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SOCIALIST SAYS PEACE SPEECH IS REASONABLE

"Invitation to Entente Allies to Initiate Peace Negotiations at Once."

DISCLAIMS ANXIETY ABOUT WAR'S OUTCOME

Germany Will Be Heartened by Knowledge That She Does Not Bear Responsibility.

Berlin, Dec. 9. (via London, Dec. 10.)—(Delayed)—Deputy Otto Landsberg, a socialist democrat, in his speech in the reichstag today, after the imperial chancellor had answered the socialist interpellation on peace, expressed approval of the chancellor's address as a reasonable invitation to the entente allies to initiate peace negotiations in which Germany was willing to join.

Herr Landsberg declared that the socialist appeal for peace was based on no anxiety about the outcome of the war. He said he shared the opinion of the imperial chancellor that the war has been forced upon Germany and that guarantees were necessary to prevent a repetition. No true German, he said, was desirous of ending the war on any other terms. He repeated the declaration made earlier in the day by Dr. Scheidemann, socialist, that the Socialists never would consider a peace involving the return of Alsace-Lorraine.

Germany's Mild Answer
Deputy Landsberg said that, with Premier Asquith of Britain and Premier Briand of France both demanding the destruction of Prussian militarism, which was equivalent to the destruction of a strong Germany, he would understand the chancellor's attitude in his speech and his demand that Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg in return had not demanded the destruction of Russian and French militarism or British "marine-ism," which could render peace impossible.

Regarding the acquisition of territory the deputy expressed high satisfaction that the chancellor had made no mention of annexation. The chancellor repeatedly has designated occupied territories as redemption pledges, he said, "and has said that the statesman who must hold out hopes to their countrymen of a better future, speak of the destruction of German militarism and the taking away of German territory, but the statesman who is crowned with success declares himself in principle ready for peace, naturally for honorable peace. No German would wish to conclude any other peace."

Want Security For Peace
Deputy Landsberg said the chancellor had demanded securities against repetitions of wanton attacks. The Socialists, too, wish to preserve future generations from the danger of a new war, he said, and the speaker, but there was no security against future wars in conducting this war to the exhaustion or subjugation of another nation. This, however, he said, was not the intention of the chancellor, who had expressed readiness to conclude an honorable peace and in whose words he found no mention of unreasonable conditions for Germany's opponents. If Germany's opponents did not desire peace because they insisted upon the destruction of Germany's defensive force and the annexation of German territory, said the speaker, they must learn that the Socialist appeal for peace was based on no anxiety about the outcome of the war. He declared that nothing could increase the courage and resolution of German troops more than the consciousness that the responsibility for a further continuance of the war rested with their opponents.

FINDS RADIUM SUBSTITUTE
Mexico City, Dec. 10.—Dr. Manuel Pore Amador, director of the government institute for biological research, has announced the discovery of a method of taking X-ray photos without the use of radium, Crooke's tubes or expensive apparatus of any kind.

Dr. Amador claims to have discovered a cheap substitute for radium during his experiments of the past eight years with the radio-active properties of white sulphur.

Boost Sir Frederick Borden
Halifax, Dec. 10.—A Kentville dispatch says that at a meeting of the Liberal club of King's county it was decided to reconvene the convention that in case of a by-election Sir Frederick Borden should be nominated and also in the event of a general election.

Explosion in Munitions Plant.
Easton, Pa., Dec. 10.—An explosion this afternoon at the case plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company at Redington, four miles from here, is reported to have killed one workman, injured fifteen others, and destroyed a building.

Northside is Ready For 'Em

Ten Planks in Platform to be Given Candidates Tonight, and Views Are Expected.

Candidates for municipal election will be expected this evening to state their attitude towards the various planks in the platform formulated by the Northside Ratepayers' Association. The meeting is being held in the Sons of England hall, Bell street north of Dewdney, at eight o'clock, and the floor will first be given to those candidates who do not speak last Friday.

Up to the present the campaign has been the quietest in the city's history and fireworks have been conspicuous by their absence. In addition to this, the campaign is probably the shortest in the city's history and the number of meetings being held are comparatively few. The only other opportunity ratepayers will have of stating up the aspirants for municipal honors will be tomorrow night in the east end halls, and probably in Chalmers church in the Eastern Annex.

For tonight's meeting on the north side an attractive leaflet, containing the ten planks of the platform, together with some comments on each, has been printed for distribution among the audience. The platform is introduced by the following statement: "After careful consideration the association in general meeting agreed that the following ten planks do seriously require attention and consideration by the council for the benefit of the whole city." The planks and the printed comments read as follows:

1. More adequate provision for parks and playgrounds, especially on the northside.

2. More adequate provision for the parks committee to give notice anything at all spent for the northside?

3. Preference to returned soldiers in filling vacant civic positions.

4. Election or appointment of an auditor independent of the council and commissioners.

5. Abolition of the poll tax.

6. Continuation of operation of Sunday streets.

7. Appointment of a superintendent of utilities to look after the collection of accounts from the public, etc.

8. Day labor on public works.

9. That the city council urge the provincial government to amend the city's existing By-laws in order to choose their own form of municipal government.

There is a lot in this. Consider it well. The writing is on the wall of despotism, and we certainly have a right to the best that is formulated.

A. A. U. MEETS HERE DEC. 20

Saskatoon, Dec. 10.—The annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Branch of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada will take place on December 20 at the offices of the Regina Board of Trade, according to the announcement of President A. E. Hayden. The newly-formed amateur baseball association will meet in Regina the same day.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, today prevailing Berlin to reply to the American government's request for the withdrawal of Captain Boy-Ed and Captain Von Pappen, the German naval and military attaches, respectively. The nature of the reply was not disclosed but the withdrawal of the officers seemed certain.

HERE'S HOT NOTE FROM WASHINGTON
Washington, Dec. 10.—Diplomatic relations with Austria-Hungary are in danger of being broken off by the United States unless the urgent demands of the American note to Vienna for a disavowal of the sinking of the Ancona and reparation are complied with.

BRITISH PRESS COMMENTS ON PEACE SPEECH

Attempt to Present Picture of Germany Waging Defensive War Against Enemies.

COMPARISON OF GREECE AND BELGIUM FALLACIOUS

Evening Standard Says Germany is Expecting to Surpass Former Achievements.

London, Dec. 10.—The speech of the German chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, before the reichstag yesterday, is commented on extensively by London papers this morning. The chancellor's utterances are described editorially as "colorful and perfunctory," and as an attempt to present a picture of Germany waging a purely defensive war against enemies which would encircle and starve her. All of the new papers characterize as fallacious the chancellor's argument in regard to the analogy between British proceedings in Greece and the German invasion of Belgium.

Not Asking for Peace.
The Evening Standard says Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech disposed of the idea that Germany intends to ask for peace. This newspaper considers the prospect of peace as perhaps more remote at this moment than at any other period since the outbreak of the war. It contends that any assumption that Germany's strength is weakening merely leads to an unpleasant surprise in the spring, at which time Germany hopes to surpass her previous achievements.

The Pall Mall Gazette thinks the essence of the German chancellor's speech lies in its omission of the Westminister Gazette says: "If Germany had gone into Belgium on the invitation of the Belgian government to bring assistance to a neighbor who was being attacked by another power, say France or Holland, which had been attacked by another power, say ourselves, and had found itself in difficulties through a sudden change of policy on the part of the Belgian king, the analogy might have been arguable. Whatever may happen in Greece, the history and nature of the two transactions have not the slightest resemblance."

Patched-Up Peace Dressed.
Referring to the remarks of the chancellor in regard to the carrying on of the war until the triumph of Germany is conceded, the Globe says: "That is good news. What was to be dreaded was that the mightiest of men should be so high in conception of statesmanship and endeavor by careful manipulation of admitted fact, force the allies to call the struggle a draw and patch-up a peace."

NO NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.
Christiania (via London), Dec. 10.—The Norwegian parliament will not award the Nobel peace prize this year. No award was made last year.

THREE HOLDUP MEN CAUGHT.
Minneapolis, Dec. 10.—With the arrest here today of Patrick Maloney, the authorities announced that they had rounded up three of the four men who yesterday afternoon stepped into the Western State Bank of St. Paul, covered employees with guns, seized \$3,000 and then made their way in an auto through traffic-filled streets until officers had lost the trail. The police say \$600 has been recovered. James Lowe and Frank Lutz, arrested last night, are said to have told where Maloney could be found. The police say Maloney confessed.

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"I Remember"

"The doctor's orders first started me toward the Northwest," said former Lieutenant Governor George W. Brown.

"I was then a student in Toronto University, and was advised to leave school on account of bad health. The doctor also added that I probably would not live six months. That was just thirty-three years ago, and Mr. Brown smiled broadly at the recollections of the score and ten years which had elapsed since that physician's prophecy was made.

"It was in May, 1882, when my brother and I, with two other men in our party, started out with oxteams from Brandon. We went south first, then finding ourselves too far from the line of the railway, went back to Brandon and started out for Regina. For five months we did not sleep under a shelter.

"We found Regina composed of two or three tents near the Mounted Police Barracks. The present site of the town was mostly slough, full of wild ducks.

"At the time I came here there was not a mile of railway, not a school, and not a bank in what is now the Province of Saskatchewan. The only farming was around the Hudson Bay and Mounted Police posts.

"The first steel of the Canadian Pacific Railway was laid through Regina August 23, 1882. I remember the little crowd that gathered to see this. I remember also the party of press men from the Canadian press from the Canadian with the railway, the first line across the great Northwest.

"In the fall of 1882, the last of the buffalo were seen in this part of the country. I remember seeing the first with which they were driven back west and south toward the United States. Herds which had been estimated at from five to fifteen thousand were killed and driven away till none remained.

A street car clanged by beneath the office. Mr. Brown spoke again. "I have seen this country settled three different times. There were waves of immigration here in '82, in the late '80's, and in '01, what he called the last great immigration."

"I remember one Christmas dinner we had in the early days. An Englishman who was with our party insisted that it would be impossible to have a Christmas dinner without roast beef and plum pudding. Well, we managed to get the materials together to make the pudding, but no beef was to be had in this country. So we had to eat buffalo instead.

And a good dinner it made, too. "I remember New Year's Day of 1889. It was a very cold day that people sat out on their verandas. It seems to me that the winters have merely varied from year to year from that time to now. I do not think that the winter climate as a whole has changed to any great extent."

The office was lined to the ceiling with legal volumes and statute books, records and witnesses of a country that had been a completely organized society. The man who had known this country when a pioneering settler and as its lieutenant-governor was speaking of the character of its development.

"The population of this province has always been agricultural in nature. This fact and the absence of any large cities within the province have tended to the establishment of many co-operative institutions which are well known. But that is off the subject of the old days."

"Were you asking if we enjoyed living here then? To me it was a life that made for real enjoyment, which we do not and probably cannot have in the same degree now. I mean the spirit of mutual interest, of neighborliness, and of sympathy, which everyone of the early settlers felt for every other. That spirit more than made up for the lack of material comforts and conveniences. It was that spirit which made pioneer community life."

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HEROIC FATHER, THREE CHILDREN, PERISH IN FIRE

C. W. Mitchell, Plenty, Sask., Farmer, Two Girls and Boy Fatally Burned.

PLUNGED INTO FLAMES; CARRIED TWO TO SAFETY

Returning for Other Three, Fell; All Four Bodies Found in Heap.

Plenty, Sask., Dec. 10.—C. W. Mitchell, 48 years old, and three children—Lenora, 16 years; Lucy, 4; and Lloyd, aged 6—were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their farmhouse and one granary, three miles south of here this morning.

Mr. Mitchell and the hired man were working in the stable when Mrs. Mitchell discovered fire in the kitchen and ran outside calling "Fire" in her night clothing. In an endeavor to save his children, Mitchell ran through the flames, which had made rapid progress, and succeeded in getting Clifford, aged 14 years; and Alex, aged 9, out of the burning building.

Dr. J. Scroggy, corner of this district, is holding an inquest today.

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Official Statements

PARIS, Dec. 10.—The night passed without occurrence of great importance," says the report of this afternoon. "In the Champagne fighting with grenades is being continued. During the day yesterday the enemy was driven beyond the ridge of the south of Saint Souplet."

PARIS, Dec. 10.—Montenegrin troops repulsed energetic attacks made by the Austro-Hungarians and forced them to retire beyond Dubot chitza on Wednesday, December 8, according to an official communication to the Montenegrin command here today. The Montenegrins took one hundred prisoners and a quantity of rifles. The statement adds:

"On Thursday 2, Austrian aeroplanes dropped bombs on Cetinje without causing any damage. On the same day the Austrians launched from aeroplanes over the Montenegrin front a proclamation addressed to the army and population advising them to cease resistance. If they did not, the proclamation stated, Montenegrins would suffer the same fate as the Serbs, the entente allies being unable to succor them or even to repulse an invasion of their own territory."

"A great number of Austrian dead covered the field after the engagement of Wednesday."

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AS THE GOVERNOR SAID TO THE GOVERNOR, 'TIS

A Long, Long Time Between Drinks, and Forty-Nine Years Sets a New Record.

Forty-nine years between drinks is a long time. Apparently about fifty-five years of age, M. P. Dunn, charged in police court this morning with being drunk, informed Magistrate Heffernan that it was the first time in forty-nine years.

"You ought to be ashamed of yourself," said His Worship, as he fined him the usual two and costs.

PROSPERITY DAWNED IN EARNEST FOR MERCHANTS

Young Lady Who Bought So Lavishly Eventually Taken in Charge by Police.

Visions of the dawn of a new era of prosperity gladdened the eyes of several prominent storekeepers in the city yesterday, with the appearance of a young lady who ordered the best of everything on the most lavish scale.

Announcing that she intended to set up a first-class boarding establishment, the lady in question visited a large furniture store and commenced to buy on an unprecedented scale. Before she left the excited salesmen were knocking and rubbing their hands with glee for the day's sales had been boosted \$1,800 in a most unexpected manner.

The Christmas shopping joy spread to other establishments when the lady with the bottomless purse appeared. One salesman was overjoyed with an order for a \$500 piano. The prospect of an expensive "Victoria" exchanging hands caused another salesman to chuckle.

A costly automobile was purchased at one of the large garages, and the proprietor of one of the furrier's shops had the pleasure of assisting in the sale of his entire stock. No money was paid, and all the storekeepers were told to hold the purchases for a day or two until arrangements could be made to house them.

There was a rude awakening, however, when the police notified the storekeepers that the lady and her wealthy patron in tow on a charge of insanity, and that she had not a cent to her name. This morning she was brought up before the magistrate and remanded pending further inquiries. She is believed to come from Alameda, and an attempt is being made to get in touch with her relatives and friends.

TRY TO GET ASSINIBOIA LINE GAP CONNECTED UP

Between Expanse and Assiniboia C.P.R. Branch Has Gap of Eight Miles.

Winnipeg, Dec. 10.—E. J. McMillan, secretary of the Moose Jaw board of trade, interviewed Grand Hall, vice president and general manager of the C. P. R., this morning with a view to getting the eight-mile gap in the C. P. R. line south to Assiniboia completed at an early date. The conference had no definite results as Mr. McMillan was referred to George Bury, vice president and general manager of the eastern line.

The line in question has already been built south from Moose Jaw through Expanse to Vantage. From Assiniboia it is built north for nine miles to a gap from the extension from Assiniboia and the southern extension from Expanse for eight miles, and if this were completed and in operation it would be a big benefit to wholesale and retail law and passengers in the district who wished to visit the larger centers.

It would have no material effect on grain movements, as runs north and south. This line runs through the Coteau Hills, which might make the hauling of trains a little heavy, and it is believed that this is the reason the C. P. R. does not care to open the line at present, though they have not mentioned this point.

SEARCH SHIPS FOR GERMANS

San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 10.—Four blank shots and two solid shots were fired by the French cruiser Descartes in holding up the American steamship Coamo yesterday.

A French lieutenant, who boarded the Coamo, said orders had been given to take all subjects of Germany and her allies from ships' crews beginning Dec. 8 and to take all such persons from among the passengers after Dec. 18.

ATTACHES ARE RECALLED

Washington, Dec. 10 (4.30).—Emperor William has personally withdrawn Captain Boy-Ed and Von Pappen, the naval and military attaches of the German embassy here, and has made a personal request that the United States secure safe conducts for them and their successors. This was formally announced late today by Secretary Lansing.

BERLIN CLAIMS ALLIES ALL OUT OF MACEDONIA

Other News Is to Effect That Withdrawal Was Not Forced, Only Strategic.

HEAVY FIGHTING STILL BEING WAGED, REPORTED

Major Portion of Bulgarian Army Now Fiercely Attacking Anglo-French Forces

Berlin, Dec. 10 (via Sayville wireless).—According to information received in military quarters here the Anglo-French expedition in the Balkans has capitulated its retreat and has now entirely evacuated Serbian territory.

London, Dec. 10.—The Times this morning regards as an ominous sign the news received from its Athens correspondent that the hospitals of the entente allies at Ghevelin, in southeastern Serbia, have been evacuated. Statement Credited to French.

London, Dec. 10.—What seems to be an intimation that the troops of the entente allies are contemplating evacuating Serbian territory if they have not already done so is contained in a statement in a Reuter's dispatch from Saloniki said to have been issued by the French general staff on the Balkan front.

The statement quoted by the Saloniki correspondent is: "We, the French and British, are retiring for reasons easy to understand in view of the fact that the Serbian army for the moment is out of the reckoning, our presence in Serbian territory is no longer necessary. Bulgarian successes amount to an occupation of territory no longer disputed by us. They have invariably suffered each time the Allies troops assumed the offensive notwithstanding their numerical superiority."

Fighting ended Wednesday in view of the fact that the front where the British are facing the Bulgars was suspended Wednesday and Thursday of this week began their withdrawal Thursday morning, says a Reuter's dispatch from Saloniki today. The general retirement of the entente troops is proceeding, the statement says.

Coal Famine in Greece.
London, Dec. 10.—Reuter's Athens correspondent telegraphs that on account of restrictions placed on Britain on the foreign commerce of Greece several steamship lines, including those subsidized by the government for the postal service, contemplated suspension of business.

A coal famine is feared, and the correspondent says Greece has called the attention of Great Britain to the grave consequences entailed by prohibition of importation of coal from England, notwithstanding the orders placed in America.

British legation at Athens has published a list of articles liable to seizure at sea and submission to prize court unless accompanied by special certificates establishing the fact that they have not come from countries hostile to the Allies.

Athens newspapers publish extensive reports of the movements of the entente troops in Macedonia. Some of these newspapers state that the French have been routed by the Bulgarians. In ministerial circles it is said, however, that the Allies are withdrawing in conformity to pre-arranged plans and have sustained no losses.

Bulgars Ransy Attacks
London, Dec. 10.—The Bulgarians, heavily reinforced and well supported by artillery, are renewing violently their attack upon the Franco-British forces in Macedonia. Their assault has gone through all the preliminaries and is now approaching the climax of intensity.

Although pursuit of the Serbians continues, it is apparent from the reports which the Macedonian conflict is assuming that the major part of the Bulgarian army has devoted its intention to the allies.

(Special Telegrams)

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