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NEW CANADIAN DIVISION HAS ABOUT COMPLETED ORGANIZATION IN ENGLAND Emperor of Russia Refuses Peace Negotiations Before Final Victory

FRESH DIVISION OF CANADIANS NEARLY READY
 Authorities Organize New Unit From Forces in England.
MAY GO TO FRANCE
 Decision of Sending Out Additional Forces Depends on Recruiting.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.
 London, Dec. 27.—The Canadian Associated Press is authoritatively informed that a decision has not been reached as to the sending of another Canadian division to the front, but its organization is being completed.

What will ultimately be done in this connection will depend largely upon the responses obtained for recruits in Canada.

For the present, however, the Canadian divisions on the firing line will be maintained and their establishments kept up to full strength.

An adjustment of the representation of battalions in France from the various provinces in Canada is to be undertaken for the purpose of making the distribution more equal in proportion to the number of men recruited.

To accomplish this two or more units from the same province, district, or city, will be amalgamated or combined.

Experience has shown that a more satisfactory service may be maintained by a system of reinforcing the depleted battalions with men recruited from the same territory or province as that in which the battalion originated.

With that in view the present redistribution is to be made. Moreover, it is felt that the men may feel more at home if they are sent as units recruited in the provinces from which they come themselves.

Quebec Drains Others.
 At present Quebec and British Columbia provinces have larger representations of battalions in France in proportion to the number of men recruited from them than the other provinces and in the past it has been necessary to draw reinforcements for these battalions from other centres, and an effort is now being made to equalize the representation and to replace those thus absorbed. Complete units from Ontario and from Nova Scotia are likely to be sent to France.

One of the battalions from Ontario will probably be commanded by Lt.-Col. Sam Sharpe. It is quite possible that the senior battalion of the Nova Scotia Highlanders, under the command of Lt.-Col. Borden will be sent forward to give Nova Scotia additional and merited representation on the firing line.

Fifty Thousand Armenians Are Starving Near Aleppo
 New York, Dec. 27.—Fifty thousand deported Armenians are starving in the vicinity of Aleppo, Asiatic Turkey, as a result of a recent temporary suspension of relief appropriations, according to a telegram from American Ambassador Elikus received through the state department at Washington and made public here tonight by the American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief.

WAR SUMMARY
THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

In order to make the submarine piracy business as profitless as possible, the agents of the various British steamship lines which run to American ports received orders from London yesterday to withhold news of vessel movements to and from ports in the United States. The allies may also adopt the convoy system. All these precautions, however, are only palliatives for the submarine nuisance. The only sure remedy is the destruction of the German submarines in their bases or the complete blocking up of the German harbors. As these are protected by mine fields and the mine fields are in turn protected by the German navy, which by its fire can prevent the removal or destruction of mines in its home waters, the sole and obvious way of solving the whole problem is the destruction of the German high seas fleet.

The main policy of the new and reconstructed British Admiralty is to devise means of bringing the German high seas fleet to action. If its destruction is accomplished there will be no further fears from submarines nor from mine laying, for Germany will be utterly impotent on the ocean. The British Admiralty could then devote its energies to the construction of merchantmen to relieve the high freight charges. In order to compel the German navy to fight two courses are open. One is the giving of the blockade an additional tightening so as to increase the discomfort at home for the Germans and to have this react on their military efficiency so that conditions would eventually become so intolerable that the German navy would be compelled to give battle. The second course for bringing on a naval engagement is invasion of the German coast.

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COLONEL SHILLINGTON IS NOT RESPONSIBLE

Has Had No Connection Whatsoever With Canadian Hospital at Taplow.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.
 London, Dec. 27.—It has been observed from recent Canadian papers that Colonel Shillington's name is associated with certain irregularities at the Canadian hospital at Taplow. Sir George Perley, overseas minister of militia, officially informs the Canadian press that Col. Shillington had no connection with this hospital and that he was in no way responsible for its administration.

The Canadian Associated Press is also informed on the authority of various cables from London professing to give the findings of the Baple enquirers into the Canadian hospital administration that they are purely conjectural. The report is not even yet presented, but it will be ready almost immediately.

Greece Keeping Promise To Demobilize the Army

London, Dec. 27, 5.20 p.m.—The foreign office has received advices that the Greek Government is carrying out its promise to demobilize the Greek army. The work is proceeding satisfactorily, the advices intimate.

GERMANY READY TO STATE TERMS

Von Bernstorff Says Answer to Wilson is Full Acceptance.

Washington, Dec. 27.—In spite of the wide gulf between the immediate peace conference and the forecast of an unanimous refusal by the entire allies to enter such a conference without knowing Germany's terms in advance, the American Government believes that the negotiations in progress are resulting in good.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, tonight authorized the Associated Press to make the following statement:

"I regard the note of my government constituting an acceptance of everything suggested by President Wilson in his note to the belligerent nations of Europe."

It was made clear at the embassy that Germany stands ready to make known her terms on the first day of any conference that may be held, and officials expressed themselves as being greatly surprised at the view prevailing in some quarters that the Berlin Government had failed to meet the president's suggestions by not setting down the terms upon which it is willing to make peace. The German diplomats say President Wilson had no intention of drawing a public declaration concerning terms.

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NEW BRITISH MAIL

A British and foreign mail (via England) will be closed at the general post office as follows:

Regular mail, include all classes of matter, except parcel post, at 9 p.m. today, supplementary mail for letters and registered matter only, at 6 a.m. tomorrow. Parcel post at 5 p.m. today.

Jury Prefers Capital Charge Against Person or Persons Unknown.

"Murder against some person or persons unknown" was the verdict of the jury at the morgue last night when an inquest into the death of a newly-born male child, found on Dec. 24 in Rose-dale ravine, under the Glen road bridge, was held by Coroner Dr. G. W. Clendennan.

In his charge to the jury Coroner Clendennan remarked that the crime was a brutal one, the autopsy, conducted by Chief Coroner Johnson, showing that the child had been first strangled, then had its skull fractured by contact with some hard substance. From marks about the face it was deduced that the child's head had been banged on the ground. The indentation caused by the knots of the cord with which it was strangled were visible on the child's throat when found.

The body was first noticed by a woman, who drew the attention of Policeman 561 to it. It was lying under the bridge, wrapped in a newspaper dated Tuesday, Dec. 19, and a sheet of brown wrapping paper. There were no marks of identification about the body.

CANADIAN WINS RACE.

London, Dec. 27.—Private P. Sillen, a Canadian, won a 3000 ft. race at Richmond in 36 minutes, 17 2-5 seconds.

SIR GEORGE IN LONDON.

London, Dec. 27.—Sir George Foster has arrived in London.

RUSSIA WANTS FINAL VICTORY BEFORE PEACE

Emperor Will Fight for Attainment of All Objectives.

Petrograd, Dec. 27, via London.—(British admiralty per wireless press).—In the course of an order issued to the units of the Russian army, dated Dec. 25, the emperor, in a brief review showing how the inequalities in the technical resources for warfare as between the allies and the central powers are being gradually removed with the result that the enemy strength is apparently waning, while that of Russia and her allies is continually growing, proceeds, to say:

"Germany is feeling that her complete defeat is near and near also is the hour of retribution for all her wrongdoings and violations of the moral law. As in the time of her strength she declared war, so now, feeling her weakness near she suddenly offers to enter upon peace negotiations, desiring to complete such negotiations before her military talent is exhausted."

"At the same time she is creating a false impression about the strength of her army by utilizing her temporary success over the Rumanians, who lack experience in the conduct of modern warfare."

"Arguing that the allies are entitled to choose a favorable hour for peace negotiations just as Germany chose a favorable hour for declaring war, the order says:

"This time has not yet arrived. The enemy has not been driven out of the provinces of the allies created by the treaty regarding Constantinople and the Danubian basin, and the creation of free Poland from all three of her not yet incomplete tribal districts has not yet been guaranteed. To conclude peace at this moment would mean failure to utilize the fruits of the untold trials of the heroic Russian troops and the Russian people who have fallen on the battlefield do not permit of thoughts of peace until final victory over the enemies. Who dares to think that he who brought about this war shall have it in his power to conclude the war at any time he likes."

In conclusion, the emperor, expressing confidence that no Russian soldier will desire peace until the enemy had been crushed from Russian soil, gives guarantees to prevent a possible repetition of a treacherous attack, says:

"Let us be firm in our certainty of our victory, and the All-Highest will bless our standards and will cover them with glory and give us power worthy of your heroic deeds, my glorious troops—peace for which future generations will bless your memory, which will be sacred to them."

MURDERED CHILD FOUND IN RAVINE

Newly Born Male Babe Strangled to Death and Skull Fractured.

INQUEST IS HELD

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ENEMY POWERS ANSWER SWISS NOTE AT ONCE

Cut and Dried Responses Come From Bulgaria and Austria-Hungary.

London, Thursday, Dec. 28.—A despatch to the Reuters Telegram Co. from Amsterdam quotes a Sofia despatch as saying that Bulgaria has replied to Switzerland's note concerning peace in a tone identical with that of the other Teutonic allies.

The correspondent adds that a despatch from Vienna is to the effect that Austria-Hungary has also replied to the Swiss note.

DIRECT SPECIAL APPEAL TO MUNITION WORKERS

Those Who Help Boys in Trenches Share Greatly in Winning War.

Elsewhere this morning will be found an appeal to the munition workers of Canada from the imperial munitions board at Ottawa, asking for increased production, and especially asking them to forego the usual holiday on New Year's Day. This appeal, we know, will meet with a patriotic response. The workers in the shops will aid the men in the trenches. The war, as Lloyd George has said, is won in the factory, as well as at the front.

No Trace is Yet Discovered Of Maryland or Her Crew

Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 27.—The steamer Maryland, which reported Christmas night that she was sinking, had not been found at a late hour tonight, according to a message received from the coast guard cutter Gresham. The message said that the Gresham was still engaged in a search for the vessel. It was believed if any of the Maryland's boats had succeeded in getting away from the steamer they would have drifted westward in the path of transatlantic steamers.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE AGREED UPON REPLY

Answer to Germany May Be Despatched by End of Week.

MAY BE ALTERATIONS

Other Nations of Entente in Accord in General Way.

London, Dec. 27.—Britain and France have fully agreed upon the terms of the reply to be made to the peace proposals of the Teutonic allies, the Associated Press learned at the foreign office today. It is hoped here that the answer may be despatched by the end of this week. The other nations of the entente, although agreed in principle, may require verbal alterations which would necessitate further delay.

It is expected that once this reply has been forwarded, the response to the note of the Swiss government supporting President Wilson's note.

FIVE PASSENGERS KILLED IN REAR-END COLLISION

Toronto-Montreal C.P.R. Express Crashes into Cornwall Local Train, Killing Five Men and Injuring Six Others—Toronto Train Practically Undamaged.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—Five men were killed and six injured this evening in a rear-end collision, when the C. P. R. Toronto train for Montreal ran into the local train from Cornwall to St. Polycarpe. The local train was standing on a siding at the time and the switch had been turned, which automatically turned the semaphore signal some distance down the track. At the time of the accident there was a heavy fog with snow on the ground, and the engineer of the train from Toronto either failed to see the signals or misread them.

The victims. The killed are as follows: R. Grant, Lancaster, Ont. Lewis Grant, Lancaster, Ont. Matthew Dumoulin, Williamstown, Ont. William Abrams, Williamstown, Ont. J. Kennedy, Williamstown, Ont., who was badly injured, and subsequently died. Four passengers and two employees were injured in the collision, as follows: D. C. St. Amour, North Lancaster, Ont.—Lavalie, express messenger, Montreal—Malley, bridge and building master, C.P.R., Smith's Falls. Holmes, Williamstown, slightly injured. Conductor Hinton of the Cornwall train, of Cornwall, was seriously injured.

Rear End Collision. The accident occurred at about 6.40 at St. Polycarpe Junction, some two miles from St. Polycarpe, about 40 miles west of Montreal. The local train from Cornwall to St. Polycarpe was stopped when the train from the west came along. It is stated that the signals were set and the semaphore apparently turned, but for some unknown reason, the Toronto train continued on its way, crashing into the rear of the standing train and smashing several of the rear cars.

Fortunately there were few passengers in the cars at the rear of the train, which kept the list of dead and injured down. The standing train was badly damaged, several of the cars being smashed to pieces, while many of the passengers had narrow escapes.

The dead and injured passengers were immediately taken care of, physicians being sent for from nearby places, while a relief train was sent as soon as possible from Montreal. Little damage was done to the track, and the wreckage was cleared away within a few hours. The train from Toronto was practically undamaged, the passengers only receiving a severe shaking up. As soon as the track was cleared the train from Toronto proceeded, bringing with it the bodies of the dead and injured.

Details as to the identity of the dead and injured were hard to obtain and may be subject to correction, owing to the fact that the accident took place several miles from a station, while the exigencies of railway work made it difficult to secure an official list of the casualties.

ENEMY REJECTS OFFER OF MEDIATION BY U.S.

Daily Chronicle Notes German Ignoring of Point Stressed by Wilson.

London, Thursday, Dec. 28.—The Daily Chronicle, in an editorial today on Germany's reply to President Wilson's peace note, says:

"The point on which most stress is laid in President Wilson's note is entirely ignored in the German reply. There is implied therein the rejection in advance of any offer of mediation by America."

FORCED SERVICE MAY BE NEEDED

Premier Holds Borden Declines to Give Labor Delegation Pledge It Desires.

NO PRESENT INTENTION

Filling in National Service Cards Will Impose No Obligation.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Correspondence between Sir Robert Borden, R. B. Bennett, M.P., director of national service, and the executive of the Dominion Trades and Labor Council having reference to national service, was given out tonight by the labor executive. The premier says that the national service plan does not involve conscription. He declines, however, to give the assurance that it will never come, stating that if it were necessary to preserve the existence of the state he should not hesitate to act accordingly. Under the circumstances the executive appeals to organized labor to fill in the national service cards.

Premier's Letter. The premier's letter addressed to J. C. Walters, president, E. M. Draper, secretary, James Simpson, and R. A. Riggs, M.P., vice-presidents, reads as follows:

"Prime Minister's office: Ottawa, Dec. 27, 1916.

"Dear Sir: With reference to our interview of this morning, I repeat once more that the proposals for national service are not connected with conscription. Rather the idea was to make an appeal for voluntary national service which would render unnecessary any resort to compulsion."

Conscription May Come. "You have asked for an assurance that under no circumstances will conscription be undertaken or carried out. As I stated to you at our interview I must decline to give any such assurance. I hope that conscription may not be necessary, but if it should prove the only effective method to preserve the existence of the state and of the institutions of liberty which we enjoy, I should consider it necessary, and I should not hesitate to act accordingly. For your further information

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IMPORTS OF FRANCE REACH A BIG FIGURE

Adverse Trade Balance for Year About Three Billion Dollars.

Paris, Dec. 27.—Official statistics now available place the value of imports in November at 2,111,000,000 francs, and exports at 727,000,000 francs.

The Temps calls attention to the fact that imports for the first ten months of the year amounted to 17,927,000,000, and exports to 5,015,000,000 francs, so that France will have a balance of trade against her for the year of upwards of 12,900,000,000 francs, about \$2,000,000,000.

The official statistics of exports for the first eleven months of 1915 show gains over 1916 of 618,000,000 francs, almost wholly in manufactured articles, while the imports of food were 116,000,000 francs less for that period.

SHIP LINES TO WITHHOLD NEWS OF MOVEMENTS

Boston Agents Receive Instructions in Matter From England.

Boston, Dec. 28.—News of movements of British vessels to and from this port will be withheld by agents of the various lines as a result of an order received today from their head offices at Liverpool. Sailing lists have been destroyed and newspapers advertising expected sailings has been withdrawn.

FOE TRIES TO WIN PEACE THRU RUSSIA

Germany, When Arms Fail, Attempts to Gain Ends by Trickery.

MAKES SWIFT REPLY

French Press Compare Celerity Now and After Lusitania Disaster.

Paris, Dec. 27.—The newspapers today comment freely on Germany's reply to President Wilson's note regarding peace. All of them affirm that it contains nothing not contained in the first communication of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, except that it proposes a conference in some neutral capital.

"Germany," says The Temps, "invites her adversaries to a conference without making to them any disclosure of what she proposes to say until their delegates surround the green cloth."

The Temps then attacks in detail why to term the systematic misrepresentation of Von Bethmann-Hollweg respecting the origin of the war, and alleges that he changed the date of the note of Count von Bernstorff, the Austrian foreign minister, of which the chancellor spoke recently in the reichstag. The newspaper asserts that while Count von Bernstorff says one thing in the United States, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg says another in

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SEIZURE IS MADE OF STOLEN NICKEL

Two Tons Purchased in Good Faith by Montreal Firm.

NO ATTEMPT TO HIDE

Seven Men Arrested at Quebec, Have Been Freed on Bail.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—Two tons of scrap metal have been seized by the Dominion police in Montreal on the premises of Frankel Brothers, Dalhousie Square, in connection with the alleged theft of nickel scrap from the Quebec arsenal, for which nine people in Quebec are under arrest.

The Dominion police authorities at Quebec traced the sale of the stolen metal from the Reid Co. Limited, of Quebec to Montreal.

No attempt was made by the firm to conceal the nickel, which it is said they bought in the usual way from the Reid Co., who are wholesale dealers in junk at Quebec, just as are Frankel Bros. in Montreal.

The purchase of metal from munition plants is, as a regular thing, done by wholesale dealers in metals, and shipped out of the country under special permission from the Dominion Government, was the statement made this afternoon by H. Frankel of Frankel Bros., at whose premises the Dominion Government seized the copper-nickel scrap, alleged to be part of the proceeds of a theft from the Quebec arsenal.

FREED ON BAIL. Quebec, Dec. 27.—The case of the seven men who were arrested here, charged with stealing nickel from the Dominion arsenal has been fixed for hearing in the police court on Friday morning. In the meantime the seven accused have been freed on bail.

RUSSIAN FRONT BENDS BEFORE ENEMY BLOWS

Teutons Capture Rimmik-Sarat in Violent Fighting in Rumania.

BATTLE CONTINUES

Many Fierce Attacks of Germans Suffer Repulses, Petrograd Reports.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. London, Dec. 27.—The Germans claim in an official communication issued at Berlin tonight that they have captured the town of Rimmik-Sarat, on the railway northeast of Buzau.

The Russian official communication, issued at Petrograd, describes a violent battle as proceeding along the Rumanian front, and it is said that in the region of the upper River Rimmik the Teutons succeeded in pushing back slightly Russian cavalry detachments and Rumanian infantry detachments. On the Rimmik high road, Russ an first line trenches were demolished by the heavy artillery fire of the foe, and the Slav troops were forced to abandon them. These recessions were small and they did not result in the breaching of the Russian line.

Fierce attacks by the Germans in the remaining sectors of the Russian front were beaten back with great losses to the Teutons. In the Village of Valen Seltze the Russians launched a counter-attack and they captured several machine guns.

Sattle Continues. Petrograd reports that the battle along the whole front is continuing. Operations by small detachments mark the fighting in the Dobruja.

In all the Russian line has been slightly bent in places, but it is complete.

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Ministers From New Zealand Will Attend Conference

Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, Dec. 27.—Premier Massey and Finance Minister Ward of New Zealand will remain in England for the imperial conference. Premier Massey when interviewed said that probably the opportunity would be taken to discuss in the presence of the dominion ministers, besides the war problems, the matters of closer union, representation of the empire, trade and migration.

Lan'marks Don't Have To

John: Billy's full agent—
 The Dock: O' drink—
 John:—Worse—likker ada.
 John:—Hoo about yerself, John?
 John: That ain't no count in my case. Lan'marks ain't got to line up like thou kind. Joe Akkeran's on 'thum agen, too. He can't stan' much. An' them preachers what are dicat'ing 'oo me about my habits an' cond'uk had better watch out. I'll hav' 'th' down constable, or smellin' their breaths if they ain't keerful, I noe what they buy beppermints fur.
 The Dock: Noo, John—
 John: I say likker in 'th' ole days wuz a stan'-by ov 'th' ole town, an' them noo fangled ideas ain't goin' to run me. But Billy ort to be ashamed ov himself carryin' likker in his paper!

DINEEN'S ANNUAL FUR SALE.

Yesterday was the first day of the Dineen annual sale of furs. The event has been introduced forward five weeks, making the bargain most exceptionally reasonable. The reduced prices apply to all lines of regular furs—no specially made-up furs being introduced for the event. Dineen's, 149 Yonge street, corner Temperance.

