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THE PEACE ENEMY ACROSS PIAVE

BERLIN PEACE MOVE MUST NOT SLACKEN WAR PREPARATIONS, BY U. S. GOVT. WARNING

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Washington, Dec. 24.—Germany's newest peace propaganda, viewed as a forerunner to an offensive in the west unless a German-made peace is accepted by the Allies and the United States, "should not for a moment induce us to slacken our preparations for war," says Secretary of War Baker in his weekly review of the military situation.

Italy, Dec. 24.—The review points out that the fighting morale of Italy may be relied on no matter how intensive the German peace campaign becomes and says: "The Italian theatre once again is the scene of important military activity. The enemy, impatient of the delays which have occurred in bringing about the success of his strategy, has decided to make a dash for the Italian plains and the overthrow of the Italian army, has dispatched further forces to the Italian front with a view of achieving a decisive result. The Germans are endeavoring to follow the precepts of classic strategy and by a successful enveloping movement effect the destruction of the Italian and Allied forces."

London, Dec. 24.—German troops yesterday attempted to raid the British positions southeast of Epehy, on the Cambrai front, but were driven off the war office announced today. The text of the statement reads: "Last night hostile raiding parties which attempted to approach our lines in the neighborhood of Monchy-lez-Reims and west of La Bassée were repulsed. Yesterday afternoon the enemy endeavored to raid our positions southeast of Epehy, but was driven off."

ALL BODIES OF HALIFAX DISASTER ARE BURIED
Halifax, N. S., Dec. 24.—All bodies at the Chelchewic morgue were buried today. Information from various sources confirms the reports that the Germans would have the world believe that the military situation is such that they are able to dictate the terms of peace. They, therefore, threaten that unless this dictated peace is accepted by the Allied powers and ourselves the German forces now being concentrated on the western front will break through the Allied line in the west.

Must Not Slacken.
The various reports of immediate peace proposals by the Germans on seemingly favorable terms should not for a moment induce us to slacken our preparations for war.

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TEUTON ARMY THROWN BACK ACROSS PIAVE

Austro-Germans Compelled to Withdraw Over the River.

Rome, Dec. 24.—Enemy forces which had crossed the Piave River at Vochia have been driven back over the river, the war office announces.

ANZAC PREMIER TO LOSE POWER

Hughes May Step Out and Labor Party Take Control.

Melbourne, Dec. 24.—Via Reuters' Ottawa agency, among the latest reports against the Anzacs in the latest reports, which without the soldiers' approval, a total majority of 175,000 against, are: New South Wales, 141,000; Victoria, 12,000; Queensland, 30,000; The Anzacs, 21,000. Among the majorities for conscription are: West Australia, 12,000; Tasmania, 300.

CHURCH AND CAMERON TO CONTEST TORONTO

Toronto, Dec. 24.—The nominations for the municipal elections took place at noon today. The result is that for the majority there are but two in the field, Mayor Thomas L. Church, who is opposed for the mayoralty chair by Controller R. H. Cameron. Harry Weinberg, the Socialist candidate, decided not to come out, and Major Riches, who had been announced as a candidate, also decided to withdraw.

PUDDINGS AND TURKEYS GALORE MAKING A MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR CANUCKS IN THE TRENCHES

Real Holiday Fare and Fun for Boys From the Dominion—99 Per Cent of Vote Polled—Vimy Lectures Make Great Hit.

By W. A. Willison, Canadian Press Correspondent.
Canadian Army Headquarters, Dec. 24.—With snow and mild alternating with bright sunshine, the Canadian soldiers are enduring all the rigors of winter in the trenches. Throughout all the services and among all ranks, from the front line to the reserve, preparations were made for Christmas festivities. The Red Cross is supplying cigarettes, cigars, raisins, dates, fruit and toys to every field ambulance. The messes of all kinds are vying with one another in a friendly but keen rivalry to make their celebration the best. Turkey and plum pudding are at a premium, and where there are no messes and no special units, arrangements are being made to have a Christmas dinner for which two hundred pounds of turkey will be supplied by the chaplain services. Afterwards there will be a special concert provided by the Y. M. C. A., at which some five hundred men will be entertained. Plum pudding and other delicacies will be sent up with ration parties to men in the firing line.

RUSSIA'S "RED" RULERS



TROTSKY AND PREMIER LENINE. The Men Who Are Trying To Manage Affairs in Russia.

EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH WORK LEADER CONSENTS ON REQUEST OF REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS TO RUN

C. R. Somerville Listens to Concerted Appeal and Enters Mayoralty Contest With Backing Rarely Accorded Any Municipal Candidate.

With the united sentiment of hundreds of London men of both parties supporting his candidature, and the sympathy of the vast majority of the people, certain to respond to his self-sacrificing response to a public appeal, C. R. Somerville, chairman of the board of governors of Western University and of the London Board of Health, today decided to enter the field for the 1918 mayoralty.

It was felt that Mayor H. A. Stevenson had served the customary term that is given to a mayor by the people, and that if it were possible, a candidate who would not appear as the representative of either party should be brought forward. Mr. Somerville, the man considered from the first, and only his reluctance to enter the fight was the reason for his late appearance.

However, in the last few days men of all political stripes and degrees of influence have approached the candidate, and elect a man who without the man considered from the first, and only his reluctance to enter the fight was the reason for his late appearance.

SIR WILFRID LAURIE WILL NOT BE ASKED TO ENTER MINISTRY

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Sir Herbert Ames told a gathering of election workers of the Conservative party that Sir Wilfrid Laurier being invited to become a member of the cabinet. Sir Herbert's announcement was loudly cheered. He suggested that no animosity be held against the French-Canadians, who might yet find out for themselves who their false leaders were; then all would be well.

RUSS TARS AS LENINE AGENTS BRING GOLD TO AMERICAN REDS

Bolshevik Gang Reaches U. S. With Help for Industrial Workers.

A Pacific Port, Dec. 24.—The Russian freighter Shilka, Captain Boris Dogal, which unheralded slipped into the harbor here late Friday night direct from Vladivostok, is under Bolshevik control. It is known today that a number of Shilka's sailors were fraternizing on the docks today with a party of alleged industrial workers of the World, 21 of whom were arrested by federal officials and held for investigation. Among those taken into custody were 13 Russians. None of the sailors were arrested. Shortly after the vessel's arrival a report was circulated that the had brought a fund of \$100,000 in gold for the defence of several scores of industrial workers of the World now awaiting trial at Chicago on conspiracy charges. The United States district attorney here admitted he had heard of the report, and federal agents searched the vessel, but found no gold, knowledge of which was denied by the captain and crew. Another search will be made when the cargo of foodstuffs and beans is discharged.

Controlled by Committee.
Following out the Bolshevik principles, the Shilka, it was said, is really under the control and command of a committee of five, four sailors and one officer. This committee has the power to overrule any order of Capt. Dogal at any time, but members of the committee stated that this unique division of authority had caused no trouble on the voyage across the Pacific. Members of the crew have been forbidden to leave the vessel, and 60 cadets from a naval training school working in three relays under the command of commanding officers, are guarding the ship from the dock.

RED ARMY MOVES AGAINST REAR OF THE REBELS

Gen. Kaledines Threatened by Force of 10,000 Coming From Caucasus.

GERMAN PRISONERS FLOCKING TO THE CAPITAL, AND ARE BEING ARMED.

Petrograd, Dec. 23.—A "Caucasian" army of 100,000 men is advancing on the rear of the troops of Gen. Kaledines, the Cossack leader, according to an announcement made today by the Bolshevik press bureau.

PETROGRAD EXPECTS FLEEING OF THE REBELS

London, Dec. 23.—Petrograd dispatches report that attempts are being made by the Bolshevik commissaries to negotiate with the Ukrainians for a settlement of the differences which have arisen, and it is also reported that the authorities of the new Ukrainian Government are ready to accept proposals looking toward a peaceful arrangement. The movement for peace is being recognized to an increasing extent by the Bolsheviks. For the same reason, he says, they are believed to be inclined to modify their attitude of hostility toward the constituent assembly, which is likely to meet within a week.

OLIVER LEADING WITH SEVENTY-SEVEN VOTES

Edmonton, Dec. 24.—Returns to the Bulletin last evening give Hon. Frank Oliver a lead of 77 votes in the West Edmonton constituency. He is said to be in the far north and will not be reported for a week.

BORDEN GOES TO SOUTH; ROWELL TAKES HIS JOB

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Sir Robert Borden, after several months of strenuous labor, has left for the South, where he will enjoy at least a fortnight's holiday. He left today, accompanied by Lady Borden. Hon. N. W. Rowell will be acting prime minister.

THREE-CORNERED MAYORALTY CONTEST BECOMES FACT WHEN C. R. SOMERVILLE QUALIFIES

MUNICIPAL HONOR ASPIRANTS TO RUN IN 1918 ELECTION

Candidates for the 1918 civic election are:
Mayor
Shaw, Robert Wesley, physician, 87 King street.
Somerville, Charles Ross, gentleman, 328 Piccadilly street.
Stevenson, Hugh Allan, physician, Dundas street.

Board of Control
Garrett, Joshua, gentleman, Adelaide street.
Little, Edgar Sidney, merchant, 860 Wellington street.
Merryfield, Charles Henry, gentleman, 6 Hayman court.
Moore, John McKenzie, architect, 473 Waterloo street.
Saunders, John Huse, carriage-maker, 532 Matilda street.

Utilities Commission
Daly, Frederick W., merchant, 3600 Queen's avenue.
Vining, Jared, bartender, 32 Marley place.

Aldermen—Ward One
Harding John James, grocer, 132 Briscoe street.
Holmes, Laurence Seal, physician, 16 Victor street.
Seabrook, Edwin Rhodes, shipper, 83 Elmwood avenue.
Stephenson, Thomas, tinsmith, 158 Simcoe street.
Watt, Peter Jamieson, gentleman, 49 Riverview avenue.

Ward Two
Donohue, Michael Joseph, read estate, 222 Wellington street.
Harley, Frank Edwin, lumber, 222 Richmond street.
Keene, Oliver George, furniture dealer, 701 Richmond street.
William, Arthur, merchant, 234 Hyman street.

Ward Three
Drake, Gordon Bart, grocer, 413 Hamilton road.
Lerner, Maxwell, coal merchant, 494 Hill street.
Winnett, Frederick Richard, carpenter, 182 York street.
Winnett, Harry, boiler-maker, 75 Wilket street.
Yeo, William Duncan, salesman, 180 William street.

Board of Education
Barnard, John Shore, merchant, 324 Central avenue.
Collier, Thomas, barrister, 70 Helmut avenue.
Collier, Herbert, carpenter, 740 Nelson street.
Gray, James, merchant, 845 Helmut avenue.
Manning, Wilbur Nelson, manufacturer, 325 Queen's avenue.
Rowe, Thomas, merchant, 270 Ridout street.
Russell, Ernest Hamilton, plumber, 76 Cathcart street.
Sachs, Chester, cigarmaker, 50 Pipe Line road.

Commissioner Dennis Out.
Philip Dennis is again a contestant for the office of commissioner of the city. He was a member of the commission, did not qualify. Mr. Dennis's running mate for the two seats on the commission are Jared Vining and F. W. Daly.

Best Year Yet For Allies, Says Hugh Niven, D.S.O.
Distinguished London Soldier Declares 1917 Most Successful of War.

PATS HAD 14,000 MEN
That Many Canadians Have Served in Its Ranks, Declares Senior Major.

BEST YEAR YET FOR ALLIES, SAYS HUGH NIVEN, D.S.O.

Major Hugh Niven, D. S. O., son of the late Dr. J. B. Niven of 423 Colborne street, and a member of the famous Princess Pats, when that Canadian regiment gained fame on Belgium's soil, arrived in London Saturday night with his bride on two months' honeymoon.

"You know the people of London have taken more interest in me than I have deserved, and I will be only too glad to tell you anything that would be of interest to them."

Best Year of Allies.
I have spent 35 months in France," continued Major Niven, "and this year has been by far the most successful the Allies have enjoyed. They hold all the commanding positions on the western front and this has been brought about by the individual determination of each man. The morale of the Canadian forces has never been better, and it is increasing every day. When I left the front the Germans' morale was decreasing all the time."

"I left after the Passchendaele show."

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Present Chief Magistrate, Controller Shaw and Health Chairman in Race.

NO WARD 4 CONTESTS

Old Aldermen Go Back by Acclamation—Hospital Trust Out of Fight.

THREE FOR UTILITIES

E. R. Dennis Drops Out, Leaving Pocock, Vining and Daly for Two Places.

SHAW SOMERVILLE TEVENSON

London will have a three-cornered fight for the mayoralty. Mayor Stevenson, Controller Shaw and C. R. Somerville will be the contestants. They were the only ones of the thirteen nominees who qualified. Ward 4 will have no contest for the aldermanic seats. Aldermen C. G. Moorehead, the present sitting member, were returned for 1918 unopposed. The hospital trust is the only other body that will not experience a change of the trust by acclamation. There are five candidates for the four vacancies on the board of control, three for the ward 1, four in Ward 2, and five in Ward 3. The time for qualifying for all offices expired on Monday. There was a large crowd on hand. For a time it looked as if the mayoralty contest would be a straight fight between Mayor Stevenson and Controller Shaw. The former's papers were entered early. Dr. Shaw filed his nomination after 11:30, then on speculation was rife. Would there be others. At just seven minutes to twelve Mr. Pocock entered and signed his papers. Jared Vining for the utilities was the only other to qualify. The board of control members of the board of control are seeking re-election to the board of control. Messrs. Pocock and Vining are also on the list. In the field also are Dr. Shaw, Joshua Garrett and C. E. Merrifield.

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Ward 2 has four candidates.
Ward 2 has four candidates to pick from among the six last year. Three of the nominees, Messrs. Pocock, Vining and Keene are seeking re-election.

Ward 3 has two aldermen seeking re-election.
Ward 3 has two aldermen seeking re-election and three new candidates. Ald. George B. Stevenson and Messrs. Drake and Harry Winnett are in the field again. There were seven candidates.

Ward 4, where there is no contest.
Ward 4, where there is no contest this year, had five candidates to pick from on the occasion of the last year's election.

20 TONS OF BOMBS DROPPED BY FRENCH ON WORKS OF HUNS

Petain's Airmen Down Eighteen Boche Fliers in 100 Combats.

Paris, Dec. 24.—Intense aerial activity is reported by the war office. In the course of the last few days, the French brought down eighteen German aircraft. The announcement follows: On December 21, 22 and 23 our pursuit aviators were very active. On the 21st, a single German plane was shot down. On the 22nd, a group of five German planes were brought down. On the 23rd, a group of six German planes were brought down. During this period our bombardment squadrons dropped 18 tons of bombs on the works of the enemy. The results of the attacks on the railway stations, factories, encampments and other objectives behind the enemy's lines are being reported.

HON. RICHARD TURNER DEAD.
Quebec, Dec. 24.—Hon. Richard Turner, member of the Quebec Legislative Council and one of the most prominent business men in the city, died here Saturday afternoon after a brief illness, at the age of 74 years. He is survived by a widow and six children, among whom is Major-Gen. Sir Richard Turner, V. C., K. C. B., D. S. O., commander-in-chief of the Canadian forces in England.