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RUSSIA'S "R ED" RULERS

BERLIN PEACE MOVE TEUTON ARMY MUST NOT SLACKEN THROWN BACK WAR PREPARATIONS, BY ITALIANS U.S. GOVT. WARNING ACROSS PIAVE

Secretary Baker States That German Peace Austro-Germans Compelled to Offer Will Precede Expected Drive With Intention of Impressing World—Points Out That Americans Must Soon Take Turn At Bearing Biggest Burden.

movement is at hand, is supported by apparently reliable information which has reached high quarters here. It is said that on Christmas Day, Emperor William will issue a declaration containing peace proposals, but whether explicit conditions of peace may be expected or merely another manoeuvre intended to throw on the Allies responsibility for continuance of the war cannot be ascertained

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.

POPE'S CHRISTMAS

WORD TO WORLD

Rome, Dec. 24.—Pope Benedict

Rome, Dec. 24.—Pope Benedict has given to the Associated Press this Christmas message: "The Holy Father sends to the people of America his cordial greetings and prays that they may take to heart, in this time of strife and suffering, the true lesson of God's unceasing love for mankind, the lesson of unfaltering courage and sacrifice of self.

"More especially he calls upon the little children, to whom this

day belongs, to pray with all their hearts to the Babe of

Bethlehem that he may protect their loved ones and give back to the world that peace which he

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off, the war office announced today. The text of the statement reads:

came to bring upon earth.

The review points out that the fighting morale of Italy may be relied on matter how intensive the German ace campaign becomes and says: "The Italian theatre once again is e scene of important military ac-'The enemy, impatient of the de-

"The enemy, impatient of the delays which have occurred in bringing about he successful penetration of the Italian plains and the overthrow of the Italian armies, 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.

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"It would appear that they are
anxious to conclude their Italian adventure in a manner similar to the previous campaigns in Russia, Serbia and Rumania, where, as a result of pressure continues intense along the

entire front.

"Before proceeding with any operations in the west, the Germans hope to drive the Italians back to the Adige, anticipating that such a reverse would have a very disintegrating influence throughout Italy.

"It is apparent that the Germans have not given up all hope of bringing."

have not given up all hope of bringing about a social upheaval in Italy, as they did in Russia after their victorious campaigns of 1915.

"No matter how intensive this new subversive propaganda may be, nevertheless we can confidently rely on the Cambrai front, but were driven off. the war office announced today. theless we can confidently rely on the fighting morale of the Italian people.

On Western Front.

"Along the western front the enemy has contained his harassing raids with a view to keeping the Allied forces on the alert. However, none of the engagements recorded in the west were of more than local importance.

"It would appear that as a foreunner to a German offensive heralded to be launched in the west an intensive peace propaganda is to be initiated.

"Last night hostile raiding parties which attempted to approach our lines in the neighborhood of Monchy-le-preux and west of La Bassee were repulsed.

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ereful examination of the situation reveals that the enemy is again preparing to sue for 'peace before victory.' Information from various sources onfirms the reports that the Germans confirms the reports that the Germans were the charred remains of thirty would have the world believe that the others. The total identified dead now able to dictate the terms of peace. They, a total of 1,158 bodies recovered. refore, threaten that unless this dictated peace is accepted by the Allica powers and ourselves the German forces now being concentrated on the western

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In considering the general military Continued on Page Nine.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 35; lowest, 16.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 40; lowest, 34

TOMORROW-DECIDEDLY COLDER. Toronto, Dec. 24-8 a.m. Forecasts. Monday-Cloudy and mild, with local

Withdraw Over the

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

On the mountain front, the statement says, the Austro-Germans passed the Italian positions in the Asiago sector in the region of Buso Monte Val Bella, but stopped at the Italian rear positions, from where the Italians are counter-attacking with satisfactory results.

ANZAC PREMIER TO LOSE POWER

Hughes May Step Out and Labor Party Take Control.

Melbourne, Dec. 24.—Via Reuter's Ottawa agency.—Among the majorities against conscription in the latest returns, which without the soldiers' vote showed a total majority of 175,000 against, are: New South Wales, 141,000; Victoria, 12-000; Queensland, 30,000; South Australia, 21,000. Among the majoritalia. tralia, 21,000. Among the majorities for conscription are: West Australia, 29,000; Tasmania, 350.

Sydney, Australia, Dec. 24.-Further returns from the referendum have inreased the vote against compulsor nilitary service, and the defeat of the in certain quarters there is very evidence of opposition to his con ed leadership of the Nationalists the dominant party. It is not improb-ble that Frank G. Tudor, a former binet minister member, will be per-itted by the Nationalists to form a overnment from the Labor party, giving this party an opportunity to put into effect its plans for raising troops

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 mayoralty there are but two in the field, Mayor Thomas L. Church, who is opposed for the mayoralty chair DISASTER ARE BURIED by Controller R. H. Cameron. Harry Halifax, N. S., Dec. 24.—All bodies at he Chebucto morgue were buried today. Cwenty-one were unidentified and there Riches, who had been announced as a scldiers' candidate, also balked. There are ten out for the four seats

rould have the world believe that they are number 854 and unidentified 304, making on the board of control. There are ten out for on the board of control. refore, threaten that unless this dicd peace is accepted by the Allied ers and ourselves the German forces being concentrated on the western t will break through the Allied line Must Not Slacken. "The various reports of immediate peace proposals by the Germans on seemingly favorable terms should not for seemingly favorable terms should not favorable terms should not for seemingly favorable terms should not favorable term a moment induce us to slacker out preparations for war. "It is only necessary for us to recall that during the Christmas season of last year the Germans put forth very simi-

Real Holiday Fare and Fun for Boys From the Dominion—

Boys From the Dominion—

99 Per Cent of Vote Polled — Vimy Lectures

Hele Constitution of the election have been the proper course to be taken, Mr. Somerville will pursue it to the end. The Advertiser pledges to Mr. Somerville its whole-hearted support, at the same time being ready to acknowledge the good qualities and the public service of the other candidates. To this newspaper it appears that Mr. Somerville is the best man for the time, and it would have citizens as a whole unite in his behalf.

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In a special appendix to orders to were Sir Adam Beck, T. H. Purdom K.C., E. S. Little, Lieut-Col., W. M. Make Great Hit.

By W. A. Willison, Canadian Press Correspondent in Flanders. Canadian Army Headquarters, Dec. 23.—With snow and mist alternating with bright sunsbine, the Canadian

polled.

In a special appendix to orders to-day it is announced that the Canadian command has authorized the establishment of a university on Vimy Ridge. The scheme of training which I have already outlined will be tested first by a division and then extended to all divisions as soon as possible It is aldivisions as soon as possible. It is already announced that advanced students in all divisions may make application to have work prescribed for private reading, while the president's report for the first five days' operation of the field university shows gratifying progress.

Monday—Cloudy and mild, with local show the bright sunshine, the Canadia and decidedly colder, with local snow flurries.

Temperatures.

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TROTZKY 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

With the united sentiment of hundreds of London men of both parties supporting his candidature, and the sympathy of the vast majority of people, certain to respond to his self-sacrificing response to a public appeal, C.

mayoralty.

of the London Board of Health, today

agreed to enter the field for the 1918

It was felt that Mayor H. A. Stev-

enson had served the customary term

that is given to a mayor by the people

and that if it were possible, a candi-

BOWS TO FRIENDS' WISHES.

influence have approached the candi-

ing, when a meeting was held in the Indian room at the Tecumseh House,

Mr. Somerville finally agreed to accede

to the wishes of his friends.

date, with the result that this morn

Any Municipal Candidate.

R. Somerville, chairman of the board of governors of Western University and

C. R. SOMERVILLE. upon the corn NOT PUBLICITY SEEKER.

time for nomination had passed. However, with the aid of a fast motor, the

records for electing candidates should also be badly damaged in the next

motoring, and for nominating, were shattered.

OLIVER LEADING WITH

SEVENTY-SEVEN VOTES

RED ARMY MOVES AGAINST REAR OF THE REBELS

Force of 10,000 Coming From Caucasus.

the Capital, and Are Being Armed. "That's a fine Christmas gift for London," said one of the supporters,

and the spirit of the meeting was that the good sense of citizens would respond and elect a man who without stentation has given devoted service to the city in the last few years. As chairman of the board of health, and an announcement made today by the Bolsheviki press bureau.

on the university board, also his con-nection with the institute, he has London, Dec. 23.—Petrograd dis patches report that attempts are being made by the Bolsheviki commissarie worked out many problems, and when Western University comes to its full made by the Bolsheviki commissar to negotiate with the Ukrainians for settlement of the differences which have arisen, and it is also reported the authorities of the new Ukraini Government are ready to accept procedulation. development his name should be carved Mr. Somerville has not been a man to seek publicity, but to do all the od he could, personally and privately, for the community in which he met

Concurrently with these statements appear numerous further reports of military activities on the part of the Ukrainians and Cossacks and of the sending of more Bolsheviki troops southward to oppose the Ukrainians. There are disconnected rumors of further fighting, but apparently there have been no hostilities on a large scale or of such a nature as to indicate import-

Expecting the Germans. Many news dispatches from Petro-grad speak of the supposed impending arrival of the Germans there, which is sald to be the universal topic of discussion in the city, but everyone seems to have a different version.

Many of these stories centre around the reported concentration near the

Edmonton, Dec. 24.—Returns to the Bulletin last evening give Hon. Frank Oliver a lead of 77 votes in the West Edmonton constituency with 17 polls to hear from. Most of these polls are in the far. north and will not be reported for a week.

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RUSS TARS AS LENINE AGENTS BRING GOLD TO **AMERICAN REDS**

Bolsheviki 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 has bor here late Friday night direct from Vladivostok, is under Bolsheviki control, it ecame known today. A number Schille's scilors were fraternizing on Stevenson, Hugh Allan, physician, 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 she 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 the world was denied Industrial Workers of the World, 21 denied by the captain and crew. An-other search will be made when the cargo of licorice roots and beans is dis-

charged.

Controlled by Committee.

Following out the Bolsheviki principles, the Shilka, it was said, is really under the control and command of a comittee 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 crew stated that this unique division of anthority had caused no trouble on the

Before the real identity of the ship was learned, members of the crew attended I. W. W. meetings here, it is said. The immigration authorities probably will take charge of the ship.

date who would not appear as the representative of either party should be brought forward. Mr. Somerville was the man considered from the first, and Gen. Kaledines Threatened by 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 PETROGRAD EXPECTS FOE

German Prisoners Flocking to

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 LENINE WEAKENING.

good he could, personally and privately, for the community in which he met with considerable business success. But despite his desire to avoid the spotlight, his sterling qualities have become known to all citizens. He is not likely to make any high-sounding promises. Economy during wartime will likely be a very definite part of his platform, and he will produce the facts on which to build. There will be no wild spending if C. R. Somerville is mayor; neither will he serve the personal interests of any man. Once convinced of the proper course to be taken, Mr. Somerville will pursue it to the end.

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C. R. SDMERVILLE QUALIFIES

MUNICIPAL HONOR ASPIRANTS TO RUN IN 1918 ELECTION

Candidates for the 1918 civic election

Dundas street. Board of Control

Pocock, Philip James, merchant, 360 Queen's avenue. Vining, Jared, barrister, 32 Marley place Aldermen-Ward One

Drake, Gordon Bart, grocer, 413 Ham-

Lerner, Maxwell, coal merchant, 494 Hill street Watkinson, Frederick Richard, carenter, 1082 York street. Winnett, Harry, boilermaker, 75 Winnett, Harry, boilermaker, 75
Villiam street.
Yeo, William Duncan, salesman, 180
Villiam street.

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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.

Major Hugh Niven, D. S. O., son of the late Dr. J. S. Niven of 423 Collibration of the lamous Princess Pats, when that Canadian regiment gained fame on Belgium's soil, arrived in London Satur day night with his bride on two months leave, most of which he will spend in "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.

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.

The world has never seen before, inasmuch as Russian industries are nearly dead and the Germans have no companied on Page Nine.

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 is survived by a widow and six children, among whom the world has never seen before, inasmuch as Russian industries are nearly dead and the Germans have no companied by Lady Borden. N. W. Rowell will be acting prime minister.

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

NO WARD 4 CONTESTS

Shaw, Robert Wesley, physician, 87 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 OMERVILLE TEVENSON

London will have a three-cornered fight for the mayoralty. Mayor Stevenson, Controller Shaw and C. R. Somerville will be the contestante. They were the only ones of the thirdean nominess who qualified. under the control and command of a comittee 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 crew 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 50 cadets from a naval training school, working in three relays under the command of commanding efficers, are guarding the ship from lays under the command of commanding efficers, are guarding the ship from the dock

Was Kerensky Ship.

The steamer left Vladivostock November 24 as a "Kerensky ship," but when a few days out the crew mutinied and took control, declaring for the Bolsheviki regime. The wireless operator attempted to send out word of the mutiny, and the sailors prepared to shoot him, but changed their minds.

Before the real identity of the ship was learned.

Ward Two

Donohue, Michael Joseph, read estate, 922 Weilington street.

Harley, Frank Edwin, lumber merchant, 966 Richmond street.

Keene, Oliver George, furniture dealsty, wison, william Arthur, merchant, 967 at time if the mayoralty contest would be a straight fight between Mayor Stevenson and Controller Shaw.

Ward Three Mayor Stevenson and Controller Shaw. The former's papers were entered early. Dr. Shaw filed his after 11:30. From then on speculation was rife. Would there be others. At just seven minutes to twelve Mr. Somerville entered and signed his papers. Jared Vining for the utilities was the only other to qualify after Mr. Somerville.

> Commissioner Dennis Out. Commissioner Dennis Out,
> Philip Pocock is again a contestant
> for the utilities commission. E. R.
> Dennis, who for two years has been
> a member of the commission, did not
> qualify. Mr. Pocock's running mates for the two seats on the commission Gray, James, merchant, 845 Hellmuth venue,
> Manning, Wilbur Nelson, manufacurer, 525 Queen's avenue
> Rowe, Thomas, merchant, 270 Ridout street.
> Russell, Ernest Hamilton, plumber, 76
> Cathcart street.
> Copp. Dyer and Cunningham, last year's aldermen all decided to drop out of the contest. There were four Out of the contest. There were found scandidates in last year's contest. Ward 2 has four candidates this year, as compared with six last year, as compared with six last year. Three of the nominees, Messrs. Donodougherin avenue. Ward 3 has two aldermen seeking

Yale street.
Thomas, Mitchell Albert Ross, dentist,
381 Queen's avenue.
Thorne, Charles Henry, cigarmaker,
115 High street.
Waide, Frederick Gordon, manufacturer 91 Ridout street
Wakeling, George Frank, painter,
2261/2 Dundas street.
Weston, George Frank, machinist,
1201 Florence street.
Ward 3 has two aldermen seeking re-election, and three new candidates.
Ald George Rose relired, and Gordon Drake and Harry Winnett are in the field again. There were seven candidates in this ward last election.
Ward 4, where there is no contest this year, had five candidates to pick from on the occasion of the last annual race.
Big Educational Race. Big Educational Race.

The board of education has the real contest. There are fifteen candidates after the six vacancies. This means that nine must be left at home. J. S. Barnard, W. N. Manning and Thomas Rowel are the old members of the board who are seeking re-election. Messrs. Nobbs., Silverwood and Keene withdrew from the contest the contest.

From remarks dropped at the city hali it is believed that the short election contest will be keen. Controller Shaw one of the mayoralty candidates, was heard to make the prediction that the fight would be hot.

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 one hundred combats in the air during the last few days, the French brought down eighteen German machines. The announcement follows:

"On December 21, 22 and 23 our purish activity were yery active." HON. RICHARD TURNER DEAD.

Quebec, Dec. 24.—Hon. Richard Tur-er, member of the Quebec Legislative