

ALLIED FORCES IN SIBERIA WELL FED: NOT SO BOLSHEVIKI

Morale of Enemy Low, Troops Poorly Clad and on Short Rations

FURS AND FATS

In Plenty For Allied Troops

Content to Spend Winter in the Arctic

Allied Headquarters in Northern Russia, Dec. 31.—Throughout the past months it has been generally quiet on all sectors of the front. Bolshevik forces attempted recently to raid the Allied line communication in the Shenkursk region, and there are signs of reinforcements reaching the enemy. The morale of the Bolsheviks, however, is reported to be extremely low, the enemy army being imperfectly

clothed for the Arctic winter, in contrast with the American forces, as well as other Allies and loyal Russians, who are well furred and blanketed. Russians who were prisoners of war in Germany and who have returned through the Bolshevik lines, declare that the rations of the Bolshevik troops is a considerable quantity of black bread and three dried herrings daily to each man. The Allied forces are receiving special winter rations including a quantity of fats, based on the experience of Sir E. H. Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer. The morale of the men is high, and though anxiously awaiting a definite statement from the Allies as to the policy to be pursued towards Russia, they are reconciled to remain during the winter in the Arctic.

HINDENBURG WANTS BRITISH SOLDIERY TO OCCUPY BERLIN

London, Dec. 31.—Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has telegraphed to German industrial magnates, saying he would support the British occupation of Berlin, according to a Berlin dispatch.

SINN FEINERS IN ENGLISH PRISONS TO BE RELEASED

London, Dec. 31.—The release of Sinn Feiners interned in England is expected virtually at once. Count Plunkett, one of the Sinn Feiners, elected to parliament in recent balloting, has already been released.

TO PROBE CHARGES OF ILL-TREATMENT OF RETURNED MEN

Complaints of Soldiers Who Returned on Northland to be Investigated

WHITE CABLES BORDEN

Prime Minister Made Acquainted With Situation—Inquiries by Militia Dept.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Sir Thomas White, Acting Prime Minister, was in conference this morning with Adjutant-General Ashton and other officers of the Militia Department with regard to complaints of soldiers who returned of the Northland. Preliminary arrangements were discussed for holding a rigid investigation.

In addition to inquiries now being carried on by the Militia Department, the Acting Prime Minister has cabled the charges to Sir Robert Borden, to be investigated by the Admiralty which has control of the ships which bring the Canadian soldiers home.

POLES ARE REFUSED PERMISSION TO USE GERMAN RAILWAYS

Poles in Turn Insist That Hung Using Polish Railways Be Disarmed

London, Dec. 31.—Germany has refused to accede to the demand of the Poles, that Polish troops be permitted to use the railroads from the Polish border to Vilna. The Berlin Government is said to have based its refusal on the ground that permission from the Entente nations was necessary.

The Germans demanded that German troops returning from Russia be allowed to use Polish railways. The Poles consented to this arrangement, with the stipulation that German troops would be disarmed. Berlin has not replied to the Polish conditions.

BRANDED PRISONERS ARRIVE IN ENGLAND

Some Men Have "Got Strafe England" Burned Into Their Foreheads

Another atrocity of which Germany has been guilty and which is not perhaps generally known, is mentioned by Miss Elizabeth Thomas, Nursing Sister at No. Five Canadian Military Hospital, now at Kirkdale, Liverpool. Nurse Thomas went away from Victoria in the latter part of the summer of 1915 with this same nursing unit, and in a letter to a friend under date of December 2nd this year says:

"Germany deserves the very worst that mankind could wish or think. Her barbarity is only what you might expect from a wild nation."

"It's a very pathetic picture to see the prisoners coming home, some with their foreheads branded with 'Got Strafe England,' and others in worse condition, and the feeling over here at present is very bitter against the boche prisoners being treated so well."

PEACE CONFERENCE MAY NAME BODY ON EMPLOYMENT

To Secure Similar Conditions of Employment in Many Lands

London, Dec. 31.—The British War Cabinet is considering a proposal which may have an important bearing on future labor questions throughout the world, according to the Express. The proposal is to ask the peace conference, at one of the earliest sessions, to appoint a commission to inquire into the question of the international adjustment of conditions of employment, and submit plans for a permanent international court and organization to secure joint action in such matters.

THE SILESIAN MINERS MURDER AND PILLAGE LIKE THE BOLSHEVIKI

Owners Compelled to Sign All Sorts of Documents Under Threat of Death

London, Dec. 31.—Bolshevism broke out in German Silesia on Saturday according to a Berlin dispatch. Miners who are on strike seized the officers of the companies employing them and under the menace of loaded rifles compelled them to sign all sorts of documents. The disorders are of the Russian Bolshevism character and there has been murdering and pillaging in the affected region. Silesia has been declared a Bolshevik republic.

WINNIPEG OFFICERS RETURN

Halifax, Dec. 31.—The following is the list of Winnipeg officers arriving on the Carmania: Lieut. D. B. Armstrong, Lieut. J. S. Simpson, Capt. W. Robinson.

TIDY INCREASE IN CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS FOR 1918

Figures for the Year Show an Increase of \$2,225,665 Over 1917

While the Clearing House returns for the month of December show a small decrease over the corresponding month of last year, the returns for the year 1918 show a very gratifying increase for Brandon and shows that trade has been good, in spite of difficulties, during the year 1918.

The Clearing House returns for the month ending December 31st, 1918, are \$3,467,955, and for the corresponding month of 1917, \$3,478,363. The returns for the year 1918 are \$32,655,277, and for the year 1917, \$30,429,612.

FRENCH FORCES MOVING TOWARDS UKRAINIAN CAPITAL

Object is to Gain Control of Railway Between Kiev and Odessa

Constantinople, Dec. 31.—A volunteer army and French forces are advancing from Roumania through Basarabia toward Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, according to a report from Odessa.

The advancing forces aim at gaining the control of the railroad between Kiev and Odessa from the Republican Separatist forces in the Ukraine.

PEASANTS OPPOSE THE LENINE GOVT.

Maintain Attitude Though Massacred in Large Numbers by the Bolsheviks

Paris, Dec. 31.—The attitude of the peasants in the region of Moscow is alarming the Lenin Government, according to a Petrograd correspondent. Early in December the peasants actively revolted, and it was a week before they were subdued.

The Bolshevik Red Guard broke down the opposition with the utmost severity. The peasants were poorly armed and were forced to surrender in large numbers. Numerous villages were razed to the ground by artillery, and large numbers of peasants were massacred.

The peasants, however, maintain their attitude of opposition to the Bolsheviks.

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COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

Brandon College WINTER TERM OPENING

Brandon College will re-open for the Winter term Thursday, January 2nd, with a largely increased attendance. In spite of influenza conditions the enrolment and work of the Fall term were highly gratifying. There has been no sign of "flu" for eight weeks.

Several of the old students who have been in military service will be back at the College for the work of the New Year. Many more will be returning to their Alma Mater in the Fall. For those who have fallen in action and lie in Flanders Fields a Memorial Gymnasium will be erected by the student body.

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ITALIAN LOSSES IN GREAT WAR WERE 460,000

Rome, Dec. 31.—The supreme command of the Italian army announced that the Italian losses on all fronts during the war totalled 460,000 dead. Of this number 16,362 were officers. Of the 947,000 wounded, 33,347 were officers.

The number of men totally incapacitated by wounds and disease is estimated at 500,000.

MANY DESERTED WOMEN AND CHILDREN RESULT OF 'SLACKER' MARRIAGES

Chicago, Dec. 31.—The "slacker marriage" performed by the thousands in the early days of the selective service law are beginning to bear fruit in the form of deserted wives and children, according to Judge William N. Gemmill, of the court of domestic relations. The judge disgusted by the many tales of woe, related by war brides who have haled slacker husbands into court, announced Sunday that he would see that as many as possible of the culprits are sent to jail.

"When the Selective Service Act was enacted, these fellows hurried to get a marriage license and then pleaded that they had dependent wives. Now they are showing their real calibre by deserting the woman who kept them out of war," Judge Gemmill said.

Judge Gemmill said that the increase in complaints against "slacker husbands" had been alarming. In December, 1917, there were 34 such complaints. Thus far in December, 1918, there have been 196.

OBITUARY

Miss S. E. Johnston.
The funeral of the late Miss Sarah Evelyn Johnston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnston, well known farmers of Elton district, took place Sunday afternoon from the family residence to Spaulding cemetery. The deceased, who succumbed to Spanish influenza on Saturday, at the age of sixteen years, was a great favorite amongst the young people of the district and she will be very much missed by her many friends. Besides her parents, four sisters, Mrs. Keddy and Mrs. Wynton, of the Elton district, Mrs. H. Eald, of Holmfild, Man., Miss Muriel Johnston at home, and one brother, R. J. Johnston, also at home, are left to mourn her loss.

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\$1,200.00 for calves of 1918, to be shown in 1919. The boy must have cared for and fed this animal at least four months before the date of the Show.

\$400.00 for the Boys' Steer Class. Open to boys who have competed in the Boys' Fat Calf Competition in previous years, and to steers calving in 1917.

Every farm boy in the Brandon district ought to have an entry in the Boys' Calf and Steer Show.

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W. I. SMALE, Secretary.