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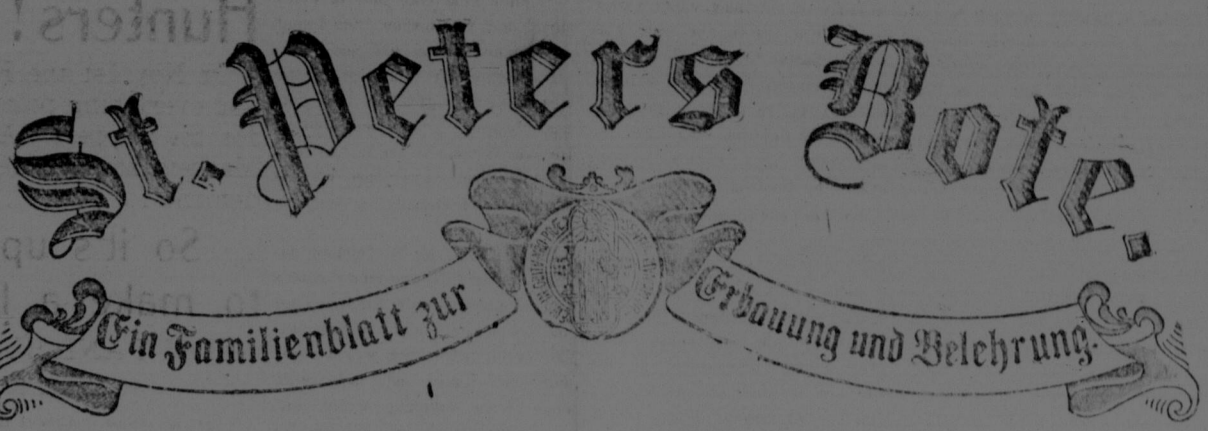
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In The Wake Of The War

BERLIN, Dec. 7. — The rioting of Friday in Berlin, the mysterious raid on the executive committee of the soldiers' and workmen's council and the demonstration by soldiers and sailors on behalf of Chancellor Ebert have intensified the existing gap between the two wings of the social democrats, which seems now, more than ever, hopelessly divided.

METZ, Dec. 8. — President Poincare today, in the presence of a large crowd on the parade grounds here, presented General Henri Philippe Petain with the baton of a marshal of France.

LONDON, Dec. 8. — Herbert A. Asquith, former prime minister, speaking at Rochdale yesterday, ranged himself alongside those who have declared that the men responsible for the war and the atrocities shall receive adequate punishment.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 8. — At Munich, says a Berlin dispatch, returning troops led by officers and bearing the old and new imperial and state flags, demanded a speedily summoning of the national assembly.

OTTAWA, Dec. 8. — Canadian forces are now on German soil, according to a cable received by the Director of Public Information from Canadian headquarters in London.

LONDON, Dec. 9. — British advanced troops reached the river Rhine yesterday, between Godesberg and Cologne, Field Marshal Haig announced today.

PARIS, Dec. 9. — Five trawlers will arrive at Cherbourg tomorrow towing five German submarines. This is the first group of U-boats to be handed over to France. It includes one of the most recent vessels of the submersible cruiser type.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 9. — The German government, according to the Berlin correspondent of Cologne Gazette, recognised the republic of Estonia.

BERNE, Dec. 9. — The National Rumanian Council of Transylvania has proclaimed union with the kingdom of Rumania.

YOKOHOMA, Dec. 9. — The Japanese delegation to the peace conference at Versailles, will leave here tomorrow on board the liner Tenyo Maru for San Francisco.

LONDON, Dec. 10. — Count Karolyi, who took a prominent part in the recent proclamation of a Hungarian republic, is reported in a Budapest dispatch to have attempted suicide in despair of the success of his efforts to reconstruct Hungary.

LONDON, Dec. 10. — Five hundred Englishmen, Americans, and others, a majority of the party being members of crews from the ships captured by the German commerce raiders Moewe and Wolf, have arrived at Aarhus, a seaport of Denmark, from Germany, according to a Copenhagen dispatch.

PARIS, Dec. 10. — The main body of the French army of occupation, headed by a band, has entered Mayence.

BERLIN, Dec. 10. — At Chemnitz the people speak plainly, says the Vorwaerts, commenting on the result of the elections in Chemnitz to the soldiers' and workmen's council; there the majority socialists have polled 78,500 votes as against 6,600 by the independent socialists. In Dresden the old party polled 117,566 votes as compared with 8,440 for the independents.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 10. — Prince Maximilian of Baden, former imperial German chancellor, has issued a statement in which he refers to "the unheard-of oppression which the enemy's lust for revenge and fever of victory is inflicting upon our fatherland," according to a Berlin News Agency dispatch.

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 10. — The Nobel Committee has resolved not to award a Nobel peace prize in 1918.

LONDON, Dec. 11. — During the war twelve spies were shot in the Tower of London, according to the report now current. Carlhans Lody, alias Charles Ainglis, who at one time was a resident of Omaha, Neb., was the first to be executed. Two women spies were sentenced to death but both were reprieved, the sentences commuted to long prison terms.

BRISTOL, Dec. 11. — The war bill of the Allies against Germany is £24,000,000,000, according to the British Premier, David Lloyd George, who presented this and other interesting facts before a large gathering here today. The cost of the war to Great Britain was £8,000,000,000. Before the war the estimated wealth of Germany, said the Premier, was between £15,000,000,000 and £20,000,000,000. So if the whole wealth of Germany were taken, there would not be enough to pay the account.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 11. — The Prussian guard entered Berlin Tuesday and was welcomed by thousands of people. Outside the city the guard was stopped by representatives of independent socialists, who vainly invited the troops to disarm.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 12. — Former premier Asquith, in a speech here tonight, said that Great Britain must keep the supremacy of the sea. He agreed, he declared, with what Premier Lloyd George said yesterday with regard to the making of the Germans pay for the war.

BUDAPEST, Dec. 12. — The minister of finance announced today that Hungary would endeavor to meet all its financial engagements to its nationals as well as to foreigners.

MADRID, Dec. 12. — Prince Max von Ratibor und Corvey, German Ambassador to Spain, has been recalled to Berlin, according to the newspaper El Sol.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12. — The sixth division signallers, Canadian Siberian expeditionary force, left here for Victoria tonight over 300 strong. The officer commanding is Major W. McIntosh.

Christmas Night.

It is the calm and solemn night!
A thousand bells ring out and throw
Their joyous peals abroad, and smite
The darkness—charmed and holy now!
The night that erst no name had worn,
To it a happy name is given:
For in that stable lay, new-born,
The peaceful Prince of Earth and Heaven.

In the solemn midnight,
Centuries ago!
Mary, Virgin Mother mild,
Gently kissed her heavenly child;
Joseph, angels, shepherds true,
Worship as the Babe they view.

Then let us sing
On Christmas morn
Of Christ our King,
In stable born.

CHRISTMAS GREETING.

St. Peters Bote proffers to all its subscribers, supporters and friends its heartfelt wishes for a most joyous and holy Christmas. With them it rejoices and gives thanks to God that the terrible spectre of cruel and bloody war, which has hovered above us and marred our joy during the celebration of this holy season during the past four years, has finally departed. With them we join in prayer to the Almighty that He may so shape all things that the hymn of the angels at Bethlehem may be fulfilled: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will!

BREST, Dec. 13. — President Wilson landed in France at 3.24 this afternoon amid a demonstration of popular enthusiasm and national sympathy.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 13. — A czar of Russia will be proclaimed in the person of Grand Duke Cyril Vladimirovitch, according to the Swedish paper Dagens Nyheter.

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 13. — Gen. Mannerheim formally was elected premier of Finland by the Finnish landtag today. The landtag also accepted the resignation of former premier Swinhilfvud.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 13. — For the first time in the west, if not in Canada, a soldier has been sentenced to life imprisonment for desertion. Pte. Dmytrio Glenzin is the man.

PARIS, Dec. 14. — President Wilson made his entry into Paris at 10.15 o'clock this morning. The president's arrival at the capital was greeted with a salvo of artillery in salute.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 14. — The giant White Star liner Olympic arrived here this morning from England with over 5,000 returned Canadian soldiers and some civilian passengers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14. — The war trade board has agreed to allow Holland 100,000 tons of coal, provided it is transported in Dutch ships.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 14. — The Bolsheviki leaders in Russia are engaged in discussions whether to abandon their entire regime, according to the Swedish naval attache at Petrograd, who has arrived here. Nikolai Lenine, the premier, and Leo Kameneff are said to favor abandonment, but they are opposed by War Minister Trotzky, Foreign Minister Tchitcherin and M. Radek.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 15. — The Belgian government has submitted to parliament a bill limiting compensation for war damage to material losses, excluding those based on moral grounds. The senate, in its address replying to the speech from the throne, has declared strongly in favor of annexing the Duchy of Luxemburg to Belgium.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 15. — The supreme military tribunal at Vienna has announced that 11,400 persons were sentenced to death by Austrian military tribunals during the war and executed according to a Berlin dispatch.

GENEVA, Dec. 15. — Hugo Haase and Herr Barth, two of the three socialist members of the commission of six, which constitutes the German government, have resigned, according to reports received here. The report adds that George Ledebour, a leading socialist, also has severed his connections with the government.

PARIS, Dec. 15. — The complete texts of the amendments of the German armistice were signed this morning in Marshal Foch's railway train at Treves (Trier) as follows: "First: The duration of the treaty of armistice concluded Nov. 11, is prolonged one month until the 17th day of January, 1919, at five o'clock in the morning. This extension of a month will be extended until the conclusion of preliminaries to peace, subject to the consent of the Allied governments. Second: The execution of the conditions of the agreement of Nov. 11, such as

agreement of Nov. 11, such as are not completely fulfilled, will be followed and completed in the period of extension of the armistice after regulations fixed by the armistice commission. Third: The following conditions will be added to the agreement of Nov. 11: The allied high command reserves the right to begin, meanwhile, if it thinks it wise, in order to assure new guarantees, to occupy the neutral zone on the right bank of the Rhine to the north of the bridgehead of Cologne, up to the Dutch frontier. This occu-

patation will be announced by the allied high command, by giving six days' notice."

ST. JOHN, Dec. 16. — The C. P. R. ocean service liner Corinthian, which left this port Saturday morning with a large cargo for the British government, struck before three o'clock Saturday afternoon on Bolsen's Ledge, Brier Island, and will be a total loss. Capt. David Tannock and a crew of 86 were rescued by the government steamer Aberdeen and the patrol boat Festubert, of the Canadian naval service.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 16. — Poland has severed relations with Germany, according to a telegram received from Warsaw.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. — Italy, with 5,500,000 men called to the colors, suffered approximately 1,500,000 casualties in the war, General Emilio Gugliemetti, military attache of the Italian war mission, announced here last night. Of the 1,500,000 casualties, approximately 500,000 were killed or died of wounds and 500,000 were permanently disabled.

A Circular Letter to the Clergy of the Diocese of Prince Albert.

A Communication of His Lordship Bishop Pascal. Mittheilung des hochw. Herrn Bischofs Pascal.

His Holiness Pope Benedict XV. asks that the Catholics of the whole world offer up prayers to heaven that the Holy Ghost may enlighten and assist the diplomats of the various States who are going to work for the establishment of the world's peace on a just and solid basis.

In compliance with these wishes, We order that the oration "de Spiritu Sancto" be said in future instead of the oration "pro pace." Moreover we desire that at the Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament the antiphon "Da pacem" and the oration formerly prescribed be replaced by the threefold recitation of "Pax Domine..." followed by the versicle "Domine non secundum..." and the oration "Deus qui culpa offenderis..." This is to be continued until the signing of Peace.

On this occasion We take pleasure in wishing you, together with Our best blessings, the favors of Heaven for the coming year, and We implore the Divine Infant in the Crib to accord the entire world the benefit of that peace of which the angels sang at the birth of the Saviour of the world.

† Albert, O.M.I., Bishop of Prince Albert.

Antiph. Pax Domine, pax populo tuo; ne in aeternum irascaris nobis. (ter.)

V. Domine, non secundum peccata nostra facias nobis.
R. Neque secundum iniquitates nostras retribuas nobis.

Oremus.
Deus qui culpa offenderis, penitentia placaris: preces populi tui supplicantis propitius respice; et flagella tua iracundiae, quae pro peccatis nostris meremur, averte. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. R. Amen.