

PEACE CONGRESS OPENED TO-DAY.

Blockade Will Be Maintained—
Over Rhine Franco-German
Warrior--Popular Constitution
for Germany.

REFUSES A MILLION.

FORTH WORTH, Texas, Jan. 17.—The Merriman Baptist Church, which already has acquired some of \$200,000 a year, through the sale of its churchyard, has refused to accept one million dollars for the development of the church, it is known here to-day.

URGENT NEED.

VLADIVOSTOK, Jan. 16.—It is urgent need for doctors and medical supplies in western Siberia, declared Dr. Arthur R. Service, who arrived here today from Ekaterinburg, and Omsk, where typhus and the coming of 100,000 Russian soldiers, formerly in Austria and Germany, is feared, will tax every agency to the utmost.

DO NOT RELAX BLOCKADE.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Admiralty has no immediate intention of relaxing its strict blockade of Germany, the Central News learns.

PIANIST PREMIER.

WARSAW, Jan. 16.—Jan Paderewski, having signed an agreement with Gen. Skladkowski, has succeeded partly in his mission as Premier. Gen. Skladkowski will be Foreign Minister, and Paderewski will be Premier. Paderewski will be permitted to retain his power. Three members of the present cabinet will be in the ministry, which will be composed primarily of non-political men. The new cabinet is subject to approval of German Parliament, and will continue in office until elections held within the next fortnight.

400 LIVES LOST.

ROME, Jan. 17.—The French steamer Chaouira, a mine in the straits of Messina, of the 690 passengers and crew were lost. The steamer was on its way from Piraeus to Antwerp, and sank in four minutes striking the mine. Many survivors were injured by explosion, and were removed to hospitals in Messina. The Chaouira, formerly the steamer Koeningstein.

IN A NEW ROLE.

PARIS, Jan. 17.—General Petain, Commander-in-Chief of the French Army, has been named by the Government with the mission of the revictualing of the regions by motor transport.

FOR OPEN DISCUSSION.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The Senate against secrecy at the Conference, were voted from the Chamber in the Senate, after Senator Borah of (Republican) had delivered an address declaring that President Wilson and the American delegation to know that a great majority of people believe the proceedings should be open. Senators of California (Republican) and Senators Williams of Minnesota, and Lewis of Illinois, (Democrat), joined in the demand for "open discussion," openly against as prescribed in the first of the Wilson principles of peace. Mr. Johnson said the situation called for a strictly American policy which should include the withdrawal of American troops from Europe at the earliest moment.

THE RHINE BOUNDARY.

TREVES, Jan. 17.—The conviction of Marshal Foch that the Rhine must be made the boundary between Germany and France, was expressed clearly to-day, when the American newspaper correspondent, the Marshal is here in connection with the meeting concerning the extension of the German armistice. Marshal Foch pointed out the fact that peace must be made, and that peace must be made, with the price of victory. Germany was beaten, he added, but her resources, especially in men, were in a comparatively short time quite possible. It was not the will of the Allies to prevent the extension of the armistice. The armistice concluded too soon the Marshal, and the Allies got all they could from Germany, without continuing the fighting. The Allies were not for another offensive stroke would have forced the Germans to stop. This was to have been.

Moscow, are said to have reduced the city to the same condition as Petrograd, with the streets littered with cats, dogs and horses, dead from starvation. The lack of coal has already compelled the closing of the public baths, while meals cost fifty rubles at these restaurants which are still able to remain open, according to the latest refugees arriving here.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MOVEMENT.

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 17.—Attempts will be made to mobilize all the machinery of the Methodist Church, throughout Canada, for the purpose of putting into force a scheme for the unification of religious education within the church, as the result of action, at the two days' session of the Board of Sunday Schools and Young Peoples' Societies of the Methodist Church, which ended to-day.

LATEST.

NEW UNITY OF COMMAND.

OMSK, Jan. 18.—(By the A.P.)—Unity of command on the Siberian front has been arranged, and the French General Jules Janin, who has been commander of the Czech-Slovak army, will have supreme direction of the Allied forces in Russia. The appointment of General Janin is hailed as auguring the ultimate defeat of the Bolshevik. General Knox, chief of the British military mission, and also in command of the Commissariat, is occupied in the task of selecting a representative commission to study and formulate a plan for the election of a national assembly.

SHOT FRENCH SOLDIER.

GENEVA, Jan. 17.—The Swiss newspapers announce that two brothers of Leon Trotsky, the Russian Bolshevik Minister of War and Marine, who were interned in France, escaped into Switzerland yesterday, near Delemont, after shooting and wounding a French soldier. The younger of the brothers has been arrested and is being interrogated.

EXTENSION TERMS.

PARIS, Jan. 18.—Marshal Foch, Admiral Browning and the German armistice Commissioners signed an agreement for a renewal of the armistice between the Allies and Germany yesterday. The armistice is extended for one month, and the extension will be renewed, thereafter, until the conclusion of peace subject to the approval of the Allied Governments. The principal terms of the renewal are substantially as has been already reported. In addition there is a clause whereby the Allies command reserves the right to occupy that part of the Straßburg defences, comprised by the forts of the eastern-bank of the Rhine, and a strip of territory from there to six miles beyond. Other clauses provide for the substitution, for supplementary railroads material, fixed at 500 locomotives and 19,000 cars, by the protocol of December 17, by large quantities of industrial and agricultural implements, and give control of Russian prisoners in Germany to Allied and associated delegates for repatriation. German headquarters at Berlin will act in collaboration with the Allied and associated relief organizations in this phase of the work. The Naval clauses provide that all submarines must be turned over, including all submarine cruisers, mine layers, sweepers, salvage ships and floating docks for submarines. They also stipulate that the building of all submarines must cease, and those on the stocks must be dismantled or destroyed under Allied supervision. Germany undertakes to turn over all Allied ships, still detained in German ports. The clause providing that Germany shall place her merchant marine at the disposal of the Allies in return for food supplies, says the agreement in no way affects the final disposal of those ships.

NEW PENAL LAWS.

DUBLIN, Jan. 17.—The Government, it is reported here, is about to issue a proclamation tightening the laws against Sinn Féiners. Some months ago, a proclamation was issued, under the Criminal Act, declaring that the Sinn Féiners were dangerous. This was the necessary preliminary step to the suppression of the organization, but no subsequent steps have yet been taken. Once a proclamation suppressing the Sinn Féin is issued, it becomes a crime to belong to the organization, and the Government can prosecute any member and send him to jail. Imprisonment does not affect the Sinn Féiners, unless they do not get their own way.

NOON.

GENERAL UPRISING APPREHENDED.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—There are apprehensions, in Berlin, of a general strike and uprisings to avenge the deaths of Dr. Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, the Spartacan leaders, according to a Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. It is doubtful if the elections to the national assembly can be held on Sunday, because of the tremendous excitement. Several more Spartacan leaders have been arrested, but the former Chief of Police Eichhorn is still at large.

CONDITIONS IN MOSCOW.

WARSAW, Jan. 16.—The rigors of winter, setting in at

Probable Arrests.

As we go to press we learn that two prominent men at Brigue are about to be arrested at the instance of the Government, for a very serious offense against the law, the nature of which will be made known after the arrests have been made.

Schr. "John" a Derelict.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries received a message last night from the s.s. Bayano that she was standing by the dismasted schooner John, which was in a sinking condition. A second message received from the s.s. Bayano last night, stated that that ship was still standing by the schooner John, but that the crew could not effect a rescue at time of sending message, presumably sea too rough, but added that the ship was not leaking. A message received at 12.30 to-day added that the Bayano had taken off the captain and nine men (crew) from the John. The crew, however, failed to scuttle their ship before leaving her and the vessel is still floating and drifting east, a derelict dangerous to shipping. The John is owned by Baine Johnstone & Co., and was on her way here from Pernambuco. The crew will be landed by the Bayano at New York.

Casualty List.

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At Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, London:
2177—Pte. Edward Doyle, Freshwater Rd., City. Influenza, severe.
At University College Hospital, London:
4819—Pte. Albert Sheppard, Valleyfield, B.B. Synovitis.
5290—Pte. Constantine Bouran, Little Bay, N.D.B. Influenza, severe, and acute rheumatism.
At City of London Military Hospital, Clapton, England:
3386—Pte. Ephraim Stieglitz, Bonne Bay, Influenza.
4692—Pte. Eleazer Clark, Baine Harbor, Debility.
At Endell Street Military Hospital, London:
3582—Pte. John Murphy, Harbor Buffett, P.B. Inflammation connective tissues, legs.
J. R. BENNETT, Minister of Militia.

Council, Attention!

The residents of that portion of the Boulevard Road opposite the Mount Carmel Cemetery are indignant over the Council's action in depositing old refuse, such as cans, etc., nearby, which, when the summer comes, will make that part of the road so unhealthy that disease will surely follow. This is an enterprising road, with new houses being built there, and it is unfair to them to have this kind of thing continuing.

Shipping News.

The E. D. Bailey has entered at Carbonear to load codfish for Gibraltar.
The Lady of Gaspe sails to-day, taking a large quantity of herring. The Excellence arrived here yesterday with a cargo of coal from North Sydney.
The S. S. Adolph sailed to-day for New York and took 10,000 barrels of herring and 2,000 cases of codfish.
The Manchester Brigade which towed in the disabled Le-Coq sails again tonight and will proceed direct to England.
The Manchester Brigade has a general cargo taken from Halifax and not New York.
It is possible that the Le-Coq may have to discharge her cargo and dock, so as to get her rudder replaced.
The S. S. Rysbergen is now 16 days out from Liverpool.
The Jean and Mary, 30 days out from Oporto, with salt, arrived in port this morning.
The W. M. Reinhardt, after an 8 days run from Halifax, arrived in port this morning with general cargo, consigned to A. S. Rendell & Co.
The Ainslie has entered to load codfish at Barr's premises for Oporto.

Personal Mention.

Mr. H. H. Archibald arrived in town from Harbor Grace last night.
Mr. T. C. Baddock, of Carbonear, is at present in the city, and staying at the Grosbie.
Mr. R. C. Callahan has heard from his son, Pte. Walter Callahan, through the Militia Department. Pte. Callahan went over with the St. Francis Xavier unit and has been in hospital at St. Omer, France, since Dec. 28th, last.
Rev. Dr. Jones, although greatly improved, will not preach on Sunday, but will probably get out again next week.
Hon. J. D. Ryan is confined to his room suffering from a severe cold.
G. G. Christian of Mr. Grace is in town and registered at the Grosbie.
C. Stein of Botwood is in town on a brief visit.
J. J. and Mrs. McDonald are in town and staying at the Grosbie.
Mr. W. S. Lockyer of Trinity has arrived in town on a business trip.

The Trench Journal Dies.

I met the editor as I entered, and he broke the news to me. "We are preparing out swansong," he announced. "The sub-editor is writing compliments about the staff, and is saluting on the serious duties of sub-editors generally."
It was a peculiar little editorial office I was in. It consisted of a bell-tent containing a table, two wooden forms, a pot of paste, two or three pencils, a typewriter, and various scraps of manuscript. The confusion indicated that something unusual was about to happen.
The Gazette was going to press for the last time. One of the most pathetic things in the world is the wind-up of a newspaper, and even a humble "trench" magazine has its pathos.

On the various fighting fronts to-day famous little publications are finishing up a long and successful run. They have been produced, in most cases, in the firing line, and overcoming innumerable difficulties and laughing at death and destruction, they have struggled on and lightened the task of our soldiers by their plucky reappearance each week.

Journalists have been sought out to serve the occasion from all ranks and conditions. Typewriters, papers, pencils, and some kind of offices have all been spirited from somewhere. Editors have been killed and their places have been filled by their sub-editors. In one little magazine in France not one of the original editorial staff lived to read the last words of the paper they brought into being. Men came and went, but the paper was preserved somehow.

And now these little papers are all being scrapped.
The editor is writing his last editorial, "Aunt Vera," a mouthached young runner, is giving his last advice on love affairs to imaginary correspondents, and doling out his hearty secrets, to fictitious "subs" for the last time. The typist is making his final complaints about the illegibility of the sub-editor's handwriting, and "Autolycus" is asking his last pertinent question in the "Things we want to know" page.
Editorial offices in the shape of dug-outs, bell-tents, and broken-down huts are being stripped for the great dispersal, for the Squib, Rocket, or Patrol will go to press no more.
There is the natural joy as the thought of departure, but there is also, in these little editorial offices, a tinge of sadness.—W. S. in London Daily Mail.

Here and There.

SABLE I NOT COMING YET.—Messrs. Harvey and Company have received word that the Sable I. will not leave Sydney for this port until next Wednesday, the 22nd.

Our three Specialties. Stafford's Phorstone, Pres. A., and Liniments, also Ginger Wine are sold at J. J. St. John's, Duckworth St. Jan. 11/19.

SUPREME COURT.—The case occupying the attention of the court to-day was the Bell Island Transportation Co. vs. M. E. Martin. The court was in session at press hour.

HERRING CARGOES.—The schooners John J. Fallon, Jas. W. Parker, Aviator, and Catherine Burke, have left Wood's Island recently with cargoes of herring aggregating 4,000 barrels, for the Gordan Pew Co., Gloucester.

A Special Meeting of the St. John's Mechanics' Society will be held in their Hall on Monday evening at 8.30 o'clock. All members are urgently requested to be present. JAS. A. LEAHEY, Sec'y.—Jan. 18/19.

SNOW ON WEST COAST.—The train hands report that there is a much greater amount of snow on the western part of the railway than here, in fact on this side it is comparatively clear. To-day's weather report says that snow fell last night on the west coast.

C. M. B. C. Lantern Slide Lecture on Monday, Jan. 20th, at 8 p.m., in the Synod Hall. Subject: "Result of the Scandinavian Congress. General admission 20c.—Jan. 18/19.

FISHERY PROSPECTS.—A letter from Rose Blanche, posted in the Board of Trade Rooms, says that fishery prospects at that place are fairly good and that when boats get out on the fishing grounds they do very well. During the past week the boats only got out once and then secured from 1 to 5 qtls. per boat.

FIRE ON TRAIN.—On Tuesday night the express was held up at the Quarry a fire broke out in the first class car. It is presumed that the fire resulted from the heat of the furnace, lit to warm the car, some little cutting was done to the roof and end of the car, but the fire was quickly put out without causing any great loss or inconvenience.

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Women's Cream Fleeced Vests and Pants at 75c. each.

Women's White Fleeced Vests and Pants at 75c., \$1.20 and \$1.35 each.

Women's Velvet Fleeced Vests and Pants at \$1.70 each.

Women's Heavy White Fleeced Pants at \$1.50 each.

Women's Fleeced Bloomers at \$1.20.

Women's White Fleeced Corset Covers at 75c.

Out Size Women's White Fleeced Corset Covers at 85c.

Women's White Wool Cashmere Vests & Pants at \$1.80 each.

Out Size Women's White Wool Cashmere Vests and Pants, at \$2.00 each.

Women's Natural Wool Cashmere Vests and Pants at \$2.30 each.

Women's Stanfield and White Wool Cashmere Vests and Pants at \$3.30 each.

Out Size Women's Stanfield Natural and White Wool Cashmere Vests and Pants at \$3.60 ea.

Women's Stanfield Natural Cashmere Combinations, high neck, long sleeves, at \$6.50.

Women's "New Knit" White Cashmere Combinations, short sleeves, diamond neck, at \$5.90.

Women's "New Knit" White Cashmere Vests, short sleeves, diamond neck, and Pants to match, at \$3.00 each.

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Train Movements.

Thursday's west bound express left Little River at 1.30 p.m. yesterday.
Yesterday's east bound express left Millertown Junction at 1 p.m. to-day.
To-day's east bound express left Port aux Basques to-day.

Bowings' Boats.

The Fortia is at Curling.
The Prospero left port at 9.10 last night.
The Eagle, Ranger, Viking and Terra Nova are in port.

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WEATHER ACROSS COUNTRY.—Very cold; snowing in places.

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POLICE COURT.—For a breach of the street traffic regulations, a man was fined \$1 or 5 days.

H. B. THOMSON, Optometrist and Optician. Office hours 9.30-12.30 p.m., 2 to 5 p.m., and EVENINGS 7-9 p.m. No. 4 Kimberley Row (opposite Star Theatre).—Jan. 9/19.

C. M. B. C.—The Cathedral Men's Bible Class will meet to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Synod Building.