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## The Russian Armies May Resume Hostilities Against The Teutons

### VIRTUAL COLLAPSE OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE CENTRAL POWERS AND RUSSIA STAGGERS THE KAISER

Surprise and Perturbation at Berlin and Vienna and Realizing Seriousness of Situation German and Austrian Emperors Confer at Length with Their Chiefs of State and German and Austro-Hungarian Foreign Ministers.

German Socialist Leaders as Well as the Russian Counter-Revolutionary Leaders Dissatisfied—On All Battlefronts Infantry Continues Virtually Inactive and Nothing of Importance Has Occurred in France or Italy.

The virtual collapse of the negotiations between the Central Powers and the Russian Bolsheviks for peace and the possibility that hostilities again may be resumed by the Russians on the eastern front, even though with only a comparatively small army, have caused surprise and perturbation in Berlin and Vienna.

Realizing the seriousness of the situation the German and Austrian Emperors have conferred at length with their chiefs of state and the German and Austro-Hungarian foreign ministers, who were attending the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, have been sent back there post haste, probably for the purpose of attempting to moderate the situation.

Not alone is Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, and other leaders of the counter-revolution in Russia utterly dissatisfied with the terms of the peace proposals of the Central Powers, but the heads of the German Socialist factions also have volubly expressed their antagonism to those sections of them which call for the retention of Poland, Lithuania, Courland and other territory now in possession of the invaders.

May Resume Fighting.

Trotsky, as the mouthpiece of the Bolsheviks, has announced in unmistakable terms that the Russian workers will not accept the peace proposals, which he terms "hypocritical."

He asserted that if the Central Powers did not agree to the free destiny of the Polish and Lithuanian nations it would be urgently necessary to defend the Russian revolution. The central committee of council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates in a resolution approved Trotsky's stand. Apparently by adding to the crisis the refusal of the Germans to transfer the adjourned meeting of the peace conference from Brest-Litovsk to Stockholm. The financial situation in Hungary seemingly is not what it was once for the seventh war loan from which it was expected eight billion kronen would be realized brought forth only three billion kronen.

According to reports the greater part of the amount subscribed was forced from the leading banks, the populace generally taking only an insignificant portion of it.

Infantry Inactive.

On the battlefronts the infantry continues virtually inactive, but bombardments of considerable proportions are taking place on various sectors.

The Daily Bulletin of the War Office states that the front is quiet.

There is no news of any importance from the Italian front.

The situation in the Balkans is quiet.

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### Misapprehension On Part of Farmers As To the Militia Act

General Mewburn, Minister of Militia, States That Men Who Failed to Secure Exemption at Hands of Local Tribunals Should Prosecute Their Appeals in the Usual Manner as Provided in the Act—Minister's Powers Limited Under the Law

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—General Mewburn, Minister of Militia, announced today that there appears to be a misapprehension on the part of a considerable number of farmers as to his powers in connection with the discharge of men called up under the Military Service Act. In a statement issued today he says: "The minister stated during the election campaign that, notwithstanding the machinery of the Military Service Act, if bona fide farmers effectively engaged in the production of foodstuffs, failed to secure exemption and were called up for military service, he would consider it his duty to relieve such men from military service, in order that they might return to their work on the farms and increase the production of foodstuffs."

Should Prosecute Appeals. "It is pointed out that it was not intended nor was it within the power of the Minister of Militia to abrogate the provisions of the Military Service Act and the execution of the law referred to could not in any case be enforced except when men were actually called up under the act. It follows, therefore, that farmers who failed to secure exemption at the hands of the local tribunals should prosecute their appeals in the usual manner, as provided in the Military Service Act. Applications for leave to appeal should be addressed in all cases to the registrar of the district concerned. If a farmer, who has actually joined up, still considers that he has grounds for exemption, he should state his case to his commanding officer, who will take necessary action on his behalf."

Will Aid Farmers.

Farmers claiming exemption should take advantage of the advice and assistance of the representatives of the department of agriculture, who were appointed under order-in-council in each county. These representatives will take cases up with the district military representative and will prosecute appeals on behalf of farmers wherever they think it necessary to do so. These representatives of the department of agriculture were appointed for the purpose of facilitating and not interfering with the operation of the Military Service Act. They are not tribunals, with power to give judgment, but were appointed to advise as to the merits of individual cases and will themselves prosecute on behalf of farmers such appeals as they consider worthy of attention."

### MASSACRE OF PASSENGERS

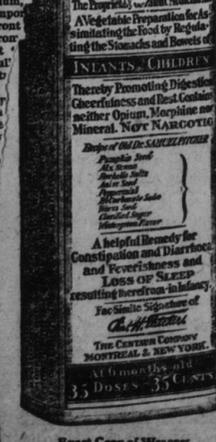
Yaqui Indians Hold Up Train in Mexico and Commit Fearful Atrocities.

Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 3.—A train on the Southern Pacific railroad was attacked yesterday, 32 miles south of Empalme, Sonora, and from twenty to thirty passengers killed. The conductor and the express messenger were among those killed. Some of the passengers were from the Yaqui Indians.

How That Genuine Castoria Always Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Hutchins

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### NEW BRUNSWICK POSSESSES 161,000,000 TONS OF COAL

Canadian Fuel Problem Serious One and in Time United States Supply May Not Be Available—New Brunswick and Nova Scotia are Plenty of Coal and Mines Should Be Developed.

Jan. 3.—The Ministry of Mines has issued a four-page article in the White Paper on Canada's coal resources. Mr. White is consulting the conservation commission.

United States 4,500,000 tons of coal, and from ten to four hundred million tons of bituminous coal, which is largely for power purposes. It is believed that the American fields, even at the present rate of production, will be exhausted in a hundred years. The friends of the United States towards this country have recently been emphasizing the question of the coal supply, but instances are conceivable in which our neighbor to the south might be compelled in the interests of her population, to completely shut off export of anthracite, and to barter bituminous output for particularly necessary Canadian products, such as electrical power.

Much Coal in N. B. "Canadians need never expect," he says, "to have electrical energy replace coal and other fuel for heating purposes, except to a relatively limited extent. We must direct ourselves to the development of our coal resources," and he gives the extent and position of these supplies. Nova Scotia has over ten and a half billion tons of bituminous coal, New Brunswick 161,000,000 tons, Ontario has a small quantity of lignite, Quebec and Prince Edward Island have none. Besides lignite and sub-bituminous coal, there are reserves in Canada of 312,000,000 tons of bituminous and 845,000,000 tons of semi-anthracite coal, although a small part of this, lying in remote and frigid

### RAILROADS HARD HIT BY SEVERE STORM AND INTENSE COLD

#### LOOKS FOR LONG WAR

Rep. Tinkham Returns from Italian and French Fighting Lines.

WAS INJURED ON ITALIAN FRONT

Boston Man Says England is Fighting as She Never Fought Before.

RUSSIAN ACTION A SEVERE BLOW

United States Must Wake Up, He Says, and Face Hard Fighting.

Boston, Jan. 3.—Congressman Tinkham, of this city, who has returned from the battle front, predicts a long war. The congressman fired the first French gun on the Italian front. He was severely injured when an automobile went over a precipice. Congressman Tinkham said:

"The spirit of the French people is fine. They will go through England is fighting as she never fought before. It's going to be a long war in my opinion. The Russian situation is bad and there's no denying her withdrawal was a severe blow to the Allies. Practically everybody over there takes the ground that it is now up to the United States to finish the job. Americans must wake up and realize that they have a big job on their hands over there."

Must Deny Much.

"We have got to deny ourselves many things and contribute the best blood and thought of the country to win this war."

"Germany is fighting hard, but one can see that her man power is not what it was a year ago. Everybody I talked with in France realizes the seriousness of the situation and knows that even now there is a tremendous effort being made to put down the Prussians. The loss of life, the cost of the war, the suffering and misery of it all is appalling. One does not realize the state of affairs for himself the havoc of war and talks with those in authority who know the situation."

"What do the Allies think of our forces in France?" he was asked.

"They regard the American soldier as a fine type of the fighting man. He is their hero, their pride and their joy."

Lacks Equipment.

"Is the American soldier well cared for?"

"I should say that he is well fed and clothed, but he lacks equipment. This deficiency, however, has been supplied by France and England."

Serbian Minister Hopeful.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Confidence in the ability of the Allies to secure a complete victory over the Central Powers was expressed by the minister of foreign affairs of Serbia, in his new year's greeting to the state department. The message, made public today, said: "I hasten to take the occasion of the new year to tender to your excellency in the name of the royal government of Serbia and my own name, our best wishes in the firm conviction that it will bring us final victory over the common foe. I don't not think it will open a new era which will insure the reign of justice, equality and liberty to all peoples, great and small, as a lasting and prosperous peace in which mankind will find guarantee for a new future of free development of all its intellectual and economic forces."

(Signed) FASCHITCH, Foreign Minister.

Wreck on Cape Tormentine Branch of Canadian Government Railways Twelve Miles East of Sackville—Ten Cars Derailed and Line Blocked—Montreal, St. John and Halifax Trains All Behind Schedules.

Ocean Limited Which Left Moncton Last Night for Halifax Stuck in Drift at Memramcook and the Maritime Express from the East Snowbound at College Bridge—St. John Train Hours Late.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Jan. 3.—A partial paralysis of train service on the Canadian Government Railroad system has been caused by the past week's extensive cold weather which was the worst experienced in many years. These conditions were greatly aggravated by a big snow storm which has raged for the past day or two in Cape Breton. Another storm from the south moved to New Brunswick this afternoon. East of Moncton the storm was very severe.

Up to midnight almost a foot of snow had fallen and between Memramcook and Amherst it was drifting badly, with the result that the C. G. R. was temporarily blocked. The Ocean Limited, leaving this evening for Halifax, was stuck in the snow at Memramcook and tonight's Maritime from Halifax was snowbound at College Bridge. The blockade was raised about midnight.

FREIGHT RUN-OFF. The Cape Tormentine Branch of the C. G. R. was blocked today by a freight run-off. Ten cars were off the track about twelve miles east of Sackville, but none of the train crew was injured. The storm is not so bad on the northern division.

The train from St. John this evening was several hours late reaching Moncton. The extreme cold resulted in freight congestion at some points, notably at Cape Tormentine and the storm will cause still greater delay in getting the transportation situation back to normal.

### CHINA HAS MANY MEN IN FRANCE

In All There Are 125,000 in That Country and Mesopotamia—China Now a Real Force in World War.

New York, Jan. 3.—China already has 125,000 men behind the firing lines in Mesopotamia and France. Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese ambassador to this country said in an address here today before the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York.

When the Chinese commission now in the United States returns to their country, their advice to their government, Dr. Koo said, undoubtedly will result in increased military activity. "China intends doing her utmost in this struggle against autocracy," the ambassador declared.

### STEFANSSON AT HERSHEL ISLAND

Explorer Expects to Reach Nome, Alaska, Next Summer—Party in Good Health

Dawson, Y. T., Jan. 3.—Vilhjalmar Stefansson is at Herschel Island and expects to reach Nome, Alaska, next summer, according to reports reaching here from Fort Yukon, Alaska. The entire Stefansson party was reported in good health.

The Northwest mounted police winter patrol left here today with mail for Fort McPherson to connect with a similar patrol from Herschel Island. The patrol will probably return here in March with full details of the results of Stefansson's expedition.

### CARDINAL BEGIN ISSUES APPEAL

Calls for Prayer Sunday Next for Armies of Empire and Allies and for Peace.

Quebec, Jan. 3.—His Eminence Cardinal Begin, in conformity with the proclamation designating Sunday, January 6th, as a special day of prayer throughout the Empire, has made the following appeal to the faithful of the diocese in "La Semaine Religieuse," the official organ of the diocese:

"We ask all the faithful of the diocese to unite on Sunday next in fervent prayer, to bring divine protection on the armies of the Empire and her allies, and to implore the mercy of God in favor of that peace which is so much desired."

"It is needless to insist on the importance of such an appeal to God, who holds in His hands peace and war, victory and defeat. Happy the peoples who admit this fundamental truth, and who know how to add to the force of arms the irresistible power of prayer."

"Let us then raise our hands in supplication to heaven, in the magnificent and universal outburst of a humble but pious and confident prayer. Let us also cause the atoning homage of our mortifications and our sacrifices to ascend towards God. By these supernatural arms let us climb to the assistance of God's mercy, let us give to His justice the satisfaction which it demands that it may bend over the warring nations and to give them the kiss of reconciliation and of peace: 'Jesu, qui Rex Pacis Oculisue Sunt.'"