

GERMANY SUES FOR PEACE

London, Dec. 12.--A Berlin despatch announces that Von Bethman-Hollweg, German Chancellor, today handed notes to the diplomatic representatives of the neutral countries which are representing Germany in three belligerent nations proposing that peace negotiations be entered into forthwith. The full text of the note will be read in the Reichstag today. The Austrian, Turkish and Bulgarian Governments are making similar proposals. These have been transmitted to the Vatican. The proposition contained in the Note are according to the Chancellor, appropriate for the establishment of lasting peace.

HUNS HAD ENOUGH, ANNOUNCE NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACE

Food Scarcity Reaches a Crisis in Berlin—King Constantine Waits for German Concentration—Italy to Control Meat Consumption—Cabinet Reconstruction Completed in France

FOOD SCARCITY REACHES A CRISIS IN BERLIN.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 12.—The Berlin newspapers admit that the food scarcity has reached a crisis in that city.

CONSTANTINE WAITS FOR GERMAN CONCENTRATION.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 12.—Count Reventlow, the well known German military critic, says that King Constantine is seeking to gain time to enable the Germans to concentrate a relieving force.

NUMBER KILLED IN BELGIAN RIOT.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 12.—Sixteen persons were killed, several others mortally wounded in a riot at Turcoring on the occasion of the deportation of 300 civilians by the Germans according to the Echo Belge.

FRENCH CABINET COMPLETES RECONSTRUCTION.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—Premier Briand announced today that he had completed the reconstruction of the cabinet. The Premier is expected to make a statement to parliament tomorrow.

CONTINUED HEAVY ARTILLERY ACTIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—British headquarters reports continued heavy artillery actions at numerous points on the French-Belgian front.

FRENCH THROW LINE FORWARD IN MACEDONIA.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Fighting their way onward in winter weather in the hills of Macedonia, the French troops engaged north of Monastir, threw their line forward about half a mile near the village of Viaklar, it was announced by the French War Office at Paris. The allied offensive was interfered with by rain and mist on other parts of the front.

LLOYD GEORGE IS RECOVERING.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—It was announced last night that the condition of Premier Lloyd George is improving and that he expects to be out in a day or two.

Herbert H. Asquith is suffering from influenza and will be unable to leave his house for a few days.

ALLIES' ATTITUDE TO GREECE FIRM.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The Foreign Office today stated that the British Government was consulting with Great Britain's allies in an effort to reach a very radical solution of the Greek problem.

The latest reports from Athens say that the note of the entente governments to Greece is ready and undoubtedly will be presented tomorrow. The note will be short, in the nature of a preliminary to a second note, which will contain more detailed demands.

FOE BREAKS PLEDGE TO U.S.

WASHINGTON, DEC. 12.—Information assembled at the State Department by some officials and believed to present a clear cut violation of German pledges in the sinking of the British steamer Marina, with the loss of six American lives, has been forwarded to Berlin for submission to the German foreign office.

It was announced at the department today that the evidence had been sent as a matter of courtesy to allow the Imperial government to offer any other facts it may have before the United States takes its next step. Officials indicated also that any move by this government might be delayed until complete information concerning the British liner Arabia, for which Great Britain has been asked, could be sent to Berlin.

GERMANY'S PEACE TERMS

Germany's Offer of Restoration of Conquered Territory For Return of Colonies—Independence of Poland and Lithuania.

(4 p.m. Despatch)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Advices from Berlin to the German Embassy indicate that Germany's peace terms in general measure, propose the restoration of the status quo before the war with the exception of the establishment of Independent Kingdoms of Poland and Lithuania. They are understood to propose the complete restoration of the occupied portions of Belgium and France. In return for Germany's captured colonies, and to dispose of the Balkan situation because of its extremely complicated nature in the peace conference.

DEPUTATION HAS RETURNED

Made Inspection of Rubber Plant at Akron, Ohio, at Week End.

Mayor Ketcheson, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Ald. W. B. Deacon and ex-Mayor Ackerman, have arrived home from Akron, Ohio, where they conducted an inspection of the large rubber plants in that city. The trip was very successful as good results are predicted as a result. The party had a long talk with the management of one of the Akron works as to the opening in Canada of a branch and as to the advantages of Belleville as a site for the industry. Details of the proposition will be given later.

There has been some talk of having the Akron people purchase the Maple Leaf Tires Ltd., and take over and utilize their plant which is partially completed. Mr. Long, president of Maple Leaf Tires also went to Akron on business in connection with his company. The business of the city council's deputation had nothing to do with the talked of amalgamation, but to land a new industry if possible.

ENTERPRISE.
Our snow has all disappeared again rain taking the place of the snow and is much more welcome as the water is quite low in some places.
Ploughing is a thing of the past owing to the heavy frosts and also the immense quantity of ploughing which was done before the frost came.

Mr. Chisholm's Molybdenite mine is running full blast and turning out richer and richer every day. There is a very large quantity of ore piled up ready for milling. The machinery is all here now and is being rapidly put into place. The men expect to have the mill completed ready for operation in about one week.
Mr. Callions, of Montreal, has closed down his mill for the winter.
Mr. P. Sullivan and son David of Detroit, Mich., are doing a rushing business in opening up their mine at Fish Lake. They have a gang of men engaged in mining, and also an other gang preparing camps for the winter. They have found a valuable deposit of gold and silver. We wish them much success in their enterprise.
Dressing clover is about completed in this locality.
Mr. John Dowling has returned after a three-months' sojourn in the western provinces.
Miss Maggie Dwyer has returned home after spending the past two months with her cousin Mrs. E. J. Peery, Centreville.

The recent heavy winds have made work for a number of farmers in repairing up their fences which have blown down.
Mr. Griffiths of Montreal, visited this locality looking up mining properties. He is at present negotiating with Mr. Will Read for his property.
Mr. Audrey Eynon just arrived from Toronto where he went with a load of cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Dillon and baby, Mr. and Mrs. J. Furlong and little daughter, also Mr. and Mrs. Wm. V. Dowling spent Sunday the guests of Mrs. W. J. Dowling.

Miss Annie Fenn Wilkinson spent Sunday evening the guest of Mrs. J. Quinn.

Some people anticipate a green Christmas.

LIEUT. M'GINNIS HAS PASSED AWAY

Eldrest Son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McGinnis Succumbs After Brief Illness.

(From Tuesday's Daily) Belleville mourns today the untimely death of a gallant son. Lieut. William Clark McGinnis, B.Sc., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McGinnis, passed away yesterday at the General Hospital, Montreal, after a brief illness from internal hemorrhage. Two weeks ago, Friday, Lieut. McGinnis was taken with a sudden hemorrhage of the stomach and was at once removed to the hospital. Later an operation was performed by one of the most skilled surgeons in the Dominion, but unfortunately the result was not favorable and he gradually sank until the end came as stated above. His mother and brother were with him as he passed away.

William Clark McGinnis was born in this city thirty-one years ago. After completing a course at the public and high schools in this city he entered Queen's University, Kingston, whence he graduated in 1906 with the degree of B.Sc. After graduation he engaged in a variety of activities principally associated with the mining industry. He was an expert mining engineer. In pursuit of his profession he travelled extensively over the Dominion and spent much time at Cobalt and the Porcupine. He also journeyed to Hudson's Bay and the past summer he spent in the Peace River country where he was testing out some oil prospects in which he was interested.

When war was declared there was no young Canadian to whom the call to arms made a stronger appeal than to William McGinnis. He at once offered his services to his country but owing to a physical defect he was refused. Later he tried again but was again rejected. Six weeks ago he tendered his name for enlistment for the third time and greatly to his joy he was accepted. He was attached to the tunnelling corps of the Canadian Engineers with headquarters at St. Johns, Que., and expected shortly to be going overseas.

Very tall, of large proportions and athletic build he was apparently one of those who would attain long life. Of remarkable energy and brilliancy as a student, these qualities he brought into an unusually promising career. Had he been spared it seemed probable that his name might have become nationally prominent. As it was, he had friends in every centre, from ocean to ocean. He had a great genius for friendship and everywhere that he went his rare openness of disposition and unpretending geniality drew people to him and retained a depth of good will far surpassing the claims of conventional courtesy. To all this marvellously extended circle of acquaintances, the news of this premature and untimely death will cause the deepest sorrow.

The remains are being brought to the old home and the funeral will be held tomorrow with military and Masonic honors.

BIRTH.
HURLEY—At Belleville on Tuesday, Dec. 12th to Mr. and Mrs. Hurley, 256 Coleman St., a son, Kingston and Trenton papers please copy.

MARRIAGE.
In the presence of only their immediate friends at the bride's home, upon the evening of December 7th, Mr. Arthur B. Casey and Miss Mary Bryant were united in holy wedlock by the Rev. W. W. Jones. The good wishes of their many friends in Foxboro go with them to their new home.

DIED.
KISER—In Belleville, Dec. 11th, 1916, Albert Kiser, aged 48 years.

M'GINNIS—In the Montreal General Hospital, on December 11th, Lieut. William Clark McGinnis, Canadian Engineers, aged 31 years.

WARHAM—In Belleville on Monday Dec. 11th, James W. Warham, aged 68 years.

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SIXTEEN BELIEVED LOST IN BIG PETERBORO FIRE

Twenty Employees of Quaker Oats Company Missing and Fifteen Injured or Burned, Several Seriously—Loss Estimated at Million Dollars.

Peterboro, Ont., Dec. 12.—Sixteen persons are believed to have lost their lives, while fifteen others were injured or burned, five of them seriously, in a fire which, following an explosion at 10.30 a.m. yesterday, destroyed the plant of the Quaker Oats Company and a portion of the Court House here. One victim was killed instantly, three died in the hospital, while twelve others are missing.

It is estimated today that the damage caused by the fire will approach one million dollars, largely covered by insurances.

The known dead are Edwin Howley, killed by explosion; Vincent Fornale, Dominick Martino and Fred Holden, who died on reaching the hospital.

The missing are: William Lesley, James W. Gordon, James Foster, Ernest Staunton, Denis O'Brien, Alexander McGee, William Hogan, Thomas Parsons, William Miles, Daniel Nichols, John Conway and Wilbert Komp.

The badly injured or burned are: R. Healy, fractured skull, J. Houlihan, not expected to live; J. W. Trehan, badly burned, and C. Nicola, badly burned.

In addition to the complete destruction of the splendid plant of the Quaker Oats Co., the roof and upper rooms of the court house and two wooden elevators containing nearly 75,000 bushels of grain, were burned. The fire was not under control until 2.30 in the afternoon.

Spontaneous combustion is believed to have caused an explosion in the boiler room. Flames quickly spread and in view of the large number of employees, the loss of life was remarkably small.

Procession of Injured Immediately following the explosion began a procession of injured men from the rear of the main building, where the main boiler is located. Men were carried in blankets and improvised stretchers and removed to the hospital in the first motor cars to arrive on the scene. Some of them were horribly burned and presented a ghastly sight as they were carried out from the wreckage.

Several doctors, including Coronor Dr. Greer, were soon on the scene and rendered first aid, in addition to placing their cars at the disposal of the injured men until motor ambulances arrived. The explosion shook nearly every building in town. It was followed by huge volumes of smoke that hung over the city like a pall.

Fanned By Wind.
A north wind coming from across the river fanned the flames so that they ate through the whole length of the building, made up of the boiler rooms, dry rooms, oatmeal department, package department (where the girls are employed), and the large offices and shipping rooms. The fire raged in all the fury imaginable and the fire department was powerless to stay its course. Wall after wall tumbled down, until at noon the whole building had gone and the elevators to the west went on fire, and before noon were gutted. Eighteen individual concrete elevators at the northern end of the plant alone were saved.

John Fornale died a few minutes after being admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital. He was injured about the body and his ribs were crushed in by the explosion. William Welsh, foreman, has a fractured leg and jaw, and is seriously burned; W. J. Trotter Peterborough is badly burned about the face, hands and body; a boy named Dominick Martino, Peterboro, is in a dying condition, scalded all over; Richard Healy, Peterboro, has his body burned and is suffering from a skull injury; Philip Mincola, burned all over, is in a critical condition; William Garvey, foreman, is badly burned about the face; Joseph Hoolihan is burned all over; Nicholas Jordan is seriously burned; Edward Bedden is badly burned, and James Murphy is badly burned.

Others injured are: L. Robins, P. Carhini, J. C. Kemp, M. Long, P. O'Connell, R. Chouwen and J. Jardini. Besides being burned, a number were more or less seriously injured by flying material.

Terrific Explosion.
One of the workmen in Wand's

planing mill, across the river, was an eye-witness of the first results of the explosion. This exposed the whole interior of the several floors, and on each the fire was burning fiercely.

One of the workmen was seen to come running out of the building, his clothes a mass of flames. After some delay others came to the rescue and the flames were extinguished, after which the victim was placed in an automobile and hurried to the hospital. Another workman hung suspended from an upper story window of an adjoining plant for some time, when a ladder was placed against the wall and his rescue effected.

LIQUOR STORES GO OUT IN SASK.

Overwhelming Majority for Abolition of the System of Dispensaries

Regina, Sask., Dec. 12.—Voting yesterday throughout the Province on the question of liquor stores abolition, to go into effect on December 31, has resulted, so far as known up to the present, as follows:

At 9 o'clock the returns received showed forty-one towns for abolition with a vote of 6,842; against 634; while in eight-six villages the vote was; for, 4,871; against 240.

Some of the other returns are: Regina City—For abolition of stores, 1,143; against, 117. Moosejaw City, Ward One—Dry, 416; wet, 78. Lloydminster—Dry, 118, wet, 28. Battleford—Dry, 327; wet, 68.

Yorkton, Dec. 12.—A vote of ten to one was piled up for abolition of Government dispensaries, the figures being 687 for abolition and 68 against.

MAYOR WILL BE A CANDIDATE

For Mayoralty—General Feeling That There Will Be Acclamation.

Mayor H. F. Ketcheson announced this morning that he had decided to be a candidate for the mayoralty for the year 1917. So far he is the only man in the field and it would be no surprise if on nomination day (which is Friday Dec. 22nd.) if he unopposed and declared elected by acclamation for a second term.

ALBERT KISER

Albert Kiser, a well-known citizen and a member of St. Thomas, church passed away last evening at his residence Franklin street at the age of 48 years. He leaves the following family of six daughters and three sons—Mrs. Fred Mikel, Hilton; Mrs. Albert Pickle, Wellington, Mrs. Jos. Cumming, St. Regis Falls, N.Y., Miss Leona, Miss Ada and Miss Ellenor, at home, Walter of the 235th battalion, George and Clarence at home.

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies: Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and the tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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Sold by Druggists, 75c.
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FOXBORO.

Ploughing is still being done in our locality.
Mr. and Mrs. Will Reynolds and daughter Helen, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. Gay, Frankford.

Mr. Walter Gordanier of Detroit, and his brother, of Belleville, spent over Sunday with the latter's daughter, Mrs. John Shaw.

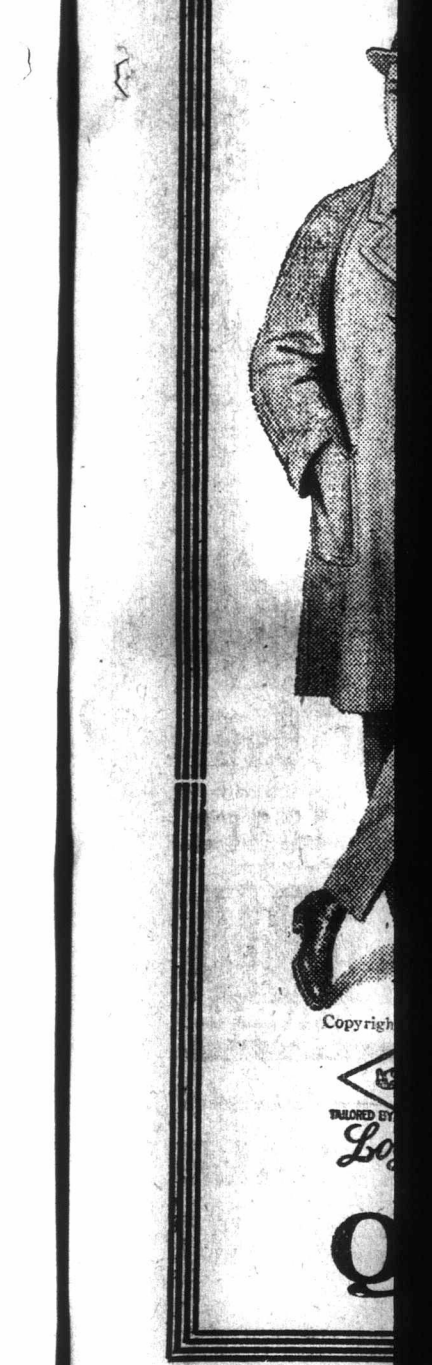
We are sorry to lose our Central girl.
Mrs. Davis of Madoc Junction, spent last Friday with her son, Mr. C. G. Davis.

Wedding bells were ringing in our vicinity this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Seelye spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. Juby, of Madoc Junction.

Miss Sarah Kilpatrick was the guest of Miss Melissa Frederick.
Miss Ella Mitchell and friend, of Belleville, and Miss Flossie Rose and brother Morris, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carter.

IS DOING NICELY

Mr. R. B. Morden has received a letter from his son Ralph, who is lying wounded in Dublin. Sapper Morden is doing nicely but expects to spend Christmas in the hospital.



CANADIAN PLANS

The Canadian through its Department Resources, now make announcement of its plan land holdings in West placed at the disposal who, having seen the British forces in war, are desirous of cultural work at the ties.

After defining the many big problems to British Empire return to civil life of lions of men who, as diers, have taken part struggle, the compulsory that active service have created a desire many men who, before engaged in other work, some employment a number a considerable which they can create.

Western Canada offers best opportunities in the Empire for those men who engage in farming. Any general scheme of colonization in Canada by government necessary before formed ministered by the Department, the Canadian as a large landowner provinces of Canada, doing its share in attending this important problem.

Only those are eligible produce proof of service Canadian unit of the British the British Army or Navy, of physical fitness previous experience. Candidates are required fore an Examining Committee a contract is entered in.

Two kinds of farms available for colonization Farms and Assisted Farms. In the first number of farms in line with distinctive militia be improved, provided by the erection of a house, fence, the provision of stock, implements and where necessary, be provided. Colonization which an almost unlimited land will be available, first selected by the lists, and then improved assistance from the way of advances of building material, livestock and seed grain.

In case where the Committee is satisfied that unable to provide living himself and his family