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WILSON HAS HOPES OF PROMOTING PEACE

Von Bethmann-Hollweg's Statement is Encouraging, in President's Opinion

DESIRES TO GIVE AID
Meanwhile He is Following Signs in Europe With Close Attention.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Letters exchanged by President Wilson and George H. Shibley, president of the League for World Peace, regarding the recent statement of Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg, outlining Germany's attitude toward peace talks, were made public tonight by the league with the announcement that copies had been delivered to the official representatives here of the European belligerents.
Dr. Shibley wrote to the president directing his attention to the chancellor's statement, and enclosed a memorandum setting forth that both sides of the conflict agreed on the essential point, that only a permanent peace would stop the war. He suggested that Mr. Wilson was the

one who best could take the next step needed in the peace movement.
Wilson's Reply.
In reply, the president wrote: "Allow me to thank you for your letter of Dec. 14 and to say that I have noted with the greatest interest the statement by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, to which you refer, and that I am following the development of sentiment in Europe with regard to the war with the utmost sincere desire to be of service."
The League for World Peace, of which Dr. David Starr Jordan and other national figures are vice-presidents, maintains permanent headquarters in Washington.

BRITAIN TO TIGHTEN EXPORT RESTRICTIONS

Curb Placed on Outgo of Certain Metal Products, Fibres and Yarns.
LONDON, Dec. 20, 11:06 p.m.—An order-in-council issued tonight, indicates a further tightening in the restrictions on exports. No further export of pig iron, scrap iron, steel scrap or hematite are permitted and rigid restrictions are laid down on the exportation of vegetable fibres and of yarns made from them.

Merry Christmas
There is no better buffet, bar or dining-room service in Toronto than that of the Hotel Teck. This is a week of holiday spirit and Christmas cheer. The Hotel Teck should not be overlooked when arranging your appointments.

NO BIG OFFENSIVE HAS YET DEVELOPED

German Threats of Sundry Doings Have Not Been Executed

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ticed the allies that they cannot expect that Bulgaria's respect for Greek neutrality will last forever.
Storm Positions on Tara.
The storming of strong positions on the Tara River in Montenegro by Austrian troops is announced in the official statement of Austro-Hungarian army headquarters, received today from Vienna.
The positions taken were to the south of Bielopole and to the north of Berane. The capture of three mountain guns and two field cannon, together with 1200 rifles, in the battles along the Tara is reported.
Artillery activity along the whole Italian front is noted in the statement, the chief exchanges being in the Chiasso and Col di Lana districts.
British Losses Light.
British losses in the Serbian fighting until Dec. 11 totaled only 1278. Undersecretary of War Tennant declared on the House of Commons this afternoon. Of this number only 80 were killed. Included in the total casualties were 22 officers and 1246 men. One officer and 85 men were killed.
Fighting between small detachments of Greek and Bulgarian troops in a despatch from Brindisi, Italy, to Greek officers and soldiers were killed and wounded and that the Greek Government is hastily forwarding reinforcements to the scene of the fighting.
Turks Aid Invoked?
A despatch to the Daily Mail from Saloniki says: "The Germans have asked the Turks to assist them to drive the Greek army out of Saloniki, but they require assurances that they will evacuate Greek territory as soon as the allied army is crushed and thrown into the sea. It is understood that Turkey has accepted the proposal."

GOVERNMENT APPEALS AGAINST A DECISION

Objects to Amounts Awarded for the Postoffice Site.
HAMILTON, Tuesday, Dec. 21.—Further litigation, involving the properties on South John street, which the government appropriated for a postoffice site, will ensue in the early part of next year, as Biggar and Treleaven, acting for the government, announced yesterday for the appeal will be only \$6 were that they rendered by Justice Cassels in the court of the exchequer, wherein his lordship awarded the owners of the properties in question the following sums: Mrs. Margaret Hunting, \$91,000; Lucy Barrows, \$24,000; and Emily Bell, \$35,200. It is understood that the government considers his lordship's appraisal too high, and the appeal will be heard at Ottawa in February. Mrs. Hunting's counsel is Mrs. Bell, and M. J. O'Reilly, K.C., for Lucy Barrows.

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YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

HYDRO RADIAL PLANS EXPLAINED AT MIMICO

Sir Adam Beck Outlined Details of Scheme at Meeting Last Evening

GUARANTEEING BONDS

Speaker Emphasizes Fact That it Will Not Affect Borrowing Power of Municipalities.

Sir Adam Beck addressed a large and deeply interested assembly at the Mimico public library last night on the proposed hydro radial line, connecting the Cities of Toronto and London and passing thru the Village of Mimico at a point a little south of the Grand Trunk Railway. The meeting, convened by the local board of trade, was thoroughly representative of the business interests of the town, which heartily endorsed the scheme outlined by Sir Adam Beck.
Sir Adam, who was accompanied by P. S. Gaby, chief engineer of the proposed system, dealt extensively with the question of improved radial transportation to the east and west of the town, charging that the same care and attention to detail which had marked the course of the hydro-radial line in its initial and later stages would, in the event of the passage of the present scheme, be shown in its also. He dealt with the financial aspect, stating that the fact of the guaranteeing of the bonds would in no sense limit the borrowing powers of the municipalities, the commission issuing their own bonds and holding those of the municipalities as security in the event of a default, which was not apprehended at all, with capable management to occur.
The Feasible Route.
He dealt with the route, preferred by one or two of those present, as to the location of the line running along the lake shore to the heart of the city, and stated that no other route was so feasible from the standpoint of a great trunk line.
We are building for a rapid freight and passenger traffic and we are building the main trunk line completed and the branch lines of the lighter type and construction, which we are not going to build lines to suit the convenience of real estate speculators," said Sir Adam amidst great applause.

COMMISSIONS NOT POLITICAL

Touching on the question of the appointment of a commission to handle the radials, Sir Adam said: "These commissions are not political; they never are. They are appointed to investigate and retain their positions on merit and merit alone. There is no need of political claims as we want the best men. They will not retain their positions a week if they are not," he said.

AMIDST GREAT APPLAUSE

He touched on the physical conditions of new roads which would be of the highest type in cars and motive power stopping at every sideroad or where local conditions demand a driving express service at freight rates.
Beat Private Interests.
In answer to a question by gentlemen in the audience as to the suggested project could stand over for two years, for one or for an indefinite period, Sir Adam said: "The Municipal Council and the Board of Trade and Sir Adam are not interested in the radials as a means of private interests. It is a matter of public interest. The supply of power for the proposed radial line entering Toronto was a serious matter and one which has attracted the most careful attention of the commission and the government at the present time. The enormous increase in the demand for power from the 'Falls' and the fact that the consumption of electric power was obtained from the Ontario Power Development Company at a fixed price of \$8 per 1000 horse-power as against \$13, which the Hydro-Electric Development Commission is offering at the present time.
Scheme was under way when it was blocked by private interests in the City of Toronto, Sir Adam said: "The only way the scheme could be blocked at the entrance to the city would be by the vote of the citizens of Toronto in refusing to pass the by-law. The whole attitude of the city has been and is friendly," he said, "and we do not anticipate an adverse vote."
A resolution approving the by-law was submitted by Reeve Coxhead and carried.

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RECRUITING IN COUNTY.

The recruiting meeting held in Stouffville last night was not very largely attended, failure to advertise the gathering and the presence of other attractions were held responsible. Norman Sommerfelt, Lieut. Meredith and other speakers were present and an excellent program of patriotic music and songs was given. Immediately after the address the work proceeded to hold a big rally, when the work of recruiting will be taken up.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.

A Christmas bazaar was opened last night in St. Cecilia's Church, corner of Pacific avenue and Annette street, when the first trade was done at the different stalls which were in charge of the young women of the parish. Music was furnished by an orchestra, and refreshments were supplied. Free admission was allowed to the bazaar to soldiers in uniform. The proceeds will be devoted to the church building fund. Rev. Dr. Treacy was present during the evening.



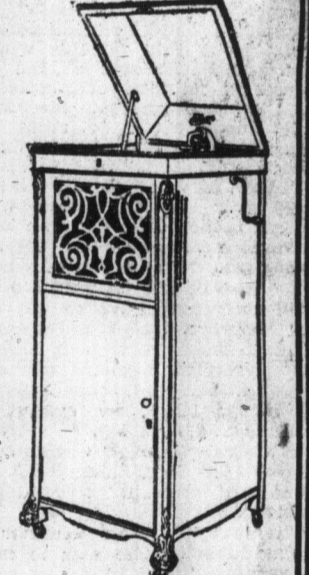
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LARGE ITALIAN LINER NOT TORPEDO VICTIM

Small Cargo Boat Was Torpedoed—Similarity in Names Caused Uncertainty.
LONDON, Dec. 20, 7:55 p.m.—An official communication issued here tonight says: "The Italian naval attaché says that the Italian ship sunk on the 5th of December, was not the Italian liner Dante Alighieri, but the small cargo boat Dante, of 898 tons, of the Ionio Catania Company."

announced that the steamer Dante Alighieri had been sunk. At the time it was presumed that the steamer was either the Italian trans-Atlantic company's liner or a smaller boat of that name. Later it was definitely established that the liner Dante Alighieri was safe in an Italian port.

FIGHTING WITH MINES ALONG RUSSIAN LINE

Germans Explode Two of These in Front of Trenches, Gaining No Advantage.
PETROGRAD, Dec. 20.—(Via London, Dec. 21.)—The following official communication was issued today: "In the region of Vidzy there have been unimportant encounters with small enemy detachments. At Sobornovtze, southeast of Zaleski, the enemy exploded two mines in front of our trenches, and afterward attempted to occupy the craters, but was driven back to his own trenches."