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## To-Day's Cables

### The Central Powers Must Have Peace

It is Thought that Negotiations are  
not yet Broken off by Germany

#### PEACE AT ANY COST STARVATION IN GERMANY

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The "Daily News" analysing the comments in the German newspapers on the Entente reply, and citing reports of the sufferings of the peoples of the Central Powers, sees indications that the Central Powers do not regard the prospect of negotiations as ended, and come to the conclusion that the time is fast approaching when they must have peace at any cost. It sees confirmation of this in Count Rassey's statement, saying that whatever the motives for the decisions of the Central Powers to submit their peace terms to President Wilson, it is more imperative for the Allies to make a clear, full and temperate statement of their terms in their reply to the President.

#### GRAIN REMOVED FROM BRAILA

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The capture of Matchin is regarded here as ending the defence of the Dobruja bridgehead. In order to protect Braila from the rear nothing now remains to them except a narrow strip of land between the marshes which carries the highway to Braila. The Germans and Bulgarians are in a position to push their gains within eight miles of Braila, and it is assumed that if the invaders capture the latter town the Russians' line west of the Danube will be withdrawn. It is taken for granted that the prolonged resistance to the German advance enabled the defenders to remove the stores of grain and other material from Braila.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—A most careful study of the economic conditions in Germany reveals that beyond doubt the peace offer was prompted chiefly by reason of the fact that Germany is on the verge of starvation. This information is not based on the views of individuals or neutrals or others whose impressions were gained in visits to Germany and who were generally biased. In any case their views cannot be compared with the actual evidence collected directly from German newspapers.

#### OFFER MADE IN GOOD FAITH

VIENNA, Jan. 3.—The Austrian Hungarian press almost without exception, considers the reply of the Entente Allies as a definite refusal to their offer. The editorials assert: the offer was made in good faith, and that the Entente had no right to label it as a war manoeuvre, so long as the Entente has not ascertained by suitable means that the offer lacked good faith.

#### OUR BOYS COMING HOME

ST. JOHN, N.B., Jan. 4.—Two hundred and fifty-one returned soldiers arrived to-night. Seventeen, whose homes are in Newfoundland, left on the Halifax train for North Sydney, from where they will take port for home.

#### U.S.A. DOCTORS RELIEVE SURGEONS

LONDON, Jan. 4.—According to the "Daily Telegraph," arrangements are being made to replace a number of young surgeons in British hospitals by Americans, in order to enable Britishers to enter the army. There are hundreds of doctors of military age in home hospitals who wish to join the army, says the "Telegraph," but hitherto they have been denied the honor owing to lack of substitutes. With a view to meeting this difficulty the "Daily Telegraph" continues, the Army authorities some time ago inquired of the Medical authorities in the States whether they could send to England detachments of young American doctors. A hundred young doctors in the States, according to the "Telegraph," volunteered to serve in the British Army, but could not receive their commissions, because they were not British practitioners. There is no barrier, however, to their practicing in Great Britain, says the newspaper. They are the exact material required to fill the places of the English doctors who desire to go to the front. The newspaper does not say how many Americans are likely to come, but asserts that they may not run into many hundreds. It adds, however, that those who do come will be welcomed.

#### DEPOSED AND PROSECUTED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Despatches received here describing the conditions in Abyssinia say the deposed Emperor Lidi Jeassu has been captured, and his followers are being prosecuted and crushed. The reports mentioned a German Minister and a Turkish Consul as having played a part in the events which led to the upheaval last fall. Lidi, son of the second daughter of old Emperor Menelik, soon after ascending the throne joined with his father in an attempt to make Mohammedanism the State religion of this ancient Christian country. He was overthrown by a revolution, led by Churchmen, and his mother resigned.

#### NEWSPAPER COMBINE

MONTREAL, Jan. 4.—A four page issue of the "Daily Mail" appeared this morning with the following announcement:

"Negotiations are in progress for continuing the 'Daily Mail' and 'Evening News' under former control and management. This issue of the 'Daily Mail' has been produced under difficulties which the public will appreciate, and our readers will make due allowance. The success of the negotiations, which have been in progress for the past twenty-four hours, will enable the 'Daily Mail' and 'Evening News' to print a large and better newspaper than heretofore and place the property on a strong financial basis."

#### REICHSTAG MEETS THIS MONTH

LONDON, Jan. 4.—A plenary session of the Reichstag will possibly be convened about the middle of January, according to a despatch from Amsterdam, quoting the Berlin "Vorwaerts." The "Vorwaerts" says that, "it is obvious that the Chancellor, as well as the parties, would like to express an opinion on the Entente's refusal of Germany's peace offer."

#### HUN PEACE TERMS

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Amsterdam Frankfurter Zeitung, a copy of which has been received here, in discussing the peace terms which Germany will not accept, says: "If peace terms were concluded today the Entente Allies must renounce all plans for conquest. Russia must give up the idea of conquering Constantinople, the Balkans, Galicia and the part of Russia inhabited by Poles. France must renounce Alsace Lorraine. Serbia must give up the idea of taking over the southeastern part of Austria-Hungary."

The Entente Powers must agree to furnish certain guarantees to make certain the frontier rectifications on behalf of Germany and her Allies, especially in the east and southeast. Britain must, perhaps, even grant the freedom of the seas.

#### PERSONAL

Among the passengers by to-day's express we noticed Mr. J. C. Crawford for Grand Falls, on a business trip. Mr. J. A. MacKenzie to attend the annual convention of the Imperial Life Insurance Co. at Toronto.

Mr. John Meehan for St. John, N.B. And Mr. A. McLaughlin, Boiler Inspector for Grand Falls, on an inspection tour.

Mr. W. A. McKay was a passenger outward by the express to-day, for Little Bay. He was accompanied by Mr. W. F. Appollino.

Sergeant J. Squires, of the 1st Canadian Volunteers, came into town by to-day's shore line train.

Capt. Thomas Burge of the F.P.U. schooner, Hattie A. Hickman, left for Bonavista by this morning's express.

Mr. J. T. Cantwell was a passenger to the city on this morning's train.

Doctor Sweney of Charlottetown passed a very successful examination before our local medical board and sailed for Fogo to take up his practice on the Sulu yesterday.

#### NEW INSPECTOR FOR WEST COAST

Last week a new inspector was appointed for the schools of the West Coast under Catholic boards, Mr. James MacDonnell, B. A., of the National University (Ireland) was the appointee. It is more than passing note that Dr. Burke, whose assistant also Mr. MacDonnell, becomes, was born and bred within the Western Diocese.

Mr. MacDonnell, though he was not born at St. George's, has been there from his early childhood. It speaks well for the progress of the Coast, when such a high position can be filled adequately by one of her own sons.

Mr. MacDonnell was born at Hr. Maine, C. B., July 7, 1888, and is thus a very young man, being 28 years of age. His early education was obtained at the Convent School, at St. George's, when he passed the primary grade. He next spent three years at St. Bonaventure's College, where he passed in the Preliminary and Intermediate grades.

In 1906 he took charge of the Torbay school, first having charge in the junior department and then became principal of the high school department. During his incumbency he obtained a degree in Associate and matriculated in London University, having prepared for these exams by private study.

In 1911 he went to Ireland and pursued a course of philosophy and graduated a Bachelor of Arts from National University of Ireland. He had a scholarship in the Department of Law and Political Economy and took honours in French, English, Logic, and general history. Besides, he was mediator in education of the Library and Historical Society at the University, and was elected its President in 1913. Owing to ill health he was compelled to return home last year and to discontinue his studies for the legal profession. He has in the meantime recuperated in his native air and was soon to return when the life ecclesiastical authorities thought it a pity to allow his services to be lost to the Colony. He has been a teacher himself and has been all his life an educator and connected with all phases of school and college life, and in congratulating him, his family, and St. George's in his appointment we bespeak for him long years of usefulness to the great cause of education, and we are sure by his devotion to duty the schools of the west will increase in efficiency.—Western Star.

#### FISH-CARRIERS EXEMPTED

CHRISTIANIA, Jan. 4.—The British Legation here says Norwegian steamers which supply fish to England are exempted from the British Government's prohibition against the export of coal to Norway. Dissatisfaction exists with Norway's method of exporting ore or fish from this country. Her failure to fulfill certain other provisions of her agreement with Britain are said to be responsible for the British Government's action. It is feared that British action may bring about a coal famine. The Norwegian Cabinet is considering the next step in what is regarded as a serious situation. Several leading papers criticize radical cabinet methods and advocate that it be succeeded by a non-partisan body of most prominent men regardless of their political affiliations.

#### ZEPPELINS DESTROYED

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Two zeppelins were destroyed at Tondern Schleswig by fire because of defective electric wiring recently constructed double shed, says a Reuter despatch from Copenhagen.

#### TRAIN COLLISION

EDINBURGH, Jan. 4.—Eleven persons were killed and forty injured to-day when a train loaded with passengers returning from Edinburgh after New Year's holiday, collided with a switch engine ten miles outside of the city.

## Last Night's Cables

#### BIG PROPERTY DISPOSED OF

ST. JOHN, N.B., Jan. 4.—Millions of dollars worth of steamship wharf, warehouse property was disposed of today when a fleet of thirty steamers landing places leases in Eastern steamship Corporations hands receivers sold under foreclosure proceedings for \$3,366,000, purchasers assuming liabilities of the concern. Vast properties in St. John, Maine, Massachusetts and New York were bid in by A. Downs, of Hayden, Stone & Co. Bankers, of Boston, New York, Montreal, representing a committee of stockbrokers and bondholders which will reorganize the company's steamers Calvin Austin, Governor Dingley, Governor Cobb and North Star of International division of Boston and St. John were among the vessels held for sale. Also included were large interests in Boston and Yarmouth Steamship Co.

#### AMERICANS TO PROTEST

LONDON, Jan. 3.—A British Admiralty statement today quotes a German wireless service stating American Government is raising a protest to Britain against the bombardment of Drama in Macedonia by British airmen before the Consuls and officials of the Central Powers who had been ejected from Athens had left for their destination. The airmen knowing these officials had to be met at Drama station. The Admiralty commenting upon this says the German propagandist methods is thus admirably illustrated. The Admiralty publishes the Vice Admiral's report to the effect that the request of the German minister that Drama Kavala should not be bombarded while women and children were passing over on November 25 was acceded to, and that no bombing was done until November 28, except bombing Drama airdrome only on November 25 before the message was received by the airmen from the German Minister who was a member of the party ejected from Athens.

#### HUNS REPORT WARSHIP SUNK

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—A despatch to the Zurich Post from Milan, reports the French battleship Verite torpedoed by a German submarine near Malta, says the Overseas News Agency announcement today. The Verite was badly damaged while lying near the port of Malta. The despatch adds: "The battleship Verite was built at Bordeaux in 1907, one of a class of four warships. With the Liberte destroyed by explosion in 1911, battleships of this class displace 14,630 tons with water line length 439 feet, beam 79.5 feet, draft 27.6 feet. Their armament comprises four 12 inch, ten 7.5 inch guns, main battery, with two torpedo tubes. They have a complement of 742 men. The Verite made 19.2 knots on her trial trip."

#### PRES. WILSON KNOWS HUNS PEACE TERMS

LONDON, Jan. 3.—President Wilson now knows the peace conditions of the Teutonic Allies. The Entente Allies will learn what they are from him. Count Julius Andressy, formerly Premier of Hungary, is quoted as asserting: "Despatch from Budapest forwarded to the Central News Agency, by way of Amsterdam, says: The statement attributed to Count Andressy was made in a New Year's speech."

#### TO MODIFY PEACE TERMS

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Reuter's Telegram Co. tonight publishes the following on the reply of the Entente Allies to President Wilson's recent note, suggesting that belligerent state that their terms of peace document was still undergoing slight modification. The draft will not be published until a day or two after it is in the hands of the President. The note will be more positive than the reply Germany is expected to indicate in a more precise fashion only preliminaries upon which the Allies are prepared to negotiate.

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## Hard Fighting on Roumanian Front

Give and Take Between Contending  
Forces—Artillery Active on  
the French Front

LONDON, Jan. 4.—A period of comparative calm which has existed on all battlefronts for some time, except in Roumanian, still continued. In no theatre aside from Roumania has important engagements taken place, activity everywhere being carried out by means of artillery and by small patrol parties.

In Roumania the Teutonic Allies gained another considerable success in the capture in northern Dobruja of the towns of Matchin and Jijila, on the eastern bank of the Danube, opposite the important town of Braila and forcing the Russians to a point just south of the Danube where the river bends and separates Dobruja from Bessarabia.

In Moldavia and northern Wallachia the invaders are keeping up their gains and hold northward and eastward from the Transylvanian Alps region at several points centre lines of northern Wallachia. However, the Russians and Roumanians are tenaciously fighting to hold them back and according to Petrograd the region southwest of Fockasny—near the river Rinnik, the Teutonic Allies were defeated, the defenders taking several villages and capturing six officers, 205 men, 5 cannon and 8 machine guns.

On the western front lively artillery duels are in progress in Belgium, on several sections in the region of Verdun and on the Austro-Italian front bombardments alone have taken place.

There is still no news concerning the operations in Macedonia.

#### ARMY SCANDAL IN LONDON

LONDON, Jan. 4.—An army scandal involving exercise and influence over high officers by prominent society woman, is described in a report of the court of inquiry issued tonight. Mrs. Cornwallis West, wife of Col. Wm. Cornwallis West, and mother of Princess of Pless and Duchess of Westminster, is officially severely censured. The late Sir Arthur Basil Markham, Liberal, who died last August, demanded an inquiry in the Commons into this matter, and was seconded by Irish members, who declared some young Irish officers' honor was involved. It has since developed that the officer was Lieut. Patrick Barrett, of the Welsh Fusiliers. According to statement in the Commons before recess he was completely exonerated, his commanding officer, Lieut. Col. Delmar Radcliff was removed from his command, Gen. Sir John Cowans censured but was returned because of his good work. Gen. Owen Thomas, who was also concerned, was vindicated.

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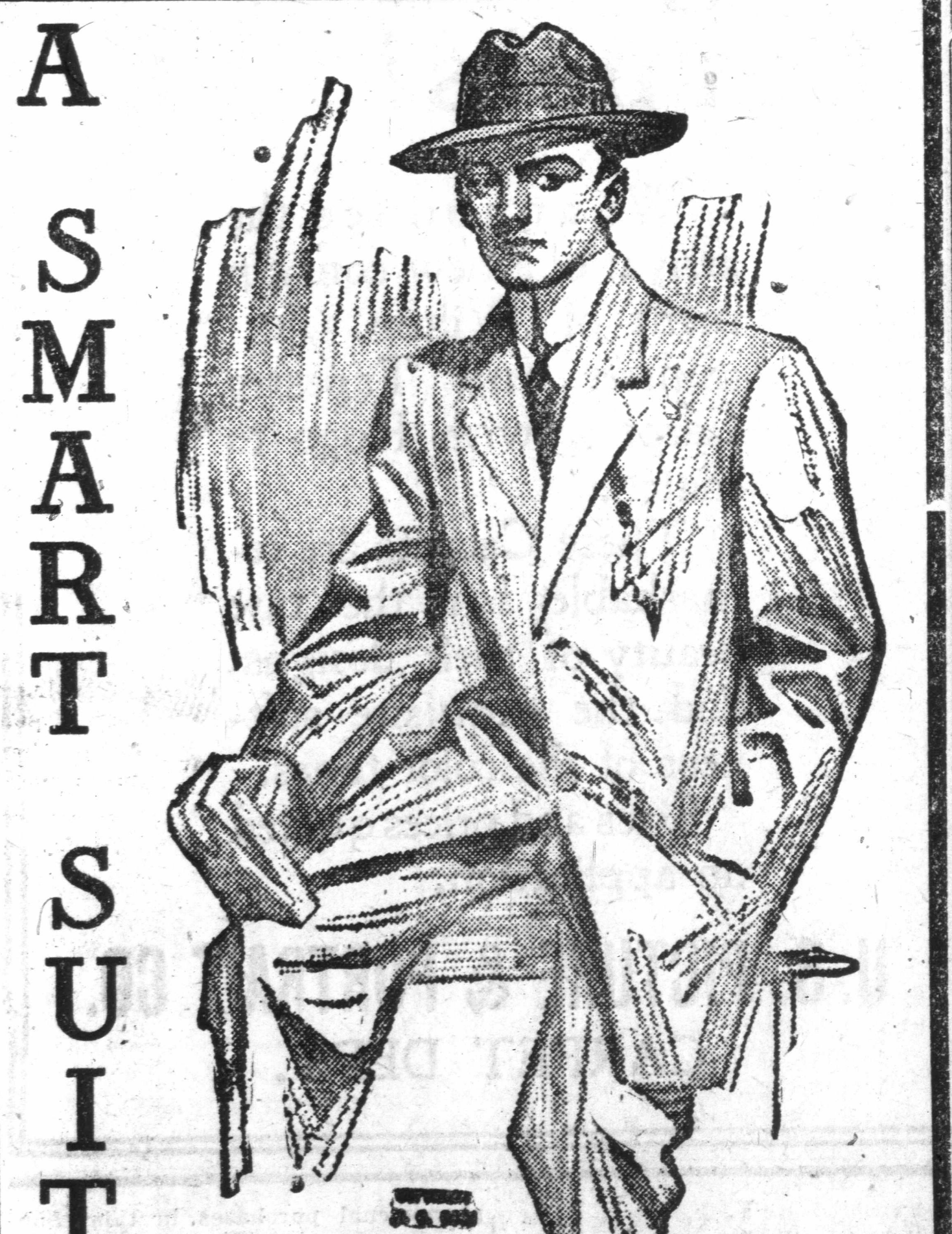
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