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# Peace Negotiations Follow Armistice

## Allies Likely to Recognize the Bolsheviki Government

Overtures Between Russia AERIAL ACTIVITY and Germany to be Begun at Once

PETROGRAD UNRULY

Allies May Recognize Bolsheviki to Prevent German Domination

ween the Russian Government and the Central Powers goes into effect on the eastern front to-day, the emisbegin negotiations looking toward cluding two positions of long range peace between Russia and her forguns, southwest of Lille. Later we mer enemies. Meanwhile, it is indi- again bombed these gun positions, cated in London that the allied powers may be preparing to deal more sympathetically with the Bolsheviki and two driven down out of con

The full text of the armistice agreement has not been issued by Petrograd or Berlin, but the German capital, in its brief announcement of the signing of the convention, points out that under clause 9, peace negotiations are to begin immediately. The armistice is for 28 ways, and fo an indefinite period afterward unless a seven days' notice is given. Petro

the Bolsheviki "in order to prevent Russin from passing under the pellitical and economic heef of Germany." Great Britain is said to have decided to referse Tchitcherin, a Russian on duty to-day, at least during the

there has been no marked infantry However, their anxiety to vote was activity on the front from the North obvious. Sea to the Adriatic. Although their "The women are voting to a man," losses have been heavy, the Austro- was the bull invented by one elec-Germans continue their strong attacks in an effort to break the Ital- Despite t

end of the new salient. South of Lens the British improved their position. The artillery battle has been more marked south of the Scarpe, in north of the Chemin des Dames and

For election returns to-night, call polls in Hochelaga. Automatic or Bell Phones 139. Cadet Stewart Hanna of the Royal



vinces. It has become much milder in nearly.

all parts of the

WARRIED !

ON THE WEST FRONT

Three Enemy Machines cal and economic seal of Germany. Brought Down and Two More Put Out of Fight

London, Dec. 17 .- The British War Office statement on aerial "Although the weather was fine Caturday, a very high wind and ground mist interfered with recon-naissance and artillery work. Many rounds were fired during the day

"During several fights three hos tile machines were brought down

Women Challenged

Constitutent Assembly is another has been impossible to get the vote knotty problem. The confiscation of out. To-day, the question was to all property, lands and money of the get it in. In addition to the rush of it Russian church, has been decreed by voters, in many places women voters the Bolsheviki, who also have abol-Except on the short stretch be-tween the Brenta and Piave Rivers, compelled to make to the ladies.

facks in an effort to break the tear in an orthern defense. In hard fight low zero morning, electors were waiting just east of the Brente, the eneming at many of the polls at 6 o'clock, my has gained Col Caprille, at the Despite the crisp chill of a 12 behead of the San Lorenzo valley, after two attacks had been repulsed. The invaders have not yet reached the val-le, further efforts here and elsewhere having been checked by the Italians.

British troops on the Cambrai In every one of the Montreal Island front have repulsed raids by infantry divisions in which the contests were and bombing parties on the southern staged, the same story was told, a

the Arras area, and rorth of Lange-marck, in Flanders. In Champagne. voters. In several instances, the police were compelled to interfersouth of St. Quentin, German efforts One such poll was in St. Anns divishave been checked by the French, ion, near the subway. Evre 35 wo while intermittent artillery activity men, who were trying to enter the has continued over a great part of booth, were kept out in the cold for front from St. Quentin to Swit- some time, until police officers dispersed the obstructionists. Similar scenes were witnessed at one or two-

It has much nearly of the centre wore one or two scrutingers who objected to the women voting until they produced to the some certificate as to their qualitication, although they were on the complete success and the Turks was driven out at the point of the centre.

## Entente Powers Will Endorse De Facto [\ Rule of Maximalists in Russia in Order to Prevent Country's Passing Under Seal of Germany

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Dec. 17.—London newspapers forecast that the Allies will recognize the de facto rule of the Bolsheviki in order to prevent Russia from passing under the politi-

This is along the lines of the statement made by Lord Robert Cecil, minister of Prof. Von Wrangel is Conblockade in an interview with the Associated Press on Friday. A step in the rejectable verted to Views of the lishment of relations with Russia may be seen in the report that Great Britain has decided to release the Russian, Tchitcherin, who is in prison in London as a treasurous he British on aerial propagandist, but who has been chosen by the Bolsheviki as ambassador to London. The Bolsheviki have now withdrawn the refusal to permit British civilians or couriers wind and to leave Russia. Presumably the Bolsheviki will not insist on Tchitcherin occupying the post of ambassador, and he will return to Russia immediately.

London, Dec. 17.-While the Russians were continuing to make progress in the ratification of an armistice arrangement with the Germans, the Entente Governments apparently were approaching an agreement for more sympathetic dealings with the Bolsheviki Government. The adoption of a more telerant attitude toward Russia was said to have been urged by the American delegates to the recent Paris conference, and this viewpoint now apparently has been adopted by all the members of the

Entente. Lord Northcliffe's Weekly Despatch says to-day:
"The belief here is that the Bolsheviki Government is likely to remain in power for a long time. The principal aim of the Entente henceforth will be to try to assist in every effort to bring Russia relief from an economic collapse."

Despatches during the last 24 hours from Petrograd tell of further efforts by the Bolsheviki to consolidate their government in civil life and with the army, church and the courts with regard to railway courts with regard to regard to real way courts with regard to regard to

the courts with regard to railway comm

### grad says that both sides, agreed not to earry on military transfers on the castern theatre, except those begun when the treaty was signed. Booths—Votes of Many FACE OF TERRIBLE OBSTACLES

Turkish Troops Assailed Allenby's Position Outside the Holy City in Force; Torrential Rain Made Road Impassables Supply and Transport Problems were Vexations

The camels were unable to keep

from which the Londoners advanced easyward toward Jerusalem, while other troops ascended the Hebron road, three lends to the south. They found Hebron the south. They found Hebron covaculated but encountered resistance around Bethlehem, where the Turks also had posted guns so that Turks also had posted guns so that scenes were witnessed at one or two polls in Hochelaga.

A returned soldier, who went to the poll at 2385 St. Urban street. Laurier Outremont division, was refused the right to yete, when the street work would endanger the street willage. Hence our troops had the disagreeable experience of head the without the ability to refly. But they pressed forward, and by noon of the 8th were two miles worth of Bethlasen.

payonet, the survivors bolting, to either side of the town. Their losses

"Throughout the whole fighting

around Jerusalem, the Turks showed

The monday reasons to be resorted to by the Unionist of high pressure covers the eastern portion of the continent and decidedly cold weather prevails from the Ottawa valley to the Maritime pro-

"Zimmie" west.

Forecasts.

Southeast to south winds, generally fair and milder to-day and Tuesbrother at Viny Ridge, went to (Continued on Page 4.)

decided to reference Tehitcherin, a Russian political prisoner, and the Bolsheviki are new permitting. British subjects to leave Russia. To the American delegates at the Paris conference is said to belong the eredit for the tempering of the Allied attitude toward the Bolsheviki.

Labout strikes appear to be the great obstacle before the Bolsheviki.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—A tremend of the Bolsheviki are present, especially in the Petrograd district. The railway and fuel in the Petrograd district. The railway and fuel is the truck of the serious. The counter toward is still more or less of a mental pear as if every available voter would be a surrender of the capture and the entry of the entry of the capture and the entry of the en withdraw to the north and east of the city and at 8 o'clock in the mayor and chief of the ninth, the mayor and chief of palice came out with a famished from hunger that they used town."

"Acceptance of the surrender was made formally at noon without act made for mad

The final Turkish attack was pre-eded by such a heavy shelling that t appeared the enemy was confident being posted to prevent surprises.

"Everybody suspected of sympath. The final Turkish attack was preceded by such a heavy shelling that it appeared the enemy was contident it appeared the enemy was contident the British would be blown off the enemy was continent. Sir George Foster is confined to a hospital in Toronto; Major General Memburs northward, being subtines and strong line, west, south and northeast of Jerusalem. They were blook as a strong line, west, south and northeast of Jerusalem. They were well provided with machine guns and the city, was stormed with the british would have to will provided with machine guns and the city, was stormed with the british would have to the city, was stormed with the british would have to advance. Some Turkish guns were placed fust outside the city walls, the hands of the opposite to reply to their fire without endangering the town.

"Hugh Guthrie probably at Guelph. Western cabie on the work of relieving distress with placed in a long series of trees." When the united States broke on the stablished in a long series of trees. The camels were unable to knew the suffernment of the clarks were carried with a such as a stablished in a long series of trees, were desired to the substitute of the clock this morning that the pool of the substitute of the clock of the

These trenches were carried with a were discontinued. Nevertheless, the rush and the British line advanced members of the colony persisted in The camels were unable to keep the foothold on the slippery paths, rush and the British line advanced members of the colony persisted in members of the colony persisted in members of the colony persisted in the good work to the best of their depond the members of the colony persisted in the good work to the best of their depond work to the good work to th

The Courier to-night, will receive the election returns over its own leased wire, 50 hat the promptest possible The returns, as they come Bell and Automatic phone 276 will be used exclusively for receiving reports from the two Brants; and citizens are asked non to call that num-

All queries will be answer-od over Bell or Automatic Phones 139.
The Courier has also ar-The Coubier has also arranged to furnish the returns, as received, to the Women's Headquarters, (Tea Pot Inn), where members of the fair sex can await in comfort the result in the two Brants, and Riding generally. The Courier will also furnish returns for The Brant and Rex Theatres, where the results will be shown on the screen.

"Early in November, Enver Pasha the Turkish minister of war) came to Jerusalem and returned to Condays later, however, a change was made and reinforcements were hurried down. A proclamation was issued saying that the Turks would hold out to the last. The new forces were very truculent, and it is even said some of the sacred clines were

mined.

"Later, General von Fulkenhayn arrived and took centrol of defense measures. The day prior to dur entry workmen were still engaged in fitting his headquarters with electric light. The population of Jerusalem is heart and soul with us, and there cannot be the slightest doubt of the attitude of the Arabs and the Jews. According to Turkish estimates, there are in Pelestine 25,000 Arabs and Jews who deserted the army to evade military service, but it is said that the Turks lately have avoided undue severity, as they were beginning to realize the mistakes of their policy.

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MILITARISM MUST BE CRUSHED, SAYS GERMAN PACIFIST

verted to Views of the Allied Powers

Geneva, Dec. 17. Professor von Wrangel, a well known German pacifist, writes in The Frele Zei-tung that he had always been in von Hindenburg he has completely

The professor says he sees that Wilson, Lloyd George and Clemeneau are right that there cannot e a durable peace in Europe until erman, especially Prussian militarm. has been crushed.

the highest German political and inclitary authorities, with whom von Wrangel has been on excellent terms since the beginning of the

Election Deferred in Four Constituencies

of his colleagues are here this morning and so far as can be ascertained. the returns to-night in Montreal.

the polls since six o'clock this morning." During the forenoon hours a heavy women's vote was polled. Reports from surrounding constituences also indicate an abnormal vote. Both organizations still profess to be optimistic as to the result. Unionists assert that even if their returns to-night should leave the opnosing forces with a narrow margin.

posing forces with a narrow margin, between them the soldiers' vote, when it is counted next month, will turn at least fifteen constituences, likely to go Liberal to-day, into the Unionist column. Liberals dispute this and say that the soldiers' vote is not likely to go as strongly in favor of the government as Unionists claim.
Polling is actually taking place in

202 constitutuencies to-day. The 29 acclamations and the four defertantinople, where he recommended red elections make up the total of hat the town be evacuated. Three 235 seats which constitute the new parliament. The deferred elections are Halifax (two seats) Nelson, Man., and the Yukon. At the last general electon held

on September 21, 1911, 221 member were elected of whom 133 were Con servatves 86 Liberal and two inde pendents. The members classed as independents were W. F. MacLean South York and A. Verville, Mais-

### **HUN RAID**

London, Dec. 17.—One British and five neutral merchantmen, a British destroyer, and four mine sweepers have been sunk in the North Sea by Ger-

man naval forces.

The losses were the result of an attack on a convoy bound from Scotland to Norway, Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, announced to-day.

The total tonnage of the lost were horsely as 2000.

Enemy Will Agree to Suspend Naval Activity in White Sea

TERMS OF ARMISTIC No Transference of Troop Until Jan. 14, and No

entil January 14 (January 1, Ri sian); no increase of troops on t fronts or on the islands in the hio Sound or a regrouping of force troops between the Black Sea the Baltic Sea east of the fifte degree longitude east of Green

The text of the armistice follows: "Between the representatives of the higher command of Russia ou the one hand of Bulgaria, Germani, Austria-Hungary and Turkey on the other hand for the purpose of achieving a lasting and honorable

achieving a lateing and nonorade peace between both parties, the following armistice is concluded:

"The armistice shall begin on December 4 (December 17) at a clock in the afternoon and continue until January 1 (January 15) The contracting parties have the right to break the armistice by etc. ng seven days' notice. Unless otice is given the armistice autonatically continues.

"The armistice embraces the land and aerial forces on the front from the Baltic to the Black Sea and also the Russo-Turkish front in Asia Minor. During the armistice the parties concerned obligate themselves not to increase the number of troops on the playe front or of of troops on the above fronts or on the islands in Moon Sound, or to make a regrouping of forces.

### ===THE = MERCHANTS CORNE

Some Bargain Sale Artists dra themselves in the cloak of altru-and dramatically proclaim that it are doing their share to reduce? "high cost of living." Do not be-ceived, they are not the public be-factors that they rose to be-are in reality pirates that are plaing a huge confidence game on public. When you see a firm ing a huge confidence game on the public. When you see a firm advertising standard articles at a 5th price, often lower than the wholesale price, and that it gives evidence of astounding prosperity, you can draw your own conclusions: Big profits cannot result from all around losses they must be seen they are seen the losses—they must come in some way. The loss on standard merch way. The loss on standard merchandise must be made up on an endless list of things in other lines, the true value of which the public knows little or nothing about, so that in the end the dear people, deluded into the notion that they are getting something for nothing are, in fact, paying for the delusion in a form of robber grainst which a form of robber against which they would protest in delirious tones did they know the facts.