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PREMIER WINS MORE UNIVERSAL APPROVAL THAN EVER BEFORE, BY LATEST STATEMENT OUTLINING THE WAR AIMS OF GREAT BRITAIN

Stricken France Fights on With Unbroken Spirit and Unflinching Determination—Population Evacuating Shelled Area in Large Number

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, Jan. 4.—(Delayed)—(By W. A. Willison, special correspondent of the Canadian Press)—Behind the Canadian front another page is being written in the war tragedy of France and France, knowing it, fights on with unbroken spirit and unflinching determination to the ultimate end of victory.

TOWNS SHELLED Hersin, Coupigny, Bruay and other towns in this district, together with Bethune, many miles behind the line, have been shelled and bombarded with a regularity which threatens to reduce them to ruins, making of Bethune another Arras or Ypres, and of the towns such wastes as are Lievin, Arras and Vimy, within the forward battle area.

The French population has been evacuating the shelled areas while the people remaining are living in sand bagged lower rooms of underground retreats.

At present, fearing bright moonlight, the Hun aeroplanes have been quiet, but two weeks ago his machines were very busy. Raids on Bethune were of almost nightly occurrence, until finally the civilians began leaving in large numbers for places of greater safety, while the city at nightfall seemed deserted, those who remained in it having taken shelter in cellars and dugouts.

In the field there is little of interest to report. Our patrols have been unusually active against the alert enemy, who had been sweeping No Man's Land nightly with machine guns. Two enemy parties were dispersed with casualties, while one of our groups came under heavy enemy "pineapple" bombardment, but escaped without loss. Our artillery has been busy sniping enemy working parties with eighteen pounders, carrying out the usual harassing fire in co-operation with machine guns and trench mortars against the enemy lines of communication.

Healthy Troops Cheerful Another great help to the health of the soldiers is the dental laboratory. Such splendid work has been and is being done by the Canadian dentists that for the last two years every case in the corps has been treated within the corps area. Healthy troops are cheerful troops. The Canadian forces are cheerful—as cheerful as the nine generals from the army corps and divisions who, with a royal prince and an American general were honored guests to-night at what was the real premier of the divisional pantomime, "Aladdin in France."

With the American Army in France, Sunday, Jan. 6.—(By the Associated Press)—Plans for the care of American soldiers include a radical departure from former methods of treating wounded. An announcement made to-day by Surgeon-General Bradley says that a method has been formulated assuring each case continuous treatment from the dressing station on the fighting line to the base hospital.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 7.—The disturbance which was in Texas on Saturday morning has caused a snow storm in the Great Lakes and has caused a snow fall over the larger part of Ontario. Manitoba is the only province where the temperature is low. Further west the weather is comparatively mild and in Maritime provinces it is very mild. Forecasts. Snow to-day, fresh northwest winds to-night. Tuesday—Fair and colder.

HOME FOR JEWS.

Ottawa, Jan. 7.—A proclamation has been issued by the British Government that Palestine will never be given back to the Turks, declared Dr. Herman Abramovitch of Montreal, speaking at the People's Forum last night. He added: "That the policy of the allied governments will be to make that country a national home for the Jewish race is a proof, if one is needed, that Great Britain entered this war, not for self-aggrandizement, but for the protection of small nations."

HUNS SUSPEND NEGOTIATIONS BECAUSE OF RUSS DEMANDS

Central Powers Would Not Consent to Have Peace Conference Transferred from Brest-Litovsk to Stockholm; Temporarily Suspending Negotiations Rather Than Accede to Russ Proposals

Russian efforts to have Germany acquiesce in the transference of the peace negotiations from Brest-Litovsk, in German control, to the neutral city of Stockholm, apparently have failed. An official statement issued at Berlin says that a German council meeting discussed the Russian demand, after which it was announced the sitting had been temporarily suspended.

The reports from German sources that the fear of intrigue in Stockholm on the part of Entente interests would endanger the work of the plenipotentiaries, is not confirmed from Petrograd. Foreign Minister Trotsky went to Brest-Litovsk in a vain attempt to persuade the Germans to go to Stockholm.

In Germany the political situation is much disturbed over the attitude of the Liberal parties concerning the government's stand on the proposed transference. The Socialists appear to be the stumbling block and there is danger that they may desert the Reichstag majority, making it necessary for the government to reform the party alignments.

Berlin has issued an official denial that General von Ludendorff, first quartermaster-general, has resigned. The general with his chief, Field Marshal von Hindenburg, was present at the crown council which decided to suspend the Russian negotiations.

There has been more lively infantry activities on the western front, but no operations in strength. In Flanders, near Arras and southeast of Verdun, the infantry fighting was liveliest, but little change in position is reported. In France and on the Italian northern front the artillery firing has been above normal at several points.

Lloyd George Makes Notable Speech to Trades Union Delegates

In a Very Frank and Full Speech He Tells Them of the War Aims of the Allies—Destruction of Germany or Austria Not Desired But There Must be Restoration of Belgium and Alsace-Lorraine and Rights of Small Countries Must be Guaranteed as Well as Larger—Independence for Poland—Inhabitants of Africa to Have Form of Government Acceptable to Themselves

London, Jan. 7.—The British Prime Minister, David Lloyd George yesterday set forth Great Britain's war aims more specifically and at greater length before the delegates of the Trades Unions than he had ever done before.

Text of Official Report Following is the full text of the official report of Premier Lloyd George's speech to the Trade Union Conference.

"When the Government invites organized Labor in this country to assist them to maintain the might of their armies in the field, its representatives are entitled to ask that any misgivings and doubts which any of them may have about the purpose to which this precious strength is to be applied should be definitely cleared. And what is true of organized Labor is equally true of all citizens in this country, without regard to grade or vocation."

"When men by the million are being called upon to suffer and die, and vast populations are being subjected to sufferings and privations of war on a scale unprecedented in the history of the world, they are entitled to know for what cause or causes they are making the sacrifice."

"It is only the clearest, greatest, and justest of causes that can justify the continuance, even for one day, of this unspeakable agony of the nations, and we ought to be able to state clearly and definitely not only the principles for which we are fighting, but also their definite and concrete application to the war map of the world."

War's Most Critical Hour

"We have arrived at the most critical hour in this terrible conflict, and before any Government takes a fateful decision as to the conditions under which it ought either to terminate or to continue the struggle, it ought to be satisfied that the conscience of the nation is behind these conditions, for nothing else can sustain the effort, which is necessary to achieve a righteous end to this war."

Divergence of Opinion Must be Expected Upon Some of the Terms Enumerated, But Lloyd George's Statement is Hailed as Eminently Satisfactory

By Courier Leased Wire London, Jan. 7.—If the country's opinion, as is probable on the present case, can be judged by expressions in the London press, it may be said that never before, has Premier Lloyd George won such universal approval as is given in his statement of Saturday concerning Great Britain's war aims. It is recognized that there will be a divergence of opinion on details like colonies, but in all essentials his statement is hailed as eminently satisfactory and the premier is declared to have performed a most important service to the country.

LOOK TO FOE All interest now is focussed on the question as to how the statement will be received in Germany, Austria-Hungary, and, not the least, in Russia, but as yet there is nothing to satisfy this anxious curiosity. With the exception only of the bellicose Morning Post, which, however, is not opposed to the Premier's thesis, the morning newspapers of London join in a chorus of approval.

The Times declares it is the most important state document since the declaration of war. It commands the moderation of the statement which, however, it thinks may disconcert some tried friends and allies and even lend itself to enemy misrepresentation. The Daily Mail says that nothing could be more democratic than the statement and the whole British people are behind it.

The Germans, it declares, will never get better terms. Premier Lloyd George's assertion that he was not speaking for the government, but for the nation and the empire, The Daily Telegraph thinks will remove a load of anxiety from many troubled minds. It says that all the primary essentials for peace terms are included in the statement, which however, it anticipates will draw a cry of incredulity from Germany.

A Landmark The Daily News describes the statement as a landmark in the war "bringing us and, we take it, our allies generally into line with the policy President Wilson constantly has formulated."

"On these lines," it adds, "the nation can go forward with clear conscience and firm purpose. They are the lines of a clean peace and we must stand by them firmly, unyieldingly. It is a peace of the people."

Spoke For Entente The Daily Express says the premier has spoken the entire mind of the Entente. Germany, it adds, finds itself heretaken seriously and it is the supreme test of her sincerity. To The Daily Chronicle the careful terms in which the aim of an effective league or nations is formulated, seem among the most valuable parts of the historical utterances.

Victory Essential The view of The Morning Post is that victory is the only war aim which has been conducted the war from the beginning on that principle victory would have been won long ago. It approves of the premier's statement by implication in saying that it assumes that the speech means the country will go on to victory, despite all sacrifices.

A Great Gain The Manchester Guardian says the premier's clear and comprehensive statement of Great Britain's aims is made in the name of the opposition as well as the government, but that the gain would have been still greater had statement been made in the name of the whole western alliance and embodied in a formal declaration as to the authority of which there has been no doubt.

The Guardian believes repudiation of any intention to disrupt the not merely of persisting the declared war aims of the Labor party, but also of discussing in detail with Labor leaders the meaning and intention of that declaration. (Continued on Page 7.)

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