

THE COURIER EXTENDS TO ALL THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

Premier Borden Makes Stirring National Service Appeal in Toronto

PLEDGE TO NATIONAL SERVICE GIVEN IN TORONTO

FOOD RIOTS IN DRESDEN

Closing of Food Shops on Sunday Caused Disturbance

Premier's Great National Message to Vast Audience - Climax of His Campaign Covering Six Provinces and Over 6000 Miles

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 23.—A Rotterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that there were food riots in Dresden on December 17, 18 and 19, especially on the 19th, when troops were called to help the police in suppressing the trouble...

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The climax of Sir Robert Borden's National Service tour was reached in Toronto last night, when an audience of three thousand people in Massey Hall pledged their enthusiastic support to the proposals of the National Service Board for organizing the manpower of the Dominion towards winning the war...



King Solomon Carves the Turkey for His Better Halves in 900 B. C.

BRITISH PEOPLE HAVE AN INTENSE DESIRE FOR PEACE

Says Viscount Haldane Emphasizing Need of a Permanent Settlement - Security Must be Assured Before Peace is Settled

a peace which will contain within themselves the elements of agreement and of security for the permanence of peace. When that is secured, it may be found to entail consequences which go very far. Questions of detail may be much less difficult when the foundation has been well and truly laid. But that foundation of principle has been attained it is difficult to speak. W. F. Massey, premier of New Zealand, speaking at Hornchurch, said: "It is our duty to go on until the power of Germany is broken and her armies driven back over their own borders. That will be the time for peace. I cannot speak with any authority on the subject of President Wilson's note, but I would like to see, after what has taken place, that the President of the United States be told firmly, that we have carried on the war thus far without his assistance and so intend to carry it on to the end."

London, Dec. 23.—Viscount Haldane, in a speech at Westminster last night, referred briefly to President Wilson's note. He said that the British people desired peace intensely and in that respect were in profound sympathy with the President. "I think," he said, "that we are not the only nation that desires peace deeply. When Germany went into the war she reckoned on her magnificently controlled and magnificently organized armies to accomplish their purpose within a few months at the longest. She has been bitterly disappointed and today the internal situation is putting a heavy strain on her resources. Let us be careful about what we wish and what we need. What we must insist upon is a settlement and

CAN CRIMES OF GERMANY IN PRESENT WAR BE SET ASIDE?

Wilson's Action Wrongs Moral Sense of Mankind

President's Peace Proposals Vehemently Denounced By London Writer Who Has Given His Only Son In the War

London, Dec. 22.—J. L. Garvin, in dictating the following statement on President Wilson's peace note, remarked that a record of his articles in The Observer and elsewhere showed his unwavering friendliness toward the President and America. "As one who has lost his only son in this war, I cannot say much but I am entitled to say plain things. It is a strange wrong against the moral sense of mankind when President Wilson puts unhappy Belgium upon the same moral level as her violators, and glorious France upon the same moral level as the Turks. The suggestion which runs through the note is to us as though the God and the devil were declared to be, after all, the same. I, for one, would rather lie with my dead son than for a moment accept the statement which President Wilson cannot have intended to give the pain and surprise it does to every man on this side of the Atlantic, who knows what this fight for freedom means and what are its everlasting issues between right and wrong. If that tone and those principles had prevailed in 1864 the American Union would have been smashed and slavery smashed and Union established. Where you stood fifty years ago there we stand to-day. Jefferson and Hamilton never agreed about anything but their ghosts would agree on this."

MAYORALTY FIGHT TO BE BETWEEN MAYOR BOWLBY AND ALD. WARD

Minshall Drops Out - New Aspirant For Office Has an Excellent Municipal Record

The Mayoralty contest has simmered down to a fight between Mayor Bowlby and Ald. Ward. Ald. Ward has for years given very freely of his time and energies to municipal matters, and has throughout shown good judgment and rendered excellent service. He was for two years a member of the School Board, and has been for five years on the Council, two of them as the chairman of the Board of Works. That board this year looked after its expenditures in a most efficient and effective way, and ended the year with a handsome surplus. Ald. Ward is a leading member of the Brantford Typographical Union, and labor interests have always had his most active support and regard.

PARIS NOMINATIONS

Indications point to a warm contest here for the Mayoralty chair between Reeve Tbos. Evans, and Ald. C. B. Robertson. There may likely be a contest for Board of Education, as five names are in nomination. There will also be another nomination for aldermen, as only five men were elected by acclamation. The nominations were: For Mayor: Thos. Evans, C. B. Robertson and Mayor J. M. Patterson. The latter declined. For Reeve: E. Pitts, by acclamation. For aldermen: James Sinclair and I. Stewart.

ROUMANIAN OIL WELLS DESTROYED Carried Out Under Orders of the Roumanian Government

London, Dec. 22.—An official communication issued this evening says: "A satisfactory report has been received from the British Military mission in Roumania of the destruction under orders of the Roumanian government of the oil wells and refineries in and near the principal oil fields."

MAIL BRINGS XMAS CHEER TO THOSE IN THE TRENCHES

Trucks Fairly Bulging With Gifts from Home Arrive at the Firing Line, Decorated With Holly

With the British Armies in France, Dec. 22.—In these last days before Christmas it is a strange procession, indeed, that winds its way on the travel-scattered roads of northern France, to where the greatest armies the world has ever known are locked in a life and death struggle. "Vieling with the seemingly endless train of motor trucks groaning under capacity weights of powder, shells and all the varied and sinister material of war, are numberless other trucks fairly bulging with presents and greetings of the Yule-tide. Oddly enough both types of truck are decorated gaily with holly and mistletoe. It appears now that no soldier, regardless of how humble his station will be forgotten. The handling of the vast amount of mail for the English, Canadian and Australian troops is fraught with great difficulties for powder and shell assert their prerogative of preference and the holiday season will bring no lessening of the gun pressure on any part of the front. Despite the complex problems connected with the task, the organization behind the British front makes it possible for letters and parcels to reach the men in the front line trenches 48 hours after their posting in London. One reason for this is that the mail is being handled and distributed by "Tommyes" who formerly were postal employees. The Canadians received the bulk of their mail last week, most of the soldiers obeying with childish impatience instructions not to open the parcels until Christmas. The mail for the Australian troops, necessarily, was posted six or seven weeks ago and naturally there Continued on Page 5

Business as Usual in the United States

Investigaton Demanded Into Rumor That Peace Note Was Cause of Gain On Stock Market

Washington, Dec. 22.—Intimations drifting from New York that there had been a leak of the President's note before it was given its authoritative publicity, and that some member or members of the President's official family profited directly or indirectly from the fluctuations of the stock market which occurred after Mr. Lansing issued his first and most sensational statement, have caused Representative Wood of Indiana to introduce a resolution for a Congressional investigation of the affair. The resolution was referred to the Judiciary Committee. There was no discussion. Representative Wood is a Republican. Democrat Made Fortune. The affair has created a great sensation. "Rumors have been afloat all day," said Mr. Wood, "that millions have been cleaned up by persons having advance information concerning peace proposals or developments. It was up to some one to offer a resolution for an investigation to find out if the rumors are true." Mr. Wood gave no names. His resolution, which went to the Committee on Rules, caused widespread comment. Talk has been current to-day that advance information reached certain persons about recent peace developments, and that there had been "a clean-up" in consequence.

MEMBER OF 215TH DEAD

Pte. Potts, of Simcoe, Passes Away Very Suddenly

An event that has cast a gloom over the spirits of the men of the 215th at this festive season, is the death of Private Potts of Simcoe. At some hour between Thursday night and Friday morning the deceased man took sick and was taken to hospital. In spite of all the efforts of the doctor, he passed away shortly after two o'clock yesterday afternoon. Coroner Hicks was summoned, as there were some doubtful circumstances surrounding the matter, but nothing will be divulged until the report of the medical board which is inquiring into the matter has been submitted. His body will be shipped to his home in Simcoe to-day, as soon as arrangements could be made and arrangements were also made to have the funeral escorted to the station by the band, twenty men, and an officer of the battalion. A wife and three small children survive the deceased, all of whom reside in Simcoe, where internment will take place.

Weather Bulletin

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The disturbances which were near the middle Atlantic coast yesterday morning have moved northward to the Gulf of St. Lawrence with increased intensity and have caused gales with rain in the Maritime provinces and heavy snow fall in Eastern Ontario and Quebec. In the western provinces the weather is fair and cold. Forecasts: Fair and colder to-night and on Sunday.

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