this city.

SALARIES ARE INCREASED BY SCHOOL BOARD

Principals of City Schools Receive Advance of $200, Other Teachers $100—Officials Also Remembered—Medical Inspection Provided for.

The Board of School Trustees last night voted to increase the salaries of all the principals in the city schools $200; the other teachers $100; A. Gordon Leavitt, secretary; Miss Ellen Reed, assistant secretary; Boyd McMann, truant officer, $100, and that of Dr. Bridges, superintendent, $250 per year. They also granted a ten per cent. increase in the salaries of all the janitors and ordered the sum of $2,500 placed in the estimates for the coming year for medical inspection in the schools.

R. B. Emerson, chairman, presided, and those present were: J. V. Russell, Dr. James Manning, H. Colby Smith, E. R. W. Ingraham, Thomas Nagle, G. E. Day and G. Herbert Green.

The first matter taken up was that of salaries, and Trustee Russell moved the following resolution:—"That all the male principals receive an increase of $200; that the female teachers and junior male teachers receive $100, and that A. Gordon Leavitt, Miss Ellen Reed and Boyd McMann, receive $100 increase."

In moving the resolution Mr. Russell referred to the excellent work done by the teaching staff of the St. John schools, and said he had included all the teachers in his recommendation as he felt, where all were underpaid for the important duties they fulfilled so admirably, it would be only right to see that each one received some little increase in their present salaries. While he felt the increase should be larger it was all he as chairman of the finance committee could recommend for the present.

The resolution was seconded by Thomas Nagle.

G. E. Day thought the lady principals should get an increase of $200 as well as the men.

Dr. Manning expressed himself as favoring increases in the salaries but could not see why the teacher getting $300 should not have the same increase as the principals. The reserve teachers needed an increase as much or more than the higher paid regulars, and he moved as an amendment to the motion that all the teachers on the staff, male and female, receive an increase of $100 in their salaries with a minimum salary of $400. This was seconded by G. E. Day.

Thomas Nagle said he would like to see the minimum raised to $500, but it must be remembered that the male principals were men with families and needed the increase recommended.

H. Colby Smith said he could not support the amendment, as he felt the male principals should get $200 increase.

Mr. Russell pointed out that a bonus of $60 had been given to the female teachers last year, while the male teachers had not received any increase for two years.

Mr. Day moved, seconded by Mr. Ingraham, an amendment to the amendment, "That all principals, both male and female, receive an additional $100," making their increase $200.

On the motion being put the amendment to the amendment carried.

Dr. Manning brought up the case of Miss Godard, teacher of Grade VII. in Victoria school who was receiving $40 less than any other Grade VII. teacher, and it was decided to give her an additional $40 increase to bring her salary level with the other Grade VII. teachers.

Mr. Russell moved, seconded by Mr. Nagle, that the salaries of A. Gordon Leavitt, Miss Ellen Reed and Boyd McMann be increased $100 each. Carried.

Mr. Smith moved that an increase of $250 be granted to Dr. Bridges, superintendent of schools. This was seconded by Mr. Ingraham and carried unanimously.

Dr. Manning moved that Miss Northrup, teacher in the Domestic Science, be granted an extra increase of $50 in her salary to bring it up to the same figure as the other teachers in the building. Carried.

The question of janitors' salaries was then taken up and it was unanimously decided to grant all the janitors an increase of ten per cent.

The chairman referred to medical inspection, and Mr. Russell moved that the sum of $2,500 be placed in the estimates for the coming year for the purpose of instituting medical inspection in the schools. This was seconded by Mr. Green and carried.

The secretary read a complaint from Chief Blake that no fire escapes were on the upper stories of the office building, and this was referred to the visitors.

Adjournment was made until Monday evening next, when the estimates for the year will be taken up.

BOWLING

THE CITY LEAGUE.

The Ramblers annexed all four points in their game with the Maples on Black's alleys last night. The first string was a tie and it was decided that the winner of the second string shouud get the count. The scores follow:

Ramblers.

Beatteay	97	114	118	329	109 2-3
Covey	97	102	93	292	97 1-3
Jones	73	76	85	234	78
Coughlan	86	86	84	256	85 1-3
Riley	89	87	104	280	93 1-3
	442	465	484	1391	

Maples.

Ward	101	76	87	264	88
Higgins	90	85	79	254	84 2-3
Jordan	73	89	83	245	81 2-3
Smith	80	88	85	253	84 1-3
Hanlon	98	99	79	276	92
	442	437	413	1292	

Tonight the Beavers and Colts will be the contesting teams.

IS NOW KNOWN AS DEPOT BAND

Musical Organization Went Overseas with 115th—Returned to Canada and Attached to 236th—Is Now with the Draftees.

The 236th Kilties Battalion Band, which will in the future be referred to as the Depot Band, will transfer from West St. John to the exhibition building on Saturday morning. This was announced by the military authorities yesterday. It is expected that among the men called up under the Military Service Act there will be found several musicians who while stationed in the city will be able to lend their talents to the musical organization which suffered the loss of a few men when the Kilties left for overseas. Notwithstanding the loss of these men however the band is still rated as one of the finest military bands in Canada, and the best in the Maritime Provinces.

While in England with the 115th Battalion their services were demanded at practically every affair where music was essential an delighted large audiences with the class of music rendered. On their return to Canada they were attached to the 236th Kilties for recruiting and training work, and when that unit left for overseas those able to do trench work departed with it, while the remainder were ordered to report to St. John. Since their arrival in the city the men have been quartered on the west side.

On Monday the men assembled at the depot will hold their first drill, commencing at 9 o'clock and continuing until 12.30. At 2.30 they will resume drill and carry on until 5 o'clock in the afternoon. All men must be in barracks by 9.30 unless provided with a pass, which is generally given for good conduct, etc.

The Standard is in receipt of a very pretty calendar from Hazel Bros., plumbing and heating engineers, at 38 Sydney street.

XMAS FESTIVAL LAST EVENING

Scholars of Main Street Baptist Sunday School Had Enjoyable Time—About Three Hundred Persons Present Despite the Storm.

The Main street Baptist Sunday school held their annual Christmas festival last evening. Supper was served to the children of the primary department from 3.30 till five o'clock in the afternoon, and for the intermediate and adult classes from five to seven o'clock. Notwithstanding the severe storm, there were about 300 officers, teachers and scholars present. At eight o'clock the school adjourned to the main auditorium where the pastor, Rev. D. Hutchinson, with the aid of a number of excellent pictures thrown on the screen by the stereopticon, took the scholars on a trip to Europe, conducting them through England, Ireland, Scotland, France, Germany and other European countries, also through the Holy Land of Palestine. After the gathering had enjoyed the lecture for about one and one-half hours, the evening was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

TWO SOLDIERS ARE FROZEN TO DEATH

Understood to Have Perished in Virginia Saturday and Sunday Nights.

Newport News, Va., Jan. 3.—Two soldiers while doing guard duty here, are reported to have been frozen to death Saturday and Sunday nights. Their death certificates say they died in discharge of duty. No official announcement is available.

BREAK A CHILD'S COLD BY GIVING SYRUP OF FIGS

Cleanses the little liver and bowels, and they get well quick.

When your child suffers from a cold don't wait; give the little stomach, liver and bowels a gentle, thorough cleansing at once. When cross, peevish, listless, pale, doesn't sleep, eat or act naturally; if breath is bad, stomach sour, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the clogged-up, constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again.

If your child coughs, snuffles and has caught cold or is feverish or has a sore throat give a good dose of "California Syrup of Figs" to evacuate the bowels no difference what other treatment is given.

Sick children needn't be coaxed to take this harmless "fruit laxative." Millions of mothers keep it handy because they know its action on the stomach, liver and bowels is prompt and sure. They also know a little given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which contains directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. Get the genuine, made by "California Fig Syrup Company."

ONTARIO ELECTION

Toronto, Jan. 3.—Sir Wm. Hearst Premier of Ontario, stated that the Ontario government has not considered the date of the coming provincial election. June is the most likely month however.

The Legislature will likely meet about Feb. 1st.

THE ORIGIN AND DANGER —OF— CATARRH

—IF YOU SUFFER FROM—

Catarrh, Catarrhal Deafness, Head Noises, Catarrh of the Stomach (Which is Often Mistaken for Indigestion), Catarrh of the Bowels, Asthma, Bronchitis, Loss of Smell, Phlegm Dropping in the Back Part of the Throat, or if You Have a Cough

YOU SHOULD NOT FAIL TO READ EVERY WORD OF THIS ARTICLE

What Parmint, the Wonderful English Formula, Has Done for Others, It Can Do For You

CATARRH, A LOATHSOME AND INSIDIOUS DISEASE.

Catarrh is a very common name for a very common disease, so common that most people do not realize how fearful, dangerous and disgusting it is. A cold in the head, hawking, spitting, blowing of the nose, phlegm dropping in the throat, bad breath, dullness of mind, bad humour—this is the way it starts.

And where does it end? Frequently in Catarrh of the Stomach, Catarrh of the Bowels, Bronchitis, and often slight or total deafness results.

HOW CATARRH STARTS.

Catarrh usually begins with a cold in the head.

The Catarrh germs breathed in through the mouth or nostrils have settled upon the inflamed and delicate mucous membrane that lines the nose and throat. These germs are harmless to healthy tissues; when they lodge upon an irritated surface it means a more and more diseased condition of the membranes. They thus produce further inflammatory irritation, and in time even ulceration. The sufferer from catarrh often finds his sight and hearing failing. He suffers from an almost constant dull ache over the eyes and across the forehead. The mind becomes dull when the membranes of the nasal cavities are in a discharging condition.

It is the pus and decaying matter oozing from these sores that causes the offensive breath so common to victims of catarrh. You may not notice it yourself. You probably do not. But your friends do, though they are too careful of your feelings to tell you so.

NASAL CATARRH.

This form of Catarrh is, to say the least, sickening and disgusting, besides being most common and highly dangerous. The changes of weather render the delicate mucous membranes in the nose and throat very susceptible to inflammation, and thus encourage the birth and growth of catarrhal germs.

The nose and throat are what might be called the highway of life.

The throat itself is divided into two main passages; one the Oesophagus, or gullet, going to the stomach, the other the respiratory tract, or Trachea, going to the bronchial tubes and lungs. Through the lungs the blood passes with every heart beat and there comes in contact with the air. If the air breathed in is pure and if nose, throat and lungs are sound, the dark blood is at once purified and passes out of the lungs in a bright red stream, carrying life and strength to all the body. If, however, the air breathed in is bad, or if the nose, throat or lungs are diseased in any way, then the blood, (instead of being purified by its passage through the lungs) is, on the contrary, still further poisoned and goes on its way carrying the disease to all parts of the system.

That nasal catarrh is a nauseating disease any one knows who has had to sit close to, or talk face to face with a person reeking with purulent catarrh. Have you ever had to endure in sickening silence the hawking and gagging of a catarrh victim, or had to sit close to such a person and experience a disgusting, appetite-losing, foul odor, which you could not explain, and did not know what it was? That is catarrh, and there are many people who have it and don't know it.

CATARRH OF THE STOMACH. (Often mistaken for Dyspepsia or Indigestion).

Many cases of indigestion and dyspepsia are simply the result of catarrh of the throat and stomach. At night as you lie asleep, the mucus drops down from the throat and head and is swallowed into the stomach. In the morning you awake feeling heavy and tired; there is a bad taste in your mouth, you are in a bad humour; you wonder what ails you. You have catarrh; catarrh of the stomach, and your whole system is poisoned and is reeking with the disease. Your stomach has become clogged and the delicate membrane is coated with a vile sticky substance. The catarrh mucus refuses to be digested and only passes out of the stomach with great difficulty. Little by little, the mucus with the catarrh germs which it has carried settles permanently on the mucous membrane which lines the stomach.

Real dyspepsia and indigestion are caused by a lack of digestive juices. But here we have a condition where the membrane is able and ready to do its work, but it is prevented by foreign matter which has dropped down from the head and coated it. How then, can the usual treatment for indigestion be of use? Since catarrh is the cause of the trouble, it is the catarrh that must be treated. If you have catarrh of the stomach we believe that if taken faithfully for a reasonable length of time Parmint will bring you an amount of relief that will fully compensate you for the cost and time expended.

CAUSE OF DEAFNESS.

A cause which is responsible for a great many cases of deafness is catarrh.

The whole trouble generally begins in a simple cold in the head. During such a cold almost every person experiences that feeling of stuffiness which tells of inflammation extending into the post-nasal space where the openings of the Eustachian Tubes are located, and which is accompanied by catarrhal secretions, collected in the post-nasal space, where it is difficult to blow it out of the nose or hawk it up. When such conditions have become chronic, as in catarrh, the danger is grave.

The mucus, carrying the germs, drops into the throat. The glue-like nauseating mass sticks for a time to the sides of the throat. The germs are quick to take advantage of the opportunity. They invade the Eustachian Tubes. Their presence and irritation it causes produce more and more mucus. Gradually this fills up the ear tube so that sounds can only pass through with difficulty. The patient finds his hearing slowly going. When the tubes are completed filled total deafness may result.

In deafness from nasal catarrh, which affects the middle ear, it often happens that cracking sounds are present which distress and confuse the patient. These are due to the fact that the mucus which fills the upper part and back of the throat is covering the opening of the Eustachian Tubes and the bursting of bubbles or the movement of mucus causes the sounds, which come from the altered resonance of the ear. After a crackling report the head may seem clearer and the hearing better for a time. Later on in the case there may be crackling sounds when swallowing, which come from the efforts of a stiffened muscle to open the tubes which yield with a jerk.

The above explanation of a most common cause of deafness should make it clear how absurd and useless it is to attempt to overcome such deafness by ear-drums or devices of a similar sort.

Let it be understood, however, that Parmint is not for ear troubles other than those caused by catarrh. If your trouble is caused by scarlet fever or any disease apart from catarrh, or if caused by an injury Parmint is not for you, and you should consult your own family physician regarding your case.

DON'T NEGLECT A COUGH.

If you have a cold and it has left you with a cough, no matter how slight—you ought not to neglect it.

A cough is generally an indication that there is inflammation in a dangerous place, and proper treatment should be secured at once. Delaying treatment may mean that the cough may settle, develop and stay. Even the slightest cough indicates a danger and should receive prompt attention. Unless your cough has become extremely deep seated or has hung onto you for a long time, we believe that you will find a quick relief from your trouble by the use of Parmint.

WHAT PARMINT IS.

Parmint is an English formula put on the market in England about ten years ago. It is a combination of ingredients having values in the treatment of catarrhal conditions, bronchial affections, etc., compounded from the best grade of material it is possible to obtain. Parmint is put up in one-ounce bottles in concentrated form which are labeled "Parmint—Double Strength." These one-ounce bottles can be obtained at a small cost and the one-ounce is sufficient to make a full half-pint of Parmint ready to take when mixed with water and a little sugar as directed in each package.