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**Greek Situation is Favourable to Allies**

**Loyalist Press Changes Its Tone-- Army Demobilize--Now More Friendly to Venizelist**

LONDON, Dec. 28.—News from Athens reaching London shows that conditions there have improved greatly from the Allied point of view. Royalists are beginning to feel the effects of Allied blockade and even the strongest Loyalist newspapers have

completely changed their tone, in meantime the Foreign Office announces the demobilization of Greek army is taking place rapidly, and satisfactorily in accordance with Greece's promises. This will remove threat from Allies' rear. Persecution of Venizelists is also lessening.

**PRESS CRAZE IN AUSTRIA**

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A despatch from Vienna quotes some of Austrian papers regarding the peace proposals, commenting on Austria's reply to President Wilson, the Fremdenblatt says: "The Central Powers contemplate the possibility of continuance of the war with full confidence, but feel they owe a duty to their people to do everything compatible with their justified interest to terminate the bloodshed if at all possible."

"The Neufreile Presse says:—'By our reply President Wilson's policy is at once allied with our own. The Entente can refuse nothing to the Central Powers which they would not also refuse to President Wilson. The Entente no longer face us alone but also America with whom we are in full harmony.'"

**ROUMANIAN OIL FIELDS DESTROYED**

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 29.—Volks Zeitung, Cologne, reproduces narrative of an officer of the German General staff in regard to the Roumanian campaign, which, it is said, the destruction wrought in Roumanian oil fields was terrible, surpassing every thing of its kind during the war.

**SWISS NOTE ANSWERED**

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—A Vienna despatch says Austro-Hungarian Government today answered the Swiss note by transmitting a copy of note sent to President Wilson. The covering message assured the Helvetian Government that the suggestion of President Wilson met with a thoroughly sympathetic reception in Austria-Hungary. The message added:—The Austro-Hungarian Governments regarded the Swiss action supporting President Wilson as evident to a noble and humane disposition which Switzerland since the beginning of the war had manifested toward all belligerents.

**THE TYPICAL GERMAN STYLE**

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Daily Chronicle says the point on which most stress is laid in President's Wilson's note is entirely ignored in the German reply for all its studied politeness there is replied therein a rejection in advance of any offer of mediation by America.

The elephant is the chief beast of burden in Siam and Afghanistan. An "elephant load" is estimated at two tons.

**FRENCH REPULSE ENEMY ATTACKS**

PARIS, Dec. 28.—French troops last night repulsed small attacks near Lechenoy, on the Somme, and upon the eastern slope of Hill 204 west of the Meuse in the Verdun region, the War Office announced today.

**HUNGARIAN PREMIER RESIGNS**

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—It is rumored in Budapest that Count Stephen Lisza, the Hungarian Premier, is likely to resign soon owing to alleged difference with Count Czernin Von Chudenitz, the Austrian-Hungarian Foreign Minister and Austro-Colation Cabinet.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING PLAN FOR 1917**

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Times prints a forecast of the report of the committee which has investigated the results of last year's daylight savings. It says evidence taken shows that opinion overwhelmingly favors making the plan general in 1917.

**RUSSIANS SMASH TURKS**

PETROGRAD, Dec. 29.—Russian success on Caucasian front and Magharhiad of Van was announced today by the War Office. We occupied the whole summit south of Ataman, south of Van. The Turks have withdrawn in the direction of the village of Illi.

**SIR HIRAM'S ESTATE**

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Sir Hiram Maxim, the inventor, who died recently, left an estate of £33,000.

**NAVAL AEROPLANES ACTIVE**

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The British official says on Tuesday a squadron of naval aeroplanes bombarded the enemy camps at Galata on Gallipoli Peninsula with successful results. In Galicia War Office announced today attempts to cross Dneister river were checked.

**RIGHT! RIGHT! RIGHT!**

ON FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT!

When you're tired of singing concerts, mixing with our local snobs. When you're sick of running round in motor cars. Will you kindly give your service to the fellows in poor jobs. Who must bear the brunt of labor's many scars. They are sick and tired of singing and of other things as well. And their lot is pretty miserable. I'm sure. For they pay an awful price, Sir, for the stuff that some folks sell. So won't you come and try to help the poor.

CHORUS:

Sailors, tailors, and fishermen, they call. Laborers, miners, lumbermen, come help them in their plight— The price of grub is awful high, and wages very small. They ask you do you thing it: Right! Right, Right?

There are fathers patriotic who have sent their sons to fight. And these poor men here get very little work.

While there's patriots making money on their misery day and night. Better treatment would be got from Hun or Turk.

For the price of coal 'tis cruel, and the price of flour the same. With everything that's needed by the poor.

And it's time that some one stepped in for to stop this robbing game While our sons in France lie bleeding in the gore.

They are sick of all the bombast, all the foolish things you shout. While you play upon pianos rich and grand.

While you dress up in your broad-cloth killing Germans with your mouth.

There's not yet a patriot among you worth his stand. For to lead the way to glory on the bloodstained soil of France— This is the truth you can't deny. I'm sure.

**Weekly Meeting Civic Board**

The regular meeting of the Municipal Council was held in the City Hall last night. The Mayor and full Board were present. The regular routine business was disposed of and several minor matters relating mostly to repairs to buildings were discussed and dealt with.

A meeting will be held on January 9th in some suitable meeting place at which the members of St. John's East and St. John's West, members of the Board of Trade and the public generally will be asked to be present. It is proposed to lay before the meeting the several reports accruing from the installation of the new water service with a view to obtaining a reduction of present insurance rates.

An all round increase of wages to the Council's employees in order to enable them to meet the higher cost of living will be given. This increase will be fifteen per cent of the present wages received. The proposed pensions to some of the older members of the Council staff will necessitate the addition of only one more name on the pay roll and will mean no material increase in the expenditure. This has been accomplished by a judicious redistribution of duties. An increase in the allocation to the Fire Department was voted the particulars of which will be found in another column. Appended is the financial statement for the past week.

Collections	
1916.	1915.
Arrears .....	\$ 49.15
Water and Sewerage Rates .....	\$20.75
	\$ 969.90
	\$ 773.37
Sundry Revenue .....	206.43
Customs Coal Duties ..	518.83
Customs Water Rates ..	2,048.00
	104.90
	\$1,176.33
	\$3,445.10
Expenditure	
Weekly & Staff Rolls ..	2,802.18
Bills .....	902.96
	2,762.96
	\$3,705.14
	\$5,803.21

You sing and prate, and also when is offered you the chance. You make money from high charges on the poor. NOT ANON.



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Come here when you are looking for satisfaction in

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**Cooking & Heating by Gas Ensures**

**Convenience.** The Oven heats up in a few minutes, with no tedious preliminaries or delays. The grillers or boiling burners are ready for use instantly.

**Reliability.** A Gas Cooker has no "nights out." It is invaluable at holiday time, and a perfect servant at all times.

**Comfort.** A Gas Cooker cooks the dinner without cooking the cook. With the use of a Cooker the kitchen can be kept at a comfortable temperature, even in warm weather.

**Cleanliness.** There are no coals to carry, no smoky flues to clean, no ashes to remove. Gas is coal with the dirt, ashes and smoke removed.

**St. John's Gas Light Co.**

There is nothing more soothing in case of nervous restlessness than a hot salt bath just before retiring.

**ANDERSON'S Display of Quality and Winter Goods.**

**ASBESTOL HORSEHIDE GLOVES**

The Glove that's warranted to stand the test of Heat, Steam, Washing and Water.

The Glove for Railroad Men, Drivers, Motormen, Miners, Automobilists and all those requiring Gloves of superior wearing quality.

They are made from mineral tanned leather and sewed in the strongest manner possible.

**GENTLEMEN!**

**Get a Woollen Scarf**

For real neck comfort and chest protection.

We have them in the right length.

With fringe on ends, knitted double and in one piece.

**80c**

**Rubbers**

You need them now! The first few inches of snow is on the ground—the first of Winter is here.

Our stocks are now complete in MEN'S, WOMEN'S, BOYS', MISSES' and CHILDS'.

**PRICES:**

Men's ..... 85c. to \$1.60.  
Women's ..... 60c. to \$1.00.  
Boys' and Youths' ..... 60c. to \$1.00.  
Misses' ..... 60c. to 70c.  
Childs' ..... 45c. to 60c.

**Long Rubbers for the Children**

Why not fit them out in Rubbers that are lined with fleece—and extra high in leg?

**PRICES:**

Childs' ..... \$1.90 to \$2.10.  
Misses' ..... \$2.10 to \$2.40.

**Boys' and Youths' Storm Boots**

Special High Leg Blucher Storm Boots, with soles both sewed and pegged—leather stitched up back—one and two straps with buckle at top of boots so that they can be brought in close to leg.

A Boot for SERVICE, COMFORT and DURABILITY.

**PRICES:**

Youths' ..... \$3.20 to \$3.60.  
Boys' ..... \$4.50.

**Boys' Grey Sweater Coats**

Coats that button up the front with buttons same shade—every Coat has two pockets.

All sizes.

**Special, 45c to 60c**

**Stylish Boots for Ladies**

The Newest Boot is that high leg, with plain pointed toe, and new high heel.

We have your size.

The leathers are Gun Metal and Kid.

**\$4.50**

**Cushion Girdles**

Colours—Red Tan, Olive, Olive, Green Pink.

2½ yards long.

**40c**

**Bargains in Wings**

We are clearing out our whole stock.

Some in prices up to 30c.

All going out at

**5c each**

In a vast assortment of colours.

Now is your chance to retrim the Hat.

**Furs for the Children**

Three Piece Fur Sets—Cap with ear protectors, Muff with cord to go around neck. **\$4.30**

Teddy Bear—Muff and Stole. **70c.**

White Bear Sets—Muff and Stole. **75c., 90c., \$1.10.**

Imitation Ermine Sets. **90c., \$1.10, \$1.50, \$1.80.**

White Bear Stoles. **75c.**

**MISSES' SETS**

Of Imitation Ermine—lined with satin—stole extra long. **\$4.00**

**Woollen Blankets**

You need them to obtain that perfect rest and comfort so essential to healthy and peaceful slumber.

We have Blankets that combine warmth with durability and strength.

Prices—\$5.00, \$6.00, \$8.00, \$9.00 pair.

**Bed Room Slippers**

GENTS—Grey felt—all sizes. **\$1.60**

LADIES—Colours Brown, Grey, Red, Blue, Pink. Prices. **85c., \$1.70, \$1.80.**

MISSES—Colours Red, Blue. Prices. **85c., \$1.80.**

CHILDS—Colours Royal Blue and Red. Price. **80c.**