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Allies Must Achieve their Purpose Is British Reply To Germans' Peace Offer

Lloyd George Says This is Essential To Future Freedom and Peace of Mankind; Varying Views in London Papers; Americans Skeptical of Enemy Offer

London, Dec. 28.—"Achievement of the purpose for which the Allies are fighting is essential to the future freedom and peace of mankind," said Premier Lloyd George in a letter which he sent today to the labor congress. The premier's statement is regarded as the British reply to the German peace offer.

The premier said that a statement on war aims could be made only in agreement with Great Britain's Allies. The question of issuing a fresh joint declaration, he added, was being constantly kept in view by the Entente Allied governments.

London, Dec. 28.—A statement purporting to give in broad outline the views taken in high British political circles of the German peace terms is printed by the Daily Express. It says that two things are known here, first, that Germany does not want a separate peace with Russia, but a general peace; and second, that Germany fears Bolsheviki influence, being afraid of its effect on the German working classes.

"A stiff upper lip is the attitude in this country at present," the statement declares. "The peace terms are not sufficient to lead up to our laying down our arms. We must be watched. It is up to Germany to show that she is sincere."

Opinion here on the reply of the central powers to the Bolshevik peace terms is far as can be judged from the editorials of the morning newspapers, follows two main lines. On one hand it seems to be felt that the central powers have made a perfectly sincere offer and that they are to be commended for it.

The former view is not confined to papers generally regarded as having pacifist leanings. It is supported strongly, for instance, by the Conservative Daily Express, which stands uncompromisingly for victory over the central powers, and is an ardent apostle of armistice.

In all the papers taking this view, the statement of the Central Powers is regarded as being addressed less to Russia than to the Allies generally, and the offer made through Count Czernin is assumed to be an initial proposal which the central powers probably are prepared to modify.

After denouncing the terms as they would affect Belgium and other matters as being altogether unacceptable, the Daily News adds: "These deficiencies might seem for a moment to furnish sufficient ground for ignoring or summarily dismissing the German proposals."

"The real object of the answer is transparent," it adds. "Germany and her satellites hope to rally the action of their delegates, and intend to make use of this to strengthen the defeatists in the allied countries and, as Dernburg told us, to break the home front of Germany's enemies. The Bolsheviki are to be the bait with which to tempt the believers and half-believers in peace by agreement into the Berlin trap."

"In every instance where a concession to a democratic principle is apparently made, it is nullified immediately by some craftily drawn qualification or reserve." It is Germany's manifest policy, according to the Times, to secure what there is yet time, a peace which will pre-

FRANCE STAYS IN NO MATTER WHAT RUSSIAN COURSE MAY BE

Peace Based on Conditions Before The War Not Acceptable

PICHON'S STURDY SPEECH

Foreign Minister Analyzes German Scheming—Question of Alsace-Lorraine Will Play Large Part in Matter of Durable Peace

Paris, Dec. 27.—(Delayed)—France will not accept a peace based on conditions before the war, Foreign Minister Pichon declared in replying to the chamber of deputies today to the peace terms of the Central Powers outlined to Russia. He asserted that Germany was endeavoring to involve France in its negotiations with the Bolsheviki, but that the war would go on whether or not Russia made a separate peace.

The foreign minister said Germany was seeking to protract the negotiations with the Russians, re-establishing commercial relations in the meantime, believing that in this way the Bolsheviki might be checked later. Referring to the terms which the Central Powers offered to the Russian, he said: "Germany is trying to involve us in her Maximalist negotiations. After suffering as we have, we cannot accept peace based on the status quo. By agreement with our allies, we are ready to discuss direct propositions regarding peace, but this is indirect."

"Russia can treat for a separate peace with our enemies or not. In either case the war for us will continue. An ally has failed to do his duty. It is a great success for our enemies, but another ally has come; from the other end of the world, democracy has risen against Germany's appetite for conquest."

"At the conference in Paris a programme was drawn up, and in consequence will be realized only if by our battles in Europe we can compel England to recognize us as an equal colonial power and to draw the necessary consequences in the future re-arrangement of Africa."

MRS. MARGARET MCINTOSH.

The death of Mrs. Margaret McIntosh, wife of James McIntosh, of 17 St. Paul street, took place yesterday. Besides her husband she leaves three sons, Duncan Cameron and Robert McIntosh, in Chatham, and Clarence McIntosh at home; and two daughters, Mrs. Eldon Mauder, of this city, and Miss Jodie Cameron, at home. Mrs. McIntosh was formerly of Chatham. The funeral will be tomorrow at 10 a. m., from her residence, to Holy Trinity church for requiem high mass.

JAMES A. McNUTT.

Many will learn with regret of the death of James A. McNutt, of 88 Forest street, which occurred in the General Public Hospital last evening. He was thirty years old and was employed with the I. C. R. He leaves one brother, Albert E. McNutt, of Moncton, and one daughter, Florence, of this city. The funeral will take place this evening from his late residence, 88 Forest street, and the body will be taken to Truro, his former home, for interment.

ACCIDENT.

Miss Regina Gleason, teacher of Coldbrook school, fell in Mill street today and a bone in the left ankle was broken. She was assisted to her home in Waterloo street and Dr. J. M. Barry was called to attend her.

ALLIES NOT THINKING OF PEACE.

"Even the blindest mole," declares the Mail, "could see through the smoke screen of verbal evasions with which the Germans try to conceal their real intentions. Seemingly compliance with the Russian suggestion coupled with reservations that take all the meaning from the tentative agreement is clearly the German game."

HAD PLEASANT TIME.

A social evening was greatly enjoyed by the young women of the Catholic Girls' Guild, 100 Coburg street, last evening. It had been efficiently arranged by a committee composed of Mrs. H. C. Dalton, Mrs. J. H. Dooly, Mrs. James Kilborn, F. O'Neill, B. McMillan, G. McGuire and M. McGrath. Games were enjoyed, prizes presented to the winners, and refreshments were served. It was a happy evening for all.

CARPENTERS THE MEN NEEDED.

His Worship Mayor Hayes received a telegram this morning from the manager of reconstruction work in Halifax, stating that there was no work for plumbers but what are needed are carpenters.

SUPPLIES FOR U-BOAT BASE?

Brizilian Newspapers Give Accounts of Movements of German Corsair Off Coast

Buenos Aires, Dec. 28.—Brazilian newspapers received here yesterday are filled with accounts of the movements of a German corsair off the Brazilian coast a few weeks ago. The newspapers assert that the mysterious vessel was identified as a German, and that it unloaded an immense cargo of heavy cases at Casquin and Armacao. Several days later the steamer returned to Armacao with additional cargo, which the newspaper accounts say it believed she received from a larger ship out of sight of land. From Armacao the vessel proceeded to Caloto, where another portion of the cargo was unloaded.

The newspapers say the steamer disappeared as mysteriously as she came, and that Brazilians believe she brought supplies for a submarine base.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers in real estate have been recorded as follows:

St. John County.

S. H. Ewing et al to J. E. Fenwick, property in Simonds.

Jeremiah Horgan to L. J. Horgan, property in Simonds.

Heirs of Sophie E. Wishart, to A. D. McLeod, property in St. Martins.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of Mrs. Anne Henderson took place this afternoon from her late residence, 108 Leinster street. Services were conducted by Rev. H. A. Goodwin. Interment was made in Fernhill.

The funeral of Mrs. Hannah Thompson took place this afternoon from her late residence, 108 Leinster street. Services were conducted by Rev. H. A. Goodwin. Interment was made in the Church of England burying ground.

PROBATE COURT.

In the matter of the estate of Elizabeth Walker, late of Philadelphia, Pa., the will has been proved in common form and letters testamentary granted to Dr. Thomas Walker and Alice K. Walker of this city. Dr. J. Roy Campbell, C. C. is executor.

In the matter of the estate of Mary Isabel Hamm, the will has been proved in common form and letters testamentary granted to Wellington L. Hamm, Messrs. Barnhill, Ewing & Sanford are executors.

STRIKE IS SERIOUS.

Hamilton, Ohio, Dec. 28.—Four thousand and union workmen refused to go to work today and as a result a general strike of union men has resulted from in common form and letters testamentary granted to Wellington L. Hamm, Messrs. Barnhill, Ewing & Sanford are executors.

VERY COLD IN WEST.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—Temperatures ranging from 18 to 40 below in Manitoba, 18 to 48 below in Saskatchewan and 18 to 30 below in Alberta were recorded today.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director, meteorological service.

Synopsis—The disturbance which was over the lake region yesterday morning has moved eastward to the Lower St. Lawrence Valley accompanied by strong winds and snow and the severe cold which has prevailed in the western provinces is now spreading into Ontario.

Lakes and Georgian Bay—Strong northwest winds, local snow flurries, but generally fair and extremely cold tonight and on Saturday.

Ottawa and Upper Lawrence Valleys—Strong northwest winds, fair and extremely cold tonight and on Saturday.

Lower Lawrence—Strong winds and snow today and Saturday, becoming colder.

Lake and North Shore—Winds increasing to gales, with snow today and on Saturday.

Very Cold Again.

Maritime—Winds increasing to gales and clearing and becoming very cold again.

Lake Superior—Strong northwest winds, fair, extremely cold today and on Saturday.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan—Fair and continued extremely cold today and on Saturday.

Alberta—Fair and very cold.

New England—Snow and colder tonight. Saturday fair and colder with cold wave; fresh northwest winds.

PROMOTION AND MILITARY MEDAL

"Happy" Evans now a Sergeant for Good Work Done at Passchendaele

Friends of Sergeant Walter ("Happy") Evans of an ammunition column, will be glad to learn of his promotion on the battlefield at Passchendaele on October 29 in recognition of his faithful services under heavy fire for which he has also been awarded the Military Medal. He is probably now in England to receive his decoration and to take his commission.

Particularly "hot shot" was directed against Sergeant Evans and his party whilst they were bringing ammunition up to the lines and although "Happy" was on a mission down off the road, he managed to recover himself and finally "delivered the goods." Sergeant Evans writes of the splendid bravery displayed by his men, two of whom were lost in the achievement.

Sergeant Evans is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Evans, Seely street, and before he enlisted was a well known L. C. brakeman.

FOR WIDOWS OF LOCAL MEN WHO DIED IN WAR

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The list of those who will receive the gifts is as follows:

Mrs. May McKay, widow Pte. W. H. McKay, 89 Simonds street; Mrs. Hester H. MacKenzie, widow, mother P. F. MacKenzie, care of Mott's Drug Store; Mrs. C. E. MacLaughlin, widow of C. E. MacLaughlin, Pleasant Point; Mrs. Eva Alma McLean, widow Lieut. Edward B. McLean, 82 Durham street; Mrs. Anastasia V. Murphy, widow Pte. Jos. W. Murphy, 7 Clarence street; Mrs. Lucy M. A. Pursey, widow P. H. Pursey, 133 Adelaide street; Mrs. M. J. Ramsey, widow Corporal D. W. Ramsey, 26 Brook street; Mrs. Mary Ann Regan, widow Pte. Thomas Regan, 22 Central avenue; Mrs. Esther Robinson, widow, mother Pte. H. Robinson; Mrs. M. Ann Ross, widow Pte. John Ross, 44 Garden street; Mrs. Beattie Saunders, widow P. C. Saunders, 28 Delhi street; Mrs. Pearl Scovill, widow of Sergeant George H. H. Scovill, 213 Queen street, west; Mrs. Henrietta Sebestian, widow Pte. Watson Sebestian, 79 Bridge street; Mrs. Seely, widow, mother Pte. Reuben V. Seely, King street, west; Mrs. Florence Seymour, widow Sergeant William J. Seymour, 77 Leinster street; Mrs. Catherine H. Small, widow Pte. George Small, Milford; Mrs. Elizabeth South, widow Pte. George South, 22 Clarence street; Mrs. B. Daly, widow of Pte. John Daly, 80 Broad street; Mrs. Margaret Mallory, guardian orphan, Pte. J. Danery, 86 Chapel street; Mrs. Ida Lavine, widow of Pte. Edward Lavine, 39 Carleton street; Mrs. Margaret Ledford, widow of Gunner E. H. Ledford, Central avenue; Mrs. Linda Love, widow of Sergeant J. T. Love, 26 Rossy avenue; Mrs. Edward Mabee, widow of Pte. J. H. Mabee, 103 Gilbert's Lane; Mrs. Harriett A. Mehan, widow Pte. James Mehan, 27 Brunswick street; Mrs. Ann Merriman, widow, mother Pte. J. H. Merriman, 114 Charlotte street; Mrs. Mary A. Mills, widow, mother Pte. C. L. Mills, 119 Queen street; Mrs. Eleanor A. Moore, widow, mother Pte. William H. Moore, 184 Waterloo street; Mrs. Mary Mullaney, widow, mother Lieut. Maurice Mullaney, 45 Douglas avenue; Mrs. Mary A. Murdoch, widow, mother Dr. R. Murdoch, 96 Leinster street; Mrs. Ida M. McCain, widow Pte. Nelson McCain, 31 Crown street; Mrs. Mary McCausland, widow, mother Pte. F. McCausland, 12 Albert street, west; Mrs. Ida McCuskey, widow Corporal W. S. McCuskey, 220 Waterloo street.

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ALLOTMENT OF VICTORY LOAN

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Sir Thomas White has decided to make allotments to the Victory Loan subscribers as follows:

1. Over \$500,000, \$500,000 in full and seventy-five per cent. of balance.

2. Over \$100,000, same as 2 for first \$1,000,000 and fifty per cent. of amount in excess of \$1,000,000.

3. Over \$50,000, same as 2 for first \$500,000 and fifty per cent. of amount in excess of \$500,000.

4. Over \$25,000, same as 2 for first \$250,000 and fifty per cent. of amount in excess of \$250,000.

5. Over \$10,000, same as 2 for first \$100,000 and fifty per cent. of amount in excess of \$100,000.

6. Over \$5,000, same as 2 for first \$50,000 and fifty per cent. of amount in excess of \$50,000.

7. Over \$2,500, same as 2 for first \$25,000 and fifty per cent. of amount in excess of \$25,000.

8. Over \$1,000, same as 2 for first \$10,000 and fifty per cent. of amount in excess of \$10,000.

9. Over \$500, same as 2 for first \$5,000 and fifty per cent. of amount in excess of \$5,000.

10. Over \$250, same as 2 for first \$2,500 and fifty per cent. of amount in excess of \$2,500.

11. Over \$100, same as 2 for first \$1,000 and fifty per cent. of amount in excess of \$1,000.

12. Over \$50, same as 2 for first \$500 and fifty per cent. of amount in excess of \$500.

Recess In The Negotiations

Trotsky Meanwhile Reported Drafting New Note To The Entente—Private Banks In Petrograd Seized

THINKS RHODES WILL BE SPEAKER

Ottawa Believes He Will Be Returned to Commons By Soldier Vote

Matter of Permanent Official Likely to Be Revived—Appointment of Deputy Speaker Affords More of a Problem

Petrograd, Dec. 27.—The delegates of the Central Powers to the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk have agreed to a ten day recess in the negotiations, which will be resumed on Jan. 4 at a place not yet determined.

Leon Trotsky is reported to be drafting a new note to the Entente Allied embassies again asking them to participate in the peace conference. He is also said to be preparing a new message to the peoples of the world.

An armistice is reported to have been reached between the Bolsheviki forces and the troops of General Kaledines at Rostov, with a neutral zone between the opposing lines.

London, Dec. 28.—The progress of the peace negotiations is expected to have a large influence on internal conditions in Russia and the fighting in the south, where the position of affairs is still obscure. According to the best available information reaching London, the Bolsheviki commissioners are counting upon two things to strengthen their position—first, the chance of securing a peace acceptable to the country as a whole, which would induce the nation to overlook the recent lack of administrative ability shown by the Bolsheviki; second, the fact of the existence of considerable lines, classes and cleavages even among the supporters of the Kaledines movement in the south.

General Kaledines is reported to have recently resigned the leadership of the Cossack government.

Petrograd, Dec. 27.—Soldiers, acting under the orders of Finance Commissioner Menshinsky, today seized all private banks in Petrograd, including the branch of the National City Bank of New York. The manager, E. R. Stevens was arrested and detained for a short time.

TODAY'S NEWS FROM THE BATTLE FRONTS

London, Dec. 28.—"There is nothing of special interest to report," says today's communication from the war office.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Artillery fighting continued during the night on the Vedrin front near Carrières Wood, where the Germans made an unsuccessful attack on Wednesday, the war office reports. There also was heavy shelling in Lorraine. The communication follows—

"During the night there were artillery actions in the region of Carrières Wood and in Lorraine, in the sector of Veho, where the bombardment became very severe late in the night. In Upper Alsace a French patrol brought back prisoners. There is nothing to report from the remainder of the front."

American Killed.

With the American Armies in France, Dec. 27.—(By the Associated Press)—During a recent moonlight night German aviators dropped bombs near a certain town and two American privates who were in a camp in a wood were killed.

A corporal of American engineers was killed and one private was wounded Christmas evening when a German shell dropped near a party of American engineers working in trenches on a section of the French front.

London, Dec. 27.—Some young men in middle and western Ireland, according to a Dublin dispatch to the Times, have applied for passports to enable them to go to the United States to join Irish regiments in the American army. The government authorities up to this time, it is added, have refused to grant such permits.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The French war office reports—

"In the Argonne we repulsed an enemy surprise attack."

"On the right bank of the Meuse the activity of the artillery on both sides continued very lively in the region of Carrières Wood and Bezonaux. North-east of Bezonaux our batteries caught under their fire an enemy troop concentration which was dispersed with losses."

"Belgian communication—During the last forty-eight hours there has been little activity on the Belgian front. During the night of December 26-27 the artillery fighting was rather intense in the Dixmude sector."

"Army of the east, December 26—Nothing of importance occurred. The bad weather continues."

SUGGESTS COAL OFFICIAL IN ALL CITIES AND TOWNS

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—With the object of securing a fair distribution of coal amongst consumers, C. A. McGrath, Dominion controller, has written to the mayors of all cities and towns suggesting the appointment of an official to look after the interests of those who have been refused coal by dealers.

WILSON JUST TOOK THEM OVER; THAT WAS ALL

Washington, Dec. 28.—At noon today the approximately 250,000 miles of American railway systems silently merged into one great continental chain for the winning of the war.

Under President Wilson's decision, the great event, regarded by many as the opening of a new epoch in government operation and control of public utilities, passed by without any formal ceremony.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Immediate curtailment of luxurious passenger service equipment was among the first steps taken by some of the railroads with headquarters in Chicago, when the government came into control of the nation's rail systems.