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THE LONDON ADVERTISER, LONDON, ONTARIO, THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 20, 1917. NEW PEACE OFFER COMING FROM CENTRAL POWERS

TEUTONIC PLUNGES AGAINST DIAZ LINE ARE CRUMPLED BY ITALY AND ALLIES

Seventh Day of Battle Between the Brenta and Piave Finds Line Firmly Holding Against Austro-German Invaders, Who Are Thrown Back.

Rome, Tuesday, Dec. 18.—The Italian war office today issued the foreign statement on military operations:

"Yesterday, the seventh day of the battle between the Brenta and the Plave, the enemy concentrated his efforts almost exclusively on the Monte Solarolo salient. At 11 o'clock in the morning, after several hours of the morning, after several hours of the most violent fire, extending from the Col dell Orso to Porte di Salton, columns of infantry from the northeast and the northwest were launched sgainst our position.

"The former, which advanced from the southeastern slope of Monte Spinonci, was caught by our artillery, and a most effective and concentrated fire from French batteries. It was forced to stop and give up the attempt before

UKRAINE RULERS DEFY 'RED' GOVT. OF LENINE GANG

Rada Refuses To Permit the Passage of Bolsheviki Troops.

Tcheliabinsk Junction, on the Trans-Siberian Railway, Reported Captured.

London, Dec. 20 .- The Boishevikl Government, according to Petrograd advices, has sent an ultimatum to the Ukrainian Rada. It demands that within 48 hours a decision be made whether the Ukraine will cease to assist Gen. Kaledines by sending him troops while forbidding passage to Bolsheviki Government troops, and also whether it will stop disarming troops in the Ukraine. In case of refusal the Rada will be considered at war with the Congress of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates.

Petrograd, Wednesday, Dec. 19.—The tada, the governing body of the lkraine, has sent a negative answer to he ultimatum of the council of people's appropriate the Poleshaultt. ommissaries, the Bolsheviki Govern-

The Ukrainian Rada and the Bolshe The Ukrainian Rada and the Bolshe-riki Government in Petrograd have been at odds since the successful revo-lution of the Maximalists early in No-lember. The ultimatum referred to probably is the demand made by the Bolsheviki that the Rada permits roops to go through the Ukraine to aid in putting down the Kaledines revolt. In its official announcement concern

ing the counter-revolution, and since hat time, the Bolsheviki Government has claimed that the Ukraine was aid-ing the Cossacks and the Constitutional

Petrograd, Wednesday, Dec. 19.— Orenburg Cossacks opposing the Bol-sheviki have occupied Tcheliabinsk, a junction on the Trans-Siberian Rail-road, according to a report received by the Den. The Bolsheviki Government two weeks ago reported that Tcheliablnsk was being besieged by troops under Gen. Dutoff, hetman of the Ural Cos-

Gen. Dutoff, hetman of the Ural Cos-sacks, and one of the leaders of the counter-revolution. The town is 360 miles northeast of Orenburg and 125 miles west of the Siberian border. The Trans-Siberian Railroad is joined here from the north by a railroad line run-ning through Perm and Ekaterinburg.

THE WAR SITUATION

n Petrograd and the Ukrainlan Rada as refused to obey an ultimatum presented by the Bolsheviki Government. Disorders in the capital, due, it is said, the looting of wine cellars and shops, made necessary the proclamation of a state of slege.

been cordial. The Ukraine has refused to permit Maximalist troops to cross its territory to attack Gen. Kaledines and several days ago Bolsheviki troops SUCCESS FOR COSSACKS attacked the Rada as it was sitting in Odessa, and were defeated by Ukrainian troops. The Bolsheviki Government has accused the Ukrainian Rada of being friendly to the Constitutional Democrats and the Cossacks, the main factors behind the counter-revolution.

Cossacks Take Rostov. Rostov-on-the-Don recently reported cording to another recent rumor, had as follows: been arrested by his own officers. The Cossack jeader, according to a dispatch reaching London from Petrograd, has proposed to the Bolsheviki that civil strife come to an end by declaring the B. Columbia12 independence of the Don territory and providing against Maximalists inter-

Between Monte Grappa and the place in Nelson riding (2) Hallfax City (two seats). the Italians are resisting desperately renewed Austro-German efforts to retire to new positions when the in southern end of the Plave line the several attempts to cross the river. Where Will Drive Be.

On the western front the Germans of where their advertised drive is to The German guns continue to pagne areas, and enemy raiding parties are harassing the British and French soldiers. Enemy raids have been repulsed by the British in the Arras area and northeast of Ypres, while the French have repulsed an attack at Pagnerallie northwest of Yerdun Ger.

More money will be needed if this

pared with the previous week. The number of ships of more than 1,600 tons remained stationary, the reduction be-ing in vessels under 1,600 tons.

Bowlby Stands By Guns Refusing To Retract His Election Charge

THE WEATHER
TONGROW—FAIN.
TONG



SCENE AMONG HALIFAX RUINS

Two sailors digging for bodies, the one ne finally found.

Relations between the Ukraine and the Bolsheviki Government have not Returns Incomplete, But Are Not Expected to Change

Winnipeg, Dec urns from the four constituencies Western Canada which have been doubt would seem to indicate that Bat-tle River and Bow River (Alberta) have elected the Opposition candidates. It is not considered probable that returns still to come in from outlying polls Rostov-on-the-Don recently reported captured by the Bolsheviki, is now said to have been occupied Monday by the Cossacks of Gen. Kaledines, who, ac-

Govern- Opposi-

Totals 52 3 1
Elections will take place on January
28 next of one member for the Yukon,
on which date elections also will take place in Nelson riding (Manitoba) and

Military Situation Dimmed by Russ Collapse.

London, Dec. 20 .- Speaking in the House of Commons today, David Lloyd George, the British prime minister, said that the margin of losses at sea was narrowing. The sinkings by submarines, he declared, was decreasing, while shipbuilding was in-

The premier said the sinking of The premier said the sinking of submarines was increasing. Although the merchant tonnage was down by 20 per cent, he added, the loss had been only six per cent of imports over that of last year.

Regarding the military situation, Mr. Lloyd George said it was idle to pretend that the hopes formed had realized. This disappointment he attributed to the Russian collapse.

break through the hills to the plains. The Italians, after withstanding strong attacks and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, were forced to retire to new positions when the last control of the positions when the last control of the positions when the last control of the last contro MUST BE GENEROUS TO MAKE SOLDIERS' KIDDIES HAPPY

Austro-Germans have been checked in Only One More Day to Contribute and Not Nearly Enough Has Been Secured for Gre at War Veterans' Plans.

border, including the Ypres and Cham- ever planned for London kiddies. It is and northeast of Ypres, while the Saturday at 1:30.

The Ukraine (which means a frontier) is part of the old Kingdom of Poland. It is made up of parts of the governments of Poltava, Kiev, Podolia, Kharkov, Ekaterinosiav and Kherson. These government have a pombined area of about 120,000 square miles, and a population of about 25,000,000.

A COSSACK SUCCESS. Petrograd, Wednesday, Dec. 19.—Petrograd, Wednesday, Dec. 19.—Petrograd, Wednesday, Dec. 19.—Petrograd, Wednesday, Dec. 19.—Partograd, Wednesday and Mercanday at 1:30.

Hortograd, A. Cossacks and De The Advertiser.

A substantial donation to the fund was made today by the Overseas Chapter, I. O. D. E. in the form of goods valued at \$100. Other contributions were:

Campbell Becher Chapter, I. O. D. E. \$ 5 00.

Overseas Chapter, I. O. D. E. 5 00.

Lieut, W. L. Aiken 5 00

From a soldier's mother 1 00.

Nursing Sister Burke 1 00.

H. Taylor 1 00 The Advertiser.

Only one day remains in which Lon- Great War Veterans' Association headdoners by contributing to the Great quarters on Richmond street, near bombard various sectors along the War Veterans' Christmas tree fund can King, and will probably be led by the front from the North Sea to the Swiss aid one of the biggest entertainments band of the 1st Depot Battalion, W. O. R. Santa Claus has been enlisted in the work, and has been granted an honorary membership in the association. He will be the chief figure in the procession, and is also likely to be the centre of interest at the armories where he will take charge of affairs.

All the members of the Great War veterans Association will be present. Veterans Association will be present as well as a number of citizens. Major Hume Cronyn, M.P., and Mayor H. A. Stevenson will give short addresses.

MISS ESTHER CLEVELAND TO WED CAPT. BOSANQUET

London, Dec. 20.—The engagement is announced of Esther, daughter of Grover Cleveland, former president of the United States, to Capt. Bosanquet of the Coldstream Guards. Capt. Bosan-quet, a son of Sir Albert Bosanquet, has been decorated with the Distinguished Miss Cleveland came to London in June of last year, after having qualified as a nurse and instructor of the blind, and took up work as a volunteer at St. Dunstan's Home for Blinded Soldiers.

British Premier Says Hopes of UNCLE SAM STARTS FIRST OF BIG FLEET TO BEAT U-BOATS

Twenty-eight Vessels Will Be Under Construction at the Same Time.

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 20.-Marking the actual beginning of production of RAILWAY STATIONS OF standardized 5,000-ton steel cargo ships for the United States Government, Chas.

ties reported in the week ending today totalled 17,976 officers and Officers wounded or missing, 1,039; men, 13,425.

R. Page of the United States shipping board, today drove the first rivet in the

LAST MEMBER OF OLD PIONEER FAMILY OF WEST LONDON DIES AFTER 87 YEARS' RESIDENCE HERE

Death on Wednesday Evening Removes Another Link With London of Past.

The death occurred on Wednesday evening at the home of Guy Guymer, 120 Wharncliffe road, of one of London's oldest and best known citizens William Frederick Peters, the last of the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Peters of Grosvenor Lodge, He was ailing for the past two or three weeks, and confined to his room for some days. Up to that time he had been remarkably vigorous for a man of his age and his intellect was keen to the very last.

A funeral service will be conducted. by Rev. Dr. Sage in St. George's Church, West London, of which he had been a member since its inception, at 2:30 o'clock on Friday afternoon. In-

TEUTONS WILL MAKE OFFER OF PEACE TO ENTENTE NATIONS, BERLIN INFORMS RUSS GOVT.

London, Dec. 20 .- Speaking in the Commons today, Lloyd George announced that Great Britain would insist upon restoration of all territory and compensation for damage done.

WILD MOMENTS WHEN FIRE DRIVES GUESTS FROM TORONTO HOTEL

Fifty Persons, Half-Clad, Chased Into Street by Sudden Blaze.

Toronto, Dec. 20 .- Fifty persons, nearhalf of them women, were forced into e street in their night attire when fire e street in their night attire when he oke out in the Cadillac Hotel here, yout 7:15 this morning. The blaze is dieved to have been caused by sponneous combustion in a pile of rubbish ar the north wall in the basement total damage will not exceed \$500. All the excitement was crowded into yout ten minutes. From the fire the court and rear and down front from the court and rear and down front the second second and court front and rear and down front the second area. ten minutes. From the es, front and rear and down front es, front and rear and down front clambered half-cla

sion of who would participate in the negotiations.

WEEK 17,976

Officers killed or died of wounds,

ENEMY WELL BOMBED

Morning Chronicle, discussing editor ially the scope of the court of Inquiry into the Mont Blanc-Imo collision, "under what authority the Mont Blanc was allowed to approach the Narrows, proceeding inward towards Bedford Basin, at the very moment when the Imo was outward bound. The payal authorities as we know control. first of these vessels at a large shipyard near here, which has been rushed to completion in 76 days. The keels of two similar vessels are to be laid this month. The program of the private corporation building the ships calls for the completion of 150 of the carge heats in naval authorities as we know, control the movement of all snips inward and outward bound. "It is imperative that the public poration building the ships calls for the completion of 150 of the cargo boats in the least possible time. The yards where this work is being done are so arranged that 28 of the vessels will soon be under construction at the same time.

"In air fighting two German machines were brought down in our lines and two others were driven down out of control. One of our machines is missing."

"It is imperative that the public should know by whose authority the law was ordered to leave her anchorage in Bedford Basin at a time when it must have been plain to the competent naval authorities that the two of control. One of our machines is missing."

AUSTRIAN CHILDREN

LACK OF FOODSTUFFS Hundreds of Little Ones Being

Clothed and Fed by Swiss.

GREAT SUFFERERS BY

Geneva, Switzerland, Tuesday, Dec. 18.—Living proofs of the terrible economic conditions in Austria were furnished yesterday by the arrival at Buchs on the frontier, of 576 pale and

Central Powers About To Once More Approach Allies With Peace Proposal-Petrograd Working To Same End.

Petrograd, Wednesday, Dec. 19 .- According to press reports. Russia has been informed by the central powers that they intend to make peace proposals to the Allies.

This report is published in the Evening Post, which says the representatives of the central powers, at the first preliminary peace conference with the Russians, held yesterday, announced that their governments intended on principle to put the question of peace before all the powers, and that they had asked their allies to do likewise. Russia was requested to take similar steps. It is stated that the Russians are endeavoring by all means to sound the Allies.

NO ANNEXATIONS OR INLEMNITIES. Petrograd, Dec. 19.—The Evening Post says the Germans have officially informed the Bolsheviki headquarters that the central powers are ready to consider the arrangement of peace on the basis of no annexations and no indemnities, but pointed out that self-definition of nations

was impracticable. The representatives of the central powers informed the Russians they were ready to discuss peace preliminaries, but desired to know the results of Russia's efforts to induce the Allies to join in the negotiations before proceeding with them. They said this point of view might be changed, however, and that they might be willing to discuss peace with Russia alone. The Germans were of opinion that the Russian armistice might influence the other fronts.

The first conference was devoted merely to a discus-

CASUALTIES FOR HALIFAX CHRONICLE BORDEN GOVERNMENT DEMANDS PUBLICITY FAILED TO PREPARE IN EXPLOSION CASE FRENCH - CANADIANS FOR SERVICE BILL

Wants to Know Who Ordered Imo to Leave Harbor. Did Not Use Proper Means for Halifax, N. S., Dec. 20 .- "The pub-

the Introduction of lic have the right to know," says the Conscription.

UNION PRESS INSULTED

Sauve Says Govt. Used It to Influence Racial Prejudice.

Quebec, Dec. 20.—The elections Quebec show the triumphs of Bourships would meet in or near the narrow channel which leads from the inner harbor to the Basin."

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security in future to ascertain why a proper patrol was not ruaintained by naval craft to keep the course clear for the munition ship. The naval autor to accept conscription. There was thorities have a large number of boats of various sorts at their command in this harbor, but so far as we have learned, none of them were employed in escorting the Mont Blanc on her way to Bedford Basin."

There was to creating the wast no organization. Furthermore, certain English newspapers from the West never stopped insulting and provoking this province, and suggesting the conscription act as a way to reduce and scription act as a way to reduce and annihilate the province of Quebec. It the other province of Quebec. In the other provinces the Government succeeded in controlling all the newspapers for its support. In Quebec it was quite the contrary. Why was this? Was it done with an intention? A certain English element, Tory and Grit, desired Quebec to be against conscription and the Government, so as to make use of it to inflame prejudices. Sir Robert Borden, who is not a fanatic, was unable to prevent this

dices. Sir Robert Borden, who is not a fanatic, was unable to prevent this unfortunate situation any more than Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who could not control his leaders in this province. The people were exploited for the purpose of winning the election.

New Trend Necessary.

"A new trend of thought is necessary for the entire country, together with a more national system of education, and a civil spirit more adequate to our position as citizens of Canada and as British subjects," he said.

"Above all let us be national Canadians instead of provincial Canadians. Our Canadianism must comprehend all the duties appertaining to a great economist country, and forming part of the Dritish English and leant part of