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ACE THIS YEAR, SAYS GERMAN PAPER; SIGNIFICANT ARTICLE

nk Picture of Conditions in Germany — Only One More Short, inal Fight—The Allies' Reply

don, Jan. 2—(New York Times)—A dispatch to the Daily News from m says:—

most significant of all the new year articles in the German press is 'orwaerts, entitled "Peace Year 1917." It gives an amazingly frank pic- rmany's internal position, attacks the Prussian gospel of force, and e task for the future is to find the road from war socialism to alism. Admitting that it requires courage to describe 1917 as the , the paper says: "Already mortally wounded, the beast of war roars more. His death agony will, perhaps, last for months, and we shall arry on the struggle, but it must be in a double sense a struggle in ainst the enemy and a struggle for peace.

e can be only one more short, final fight and the year 1917 will be st in the history of the world's history, for it will again bring us

uite clear that Vorwaerts is really saying that Germany will have to e soon. It defies the annexationists and militarists in this declara-

ce Peace."

am, Jan. 1, via London—In vspapers received here it is that the King of Bavaria the following army order:

enemy refuses the hand we n in the consciousness of our e shall enforce the peace refuses. We approach with ience the decision which the vill bring us."

an. 2.—(New York Times.) Telegraph's diplomatic cor- rites:

ress comments cabled from s is laid on the point that ment, just forwarded to the allies enlarge on many oblige them to meet by a the German peace proposal give a comprehensive idea proposals would be. The ot entirely well-founded, as sued on Saturday night is a very clear assertion of of nationalities.

I have reason to believe reply of the allies to Presi- is made known, nothing at left of this criticism. It is that the allies will prove as candid and sincere on the le as on the negative side of and that the practical mean- principle of nationalities will ed by them in all its conse-

Roumania and Serbia, all coun- ng large national territories to ave already been informed the aims of the allied govern- t instead of the small change have the full coin under the a very full manifesto."

End of Week

Jan. 2.—The allies' reply to Wilson's note will not, it d, be published until the end eek. The text has been com- d is now being considered by ent cabinets.

NOTE WILSON

, Jan. 2.—The final draft of the the Entente to President Wil- e note, which already has been by France and Great Britain, forwarded to Italy and Russia changes have been suggested from these quarters it is not the note will be delivered to n ambassador in Paris with- time. It may possibly be him tomorrow. However, ade her request at the last at the statement of her case o the reply to the Central similar additions or delays in the case of the note to ilson.

nt form the reply is about ff as the note to the Cen- and has the same char- general and guarded lan- the most important points ation between peace among belligerents and such future as may be made for per- the purpose being to show ders of a future permanent is is attainable.

PORTED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED

Despatches Say Gregory n, Monk, Assassinated

, Jan. 2.—Despatches from and other Petrograd correspon- y that Gregory Rasputin, a Rus- k, who was reputed to exercise and mysterious influence over Nicholas and was said to be man in sympathies, is dead. rding to Reuter's correspondent, in's body was found on the bank of the branches of the River The other correspondents say sputin was assassinated under circumstances. It was recalled e previously Rasputin has been to have been murdered.

CAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

y Jarvis is making arrangements organization of a four team league. He has communicated ee military units in the city and n assured that they will enter All have good talent and the is bright. Mr. Jarvis has been up some fast local players and eat that he will be able to place g sextette on the ice to uphold or of the city. Players aspiring osition on the team are expected out for practise when notified.

"HOLD ON" IS BOAST OF THE KAISER NOW

London, Jan. 2.—Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent sends the following despatch received here from Berlin:

"In the course of a congratulatory new year's message to Empress Augusta Victoria, Emperor William said: 'With thanks to God, with pride in Germany's strength and confidence that the coming year's fighting will bring new victories, we hold on.'"

WM. F. FOWLER DEAD; FORMERLY PROMINENT IN LUMBER BUSINESS

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 2—Wm. F. Fowler, a respected citizen, for many years closely identified with the lumbering industry, died at his home here last night, after a lingering illness. He was a native of Lincoln and was in his eighty-sixth year. In old days he served as boommaster for the Fredericton Boom Company and afterwards carried on lumbering operations on the upper St. John, Tobique and Grand Rivers. For the last five years he had lived in retirement. Mr. Fowler is survived by four sons and one daughter—Harry L., living in Texas; William B., of Monmouth, Maine; Thomas L. and Mrs. E. Bayard Fisher of this city, and Lorne R. of Worcester, Mass.

The York County Council this morning adjourned until afternoon without transacting any business. Warden Stairs made reference to F. St. John Bliss. The council will elect a warden this afternoon, and will probably adjourn for a month to give time to have the county accounts gone into. It is understood that Thomas V. Williams will be engaged to make an audit. Mrs. Agnes Glen is now acting as secretary treasurer.

I. O. G. T. REUNION

A well attended reunion of the I. O. G. T. lodges of the city and county was held last evening in Thorne Lodge hall, Henry McEachern, D. C. T., presiding. There were solos by John McEachern and Henry McEachern and addresses by E. N. Stockford, G. C. T., and J. Barry Allan, D. C. T., of Fredericton. James Keyes, of Loch Lomond, a veteran member of Thorne Lodge, gave a very inspiring address, reviewing the history of the lodge. Games were participated in and a prize for general proficiency was awarded to Mrs. B. L. Kirkpatrick.

On behalf of the lodges represented, J. B. Allan was made recipient of a memento in recognition of his valuable services to the I. O. G. T. while visiting St. John. It is expected that further union meetings of this nature will be held from time to time in addition to the regular meetings of St. John District Lodge.

DR. CELIA ADAMS TOOK OWN LIFE

So Reports Inquest Into Sensational Tragedy in Brookline Last July

Boston, Jan. 2.—Dr. Celia Paine Adams, a young osteopath, who was found dying in her office in Brookline, on July 18, a few hours prior to the fatal shooting of her friend and former instructor, Dr. Wilfred E. Harris, committed suicide by taking poison, according to the report of the inquest filed by Judge Joseph N. Palmer of the Roxbury court. Dr. Adams was the fiancee of Dr. Elbridge D. Atwood, of Woburn, who is now awaiting trial on the charge of murder in connection with the shooting of Dr. Harris.

The report says that "while evidence was produced at the inquiry, which suggested some indefinable connection between Atwood and her death, her death falls far short of indicating that any acts of Atwood or any other person contributed to it."

According to the testimony as reviewed by Judge Palmer, Dr. Adams visited her office on the morning of July 17, and later went out and returned with a package. About midnight a man and woman were seen to enter the building where her office was located and shortly afterward a light appeared in her office window. The light was extinguished an hour later, but no one was seen to leave the building.

Dr. Adams' father testified that he went to her office the next morning and found the door locked and bolted inside. The door was broken open and Dr. Adams was found in a semi-comatose condition. A physician testified that she told him that she had taken an overdose of a narcotic drug. She was taken to a hospital and died within a few hours. Tablets of the drug, which are believed to have caused her death were found in her handbag.

Further testimony showed that Dr. Atwood had visited the hospital to which Dr. Adams was taken and made inquiries as to whether she had said anything about him. The physician who attended Dr. Adams testified that Dr. Atwood had addressed similar inquiries to him. Testimony was also introduced that Dr. Atwood had seen Dr. Adams the night before she died and that she "appeared all right."

MINORS GATHER IN FORCE FOR BASEBALL MEETING

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 2.—Seldom, if ever, have as many minor league magnates gathered at the annual meeting of the National Baseball Commission as are in town today to present grievances and requests to the supreme court of baseball.

While the club presidents of the International League and the American Association made up a large part of this assemblage, yet numerous other minor league club owners and managers put in an appearance yesterday.

CUSTOMS HOUSE CHANGES

When the customs house opened this morning six well known employes were missing from the staff, four having been superannuated at the close of 1916 and two having retired. The four superannuated were John Rogerson, messenger; William A. Doherty, preventive officer; Charles Pidgeon, preventive officer; Peter S. McCart, preventive officer in gauger's department, and the two retiring and receiving the retiring allowance are W. H. Keltie of the record room and J. R. Sugrue of the customs postal department.

Four of their places have already been filled by returned soldiers. Willard Caird Noble has been placed in the Long Room; William J. Coholan has been appointed preventive officer in West St. John; Walter E. Masson and Fred Nice have been appointed messengers.

FRENCH ASSIST ROUMANIANS

The photograph shows special officers of the French army conferring with Roumanian officers at the battle- front.

Up Go Stocks On New York Exchange

New York, Jan. 2—Prices jumped upward on the stock market at the opening today, the so-called war and semi-issues being in especial demand with trading active. Twelve thousand shares of United States Steel sold at 108 to 108 3-4 up 1 3-4 to 2 1-2. Other issues were from 1 to 5 3-4 points higher. Unfavorable prospects for peace seen in the entente note published since the market closed Friday were generally assigned as the reason for the upward movement.

POINTS TO AUSTRIA'S LARGE DEBT INCREASE

New Finance Minister Urges Need of Economy and Promotion of Export Trade

London, Jan. 2—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Amsterdam quotes the following, received there from Vienna:

"Addressing the officials of his department on the subject of the influence of the war on political economy and the regulation of economic affairs with Hungary, Alexander Spitzmueller, the new finance minister, emphasized the urgent need of economy and the promotion of export trade.

"Perhaps the most important concrete fact, said Herr Spitzmueller, had been the extraordinary increase in the state debt, which made the restoration of the monetary standard one of the most important problems. A systematic policy of production would be the chief means of placing the country's political and economical position and its monetary standard on a sound basis again. Herr Spitzmueller further emphasized the necessity that the interest on the war loans be completely covered by fresh sources of revenue, and said that a taxation policy should provide for a just and systematic distribution of the immense cost of the war."

A NEW BRITISH WAR LOAN; BELIEVE INTEREST WILL BE BELOW 6 P. C.

London, Jan. 1.—It is officially announced that the government will cease today to accept further offers for six per cent. exchequer bonds. The newspapers infer from this that the issue of a new war loan is imminent. This prospect is welcomed and the terms of the loan are speculated on, but nothing is known concerning it. The belief is expressed that interest in the loan will certainly be below six per cent.

EXPOSITION CLOSED AFTER TWO YEARS' RUN

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 2—The Panama-California International Exposition closed last midnight after having been open to the public continuously for two years. The attendance during the year is estimated in excess of 2,250,000, slightly under the 1915 record. The main buildings and the landscape effects will be preserved.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Synopsis—The weather is comparatively mild throughout the dominion, except in the far north. There are indications that a storm will develop to the westward of the Great Lakes.

Ottawa Valley—Northerly winds, fair and colder. Wednesday, easterly winds, followed by a snow fall.

Fair and Cold.

Maritime—Strong winds and moderate gales northwest and north, becoming much colder. Wednesday, fair and cold.

New England—Fair tonight and Wednesday; cooler tonight. Rising temperature Wednesday, moderate west winds.

HON. T. C. CASGRAIN LAID AT REST TODAY

Simple Ceremonial in Montreal Church — Large Number at Funeral

Montreal, Jan. 2.—With the simple ceremonial of the Catholic ritual, the funeral service for Hon. Thomas Chase Casgrain took place in the Church of the Gesu this morning. The last rites evoked the presence of leaders of the public, professional and business life of the whole country. The governor-general, the federal and provincial cabinets, the post office department, the local bar, the Bank of Montreal and many local financial institutions were represented by delegations. Even humbler post office employes were present in a body, a delegation of some 300 coming from Quebec City for the occasion.

In accordance with the Jesuit practice, there was a dearth of decoration of mourning. Under the direction of Choirmaster Montet, the Gesu choir sang a mixed mass—the choral selections including old Georgian plain chant, dating from the earliest centuries of Christianity, interspersed with more modern selections from recent masses funebres. Rev. L. Archant, S.J., the rector, officiated, assisted by deacon and sub-deacon. There were many floral and spiritual offerings, the former occupying two large double carriages, which preceded the hearse. There were also a great number of messages of sympathy forwarded to the bereaved family, from every part of the country.

GREEK STEAMER SENT DOWN; LIVES MAY HAVE BEEN LOST

Brest, Jan 2—The Greek steamer Sappho, 2,087 tons, has been torpedoed. Nine of the crew were saved and the fate of the rest is unknown.

INTERNED AUSTRIAN LOSES LIFE IN FIRE

Toronto, Jan. 1.—Fire broke out on Saturday in a building in the internment camp at Laura on the Canadian Northern in Northern Ontario and an Austrian named Powell Kiotory, who insisted on going back into the flames to rescue his belongings, was burned to death. All the others escaped.

Kaiser Is Victorio Neither On Land

New York Paper's Answe Ruler's New Year Mess and Sailors

New York, Jan. 2—In its leading editorial this morning, the Times, under the caption "Enforcing Peace" says:—

"You are victorious in all theatres of war on land and sea," is the Kaiser's New Year's Greeting to his troops, and seamen.

He misinforms them. His victorious navy still lies imprisoned: Its hands are tied, and it is able only to kick out viciously with its submarines. If his navy is victorious, the navy of Great Britain must be defeated, but that defeated navy still rides the sea unchecked, still holds the victorious German navy landlocked.

The dream of whittling down the British navy by submarine attacks until the German fleet could sally forth and meet it on even terms has gone to join the vast wreckage of dreams, beliefs, and prophesies which the war has made.

As fo roamed doms a still sta big om through Its stre grows confide quishe ferenc "If offer stren his whic fuse T war two ag co it.

A YOUNG ST. JOHN HERO

Pte. William Louis Hickey, twenty-two years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Hickey, 14 Sydney street, who was reported in Saturday's Times as having died of wounds in hospital in England. He was hit on October 11. His leg was amputated in an attempt to save his life, but to no avail. He has made the supreme sacrifice for king and country.

LITTLE NEWS OF FIGHTING

Paris, Jan. 2—Skirmishing occurred last night at some points in Le Pretre and Jury Woods, near the Lorraine border. Otherwise, today's official announcement says, the night passed quietly.

In Roumania

London, Jan. 1.—The only news available from Roumania is that furnished by the various communiques. Commentators here regard the offensive of the Central Powers in Moldavia as aimed at turning the flank of the Sereth line. Emphasis is laid on the severe losses the attackers are assumed to have suffered but it is not denied that the movement is becoming serious for the defenders.

It is assumed that the Braila bridgehead, which the Germans say they are attacking, is on the Gurgueti-Ciucia line about ten miles south of Braila. If this should prove true, it is remarked that the invaders must have made rather rapid progress since Saturday.

NEW CHANNEL INTO ST. GEORGE HARBOR OPENED

St. George, Bermuda, Jan. 2—The new channel leading into St. George harbor was opened yesterday by the governor. The day was observed as a general holiday.

prosperous was amply demonstrated by the amounts of money they displayed at the sale of the harbor fishery lots this morning; that they expect to be more so was equally shown by the amounts they were willing to pay for the lots.

The city's total receipts were $8,314.50, which is far in excess of the anticipations of the committee. Last year's total was $5,251.20, and this was three times the amount received in the previous year.

His bidding was brisk and the competition was keen. From the vigor with which the contests for some of the lots were carried on, it was believed that there was something more than mere business rivalry behind the bidding. Every lot offered was sold, although some which are regarded as if little value brought but nominal figures. The highest single purchase was that of Hilton Belyea who paid $3,500 for a group of three Navy Island lots; he also paid $800 for two Courtenay Bay lots.

The sale was conducted by Auctioneer F. L. Potts under the direction of the Fisheries Committee, which is composed of the city commissioners, with Commissioner Russell as chairman. The committee met before the sale and decided on the method of conducting the sale. The arrangement made was that the lots should be offered for sale in the order in which their numbers were drawn from a hat.

The results of the sale were as follows:

	1917.	1916.
1, 2 and 7—H. Belyea,	$3,500.00	$1,731.00
3—A. Lamoreaux....	5.00	5.00
4—A. Lamoreaux....	100.00	81.00
5—A. Lamoreaux....	412.00	375.00
6—A. Lamoreaux....	28.00	12.00
8—Wm. Harned.....	1,127.00	1,004.00
9—L. Silliphant	410.00	320.00
10and 11—F. Belyea,	45.10	5.00
	$5,627.10	$3,533.00

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Seventy-five American engineers who escaped from the Roumanian oil fields during the German invasion, have arrived at Gothenburg on their way home.

NAVAL HEROES OF THE FIGHT AGAINST THE HUNS

The navy is doing its work quietly but effectively. There's many a smart naval scrap, with victory for the British tars, that we never hear about in despatches. The picture shows Lieutenant General Pitcairn Campbell inspecting a whole shipload of such heroes who have just received their rewards.