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## German Reported To Have Rejected The Russian Peace Terms

### Unofficial Report From Petrograd — Roumania True to Allies, Says Minister to France, Though Reports from Front Conflicting

## KERENSKI AND FORMER GRAND DUKE REPORTED LEADING ARMIES

### Former Said To Be Marching Against Moscow

## CIVIL WAR SPREADING

### Opposition to Bolsheviki Reported Increasing — Fighting Between Trotsky Troops and Ukrainians

London, Dec. 21.—It is reported unofficially that the Germans have rejected the Russian peace terms. The Petrograd correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company wires this under date of Thursday.

Paris, Dec. 21.—Y. Anulonesco, Roumanian minister here, has issued the following statement concerning the situation on the Roumanian front:

"The armistice was simply a measure of military order imposed on us through the Roumanian front being entirely enclosed within the Russian front. It would be a mistake to make a political deduction from it. Roumania intends to remain faithful to her alliances and to work until the end with the Allies."

Other Reports.

London, Dec. 21.—The Roumanians on the southwestern Russian front have joined the Ukrainians and Lieut. General Schecherstef, commander of the Russian forces in Roumania, has been appointed commander-in-chief of the whole Ukrainian front, according to a report received in Petrograd and transmitted by the Exchange Telegraph Company.

The Bolsheviki and Ukrainian troops are reported to be advancing on each other, being three days apart.

A Petrograd despatch to the Daily News says that the staff of the Russian army on the Roumanian front has joined the Ukrainians, which report is declared to be more probable than that the Roumanians have taken such action. The Daily News reports confirm the appointment of General Schecherstef as the Ukrainian commander.

Vice-Chancellor to the Parley.

Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—The Berlin correspondent of the "Kochische Volkszeitung," a copy of which has been received here, says that Dr. Karl Helfferich, former German vice-chancellor, is also going to Brest-Litovsk for the parley between the Teutonic allies and the Bolsheviki government.

Berlin "Peace Bureau."

Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—A German government bureau for "studying questions relating to peace" has been opened in Berlin. Dr. Karl Helfferich, former vice-chancellor, is at the head of the bureau, with Privy Councillor Albert, former commissioner to the Panama-Pacific exposition, as his assistant.

Lieut. H. J. Manning Will Be Here Tonight

Coming With 125 Men—Landed at American Port—He Has Been Wounded Twice

Dr. James Manning of 108 Germain street, received a telegram this morning from his son, Lieutenant Harold James Manning from an American port to the effect that he would arrive in St. John tonight in company with 125 men. Lieutenant Manning went overseas with the 140th battalion, and on the breaking up of that unit he was transferred into another, and with that unit crossed to France. At the battle of Vimy Ridge he was wounded in the arm. After spending about two months in hospital he returned to France, but was there only about three days when he was wounded in the leg. He is coming home on a three months furlough.

CURLERS ARE AT IT

Members of the Hampton Curling Club have been enjoying their favorite pastime for the last week. They were successful in making a good sheet of ice, and if weather conditions are favorable, they anticipate many thrilling matches during the holiday season.

lished today. It elaborates on the recent report that the Russian throne is to be re-established. The gist of the article is that Germany is determined to restore the throne and place Nicholas Romanoff, or another member of the Romanoff family, as an autocrat. The newspaper says it is confidently expected that a German pronouncement announcing this will be issued soon in Petrograd, where the arrival of a body of Germans to negotiate future arrangements is impending. The writer predicts that Germany in the future will control all of Russia and oppose the vast power thus acquired against the democracies of the west.

A Bolsheviki Victory.

London, Dec. 21.—A Bolsheviki force commanded by released German and Austrian officer prisoners, has defeated the anti-Bolsheviki at Tashkent, capital of Russian Turkestan, according to a Petrograd despatch to the Morning Post.

The despatch also says that it is believed that a force of released enemy prisoners equivalent to two army corps commanded by their own officers, is now within striking distance of Petrograd.

Courtesies to Couriers.

Petrograd, Dec. 20.—The British, Danish, French and Belgian consuls have visited Leon Trotsky, Bolsheviki foreign minister, and arranged to exchange with Russia courtesies to official couriers.

## DEATH TOLL IN WRECK IS FORTY-SIX

### Passenger Train Crashes Into Rear of Accommodation in Kentucky and Cars Are Demolished

Shepherdsville, Ky., Dec. 21.—The death toll taken last night when Louisville & Nashville passenger train No. 71 from Cincinnati to New Orleans crashed into the rear end of the Louisville-Bardonia and Springfield accommodation train a few hundred feet south of the railroad station had reached forty-six today.

The wreck, which is said to be the worst in the history of the Louisville & Nashville, occurred just after the local train had pulled out from the station here. It had gone only a short distance when the other train came into sight traveling at a high rate of speed. Before it could be halted it had crashed into the slower moving train ahead and made kindling wood of the two wooden passenger coaches.

Blame for the disaster seems to hinge upon whether or not the fast train had been given a clear block.

## SYMPATHETIC, BUT AGAINST SENDING MEN

### Montreal Trades and Labor Council's Action Re Halifax

Montreal, Dec. 21.—A motion pledging the Montreal Trades and Labor Council to extend aid in the reconstruction of Halifax was turned down at a meeting of that organization last night. A resolution of sympathy was accepted.

The aid to Halifax at lower wages than obtained here. The local labor unions also did not want to take work away from Halifax men.

Delegate Lynch said that the call that was being sent out for mechanics proposed to be paid fifty cents an hour, or fifteen cents lower than the Montreal rate.

## PLENTY SUGAR IN COMING YEAR, SAYS BABST AT INQUIRY

### Against Limiting Home Consumption—Boston Gets Nine Million Pound Louisiana Cargo

Washington, Dec. 21.—A plentiful supply of sugar for the American people during the coming year was predicted today by Earl D. Babst, president of the American Sugar Refining Company, testifying before the senate investigating committee. He opposed placing a limit on domestic consumption, contending that any such plan would result in a larger surplus than the tonnage shortage would permit to be shipped abroad.

Boston, Dec. 21.—A cargo of 9,000,000 pounds of raw sugar from Louisiana, the first received this month, reached Boston on Thursday. Refiners said it probably would be the last of the Louisiana product to be sent here this season, but that Cuban sugar was expected to move northward within the next ten days and further relieve the situation.

## A FOOL MOTION IN QUEBEC LEGISLATURE

Quebec, Dec. 21.—At today's sitting of the legislature, N. F. Fréchet, vice-president at the next meeting of the assembly he will introduce the following motion:

"That this house is of the opinion that the Province of Quebec would be disposed to accept the rupture of the federation by Russia and Great Britain in the other provinces, it is believed that the said province is an obstacle to the union, the progress and the development of Canada."

## BOGUS PRIEST GETS 23 MONTHS IN PRISON

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Solomon Daniels, bogus priest and confidence man, who obtained \$2,000 in this city last spring by pretending to be a Syrian priest on a mission to Canada to raise funds for a new church in Syria, was sentenced to two years in the court of special sessions to imprisonment for twenty-three months on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses.

## THE ROYAL ARCANUM

Boston, Dec. 21.—Counsel for the Royal Arcanum, against which two petitions seeking the appointment of receivers have been filed, yesterday asked Judge Hale in the federal district court to enter a final decree dismissing the petition of William Cummings of New Hampshire. The court will give a hearing on the matter on Jan. 9, at which time counsel for the order will endeavor to show that it is solvent and that no receiver is necessary.

## Petrograd Streets Red With Wine; Soldiers Drink To Death

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—Incessant fighting has occurred in many parts of Petrograd in connection with efforts to check drunkenness and prevent the raiding of wine cellars. A mob raided one distillery where fifteen soldiers drank themselves to death. Fifteen persons were killed and wounded when an armored motor car attacked the distillery, which was set on fire. Rowdies prevented the fire department from extinguishing the blaze and many persons were burned before the situation was brought under control.

## TODAY'S NEWS FROM THE BATTLE FRONTS

Paris, Dec. 21.—Active artillery fighting on the Verdun front, east of the Meuse, is reported by the war office. The artillery is active also at points on the eastern end of the line, especially in the vicinity of Hartmannswieskerkopf and east of Thann.

Germany Lose More Airplanes.

London, Dec. 20.—(Delayed)—The British war office tonight issued the following statement on aviation activities in France:

"Three hostile machines were brought down in air fighting Wednesday and two others were driven down out of control. One of our machines is missing."

Another Army for France.

Paris, Dec. 20.—A decree authorizing the formation of a Czech-Slovak army in France appears in the official journal. One such army numbering 80,000 men already has been formed in Russia. It will be attached to the French army, which is being swelled by the arrival of recruits from the United States. The entire army will be placed under the potential control of nationalities of the Czech-Slovak countries. The headquarters will be Paris.

Berlin Statement.

Berlin, via London, Dec. 20.—Increased mine firing and artillery activity on the western front is noted in the official communication from general headquarters today.

London Statement.

London, Dec. 21.—Today's official communication says there is nothing of importance to report.

## TERMS OF ALLEGED SECRET TREATY OF RUSSIA AND JAPAN

### 'Joint Armed Demonstration Against America and Britain in Far East'

Petrograd, Dec. 20.—Under the heading "Secret Treaty Between Japan and Russia for Joint Armed Demonstration Against America and Great Britain in the Far East," the Ivestia publishes what it says is the text of a secret treaty drawn up last year providing for joint action by Russia and Japan to prevent any third country from achieving political dominance in China. The treaty dated July 1916, in the text of the despatches, mutually extending itself until a year after one party expresses the desire to annul it. It is signed by Sergius Szazonoff, then Russian foreign minister, and Viscount Motono, Japanese foreign minister.

The treaty stipulates that the "agreed" secret should be a deep secret for all except the contracting parties."

## MORE OF VON LUXBURG DESPATCHES GIVEN OUT

Buenos Aires, Dec. 20.—The Argentine government today published fifty-seven of the 400 or more despatches exchanged between Count Von Luxburg, former German minister at Buenos Aires, and the Berlin government, explaining that only these have so far been received from the legation at Washington.

The nature of the despatches has caused surprise and pessimism, despite an official note accompanying them declaring that the telegrams contain nothing that is of any importance. However, it is much commented upon because many of Von Luxburg's affirmations conflict with known facts and events.

## WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis.—The weather has been cloudy and mild with light local rains from the great lakes eastward, while in northern Ontario it has become somewhat colder. There has been very little change in the western provinces.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay, Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence.—Fresh west to northwest winds, colder tonight with local snow flurries; Saturday, fair and moderately cold.

Lower St. Lawrence.—Cloudy with local rains today; colder on Saturday; Gulf and North Shore.—Fresh south west winds, cloudy, light rains tonight and on Saturday.

Rain.—Moderate to fresh winds, cloudy, light local rains tonight and on Saturday.

Superior.—Fair and cold today and on Saturday.

All western provinces.—Fair today and on Saturday, stationary or a little higher temperature.

New England.—Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; colder Saturday; moderate west to north winds.

## PRODUCTION AND PRICES DISCUSSED BY MILK PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION

### Farmers Working Fourteen Hours a Day But Output Declining; Manipulation of Combines Criticized; Montreal Mayor Says "Organized System of Robbery"

Toronto, Dec. 21.—"Farmers are working fourteen hours a day, and yet production is falling off. Why? Because the rural population has declined by thirty, fifty and, in some cases, to the extent of seventy per cent."

This statement was made by President Stonehouse, of the Milk Producers' Association, at yesterday's session of the United Farmers of Ontario.

Mr. Stonehouse continued: "To take one skilled laborer from the farm means adding one more to the body of consumers. It does more. It removes from the land one who is in a position to provide food for six or eight others as well as himself. We must have a system of registration under which labor can be placed where needed, under which non-essential industries will be closed and more labor provided for industries which are essential."

"If the law of supply and demand were left alone, and the manipulation of combines eliminated, I do not believe price fixing in any line would be necessary," said R. W. Eburnaby, of Jefferson, speaking on the fixing of prices of farm products.

John Kennedy, second vice-president of the United States Grain Growers' Association, said: "The profits of the United States Grain Growers and the Saskatchewan Grain Growers, combined, last year amounted to a million and a quarter. But if private corporations had handled the same amount of farmers' business their profits would have amounted to four or five million dollars."

"Organized Robbery," Says Mayor Martin.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Mayor Médéric Martin believes there is an organized system of robbery in Montreal, and he has written to the food controller asking him to take action without any further delay to bring about a reduction in the price of bread here.

## SEES FURTHER GAIN FOR UNION

### Hon. Mr. McLean Expects Nova Scotia Seats—Some More Also From Ontario

Montreal, Dec. 20.—A despatch to the Gazette from Ottawa, says:

Prediction that a number of Ontario and Nova Scotia constituencies, now listed as carried by the Laurier Liberal candidates, would be brought into the government column by the votes of the soldiers overseas, were made by ministers who returned to the capital today. Hon. A. K. MacLean, who arrived from Halifax, was of the opinion that the soldiers' votes would return E. H. Rhodes, in Cumberland, N. S., and Unionist candidates in Pictou, Hants and the two seats in south Cape Breton. Halifax, he was confident, would elect two Unionists at the deferred election on January 28, and that the final result in Nova Scotia would be twelve Unionists and four Laurierites.

## BURGES IS BOMBED

London, Dec. 20.—A British official statement today says that naval aircraft dropped large quantities of explosives on works at Burges Tuesday night, getting direct hits. Large fires resulted. Airplanes also bombed the "Vlissinghem" airbase yesterday, securing direct hits. One enemy machine was destroyed and another driven down. One British machine failed to return.

## MCCARTON, TAKEN OFF SHIP AT HALIFAX, PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO SINN FEIN CHARGE

New York, Dec. 20.—The federal authorities were informed by Dr. Patrick McCarton's counsel today that the only object which the "Ambassador to the United States of the Irish Republic" had in trying to return to Ireland last October was to resume his professional practice there. Nevertheless, McCarton, whose real purpose, the government alleges, was to engage in Sinn Fein activities, was held in \$7,500 bail when arraigned today charged with falsely representing himself to be an American citizen when he shipped on a Belgian relief ship in his effort to get back to Ireland.

McCarton was taken off the ship at Halifax and later brought here. He entered today a plea of not guilty.

## LOAN STORY DENIED

Washington, Dec. 21.—Published reports that the third Liberty Loan would be for \$8,000,000,000 at 4½ per cent. interest, one-half per cent. above the rate on the second issue, were denied today by Secretary McAdoo.

## WAR COUNCIL IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Dec. 21.—Secretary Baker has moved forward the organization of the war council by relieving of their present duties three of the five officers assigned to that body. This will leave them free to devote all their time to the council's task of coordinating all war department activities in such a way that the time heretofore being necessary for sending to France an army of sufficient size to insure the defeat of Germany will be materially reduced.

General Bliss, chief of staff, and Major General W. Goethals, who becomes acting chief of coast artillery, and Major General Sharpe for service with the council. Major General Weaver will be relieved by Brig. Gen. Barrette, who becomes acting chief of coast artillery, and Major Gen. William Crozier by Brig. Gen. Charles Wheeler, who becomes acting chief of ordnance.

General Bliss, chief of staff, and Major Gen. Crowder, the other officers on the council, will retain their present posts, the former as chief of staff and the latter as judge advocate general and provost marshal general. General Bliss will retire on Dec. 31 for age, but probably will continue on the council. Preparations being made for the council indicated that General Crowder might be asked to devote only a small part of his time heretofore spent on other duties.

As a result of charges of delays and shortage in the ordnance outfitting, the senate just before adjourning for the holidays indefinitely postponed action on the nomination of General Crozier for re-appointment. The nomination was being held up by the senate committee on military affairs, which had not unanimously recommended his confirmation. Several senators, including committee members, objected to action on action sharply criticizing General Crozier, and Senator Chamberlain agreed that it was advisable to postpone action until the results of the investigation were fixed.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Without waiting for congressional appropriations, the war department authorized orders for clothing equipment for one million troops before the United States went to war, it was brought out today in the testimony of Quartermaster-General Sharpe before the senate military committee.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Direct assurance of the confidence of both British and French commanders in General Pershing's ability and their satisfaction with the breadth and soundness of his preparations to cross American troops effective on the western front has been reached Washington with the return of Major-General Hugh L. Scott, former chief of staff, from Europe. He was in conference today with Secretary Baker and other war department officials.

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TODAY IN WALL STREET.

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