

Peace Negotiations Follow Armistice

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PEACE NEGOTIATION ON HEELS OF THE ARMISTICE

Overtures Between Russia and Germany to be Begun at Once

PETROGRAD UNRULY Allies May Recognize Bolsheviki to Prevent German Domination

When the armistice agreement between the Russian Government and the Central Powers goes into effect on the eastern front to-day, the emissaries of the several countries will begin negotiations looking toward peace between Russia and her former enemies.

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.

London newspapers forecast that the Allies will give recognition of the Bolsheviki government in order to prevent Russia from passing under the political and economic heel of Germany.

Labor strikes appear to be the great obstacle before the Bolsheviki at present, especially in the Petrograd district. The railway and fuel situations are serious.

Except on the short stretch between the British and Fivo River, there has been no marked infantry activity on the front from the North Sea to the Adriatic.

For election returns to-night, call Automatic or Bell Phones 139.

WEATHER BULLETIN Toronto, Dec. 17.—A very pronounced area of high pressure covers the eastern portion of the continent.

AERIAL ACTIVITY ON THE WEST FRONT Three Enemy Machines Brought Down and Two More Put Out of Fight

London, Dec. 17.—The British War Office statement on aerial operations, issued last night, reads: "Although the weather was fine yesterday, a very high wind and ground mist interfered with reconnaissance and artillery work."

MAILED FIST IN MONTREAL Rowdies Blocked Polling Booths—Votes of Many Women Challenged

Montreal, Dec. 17.—Every member of the police force in this city is on duty to-day, at least during the polling hours, 6 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—A tremendous rush of voters marked the balloting to-day. From every polling booth it appears that a record vote was being cast, and that it would appear as if every available voter would try to cast a ballot.

Despite the crisp chill of a 12 below zero morning, electors were waiting at many of the polls at 8 o'clock the opening hour, and throughout the morning returning officers everywhere had their hands full.

"Place Aux Dames" was not the motto of rowdies, who assembled at the doors of half a dozen or so polling booths to obstruct the women voters.

In Maisonneuve, there was an organized attempt to obstruct the polls and some strong arm methods had to be resorted to by the Unionist supporters in order to get the women through to the polls.

At Verdun, a lady who lost her brother at Vimy Ridge, went to day.

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

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 political and economic seal of Germany.

This is along the lines of the statement made by Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade in an interview with the Associated Press on Friday.

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.

BRITISH TOOK JERUSALEM IN FACE OF TERRIBLE OBSTACLES Turkish Troops Assailed Allenby's Position Outside the Holy City in Force; Torrential Rain Made Road Impassable; Supply and Transport Problems were Vexations

London, Dec. 17.—The British Turks employed storming troops in successive assaults on Nebi Samuel, northwest of the Holy City, held by London troops, according to a Reuters despatch from British headquarters in Palestine.

The final Turkish attack was preceded by such heavy shelling that it appeared the city was confident the British would be blown off the summit, but all their attacks were repulsed sanguinarily.

"The women are voting to a man," was the bull invented by one election agent.

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Throughout the whole fighting around Jerusalem, the Turks showed a more desperate spirit and a greater tenacity than in almost any previous fighting.

EXTEND ARMISTICE TO RUSS COAST IN ARCTIC

MILITARISM MUST BE CRUSHED, SAYS GERMAN PACIFIST

Prof. Von Wrangel is Converted to Views of the Allied Powers

Geneva, Dec. 17.—Professor von Wrangel, a well known German pacifist, writes in The Freie Zeitung that he had always been in favor of immediate peace without annexation, but that as the result of a recent talk with Field Marshal von Hindenburg he has completely changed his opinion.

VOTING IN 202 RIDINGS TODAY

Twenty-Nine Acclamations, Election Deferred in Four Constituencies

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Sir Robert Borden is the only member of the government who has cast the ballot.

When the United States broke off relations with Turkey these funds were discontinued.

Early in November, Enver Pasha (the Turkish minister of war) came to Jerusalem and returned to Constantinople, where he recommended that the town be evacuated.

Later, General Von Falkenhayn arrived and took control of defensive measures. The day prior to our entry workmen were still engaged in filling his headquarters with electric light.

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Enemy Will Agree to Suspend Naval Activity in White Sea

TERMS OF ARMISTICE No Transference of Troops Until Jan. 14, and No Increasing

Petrograd, Dec. 16.—The terms of the Russo-German armistice, according to a statement issued here, obligates no transference of troops until January 14 (January 1, Russian); no increase of troops on the fronts or on the islands in the Baltic Sea or a regrouping of forces.

The armistice embraces the islands and aerial forces on the front extending to the Baltic to the Black Sea and along the Russo-Turkish front in Asia Minor.

The text of the armistice follows: "Between the representatives of the higher command of Russia on the one hand and Bulgaria, Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey on the other hand for the purpose of achieving a lasting and honorable peace between both parties, the following armistice is concluded:

"The armistice shall begin on December 17, 1917, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and continue until January 1 (January 14, Russian) at 11 o'clock in the morning.

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THE MERCHANTS CORNER

Some Bargain Sale Artists drag themselves in the cloak of altruism and dramatically proclaim that they are doing their share to reduce the "high cost of living."

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