

FIGHTING WILL RAGE ALL DAY ON CHRISTMAS

With the British armies in France, Dec. 19.—Thousands upon thousands of packages from "home" are pouring in for the soldiers of the British empire fighting in France, as harbingers of Christmas, but the usually glad season of "peace on earth, good will to men," will bring no cessation of hostilities this year, and Christmas day promises to go down in history as just another twenty-four hours of ceaseless shelling and war activity all along the line.

Through rain, fog and darkness, by day and night, the British guns ceaselessly pound the German trenches. Prisoners recently captured say that the effect of the everlasting drumming of the guns almost drove them insane. Captured letters written from the trenches also speak of the terrors of the constant shelling. "Death is far better than this," wrote one private to his wife.

CHAPMAN, NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR BEAT JUDGES TO DECISION

Selected and Purchased at Poultry Show Prize Winning Geese and Ducks

Mr. E. R. Chapman, Director of National Service for Military District Ten has a joke over the Dressed Poultry Association.

Mr. Chapman strolled into the show shortly after it was opened last week before the judges had been the rounds, and purchased a pair of geese and a pair of ducks.

When he returned for the goods, he found that the geese had been awarded first prize for the best pair of geese, and the ducks, a first prize for the best pair of ducks.

Mr. Chapman's little joke is that he must possess unexpected qualities as a judge of poultry or that the judges and ducks by purchasing them, influenced the judges in making the awards.

FRENCH OCCUPY CHAMBRELLES FARM NORTH OF VERDUN

Paris, Dec. 19.—French troops have regained the entire occupancy of the Chambrelles farm, northeast of Verdun, and about the centre of their advance of last week. The prisoners taken in the latest French thrust on the Verdun front now total more than 11,000, and in addition, 115 cannon and 197 machine guns captured or destroyed. Several German offensive attempts in the Somme region were repulsed on Sunday and Monday.

German Version

Berlin, Dec. 19.—French troops yesterday undertook an advance in the neighborhood of Rheims, the war office announces. They were repulsed by German fire.

Paris, Dec. 19.—In the region of Buzou, Berlin states, the soldiers of Field Marshal von Mackensen have been successful in minor engagements. Petrograd asserts that in the region of the Filippit railroad station, east of Buzou, hostile attacks were arrested. The Babadagh-Pednaga line, about forty miles north of the Tchernavoda-Constanza railway, has been crossed by the Teutonic troops, who have now re-taken virtually all the ground they held during their previous advance in northern Dobruja. The advance in Dobruja brings the forces of the central powers near the important railroad and storage centres of Ibraila and Galati.

On the western Moldavian frontier the Russians have taken two ridges of heights, according to Petrograd. One ridge was in the Uzul valley and the other east of Glashutte, where more than 200 prisoners were captured.

Except for the repulse of the Russian attacks by the Austro-Germans near Lutsk, in Volhynia, and near Zboroff, in Galicia, there has been little activity on the other battle fronts.

Berlin Statement

Berlin, Dec. 19.—(Official).—The capture of more than 1000 Russians and Roumanians on the Roumanian front is announced.

The Russians and Roumanians in Dobruja continuing the retreat are approaching the lower Danube.

EXTEND WARM WELCOME PTE GREEN DESPITE COLD

Wounded Soldier Greeted by Many on Arrival—Had to be Carried from Train

Despite the intensely cold weather of Monday night, the arrival of one of Brandon's most badly stricken returned soldiers was not forgotten by members of the Brandon Returned Soldiers' Reception Association, and other citizens.

Pte. J. W. Green, accompanied by his brother, T. Green, who joined him at Winnipeg, was given a cordial reception. Unfortunately, he is not in condition to exert himself very much in responding to the kindly greetings of his friends.

He was carried from railway coach to the depot where he was welcomed, and then he was carried to a waiting automobile and was taken straight to his home without going first to the reception rooms, which is customary on such occasions.

DATE FOR OPENING PARLIAMENT NOT SET

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—A minister of the Crown states that the date of the opening of parliament has not as yet been formally considered. The general belief is that the house will assemble either on January 18th or 25th. The departmental estimates for the next fiscal year will be ready for consideration as soon as the debate on the address is disposed of. Parliament will be asked to pass a war vote of at least \$250,000,000.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET ERRATIC

Advance of Seven Cents on Early Reports Lloyd George Speech—Some Reaction

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Excited advances of more than seven cents a bushel today in the price of wheat resulted from reports that the speech of the

supported the answer given to Germany by Russia and France. On the whole the market reached as high as before the peace proposal was made by Germany a week ago.

May delivery, the chief trading option, ascended to 171 1/4 as against 164 1/4 to 164 3/4 at yesterday's close, a jump of 7 to 7 1/4. At this stage selling increased and the market began to react.

Brokerage reports received later to the effect that in discussing Germany peace offer, Lloyd-George had left the door open for Berlin to make a definite statement of terms, sent the wheat market down-grade rapidly in the last half hour of trading. May wheat fell to 165 1/4, a drop of 6 1/4 from the topmost point.

Weak at Close

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—Winnipeg wheat closed 1c up for December and 1c higher for May.

Oats gained 1/4c in December and 1/2c in May.

Barley was unchanged to 1 1/2c up.

Flax was 1/4c to 1c lower.

Minneapolis wheat gained 1 1/4c in December and May and 1 1/2c in July.

Chicago wheat dropped 1/4c in December, gained 1/4c in May and 1/4c in July.

The close of all markets was round the low points of the day.

ICE RACE MATINEE CHRISTMAS DAY

The Assiniboine river from the asylum bend to the Hanbury saw mill is being cleared off today in preparation for the annual Christmas and New Year's horse races. Several new horses will face the starter, as well as performers that have appeared before the public on previous occasions. The following are expected to be in readiness for the different events, which are scheduled to start promptly at 2:15 p.m.

Free-for-all—Wayne Elder, Sam Nixon; Happy Jack, John McGregor; Broncho Bill, S. H. Chambers; Rena Patch, W. E. Strange; Ralph C. W. L. McGregor.

A Class—Cecilian Bill, J. K. Pelton; Phil Patch, W. E. Strange; Elsie L. Wm. Sloan; Remand, W. L. McGregor; May be Good, Dr. Fisher.

B Class—Stephen Wilson, R. E. Rice; McKidd, A. McDonald; Oakland Boy, Robt. Flock; Lady Gold, Dennison Bros.; Dan, Pete Johnson; Irish Boy; Blazee Geers, Lon Nelles.

Starter, Dr. Cox.

Judges, T. B. Hughes, Harry Ferris, W. I. Elder.

END OF WAR MUST BE GUARANTEE AGAINST PRUSSIAN MILITARISM

Lloyd George's First Address in House of Commons Since Becoming Prime Minister, Deals Broadly with Peace Proposals, War and War Measures, and Plainly States Only Terms on Which Britain and Allies Will Consider Peace

London, Dec. 19.—Premier Lloyd George said in the House of Commons today that it was felt that they should know before entering on negotiations that Germany was prepared to accede to only terms whereon it was possible for peace to be obtained and maintained in Europe. The Premier said that without reparation peace would be impossible.

After declaring that peace without reparation was impossible, the Premier asked whether "all the outrages on land and sea had been liquidated by a few pious phrases about humanity."

No Proposals for Peace Received.

Lloyd George said there were no proposals for peace. To enter into proposals of which they had no knowledge was to put their heads into a noose with the rope end in the hands of Germany.

Much as the Entente Allies longed for it, the Premier added, the Central Powers' note and the speech preceding it afforded small encouragement and hope for an honorable and lasting peace.

Mr. Lloyd George said: "Our answer will be given in full accord with our Allies. Each of the Allies separately and independently, arrived at the same conclusion. I am glad of the first answer given by France and Russia."

Mr. Lloyd George said the Allies would insist that the only end of the war must be a complete guarantee against Prussian militarism disturbing the peace of Europe. The formal reply of the Allies, the Premier announced, will be given in the course of a few days.

The Premier said: "We will wait until we hear what terms and guarantees there are surer than those which Germany broke. Meanwhile we put our trust in our unbroken army."

Keep Steadfast Eye on Purpose in Entering the War

The Premier analyzed the German Chancellor's speech and then declared emphatically: "Without reparation peace is impossible. Moreover what guarantee is there that subterfuges will not be used in future to overthrow any treaties of peace into which we might now enter."

"We must keep a steadfast eye on the purpose for which we entered the war. We entered it to defend Europe from aggression of the Prussian military caste. We must insist that there be the most complete guarantees against this caste ever again disturbing the peace of Europe."

"Prussia has been a bad neighbor. Now that the war has really been undertaken, it would be folly not to see to it that this swash-buckling through the streets of Europe and this disturbance of peaceful citizens was dealt with here and now as the most serious offense against the law of nations."

"Anyone who wantonly prolongs this conflict has a crime on his soul which oceans of tears could not cleanse," the Premier declared. "But anyone who abandons the struggle without attaining the object would be even more guilty. Are we likely to attain our purpose by accepting the German proposals? If so, the proposals would be to put our hands into a noose. History's example cautions us to regard the proposal with disgust."

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ALLIES CANNOT CONSIDER PEACE OFFER SERIOUSLY

Paris, Dec. 19.—Premier Briand announced in the senate today that the entente allies tomorrow would send a concerted reply making known to the central powers that it is impossible to take their request for peace seriously.

ACTING HEALTH OFFICER WINS HUTCHINSON MEDAL

Heading the list of recipients of degree awarded by the University of Manitoba is the name of T. H. Williams, now acting temporarily as medical officer of health in this city during the absence of Dr. E. S. Bolton.

Dr. Williams won the Hutchinson gold medal for the highest aggregate obtained during his five years' course. He had already been made acquainted with the result when congratulated by The Sun on his successful achievement this morning, but modestly forebore speaking of his previous scholastic successes and attainments.

Dr. Williams' home is in Winnipeg where his parents reside. He received his education at Winnipeg and is of Canadian birth. He is a brother of Mrs. Bolton.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL FIX PRICES ON HOME GROWN WHEAT

London, Dec. 19.—Sir Richard W. Grey, Under-Secretary of State for Agriculture, announced today in the House of Commons that the government would fix the price for home-grown wheat for the season of 1916-17.

BRANDON MARKETS	
(Wholesale Prices)	
Wednesday, December 20, 1916.	
Potatoes, per bushel	\$1.40
Beef, dressed carcass, per lb.	10 1/2
Pork, dressed carcass, per lb.	14
Veal, dressed carcass, per lb.	10 1/2
Chicken, dressed, per lb.	20
Geese, dressed, per lb.	24
Ducks, dressed, per lb.	20
Turkeys, dressed, per lb.	25
Butter, per lb.	35
Eggs, new laid, per dozen	45
Hay, baled, per ton	12.00

CARRY ON WAR TO THE LAST MAN AND LAST SHILLING

London, Dec. 19.—In the house of lords today the Marquis of Crewe, the government leader, said: "We must carry on the war to the last man and the last shilling."

CELEBRATE DIAMOND WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. Welburn Leeson, who will on Saturday, Dec. 23rd, celebrate sixty years of happy wedded life.

TO CELEBRATE DIAMOND WEDDING ON SATURDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Welburn Leeson, a hale and hearty couple of over four-score years, will on Saturday, Dec. 23rd, celebrate their diamond wedding, after sixty years of happy wedded life, and are receiving the congratulations and good wishes of a host of friends. Much interest has been evinced in this celebration, as very few of such have taken place in this city. They are both enjoying splendid health on this occasion and may well look forward to other joyous celebrations of this nature. Mr. and Mrs. Leeson reside at the home of their daughter, Mrs. J. Willison, of 244 Third street, where they will be "at home" to their numerous friends on their anniversary day from three to five o'clock in the afternoon and from eight to ten in the evening.

At the age of seventeen years, Mr. Leeson came to Canada from Lincolnshire, England, settling near Aylmer, Ontario, where he engaged in farming. A few years later, at the age of twenty years, Mrs. Leeson, then Miss Sarah Anne Atkin, journeyed to Canada and also settled near Aylmer, coming from the same county in England. The young couple met and were married in the year 1856. In the year 1891 they came to Manitoba, later moving to the vicinity of Brandon, and have resided in and around this city for twenty years.

There are two members of the family of three living at present, Mrs. J. Arnold of Wetaskiwin, Alta., and Mrs. J. Willison. Their only son died a couple of years ago.

The above photograph was taken very recently.

WOMEN EXHIBITORS AT POULTRY SHOW SECURED AWARDS

Exhibitors at the Brandon Dressed Poultry show have wended their way to their respective homes; the last bird has been sold; the awards placed and distributed; and the management of the Brandon Dressed Poultry show are congratulating themselves, justly, that the 1916 show was the most successful show ever held in the history of the association. A rather striking feature of this year's event was the number of women who appeared with their exhibits and successfully competed with all comers in carrying away some of the principal awards. In the bulk exhibit Mrs. H. Walker, of Carnegie, carried away the honors of the day, while other ladies, Mrs. John Todd of Rapid City, and Mrs. Gibson of Souris, secured awards in the same class. The prize for the champion turkey went to Miss Jaffray, Elkhorn. Mrs. T. H. Perdue, of Souris, took first place with a pair of colored ducks in their own class.

The last awards made by the judges were as follows:

Class 2—Turkeys

Sec. 4: Champion turkey—Miss Jaffray, Elkhorn.

Class 3—Geese

Sec. 1: Pair Geese, 1916, white—1 and 2, Miss Sproule, Minto.

Sec. 2: Geese, colored—Mrs. Porterfield, Brandon; F. Hume, Elva; Mrs. Porterfield, Brandon; Miss Sproule, Minto.

Class 4—Ducks

Sec. 1: Pair ducks, white, 1916—1 and 2, Jas. Moffatt, Carroll; Miss M. Riddle, Brandon; T. A. Hollier, Alexander.

Sec. 2: Pair Ducks, colored—Mrs. T. H. Perdue, Souris; Mrs. Gibson, Souris; Mrs. Porterfield, Brandon; Miss M. Riddle, Brandon.

Class 5

Sec. 2: Six Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes or Rhode Island Reds—Mrs. Stamp, Forrest; J. B. McGregor, Brandon; Mrs. Cumberland, Brandon; Mrs. H. Walker, Carnegie.

Sec. 4: Six Dorkings, Houdans, La Fleche, Creve-cœur or Orpingtons—J. B. McGregor, Brandon.

Sec. 5: Six Games—4th, Kerr & McGinness.

Class 6

Sec. 1: Six turkeys, 1916—1st, 2nd, and 4th, Mrs. Perdue; 4th, Miss White, Alexander.

Sec. 2: Six geese of 1916—Jas. Moffatt, Carroll.

Sec. 2: Six ducks of 1916—1st, 3rd and 4th, James Moffatt; 2nd, Mrs. Porterfield, Brandon.

Class 7: Fatted cockerels, case of 12—1st, Thos. Head, Strathclair; 2nd and 5th, J. B. McGregor, Brandon; 3rd, Mrs. W. Guild, Kemnay; 4th, Mrs. R. Ferguson, Brandon; 6th, Mrs. Stephenson, Rapid City; 7th, Mrs. D. E. Ferguson, Forrest.

Class 8: Bulk Exhibit—1st, Mrs. H. Walker, Carnegie; 2nd, Thos. Neville, Carnegie; 3rd, F. Hume, Elva; 4th, J. W. Reid, Forrest; 5th, Mrs. John Todd, Rapid City; 6th, Mrs. Gibson, Souris; 7th, Mrs. Wm. Trumbull, Stockton, Man.

EDITOR'S SUMMARY OF PEACE TERMS ALLIES WILL ASK

New York, Dec. 19.—Stephano Lauzanne, editor of Le Matin, who is in this city on a mission for the French government, made known what he describes as the peace terms of the allies.

These terms, which were immediately compared with Germany's terms as published last week were set forth in an interview as follows:

Transylvania to Roumania; Trentino to Italy; Alsace-Lorraine to France; restoration and indemnification of Belgium and Serbia; Constantinople to Russia, with Turkey out of Europe; limitation on armaments of all countries, with Germany's armaments to be decreased first; an indemnity of \$20,000,000,000, part of which will be collected in heavy duties on all German goods imported into allied countries; proofs of Germany's pledge to bow to and abide by international law.

M. Lauzanne described these as the peace terms and conditions on which the allies will stop fighting. He made it clear that his statement was a summary of the position taken by his government.

M. Lauzanne declared with the utmost confidence that Mr. Lloyd George would declare that the allies' governments are ready to go on fighting till these aims are accomplished.

"These things," said the publicist, "are what we mean by reparation for the past and guarantees for the future. I know what my fellow citizens think and what my government thinks."

"We shall probably have to fight at least another year. We expect peace then, with Germany ready to come around the table to discuss the terms we propose."

BRITISH IMPROVE THEIR POSITION TIGRIS FRONT

London, Dec. 19.—The British forces on the Tigris front have improved their position in the last few days, although no resumption of active operations on a considerable scale is indicated in the official report on these operations. The gains made below Kut-el-Amara last week were achieved with comparatively small losses. The statement says: "During Saturday and Sunday Gen. Maude extended his hold over the Tigris river, and consolidated the line Magazis-Kut-el-Amara, while the enemy's positions were bombarded with good results. Cavalry reconnaissance during the day disclosed the fact that the Turks are constructing a new pontoon bridge west of the Shurran bend of the Tigris, some six to eight miles west of Kut-el-Amara. Several large parties of Arabs have been driven off by shell fire."

"The total casualties to date are inconsiderable, a large proportion of the wounds being slight."

W. SANFORD EVANS MAY BE HEAD OF GRAIN COMMISSION

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—It is believed here that W. Sanford Evans, who for the last two years or so has been engaged in an investigation of the practicability of the Georgian Bay canal project, will be appointed head of the Dominion grain commission in succession to Dr. R. A. McGill, now secretary of the Winnipeg Grain exchange.

The work which Mr. Evans has been engaged in for the last few years was largely connected with grain movement of the Dominion and statistics which he has compiled would be invaluable as applied to the work of the grain commission.

The work of the Georgian Bay canal commission is now practically completed.

Mr. Evans is a man of known ability. He was for a time prominent in newspaper affairs, was mayor of Winnipeg for several years and a candidate for parliament in 1904. It is not expected, however, that the appointment will be made until Sir George Foster returns from England.

London, Dec. 19.—The following Canadian prisoners of war, according to the Times, have reached Berne, Switzerland: Major Arthur Kirkpatrick, 3rd batt.; Lieut. Harvey Douglas and Lieut. Fred Hubbs, 4th Mounted Rifles; Lieut. Hugh MacDonnell, Princess Patricia's; Lieut. John Firstbrook, Royal Flying corps, who belongs at Toronto and originally enlisted with the Canadian forces.

GENERAL NIVELLE ASSUMES COMMAND

Paris, Dec. 19.—General Joffre handed over the command of the French armies of the north and northeast yesterday morning to General Robert George Nivelle, recently appointed commander-in-chief of those armies.

In a brief speech General Joffre congratulated General Nivelle upon his appointment. The principal officers of the grand headquarters staff who will remain at their posts until General Nivelle forms his own staff, likewise offered their congratulations.

General Nivelle replied expressing admiration for the high military qualities of the victor of the Marne whose selection as president of the Allied military council he alluded to as merited promotion.

GREEK LEADER SOUGHT

London, Dec. 19.—A warrant has been issued at Athens for the arrest of Elutherios Venizelos, the former premier, on charges of high treason and of libelling the Greek general staff in articles published in a newspaper several months ago, says a Reuter dispatch.