

BOLSHEVIKI YIELD TO GERMANS

Peace Negotiations Will be Continued at Brest-Litovsk Fighting Between Ukrainians and Maximalist

CHANGES IN ADMIRALTY ANNOUNCED

Nothing Sensational or Dramatic About Personnel of New Board ONE NEW MEMBER Rear-Admiral Sydney Fremantle Deputy Chief of Staff NO GREAT CHANGES Revolutionary Disturbance of Naval Policy is Not Expected

By Courier Leased Wire London, Jan. 12.—The new Admiralty Board is announced officially. There is nothing sensational or dramatic about the list of names and only one new member of the board was not serving at the Admiralty when Admiral Sir John Jellicoe was the head. He is Rear Admiral Sydney R. Fremantle, who becomes deputy chief of staff to Vice Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss, the new first sea lord.

Archibald S. Hurd, the naval critic, in commenting on the new board, says it is apparent that no revolutionary disturbance of the main lines of naval policy is indicated. He adds that behind the board is the re-organized war staff for which some of the most brilliant younger officers have been chosen. The new Admiralty Board, a despatch to London on January 9, said will be divided into three departments—operations in home waters, operations overseas, and trade protection operations. Admiral Wemyss will be chief of naval staff and responsible for the large questions of naval policy.

Huns Evade Issue By Courier Leased Wire Amsterdam, Jan. 12.—The Wolff Bureau, the semi-official German agency, in a communication regarding the sinking of the hospital ship Rewa, says that the German authorities cannot yet give a final statement as the submarine which might have been concerned, is still at sea. The communication adds: "Nevertheless competent quarters regard it as impossible that the ship should have been torpedoed by a submarine. Accordingly, the only possibility is that she was sunk by a mine."

The hospital ship Rewa was torpedoed and sunk in the Bristol channel on January 4, according to official announcement made last Tuesday. There were 540 persons on board, including a number of wounded and sick. All were rescued except three members of the crew, who were killed. A news despatch from Cardiff Tuesday, said that the torpedo which sank the Rewa, went directly through the Red Cross painted on her side.

The Dominion Mattress Co., 164 Market street, will make a down comforter from your old feather bed, also re-cover old comforters.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Ont. Jan. 12.—The storm which was in the southern states yesterday has moved northward to the Great Lakes causing snow with gales of unusual severity in Ontario and Quebec. The western cold wave is now spreading eastward over Ontario and the middle states. Forecasts: Westerly gales, becoming very cold. Sunday—Strong westerly winds, fair and very cold.

BOB-TAILED BLIZZARD BLIZZING

Weather This Morning Would Make a Polar Bear Hunt Its Hole

Brantford awoke this morning with a forty mile gale howling about her eaves, biting the ears, tipping the eyes and coating the eyelids of any venturesome pedestrians who ventured forth under one of the heaviest blizzards of its history, which showed but little sign of abatement up to noon today. The streets were piled high with snow, which swirled and eddied perversely across every path as soon as it was cleared, and the wind whirled and whistled in the telegraph wires overhead. It was not a wind that could be described, not one that could be readily classified as a common or garden one-direction wind; it seemed to come from every direction at once, meet itself on the way, and vent its spite at the collision on whatever came in its path. Saturday morning though it was, the streets were practically deserted this morning, while the market square was desolate and almost unpopulated under a white wilderness of snow. Street car service in the face of such a storm was unthinkable and the cars of the municipal railway remained snugly in their warm little (Continued on page seven)

Foreign Minister Says France Will Have Nothing to do With Separate Treaties Now in Progress Between Russia and Enemy—Peace Dealings Must be Direct

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Jan. 12.—That France does not purpose to have anything to do with the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk between the Bolsheviki and the Teutonic allies and that she will have no peace dealings with the enemy until they shall make them direct was stated in the Chamber of Deputies last night by Stephen Pichon, minister of foreign affairs. The statement of M. Pichon was made after Marcel Cachin and Albert Thomas, Socialists, had demanded that the Government issue passports to Socialists desiring to proceed to Petrograd and that the Entente Powers make a joint declaration of their war aims. "We refuse to participate in the negotiations engaged in by the usurping government at Petrograd or be involved with them in any manner whatsoever," said M. Pichon. "It would be playing into the hands of the Germans. We repeat what Mr. Balfour said some time ago, 'the day when we shall be offered peace propositions direct by our enemies we will examine them in concert with our allies.'" The Chamber by a vote of 397 to 145 gave precedence to a motion presented by Victor Augagneur and accepted by the government, expressing confidence in the government over a motion presented by M. Thomas, M. Renaudel and other Socialists, proclaiming the adherence of the Chamber to the words of David Lloyd George, the British premier, and President Wilson and inviting the government to insist on the meeting of an international diplomatic conference to elaborate conditions for a lasting organized peace, such as set forth in President Wilson's address to Congress.

J. W. SHEPPERSON CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Held Organization Meeting Last Night; W. Lahey Vice Chairman, Dr. Marquis Management, L. L. Miller Buildings and Grounds, A. Coulbeck Finance

The Board of Education organized last night for the year, electing J. W. Shepperson chairman and W. Lahey vice-chairman. Both offices were filled by acclamation after Mrs. Ballachey had declined to stand for the vice-chairmanship. Dr. J. A. Marquis is chairman of the Management Committee, L. L. Miller of Buildings and Grounds, A. Coulbeck of Finance, and Mrs. Ballachey of the Dental and Medical Committee.

The new members, particularly the newcomers, were welcomed to the board by a number of speakers. The fuel situation was discussed at some length, Mayor-elect MacBride asking the co-operation of the board in securing relief from the shortage.

A Unique Occasion. "While I have been a municipal official in this city for over thirty years," observed A. K. Bunnell, secretary-treasurer, "but this is the first time at which I have ever officiated at a meeting with lady members of the board. It is an occasion unique in the history of Brantford, if not in the Province of Ontario."

J. W. Shepperson, Chairman. Mr. Bunnell after reading to the board the regulations governing the election of officers, called for nominations for chairman.

Mr. J. W. Shepperson, nominated by A. Coulbeck and Dr. Gamble, was declared elected, there being no other nominations.

W. Lahey, Vice-chairman. For vice-chairman, W. Lahey was nominated by L. L. Miller. Mrs. Ballachey was nominated by W. Lahey.

Mrs. Ballachey, owing to inexperience, declined the nomination, and Mr. Lahey was therefore declared vice-president.

Chairman's Address. Chairman Shepperson, addressing the board, welcomed the lady representatives, and thanked his fellow members for the office conferred upon him, promising to serve to the best of his ability. He also welcomed Capt. Jenkins, the third new member-elect.

Petrograd, Jan. 12.—Fighting, lasting seven hours, has taken place between Maximalist and Ukrainian troops near Ratchmach, in the government of Tchernigov, according to advices received here. The fighting is said to have resulted in severe casualties.

Accept Demand Amsterdam, Jan. 12.—Leon Trozky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, at the conference at Brest-Litovsk yesterday said that in order not to leave any possibility in the fight for peace unutilized, the Russian delegation accepted the demand that the negotiations be continued at Brest-Litovsk.

The chairman of the Russian delegation said that in full accord with their former resolution, the Russians desired to continue the peace negotiations, quite apart from the fact, whether or not the Entente powers participated.

Trozky said he had noted the statement of the Central powers that the basis of a general peace as formulated in their declaration of December 25, was null and void and added: "We adhere to the principles of democratic peace as proclaimed by us."

Open Harbor London, Jan. 12.—A report has been received in Haparanda according to a dispatch to The Morning Post from Stockholm, that Admiral Selency has telegraphed from Riga informing the Russian naval authorities at Helsingfors that an agreement has been made at Brest-Litovsk regarding the opening of Raumo harbor to traffic. It is added that the Russians and Germans have reached an agreement to open all Baltic ports.

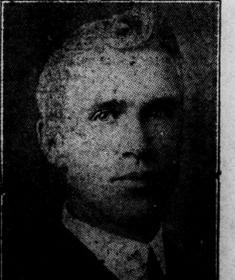
Raumo is a Finnish seaport on an arm of the Gulf of Bothnia. It is 55 miles northwest of Abo.

Don Republic Petrograd, Jan. 12.—Reports from Brestov today say that the republic of the Don has been declared existent with General Kaledines as president and prime minister.

Buildings and Grounds—L. L. Miller, A. Coulbeck, Mrs. Ballachey, Rev. C. E. Jenkins, Dr. Gamble. Finance—A. Coulbeck, Dr. Marquis, Rev. C. E. Jenkins, L. L. Miller, M. W. McEwen.

Dental and Medical—Mrs. Ballachey, Miss Colter, Dr. Gamble. Technical Advisory—W. Lahey, A. Coulbeck, Miss Colter, L. L. Miller, J. W. Shepperson; representing employers, Jas. Adams, E. C. Tench, A. Brantford; representing employees, I. S. Armstrong, Messrs. Kavanagh and Harris.

Commercial Advisory—J. W. Shepperson, Rev. C. E. Jenkins, Mrs. Ballachey, Dr. Marquis; citizens (Continued on page seven)



J. W. SHEPPERSON Chairman elect of the Board of Education.

DEATH ROLL OF SIXTEEN IN STATES

Winter Tornadoes Take Heavy Toll in Alabama and Georgia

By Courier Leased Wire Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 12.—With the entire South in the grip of its worst snow and sleet storm of the winter to-day, early reports show that tornadoes which swept through Eastern Alabama and Central Georgia had taken a toll of sixteen lives and injured more than 100 persons. Wire communication over a great area was paralyzed, scores of small towns in the interior being isolated, while Savannah, Charleston, Jacksonville and other cities along the south Atlantic coast were cut off from outside communication. The deaths and injuries reported early to-day were as follows: Cowarts, Ala.—Seven killed and 25 injured. Dothan, Ala.—Six children killed and 40 injured in collapse of school house in country near Dothan. Webb, Ala.—One killed and estimated 70 injured in destruction of store and other buildings. Troy, Ala.—One killed and several injured. Mason, Ga.—One killed at Camp Wheeler and several injured. The cold wave that extended as far south as Florida was preceded by an unusually low barometric (Continued on page seven)

SCHOOLS TO REMAIN ON SCHEDULE

All Classes Will be Run on Schedule While Fuel Holds Out

"The schools, public and Collegiate, will run on schedule time as long as the fuel supply lasts," was the statement made at last night's meeting of the Board of Education by Chairman-elect J. W. Shepperson. The proposal to change the hours at the Collegiate was dropped after considerable discussion, A. K. Bunnell, secretary-treasurer, promising that a supply of firewood would be obtainable from the city to augment the coal now in school cellars. The evening classes at the Collegiate will not be discontinued, in spite of the announcement made yesterday by the "Expositor." The domestic science, forge work, woodwork and typewriting classes will be continued as long as the fuel supply holds out. "When it is possible to heat the building, the pupils will stay away, and the classes will end automatically," was the observation of a member. The Collegiate Institute will thus continue at its regular hours, nine to twelve, and one-thirty to four, in place of nine to two or nine thirty to two thirty, as proposed.

WOMEN'S HOSPITAL AID HAD ANOTHER SPLENDID YEAR

Reports at Annual Meeting Show That High Standard of Service is Fully Maintained—Election of Officers and Other Business Transacted

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the Women's Hospital Aid held yesterday afternoon in the Public Library, and much enthusiasm prevailed. Mrs. Schell, retiring President, read an interesting address. At the close, in a heartfelt manner, she personally thanked the officers and members for their loyal and helpful support throughout the year.

The following officers were elected: President—Mrs. F. D. Reville. 1st Vice-President—Mrs. C. L. Laing. 2nd Vice-President—Mrs. Gordon Smith. Treasurer—Mrs. G. Watt. Secretary—Mrs. T. S. Wade.

The annual report of the Women's Hospital Aid must again be presented with the war background, and all that means to our members. Deep sorrow has come to many of them, but it is a noble sorrow, and nobly have they borne it. Never thinking of self, nor lessening their energy to meet the ever increasing demands made upon them.

Nineteen hundred and seventeen appears to have been pre-eminently a woman's year, so many things that they have prayed hoped and worked for have become realities, namely, the advancement in the temperance cause, the franchise, granted to women, in fact, one might almost say thrown at them, so overwhelming and unlimited are the concessions. To-day, a woman is accepted for practically every position. May efficiency be her motto, and may we all strive to intelligently prepare ourselves for the greater responsibilities that lie before us.

As a society, the W. H. A. has blazed no new trail, but kept strictly to the beaten paths of former years. On February 28th, the annual reunion was held. To Mrs. Andrews, we are indebted for the use of the Conservatory, which she placed at our disposal, and to Prof. Thomas for the arrangement of a very enjoyable musical program. Mr. F. D. Reville and Mr. George Kippax gave short addresses. Saturday, June 2nd, was Hospital

ROSE DAY. Glorious weather, enthusiastic and untiring workers, both in town and county, made the day a record one. November 1st and 2nd were Rummage Sale. Brantford housewives no longer keep things for the proverbial seven years, but lay them aside to be sent to the W. H. A. rummage sale, and to these thoughtful friends we are indebted for very successful results.

The wonderful organization of the Women's Hospital Aid has been a training school for almost every other society in Brantford, and when appeals are made for the British Red Cross, the French Red Cross, the Italian Red Cross, the returned soldiers' home, etc., willingly and efficiently do our members give their services.

I consider it an honor and a privilege to have been President of this society for two years, and wish most heartily to thank all those associated with me for their co-operation and consideration. I took the position with fear and trembling, but "to my faults you were very blind, and to my failings very kind," and I feel I have a personal friend in each member in town and county, as we have worked together for one common purpose, the Brantford General Hospital.

Improvement is what all are striving for, both individually and collectively, but few persons or societies have achieved steady success as has been the case with the Women's Hospital Aid. Its beginning, in 1903, was small, and there were many difficulties to surmount, but each year has seen some gain, with no loss, until of late years it has gone ahead by leaps and bounds, and this last year has proved no exception to the rule. Progress has been quiet, but steady, as results will show, and, though much effort has been expended by all connected with the W. H. A. for the success of overseas Red Cross, our local hospital work has met with no neglect.

During the year there have been one special and ten regular meetings held, that of January being the largest and March the smallest. The average attendance was sixteen.

The executive of the W. H. A.

met with the Lady Superintendent and the House Committee in the board room of the hospital on the last Tuesday of each month, except during the period of Miss Ford's illness, when the meetings were suspended.

One member, Mrs. W. F. Peterson, has been added to the list of life members, of whom there are now sixteen. We regret to record the passing of our esteemed members, Mrs. Geo. Kippax, Mrs. E. B. Crompton and Mrs. Hazelton.

Many of our members' homes have been saddened through the falling of sons, brothers, or near relatives while on active service, whose names have been added to the roll of honor, already too long.

The weekly visiting of patients in the public wards of the hospital has been maintained, without intermission, during the year, by both county and city members in turn, and many extra delicacies have been provided by them for the comfort of the sufferers. Easter-time, Thanksgiving and Christmas were each distinguished by some unusual gifts of cards, flowers, fruits, or delicacies, and everyone in residence was remembered in some way at these seasons.

The annual re-union was held on February 28th, in the Conservatory of Music. Light refreshments were served and a splendid program presented.

Hospital Rose Day took place on Saturday, June 2nd, and made a better financial showing than in any previous year. In September the nurses' graduating exercises were held in the (Continued on page nine)

THE MERCHANTS CORNER

Merchant BILL FLETCHER. G. E. French, of the Piedmont Cedar Crest Co., Statesville, N.C., is the pioneer advertiser of red cedar furniture. He started business on a shoe-string, but the minute he made a few dollars he invested them in advertising. To-day the Piedmont Co's business extends to every city in North America and every dollar's worth of this business was produced directly by advertising. "Calox Dentifrice" started advertising in 1915—result: 400 per cent. increase in sales.

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