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ADVANCE BY BRITISH ON THIRTEEN-MILE FRONT IN PALESTINE GERMANS LAUNCH STRONG OFFENSIVE IN REGION OF CAMBRAI OVER HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE HOMELESS THRU EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS IN GUATEMALA

RUSSIAN MOB AT PETROGRAD DESIRES PEACE

Crowds Celebrate Opening of Negotiations at Brest-Litovsk.

MOSCOW IS CUT OFF No Food Arrives From South—Kaledines Re-elected Hetman.

London, Dec. 30.—Despatches from Petrograd say that the city was given over today to a celebration of the peace negotiations. The watchwords were: "Down with international imperialism" and "Long live the third international."

A telegram received in Petrograd from Novo Tcherkassk, capital of the territory of the Don Cossacks, announces that Gen. Kaledines, who recently resigned as hetman of the Cossacks on the ground that there was opposition to him in the front, has been re-elected by 562 out of a total of 633 votes.

Moscow reports that railway communication with the south has been stopped, sections of the tracks having been destroyed, and that no food supplies are arriving.

The Petrograd Denu states that Cosack leader Kaledines, former member of the duma, and his brother, have been murdered while journeying from Vladikavkaz, in Ciscaucasia, to Yekaterinodar, to attend a Cosack military gathering.

Teachers Strike. All teachers, male and female, in the municipal schools of Petrograd have gone on strike as a protest against the proceedings of the Bolsheviks, and intend to remain away from the schools pending the opening of the constituent assembly.

It is reported that an autonomous government has been formed in Ukraine, with M. Tynnyssavaff, a member of the second duma, as premier. The Siberian district congress at Tomsk has elected a provisional government headed by President Potanin, with a coalition cabinet, which includes constitutional democrats.

Ensign Kriyenko, the Bolshevik commander-in-chief, has sent telegrams to all army committees regarding the Brest-Litovsk negotiations and the Russian conditions of peace. He also has issued an order of the day calling on the troops to turn their arms against those who are standing in the way of the conclusion of peace.

The Bolshevik organ, Isvestia, insists on new elections of delegates to the constituent assembly in districts where those chosen "do not express popular will," such as constituencies where social revolutionaries and members of the Right have been returned.

Another Treaty Plea. A Petrograd despatch from the Associated Press correspondent, under Saturday's date, says that Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, is expected to present a new communication to the allies Sunday. This despatch quotes Baron Admiral Keyserlingk, former German military attaché at Petrograd, and a member of the German peace delegation, as saying:

"The Germans quite frankly desire an honorable peace. The present attitude of Russia's allies apparently is a bar to this end. The attitude now between Russia and Germany is friendly, not one of enmity. Germany is now waiting to hear the entire allied terms and war aims."

At the meeting of the German and (Concluded on Page 9, Column 7).

BRITISH AGAIN BEAT TURKS IN PALESTINE

Allenby's Forces Make Considerable Advance on Thirteen Mile Front in Neighborhood of Jerusalem—Pursuit Slow, Owing to Hilly and Broken Nature of Country.

London, Dec. 29.—The British have made another considerable advance in the neighborhood of Jerusalem, the Turks having been beaten back on a front of thirteen miles. The official statement concerning the Palestine campaign tonight says: "General Allenby reports that on Friday his troops continued to drive back the enemy and advance their line to a depth of about two miles on a front of thirteen miles. "The advance has given us the high grounds of Ras Arkub and Es Sufat—four miles from Jerusalem and one mile north of the Jericho road. Anataerram and Kulundia, the last two respectively, east and west of the Nebelus, are now in our hands. "The Irish troops met considerable opposition, which they overcame in spite of the difficulties of the ground. "Although the enemy is falling back, the generally rough ground and the mountainous nature of the country makes pursuit slow and difficult. Our airplanes bombed the enemy's troops and transport on the rabat in road and the day of the 28th with great effect."

125,000 HOMELESS THRU GUATEMALA EARTHQUAKE

Capital of Central American Republic is Laid in Ruins, Many People Killed by Falling Walls and Huge Number Without Shelter.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Guatemala, City, capital of the Central American republic of Guatemala, has been laid in ruins by a series of earthquakes beginning Christmas Day and continuing last night in violent shocks which completed the work of destruction. A cablegram to the navy department today said 125,000 people were in the streets without shelter, and that a number were killed by falling walls.

Naval vessels in Central American waters have been ordered to assist stricken city to render all possible assistance. Following is the brief despatch which brought the news of the catastrophe: "Bad earthquake yesterday finished the work of others. Everything in ruins and beyond description as a result of last night's shock. One hundred and twenty-five thousand people are in the streets. Parts of the country has grown more wintry. Help is needed badly. Quite a number killed yesterday by falling walls."

The shocks probably occurred between 5:37 and seven o'clock last night. Violent quakes were recorded at that time by the seismographs of the Georgetown University observatory and the distance was estimated at 1300 miles from Washington. "Earthquakes have been prevalent in Guatemala since the day after Christmas, when shocks were general throughout the republic. With each recurrent shock the damage in Guatemala City, the capital of the republic, has grown more intensive. Last Thursday it was reported that from ten to forty persons had been killed in the disturbance of the previous night, while despatches of Friday and Saturday indicated that 80 per cent. of Guatemala City had been demolished and that thousands of persons were homeless. Martial law had been declared and good order was said to be prevailing. Guatemala has been the scene of many disasters, the results of earthquakes. Since the settlement of the

PEACEMAKERS PLAN TO FREE WAR CAPTIVES

Delegates at Brest-Litovsk Consent to Resumption of Commerce.

WANT POLISH LIBERTY

Russians Submit Proposal for Evacuation of Occupied Territory.

Brest-Litovsk, Friday, Dec. 27.—Via Berlin and London, Dec. 30.—Provisional agreement on a series of important points, including liberation of war prisoners and resumption of commercial relations, was reached today by the delegates of Russia and the central powers in discussion of issues which, in the event of a general peace, would have to be settled among the nations represented in the negotiations here. This provisional discussion was terminated today, the basis of an agreement being adopted under the reservation that it was to be examined by the governments represented by the delegates.

In respect of treaty relations an understanding arrived at regarding the restoration of the situation as it existed when the war began. It was provided that certain laws and regulations of the war shall be canceled, and that those affected thereby shall be restored to their previous rights or indemnified.

The rules in regard to the payment of war costs and damages were defined in greater detail, and provisions were made concerning messages exchanged by civilians outside the war areas.

An agreement in principle was reached regarding the reciprocal liberation and return to their homes of war prisoners and interned civilians, and also for the return of captured merchant vessels.

Speedy resumption of diplomatic and commercial intercourse and the organized exchange of commodities, was arrived at on which the basis of permanent relations shall be settled permanently.

Regarding the question of occupied territory the Russians made the following proposal: "In full accord with the public declarations of both the contracting parties, the Russian government desires to conclude peace without annexations, Russia will withdraw from the territories occupied by her."

San Salvador, Dec. 30.—Guatemala City, capital of the republic of Guatemala, has been completely destroyed by an earthquake. Many persons were killed in the district, some in their homes and others in the streets.

The Colon Theatre, which was filled with people, collapsed. There were many casualties among the audience. Various hospitals and asylums and the prisons were badly damaged and many patients and prisoners were killed.

The railroad depot, the sugar mills, the postoffice, the American and British legations, the United States consulate and all the churches in the city have been leveled.

Deep fissures opened in the middle of the city. The inhabitants in panic have fled from the capital. More than 80,000 persons are homeless and homeless in the city are scant and aid is required promptly.

The Salvadorean Government has suspended the official new year celebration and entered into mourning in sympathy with Guatemala.

STRONG GERMAN ATTACK ALONG TWO-MILE FRONT



One of the many jobs assigned to the R.E. Searching for water holes in the ice. —British Official Photograph.

ASSAULT BY GERMANS NEAR YPRES REPULSED

Enemy Blow Was Aimed at Ypres-Staden Railway, But Broke Down Completely Under British Artillery Fire.

London, Dec. 30.—The Germans yesterday evening carried out a local attack against our positions in the neighborhood of the Ypres-Staden Railway. The attack was completely repulsed by our fire. "Following the activity of this artillery northeast of Ypres, reported in last night's communique, the enemy yesterday evening carried out a local attack against our positions in the neighborhood of the Ypres-Staden Railway. The attack was completely repulsed by our fire. "A hostile raiding party was driven off during the night north of Passchendaele."

BULGARIANS ASSENT TO RUSS PEACE TERMS

Danube Question Taken Up at Special Session—Old Treaties Restored.

Amsterdam, Dec. 30.—The Bulgarian premier, Vasil Radoslavoff, according to a Sofia despatch, has sent a message to all the provisional prefects to the effect that Bulgaria has accepted the Russian proposals—first, that the war between Bulgaria and Russia be ended; second, that the status quo ante bellum, with respect to commercial treaties and consular and other conventions be re-established; third, regarding the Danube question, that this be decided tomorrow at a plenary meeting of all the delegations. Bulgaria to have a representative on the Danube commission.

The premier's message added: "Both parties have congratulated each other on the result."

GEN. VICTOR WILLIAMS REACHES SWITZERLAND

Canadian Officer Arrives at Zurich With Party of British Prisoners.

Zurich, Switzerland, Dec. 30.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—A party of British war prisoners has arrived here from Germany, consisting of 84 officers and 554 men. The officers include Brigadier-General Victor Williams of the Canadian expeditionary force. The officers are going to Montreux and Vevey. The men will be interned at Chateau Dore. The party on the whole looked well, those interned in north Germany appearing to have had a much worse time than those in south Germany.

EXCEED FOUR BILLIONS

American Credits to Entente Allies Reach Huge Total.

Heavy Fighting South of Cambrai, Where Enemy Makes Gains and Maintains Them in Part.

London, Dec. 30.—There was heavy fighting today south of Cambrai. The Germans made a strong attack on a front of about two miles, according to Field Marshal Haig's report from headquarters tonight. They succeeded in gaining a foothold at two points, but later were ejected in part by British counter-attacks. The text of the statement reads: "At dawn today the enemy made powerful local attacks on a total front of over two miles against our position on the spur known as Welsh Ridge, south of Cambrai. In the centre the enemy was repulsed, but on the right, to the north of La Vacquette, and on the left, to the south of Maroing, his troops succeeded in effecting a lodgment in two small salients in our line. "Our counter-attacks have ejected the enemy from a portion of these positions and we have taken a number of prisoners. The fighting is continuing in both localities. "Early this morning hostile raiding parties which attacked our positions in the neighborhood of Gonnelle were repulsed with loss. "On the remainder of the front there was only the usual artillery activity on both sides."

DROP HUNDRED BOMBS ON ENEMY AIRDROMES

British Aviators Also Bring Down Seven German Machines—Artillery is Busy.

London, Dec. 29.—The official report from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters tonight says: "During the day the hostile artillery has again shown considerable activity at a number of points along our front, especially in the neighborhood of Hargreave, south and west of Lens and east and northeast of Ypres. "Our aeroplanes dropped over one hundred bombs on three enemy airdromes north of Lille. Seven hostile machines, four of which fell inside our lines, were brought down by our aeroplanes; two others were driven down out of control, while four others were shot down by our guns, three falling within our lines. Three of our machines are missing."

MARCONI IS HONORED

Inventor of Wireless Made Italian High Commissioner to United States.

Rome, Dec. 30.—William Marconi, inventor of the wireless, has been appointed Italian high commissioner to the United States. Senator Marconi was a member of the Italian mission which visited the United States last spring. After his return he served on the staff of Gen. Diaz, the Italian commander-in-chief, giving special attention to the wireless system at the front.

COLLISION KILLS SEVEN

Trainmen Lose Lives in Indianapolis Railway Wreck.

North Vernon, Ind., Dec. 30.—Seven are known to be dead and about 20 injured as the result of a head-on collision between a westbound and an eastbound Baltimore and Ohio train a mile east of here last night. All the dead were members of the crew. The cause of the wreck is reported to have been the failure of the automatic block system to work.

ADMIRAL JELICOE BLAMED FOR LOSS OF DESTROYERS

London Public Believe Dismissal From First Sea Lordship Resulted From Destruction of Three of These Craft Near Dutch Coast.

AIR RAIDERS BOMB PADUA THIRTEEN PERSONS KILLED

Large Fleet of Austro-German Machines Attack Open Italian City, Dropping Explosives in Streets—Nearby Towns Also Assailed.

Headquarters of the Italian Army in Northern Italy, Dec. 30.—A large enemy fleet of airplanes participated in the air raid over the city of Padua, and nearby towns on Friday night, when 13 persons were killed and wounded, the majority of the latter being women. In Padua the bombs fell in public squares, near hotels, clubs and churches, and from the manner in which the raid was carried on unusual barbarism and personal bitterness were shown. A bright moonlight favored the raiders, who operated over a wide area, embracing the Cities of Treviso, Monte Belluna, Castellano and Padua. This squadron first appeared over Padua at nine in the evening, when a deafening bombardment fairly shook the city. Explosions began in the suburbs, and gradually approached the centre of the city, where the streets, hotels and public places were filled with people. One bomb struck in the middle of the

PETROGRAD FACTORIES SEIZED BY BOLSHEVIKI

Russo-Belgian Company Penalized for Refusing to Assent to Demands of Employees.

Petrograd, Saturday, Dec. 29.—The council of people's commissaries has ordered the confiscation of the factories and all other properties of the Russo-Belgian Company, because its directors on December 28 declared the company to be in a state of liquidation, and declined to submit to the control of the employees. All the workmen have been ordered to continue the discharge of their duties. Anyone guilty of acts of sabotage will be brought before a revolutionary court.

GERMANS RUN SHORT OF NEWEST AIRCRAFT

Enemy Has Resort to Old Types Owing to Limited Output.

London, Dec. 30.—A despatch to Reuters, Limited, from British headquarters says that the Germans are experiencing difficulty in maintaining efficiency in their air service on the western front. The correspondent says that prisoners are unanimous in saying that the output of new machines is very limited, and that this fact is compelling the employment of old types of aircraft.

PAN-GERMANS ATTACK PEACE POURPARLERS

Berlin Press Declares Events at Brest-Litovsk Victory for Entente Alliance.

Stockholm, Dec. 30.—The events at Brest-Litovsk, attendant on the peace parleys between the Germans and the Russians, are little to the taste of the pan-German section of the German press, according to a special despatch received here from Berlin. The Deutsche Zeitung captions its report of the proceedings: "victory for the entente at Brest-Litovsk" and other pan-German organs exhibit dissatisfaction to the highest degree.

The newspapers of the left are hopeful in their comment, but not sanguine. Theodor Wolff, editor of the Berlin Tageblatt, utters a warning against over-optimism. The rest of the press maintains a reserved attitude.

Wants Von Kuehlmann Hissed. London, Dec. 30.—According to an Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co., Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, the German foreign secretary, is expected to reach Berlin today on his return from the peace negotiations. He is to be received immediately by the emperor and after that will probably visit Field Marshal von Hindenburg's headquarters. The pan-German papers, says this despatch, invite their readers to hiss Von Kuehlmann when he arrives in Berlin for "betraying the German army."

Maximilian Harden asserts that Alcaze cannot be considered an obstacle to peace.

KRONSTADT FORT BLOWN UP

London, Dec. 31.—One of the forts at Kronstadt, the naval base near Petrograd, has been blown up by an extremely violent explosion, according to a Petrograd despatch to The Times. There are no details.