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**ITALIAN POPULATION NEEDS BREAD BEFORE MUNITIONS**

**Food Shortage Continues Pressing--Refugee Problem Will Remain Acute All Winter--Venice Removes Lace Factories to Rimini.**

Rome, Thursday, Dec. 20.—"One of the very greatest services that could be rendered to Italy now would be the sending over of large quantities of wheat and also corn meal," said Ernest P. Bicknell, director-general of civilian relief of the Red Cross, who has just completed an extensive investigation of Italy's refugee problem. "Italy's wheat shortage is known in the United States, but it is not known how entirely her population, both soldiers and civilians, depend on bread as the principal food. I visited every section of Italy and everywhere was told that the first need was bread, with war munitions second. Also, it must be understood that wheat and not white flour is required, since the Italians are accustomed to baking whole wheat bread, except in certain parts of the north, where corn meal is used.

"The refugee problem will remain acute all this winter. It now is a question of helping to obtain work to make them self-supporting and to see that the family life is not destroyed. Venice offers the first example to all Europe of a scientific handling of refugees by removing families slowly but entirely, and taking along their working tools. Thus, the famous Venetian lace manufacturer now is being carried on at Rimini as it was in Venice, and the same condition applies to the tobacco and the leather factories."

"He was due partly to the efforts of American Consul Caswell at Venice that the refugee movement became complete to the new homes. The Red Cross also contributed to this result by establishing a hospital at Rimini."

**WAR SUMMARY**

**THE DAYS EVENTS REVIEWED**

**T**HE Italians in one sudden stroke recovered nearly all the ground recently lost to the enemy in their mountain wall. The hard-pressed Italian soldiers have never faltered in the fight in the Trentino to save their beautiful country. All parties except the Socialists are giving strong support to the government in this hour of trial. They have called out more reserves to fill the gaps in the worn ranks, and the re-arming of the shattered and restored second army must be about complete. The guns loaned by the British and French have about equalled the power of the Austrian and German massed batteries, so as to enable the defending infantry to hold steadily under the powerful drumfire of the attack.

The recovery of the Italians at Monte Asolone is especially encouraging, for the enemy tripled his forces between Vida and the upper Piave, and on the Asiago Plateau, between the middle of November and the middle of December. At least seven German divisions and an unspecified number of Austrian divisions are attempting to break the mountain barriers. This Trentino sector has high strategic significance. Before the allies undertake an invasion of Austria by way of Trieste and Ljubljana, they must have the lines of the Trentino made absolutely secure. By rights, they should occupy the Tyrol also. The Italian front presents a hard strategic problem, and it has been said that Italy would have been justified in going to war at any time in order to secure a strategic frontier. It would, therefore, much surprise the allied leaders if the enemy should stop his offensive in Italy in order to attack a harder offensive problem in France and Belgium.

The British soldiers are chiefly engaged the raiding parties of the enemy and doing some raiding on their own account. The British air service, trained in striking power since last February, keeps up the offense. It is spotting, scouting, bombing, fighting, throughout the winter days. It still retains the superiority over the enemy, and the losses among the airmen have steadily diminished, implying an improvement in the type of aircraft now furnished. The naval air service is also having good practice for bigger events in its continuous raiding policy over Belgium.

In Russia the Ukrainians have gained control of Odessa and have joined General Kaledines, leader of the Cossack

**GERMANY MUST HAVE COLONIES RESTORED**

**They Are Essential to Her Future Economic Welfare, German Public Man States.**

London, Dec. 21.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa agency)—German anxiety regarding Germany's economic future is being constantly revealed. Lecturing at Bremen, Dr. Karstadt, one of the best known speakers of the German Colonial Society, said: "When our millions of soldiers return from the war they must be provided with bread and work. But how if raw material is lacking, for example cotton? The problem is acute, owing to the closer economic union of the British Empire."

Dr. Karstadt declared that Turkey could not satisfy Germany's hunger for raw materials. Germany must have a Central Africa stretching from the Atlantic to the Indian Ocean. Hence Germany must recover her colonies and enlarge them. She must also construct essential naval bases. Dr. Karstadt concluded by picturing German submarines operating as far as Aden.

**SIR FREDERICK SMITH TO SPEAK AT NEW YORK**

**British Attorney-General to Deliver Annual Address to New York State Bar Association.**

New York, Dec. 21.—Sir Frederick Edwin Smith, K.C., Master of the Bench, will deliver the annual address at the meeting of the New York State Bar Association in this city on January 11. It was announced tonight. Orrin N. Carter, chief justice of the Supreme Court of Illinois, will read a paper.

The Duke of Devonport, governor-general of Canada, and Ambassador Jusserand of France, will speak at the annual dinner January 12, which will be the occasion of "A Patriotic demonstration in support of the war," at which Secretary of State Lansing, the ambassadors of Great Britain, Italy, Japan, and the Belgian minister will be guests.

**HAMILTON NEWS**

**HAMILTON AVOIDS ELECTION FIGHT**

**No Civic Contest Unless Last Minute Candidates Come Out.**

The Independent Labor party will, however, countenance no eleventh-hour decisions. At a meeting of the executive committee held last night, it was decided that, in event of no other candidates being brought forward, the party should not stand for further representation in the council this year, but that if there was a contest for the board of control, or the City Council, members were opposed, then the Labor organization would name candidates for board of control, aldermanic board and hydro board.

Will Ratify the Deal. The council will meet in special session to ratify the recommendation of the special railway committee that a five-year lease on Mountain Park property, between Sherman avenue and Gage avenue, be granted the T. & E. Railway. All members of the council believe that this action is preferable to expropriation of the property by the company. The council will wind up the year's business on Wednesday evening.

Crises by Sights in Halifax. Melancholia, brought on by witnessing the terrible scenes in the City of Halifax caused by the explosion, is responsible for the suicide of Dr. Nathan Shacknov, whose parents reside at 12 West Charlton avenue, Hamilton, and whose body was found hanging in his office at Whitney Pier, N.S. Dr. Shacknov, who was one of the first to arrive in Halifax to render aid, was at the staff of the local City Hospital, and for a time practised on Elm Barton street before going to Nova Scotia. A wife and child, besides his parents, survive. The body will be brought to this city for interment.



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**COUNTERFEITING PLANT SEIZED AT NEW YORK**

**American Secret Service Agents Unearth Largest Apparatus Yet Found.**

New York, Dec. 21.—What was said to be the largest counterfeiting plant ever unearthed in this city was raided tonight by the United States secret service, who arrested six men. Under Chief Wm. J. Flynn the secret service men had been on the trail of the alleged counterfeiters for the last eight months.

The plant, which was in West Broadway in lower New York, had been working night and day for the last week, Chief Flynn said. The counterfeiters planned, according to federal agents, to float \$1,000,000 of the spurious money thru confederates operating thruout the United States, to whom the notes were to be sold at \$5 each. None of the product of the plant had been put in circulation, although packages of counterfeit bills had been mailed to various cities. All were seized in postoffices.

A printing press weighing more than a ton was used in printing the bills, and one of the men arrested is proprietor of a job printing establishment. Paper, acids and plates also were seized.

**ALLIES RECOGNIZE RADA.**

**Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—The entente allied powers, according to The Vossische Zeitung of Berlin, on Dec. 20 accredited legations to the government of the Ukraine.**

**QUEBEC WILL REMAIN IN CONFEDERATION**

**Only Narrow Minds Seek Separation, Montreal Gazette Declares.**

Montreal, Dec. 21.—The Gazette does not regard seriously the proposition to separate Quebec from the other provinces. It will say, editorially, tomorrow: "Mr. Francoeur, member for Lotbiniere in the legislative assembly, has given notice of his intention to propose that Quebec should declare its readiness to secede from the federation if, in the opinion of the other provinces, this province is an obstacle to the union and progress and development of Canada. Such a declaration requires little comment. It is the product of a narrow mind, and others with narrow minds may be left to become excited over it. The wise and solid opinion of Quebec can be depended upon to treat it according to its insignificance."

**CANADIAN RAILWAYMEN DO IMPORTANT WORK**

**Troops Carry Up Light Railway Systems to Gun Positions.**

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The importance of the work being done by the Canadian railway troops is indicated by a brief report issued thru the militia department. The report states that part of the work of the railway corps consists in extending light railway systems to enable ammunition to be carried up to new gun positions. When an advance of any distance is made, necessitating a change of gun positions, the railways have to be extended accordingly. These light railway lines are constructed by the troops, as well as sidings for hospitals, bakeries, garages and quarries. Work of very great importance has sometimes to be done under heavy German shell fire. The director of light railway work some time ago reported favorably on the work of the Canadian railway troops.

**LAURIER'S BEST PLACE IS OPPOSITION LEADER**

**Montreal Gazette Thus Disposes of Proposal Give Sir Wilfrid Portfolio.**

Montreal, Dec. 21.—With reference to the suggestion that Sir Wilfrid Laurier might be offered a place in the Union government and the intimation from Ottawa that the offer is not likely to be made, The Gazette will say tomorrow: "Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who, in spite of his wrong policy and his defeat, was an upstanding figure during the campaign and will not be a negligible figure in the future, will be best in his old place as leader of the opposition."

**SERGEANT LACEY'S PLATFORM.**

**Chas. T. Lacey, the soldier candidate for first deputy reeve of York Township Council at the forthcoming election, outlined his platform at a meeting of the Mount Dennis ratepayers in Dennis Avenue School, Mount Dennis, last evening.**

**EXCHANGE OF COURTESIES.**

**Peterburg, Thursday, Dec. 20.—The British, Danish, French and Belgian consuls have visited Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, and arranged to extend with Russia courtesies to official couriers.**

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**GERMANS CLAIM HONORS OF WAR IN EAST AFRICA**

**Say British Have Little Cause for Rejoicing Over Result of This Campaign.**

London, Dec. 21.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa agency)—The German press is adopting the inspired attitude that the honors of war as regards the East African campaign rest with the Germans. The Cologne Gazette says: "There is little reason for rejoicing in London and elsewhere. Lettow Verbeck is not yet vanquished. We hope he will still hold out a long time. If after his immortal deeds he should be compelled to lower his flag and our last colony should thus really be lost, our enemies must know that the pledges which we hold in Europe will thereby be made only doubly precious. With these pledges we shall win back the tropical soil we need and intend to have for our future economic life."

**PEASANTS VOTE AGAINST POLICY OF BOLSHEVIKI**

**With Lenine Present, Congress Condemns Great of Members of Constituent Assembly.**

New York, Dec. 21.—A cablegram saying that the peasant congress in Russia adopted a resolution protesting against the policy of the Bolsheviks in arresting members of the constituent assembly was received here today by the Jewish Daily Forward from its Petrograd correspondent. The message reads: "The constituent assembly was held today by the Jewish Daily Forward from its Petrograd correspondent. The message reads: 'A very important sitting of the peasant congress was held today. Premier Lenine in person addressed the congress and in a lengthy speech defended the attitude of the Bolsheviks toward the constituent assembly. He justified the arrest of the members of the assembly, and said that the labor council ought to be considered the highest authority. 'Notwithstanding Lenine's presence the congress passed a resolution protesting against the policy of the Bolsheviks with a vote of 380 to 221.'"

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