

To All Our Friends

"Greeting"

May the New Year bring you happiness and prosperity. To all those who are in sorrow for brave loved ones who have given their lives in the cause of right, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Sincerely Yours,

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HOPEFUL OUTLOOK FOR HYDRO FIGHT

Sir Adam's Splendid Work is Having its Full Effect.

OPPOSITION FLAGS

Labor Men Solidly Behind the Struggle for Public Ownership.

By a Staff Reporter. Hamilton, Dec. 30.—Everything is at a standstill in this city as a result of the coming elections on New Year's Day. Chief interest is centered in the hydro-radial bylaw, which Sir Adam Beck has been acquainting the voters on during the past week.

WAR SUMMARY THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

The offers, the allies say, are also an attempt at justifying in advance a new series of crimes, as submarine warfare, deportations, forced labor of the inhabitants of occupied countries and violations of neutrality.

Their joint note the allies particularly protest against two essential assertions of the German note. These are the pretensions of the enemy to throw upon the allies the responsibility for the war and the proclamation of a state of peace for thirty months a war that they did everything to avoid, and they say that it is not upon the work of Germany that the struggle in the past, present and future.

In response to the request of President Wilson for united action to bring about peace, Spain has sent a note to Washington, saying that she will suspend all action until the time when her efforts and work in favor of peace can be more useful and efficacious than at the present time.

In Rumania the battle between the Teutons and the Russo-Rumanian forces is proceeding with great vigor and it cannot be said that the allies have yet checked the enemy, for in several sectors the Austro-Germans, heavily reinforced, have just made gains as a result of their heavy attacks.

In the French official communication on the war, issued last night, it is announced that in the course of the year the French troops, in breaking the assault of the enemy against the Verdun fortress, and in forcing the enemy to withdraw on both banks of the Somme, have taken 78,000 German prisoners.

The trunk line of the radial line which will run from Toronto to Niagara Falls, via Hamilton and St. Catharines, the opposition to the scheme, which was backed up by certain power interests, has dropped, and with the labor men behind it Sir Adam Beck's scheme should receive the endorsement of the voting public.

Sergt. J. E. Letten Buried With Full Military Honors

Hamilton, Monday, Jan. 1.—Full military honors were accorded the late Sergt. J. E. Letten, who was buried at Hamilton Cemetery yesterday. The 13th Royal Regiment, of which he was a former member, under command of Lieut.-Col. R. A. Robertson, attended the funeral.

The recruiting staff of the 16th Halton and Dufferin Rifles, which, under command of Lieut. Peacock, had conducted a campaign in Halton for the past month, returned to their barracks Saturday night. Despite the fact that the men were hard and distributed literature only one recruit was obtained.

BECK WINNING OUT AT ST. CATHARINES

Hard Work of Hydro Radial Opponents is Proving Unsuccessful.

PUBLIC MEETING

Sir Adam and Engineer Gaby Explain Proposal to Big Audience.

St. Catharines, Dec. 31.—Tomorrow's contest over the hydro radial question will be most strenuous in this city in many years. Opposition organization is stronger than could be imagined, but feeling has grown in favor of the bylaw in the last few days, and public ownership advocates have been stirred to unusual activity by evidence of the extreme to which opposition workers are prepared to go.

CANADIANS' SPIRIT HIGH IN TRENCHES

have had to take up sheltering for the defense of our islands. We fight because we wish to work unimpeded. This will not be possible until you are knocked out beyond recuperation.

Just two days before the meeting a route map of the Toronto, Niagara and Western Railway, running mainly over the proposed hydro radial route, from Toronto to a point southwest of St. Catharines, terminating at Thorold, was sent to the city council. This was dealt with by both speakers.

Brantford Board Dissatisfied With Labor Minister's Report

Brantford, Dec. 31.—The civic high cost of living committee is not satisfied with the attitude of Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, towards the canners combine. The committee some time ago laid facts before the minister to show that prices of Canadian goods were excessive and asking that the prices at which those goods be sold be fixed by the department.

RADIAL CAMPAIGN WAS BIG SUCCESS

Hydro Fight in Hamilton Ended on Saturday—Beck Jubilant.

TWO MEETINGS HELD

Ratepayers Pledge Themselves to Support Bylaw on Monday.

Hamilton, Ont., Monday, January 1.—Sir Adam Beck, assisted by his associates, brought to a conclusion on Saturday night the energetic and effective campaign in the interest of the \$6,000,000 hydro radial bylaw which will be voted on today. The meetings which were held in the Sons of England Hall, Twentieth Century Club and Swales Hall, were well attended by enthusiastic supporters of the bylaw and at the same time present pledged themselves to support the bylaw instead of voting it down and aiding "the corporations and private interests."

Read World Editorial

During the meeting in the Sons of England Hall, which was presided over by George Lees, Jordan Wilson, M.P., more than 1000 Mr. Stewart's utterances when he read an editorial clipping from The Toronto World, which, after discussing the many advantages of the hydro, both electric and radial, said "Premier Hearst has pointed out that the government has sanctioned the original scheme, and sent them to the people for their approval. There is good reason to believe that he is cordially and earnestly behind them. Chippewa Power Development, hydro radial roads, and all."

TORONTO MEN AMONG CANADIANS HONORED

(Continued From Page 1). N. Cory, formerly with the militia, and L. J. Lipsitt. Appointed brevet lieutenant-colonel: Temporary Brig. J. H. McBrien, Canadian Dragoons; Major Ronald Okedon, Major Alexander Merrill, Major Vincent Allan, Lt.-Col. William Beaumont Anderson, Major William Andrews, Lt.-Col. Ralph Craven, Major Frank Parquhar, Major Arthur Walter McKie Balfour, Major John Clement Hall, Major William Gilbert Boman, Lt.-Col. Arthur Henry Bell, Lt.-Col. Charles Edward Gordon, Lt.-Col. John Arthur Gunn, Major Hugh Walter Harbord, Major Frederick Owen Hodgins, Lt.-Col. Thomas Fraser, Lt.-Col. Homer Dimes, Lt.-Col. William St. Pierre Hughes, Major Bernard Maynard, Lt.-Col. Henry Linton Milligan, Major Gordon Fraser Morrison, Major Frank Stanley Morrison, Major Lionel Frank Page.

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FRENCH CRUISER SUNK ONLY FOUR LIVES LOST

Gaulois, Carrying More Than Six Hundred Men, Torpedoed in Mediterranean—Coolness of Crew Averts Heavy Loss of Life.

Paris, Dec. 31.—The French armored cruiser Gaulois was torpedoed in the Mediterranean Sea on Dec. 27 and sank in half an hour, according to official announcement. Owing to the coolness of the crew and the aid of patrol boats there were only four victims, two of whom were killed by the explosion.

Haig Is Now Field Marshal

London, Jan. 1.—A long list of naval and military honors, conferred on the occasion of the new year, includes the promotion of Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, commander-in-chief of the British forces in France and Belgium, to a field marshal; Sir Henry Seymour Rawlinson, to be a general, a Major-Gen. Jan Christian Smuts, commanding the forces in East Africa, to an honorary lieutenant-general.

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