

CORRESPONDENT DECLARES HUNGER IS BASIS OF GERMANY'S PEACE PLEA

Neutral in Berne Writes That Injunction To "Hold On, Hold Out, Hold Your Tongue," Is No Longer Possible To Obey — Tells Instances O. Want.

(London Cable in New York Herald.) "Attentive readers can now learn from the perusal of the German and Austrian papers, rather more about conditions in the Central empires than was the case during the first two years of the war," writes a neutral correspondent in Berne, "he says, 'is of course more particularly the case with those who knew something of Germany and Austria before the war, and to a certain extent understood the mentality of their governments and peoples.' "It is, however, from persons now arriving from Germany and Austria that the most valuable information regarding conditions of life there is obtainable. It is plain that Germany is no longer roaring like a beast, but rather whining like a dog chained up and unable to get loose. Whether in official or unofficial speeches and declarations, there is less and less in German utterances about 'unshakable confidence in victory' and 'continuing the war to a victorious end,' while that old phrase 'the war which was forced upon Germany by her enemies' is only occasionally trotted out for appearance's sake. Of late in fact, far more has been heard of a certain famous League of Peace, or International Union for Obtaining Peace, which Germany will not only be willing to join, but of which she will consent to take the lead—Germany, in the guise of the dove of peace, with an olive branch in its mouth! "Germany, in short, is not merely whining for peace, but yearning for food. From all that I have learned and observed of late, indeed, I am convinced that the Allies are now beginning to grip Germany by the throat, that she is feeling the grip and it behooves the Allies to see to it that they do not let go, but keep on tightening the hold. I have never been unduly optimistic from the Allies' point of view. Time after time, when others were saying that Germany was starving or running short of troops, I have asserted that she was neither starving

nor near it and that she had soldiers enough for a long time to come. "Now, however, there is no doubt that the scarcity of food is beginning to be serious, and the military authorities are finding it a difficult matter to provide sufficient food for the troops in the trenches. Many German deserters who contrived to cross the frontier into Switzerland testify to the truth of this. Four German brothers of whom I know, in which place in Switzerland I will not say, were of course no food in that country, and the other two are prisoners of war in Russia, and the other two have contrived to return home. One of them was on the Somme front, he and eleven others having been the only survivors of their regiment. He declared that at times they were so hungry that they were able to move—a statement the accuracy of which is borne out by his lean appearance. He and many of his comrades watched for every opportunity of surrendering, especially to the English, as they knew that in England German prisoners of war are well treated and well fed. Their officers impressed upon them that they must not surrender, because the English gave no quarter. "Others who were inclined to desert to Switzerland were always told by their superiors that there was no food in that country, and German residents in Switzerland who are liable for military service and who refuse to go to Germany and join the colors are informed that if by any chance Switzerland should come into the war then they will be shot as deserters. "Some of those who had heard that there was no food in Switzerland said that when they arrived in Zurich and saw the well supplied butchers, bakers and grocers' shops they literally rubbed their eyes, wondering whether they were awake or asleep. The time honored injunction, 'Aushalten, durchhalten, manhalten' (Hold on, hold out, hold your tongue), is becoming impossible to keep, and instead of the cry is now for food and peace."

SHIPPING NEWS

December—Phases of the Moon.
First Quarter 1st 9h. 55m. p.m.
Full Moon 5th 3h. 44m. a.m.
Last Quarter 17th 2h. 5m. p.m.
New Moon 24th 4h. 31m. p.m.
First Quarter 31st 3h. 7m. a.m.

22 Fr 8.08 4.40 9.10 23.27 2.58 15.34
23 Sa 8.09 4.41 10.01 22.27 3.52 16.25
24 Su 8.09 4.41 10.21 23.17 4.43 17.15
25 Mo 8.10 4.42 11.40 24.18 5.33 18.06
26 Tu 8.10 4.43 0.08 12.29 6.24 18.58

RECENT CHARTERS.
Sch. Crl. F. Cressy, Baltimore to Christianstadt, St. Croix, coal, \$7, prompt. Steamer Peter H. Crowell, Newport News to Barbados, coal, \$8.50, prompt.

Connecting Sprinkler System.
The men of the water and sewerage department were busy yesterday making an opening in Prince William street in front of W. H. Thorne's for the purpose of connecting up with the city main sewer system a new sprinkler system installed by that firm. The system will be fed by a three-inch pipe connected directly to the main in Prince William street which will give them a good supply of water at all times. Pipe cleaning operations are still being carried on in City Road between Wall street and the foot bridge at the foot of Dorchester street. The contractors have experienced a lot of difficulty in this section and it is just possible the work may be stopped until the spring.

Business Change.
Announcement has been made of a business change by dissolution of partnership in the firm of John Hopkins. The change involves the retirement from the firm of G. A. Stanley Hopkins. His two brothers, Aquila D. and Frank B. D. Hopkins, will continue the business under the firm name of John Hopkins.

Foreign Ports.
Boothbay Harbor—Arr Dec 19, schs Mary Langdon, Rockland for Boston; Eagle, Stockton for do; Abenaki, do for New York.
Boston—Arr Dec 19, str Sardinian, Glasgow; schs Catawampus, Bangor; Mary B. Wellington, New York; Mary E. Lynch, do; Edward S. Eveleth, Ipswich; Ervin J. Luce, Rockport, Mass; Pemaquid, Gloucester.
Calais, Dec. 19—Sld sch Samuel Castner, Jr. New York.
New York, Dec. 19—Arr str Empress, Portland, Me.; schs Doris V. Myra, Turks Island; Oakley C. Curtis, Brunswick.
Sld Dec 19, schs Bertha L. Downs, Aarhus; Abbie C. Stubbs, Hampton Roads; Lydia Middleton, Virginia; E. Starr Jones, Newport News.
Rockland, Dec. 19—Sld schs Arthur M. Gibson, New York; St. Maurice, do.
Vineyard Haven, Dec. 19—Arr schs Andrew Nebinger, Port Reading for Bar Harbor; Roger Drury, New York for St. John, N. B.; Emma S. Briggs, South Gardner for New York; 18th schs Daniel McLoud, Port Johnson for Boothbay; F. C. Pendleton, Perth Amboy for Portland; Nellie Eaton, Port Liberty for Calais; Charles H. Klinck, Port Reading, for Camden; Abbie S. Walker, Ellsworthport for Vinehaven; L. A. Plummer, Baltimore for St. John, N. B.; Harry W. Haynes, Guttenburg.
Bastport, Dec. 18—Arr schs Charles L. Jefferys, St. George, N. B., for New Brunswick; Lizzie Lane, New York for Calais.

HER LAST TRIP.
On her last trip for Pickford & Black, her time charter about expiring, the steamer Bann, Captain Amundsen, left Halifax yesterday for Santiago and Jamaica. Pickford & Black have chartered the Norwegian steamer Amanda, 734 tons register, and two hundred tons smaller than the Bann, for their Jamaica service.

DREDGE BREAKING UP.
The 1,400-ton dredge, McMartin, which broke away from her mooring at Eastport, Me., during Saturday's

gale, will probably be a total loss. She was swept upon Rocky Beach at North Lubec, and her stern post was broken and she was otherwise damaged. She is owned in Montreal, and was formerly employed in Courtney Bay, St. John.

THE KING JOSIAH.
The schooner King Josiah is loading fertilizer at Boston for Halifax, and the Colonial Fertilizer Company, Windsor. The port of Windsor is not yet closed to navigation, but it is so late in the season that sailing vessels will take no chances now for the head waters of the Bay of Fundy and particularly the ports in Minas Basin.

WHEAT DROPS TEN POINTS IN CHICAGO.
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CAPTAIN SHAW GIVEN WARM GREETING

Stock Subscribers For New Conservative Paper Meet Tonight to Form Company.

Special to The Standard.
Hartland, Dec. 21.—Capt. Wendell B. Shaw arrived here today to spend a time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Shaw. He looked rather worn and haggard and made his way up the station platform with the aid of crutches. His parents met him at McAdam, and the party received a warm greeting from many friends as they came from the train. Capt. Shaw says he feels well, is glad to get home for a time, but will return to the front as soon as his wounds will permit.

At the United Baptist church Sunday evening there is to be special music by a trained choir. The pastor will deliver a special Christmas sermon, and at the close of the service the ordinance of baptism will be administered.

Mill Closed.
The crew of the J. K. Flemming mill at Juniper were obliged to quit work yesterday on account of a break in the machinery, which it will take some days to repair. There are 25 men employed in the mill, which is lighted by electricity, and the living arrangements are highly praised by the men.

At the home of the bride's parents, Wicklow, this afternoon the marriage took place of Mr. Joseph Pearson, Jr. of Upper Brighton, and Miss Gladys Estey.

The subscribers to the stock for the new Conservative paper here are to meet at the office of M. L. Hayward tomorrow evening to form a company to publish the paper and carry on a general printing and publishing business. The early appearance of the paper is now looked for.

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Was Troubled With Shortness of Breath

When the heart becomes affected, there ensues a feeling of a choking sensation, a shortness of breath, palpitation, throbbing, irregular beating, smothering sensation, dizziness, and a weak, sinking, all-gone feeling of oppression and anxiety.

The nerves become unstrung, you dread to be alone, have a horror of society, start at the least noise and are generally fatigued.

On the first sign of the heart becoming weakened or the nerves unstrung, Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills should be taken. They are just what you require at this time. They regulate and stimulate the heart, and strengthen and restore the whole nerve system.

Mrs. C. M. Cormier, Buctouche, N. B., writes: "Since two years ago I was troubled with a shortness of breath, and sometimes I could hardly breathe. I went to see several doctors, and they said it was from my heart and nerves, but they did not seem to do me any good. One day I got one of your B.B.B. Almanacs and read of a case similar to mine. I bought a box of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, and after taking it I noticed such a change that I kept on taking them until I had used four more boxes, when I was cured."

Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills are 50c a box, three boxes for \$1.25, at all dealers or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

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TEACHER WANTED for School District No. 5, River de Chute, Carleton Co. Apply stating salary, W. J. Miller.

A SECOND CLASS TEACHER wanted for School District No. 5. Apply to A. J. Morrill, secretary, Haddfield P. R. No. 1, Kings Co., stating salary.

WANTED—Men to make ship timber. Apply to J. F. Merritt at Moss Glen, or No. 181 King St., East St. John.

TEACHER WANTED — A Second Class Teacher wanted in School District No. 1, Parish of Drummond, Victoria County, for next term. Apply stating salary, etc., to A. J. Jensen, Secretary School Trustees, Salmonhurst.

WANTED—Cook for lumber camp. Apply to Frank Graham, or Manager, Hamilton's Hotel, 74 Mill street.

MEN WANTED—To work in the dairy at Primrose, Pama, Primrose, N. B. Phone West 373.

WANTED—Spruce logs delivered at our City Road Mill, \$12.00 to \$18.00, 1,000 ft. Send for Price List. The Christie Woodworking Co., Ltd.

WANTED—Second Class Teacher, School District Number Fifteen, Parish of Petersville. Apply stating salary, to George E. Machum, Polyhurst, Queens County.

LOST.
LOST—Small sum of money on Waterloo street yesterday. Please call at Standard Office.

FOR SALE.
FOR SALE — Meat and provision store, well established and good cash trade. Owner leaving city. Will be sold cheap for cash. Address to Butcher, care of Standard.

AGENTS WANTED.
AGENTS WANTED—Salesmen \$50 per week, selling one-hand egg-beater. Sample and terms 25c. Money refunded if unsatisfactory. Collette Mfg. Company, Collingwood, Ont.

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Six good working horses, each weighing 1450 lbs. Can be seen at Glenwood, Kings Co. A bargain for each. Address

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SHERIFF'S SALE.
There will be sold at public auction at Chubb's Corner in the city of St. John in the city and county of St. John on Saturday, the thirtieth day of December, A. D. 1916, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon, thirty-two shares of steamer "Viking" as she now lies at Strait Shore in said city of St. John and all the interest of Joseph Williams in the steamer "Hampstead" as she now lies at Strait Shore aforesaid, the said steamers having been seized and levied on under several executions against the said Joseph Williams.

Dated this 18th day of December, A. D. 1916.
AMON A. WILSON, Sheriff.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH WEST LAND REGULATIONS.
The sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter-section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. Applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the District. Entry by proxy may be made at any Dominion Lands Agency (but not Sub-Agency), on certain conditions.

Duties—Six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within one mile of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres, on certain conditions. A habitable house is required except where residence is performed in the vicinity.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may re-empt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Price \$20.00 per acre.

A settler who has exhausted his homestead right may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$15.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate 50 acres and erect a house valued at \$200.

The area of cultivation is subject to reduction in case of rough, scrubby or stony land. Live stock may be substituted for cultivation under certain conditions.

W. W. CORY, M. G. Deputy of the Minister of Interior, N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.—5488.

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Electric Cars Pass Door.
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The Commercial Hotel
\$2.00 and \$2.50 per day
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"THE PRINCE WILLIAM"
One of St. John's first-class hotels for transient and permanent guests. Special rates for permanent winter guests. American Plan. Prince William street.

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