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Germans 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

KERENSKY AND FORMER GRAND DUKE REPORTED LEADING ARMIES

Former Said To Be Marching Against Moscow

CIVIL WAR SPREADING

Opposition to Bolsheviks Reported Increasing — Fighting Between Trotsky Troops and Ukrainians

London, Dec. 20.—A belated despatch from the Bolshevik agency at Petrograd announces that the ultimatum to the Ukrainians was accompanied by a proclamation recognizing without conditions or reservations the right of Ukraine to separate from Russia and form its own republic.

A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Haparanda reports that Kerensky with an army is now marching against Moscow, while Grand Duke Nicholas has gathered a great army of Royalists in the Caucasus.

London, Dec. 20.—A Reuters despatch from Odessa dated Dec. 18 says there has been three days' sanguinary fighting between the Bolsheviks and Ukrainians owing to the refusal of the latter to allow the passage of reinforcements for the suppression of the Don Cossacks.

There is the greatest danger in the harbor, the despatch adds, where the crews of the naval units are divided between the two factions.

Petrograd, Dec. 20.—The Rada, in its reply to the Bolshevik government, suggests that conflict can be avoided on certain conditions, which are not stated, including non-interference with the affairs of the Ukrainian public or the administration of the right of Ukraine and recognition in peace negotiations. It further suggests that Ukraine is entitled to representation to the extent of one-third in the federal government.

The commissioners, in reply to these suggestions, express readiness to adjust differences amicably, but emphasize that the real issue is the Ukrainian support of the Bolshevik counter-revolution and declares that an understanding is possible only on condition of the immediate abandonment of the Bolshevik rule.

Spread of Civil War.—The correspondents in Russia continue to emphasize the growth of the opposition to the Maximilianist government in parts of the country and the consequent spread of civil war. The rejection of the Bolshevik demand on the Ukrainians presumably adds the resources of the entire Ukraine to the forces combating the Bolshevik rule.

The position of General Kaledin, lieutenant of the Don Cossacks, is reported to have become very much stronger, and his close association with the Ukraine is generally conceded.

A despatch from Petrograd confirms the previous reports that Rostov-on-the-Don is in the hands of the Cossacks and that the entire anti-Bolshevik movement is causing serious anxiety to the Bolshevik government.

With regard to the reported presence of Allied military missions in the Ukraine, it is asserted that Lenin, Trotsky, foreign minister, visited the French embassy and made representations that the rescue of French officers in the Ukraine was impossible, while the Rada as disarming the Bolsheviks, openly supporting General Kaledin and disorganizing the general front by recalling Ukrainian troops from the Russo-Roumanian front.

M. Noulens, French ambassador to Russia, replied that the French mission was in the Ukraine at the request of Russia to supervise the formation of the Ukrainian national army, but they had been ordered not to interfere in internal political affairs and would not participate in the fighting in the event of a struggle.

The despatch did not mention any other members of the Entente being in the Ukraine.

Little news regarding the peace negotiations has reached London. Foreign Minister Trotsky is said to have told M. Noulens that if Germany rejects a peace without annexations and indemnities it will end the negotiations.

It is noteworthy that in the Petrograd despatches every government act is attributed to Trotsky.

German Control of Russia.—A long article to the Morning Post from Petrograd, dated Tuesday, is published.

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.

Roumania's Position.

Paris, Dec. 21.—V. Anoniesco, 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 Schechter, 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 Bolshevik and Ukrainian troops are reported to be advancing on each other, being three versts 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 Schechter as commander of the Ukrainian front.

Vice-Chancellor to the Parley.

Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—The Berlin correspondent of the "Kochische Volks-Zeitung," 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 peace parley between the Teutonic allies and the Bolshevik government.

Berlin "Peace Bureau."

Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—A German government bureau for "studying the situation 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 stating that Lieut. Harold James Manning from an American port to the effect that he would arrive in St. John tonight in company with 125 men. Lieut. 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, where he was 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.

Published 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 Bolshevik Victory.

London, Dec. 21.—A Bolshevik force commanded by released German and Austrian officer prisoners, has defeated the anti-Bolshevik 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, Bolshevik 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. 7 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 motion was defeated because, it was argued, Montreal men should not be sent 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 should 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 sugar surplus that the sugar was expected to be shipped abroad.

Boston, Dec. 21.—A cargo of 9,000,000 pounds of raw sugar from Louisiana, the first received this month, landed in 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. Francis, a member of the opposition, introduced the following motion:

"That this house is of the opinion that the Province of Quebec would be disposed to accept the rupture of the federal pact of 1867, if, in the opinion of 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 today 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.—Council 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 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.

The streets are running with wine in many sections where the soldiers are pumping wine out of the cellars to prevent disorder.

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 Hartmannswillerkopf and east of Thann.

Germans 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 the course of the day. 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 supplied by the arrival of recruits from the United States. The entire army will be placed under the political 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 Silent.

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 1, 1916, and was signed by the Russian minister at Buenos Aires, and Viscount Motono, Japanese foreign minister.

The treaty stipulates that the "agreed" nations maintain 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 of the text of the despatches, however, is much commented upon because of Von Luxburg's affirmations coinciding with known facts and events.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

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 from 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, colder, 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.

WAR COUNCIL IN WASHINGTON

Goethals Leads an Army Bureau; Senate Holds up Crozier Appointment

Washington, Dec. 21.—Secretary Baker has moved forward the organization of his newly created war council by relieving from 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 believed to be necessary for sending to France an army of sufficient size to insure the defeat of Germany will be materially reduced.

Mr. Baker announced that Major General George W. Goethals had been recalled to active duty, and would become acting quartermaster general, releasing Major General Sharpe for service with the council. Major General Weaver will be relieved by Brig. Gen. Barrett, 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 able to devote only a small part of his time heretofore to 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 made by the senate committee on military and naval affairs, which had unanimously recommended his confirmation. Several senators, including committee members, have been in action sharply criticizing General Crozier, and Senator Chamberlain agreed that it was advisable to postpone action until the results of the investigation were fixed.

WENT RIGHT AHEAD WITH ORDER FOR THE CLOTHING FOR TROOPS

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.

SATISFACTION OVER THE AMERICAN PREPARATIONS

Washington, Dec. 21.—Direct assurances 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 make American army effective on the western front have 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.

FEARED BACK IS BROKEN

Michael Nyhan was very dangerously injured on the west side of the harbor this morning when, as he was occupied in his work as a "longshoreman," a big deal fell on him and injured his back. He was rushed to the General Public Hospital, and it is feared that his back may be broken. He is in a critical condition.

GEORGE LONGHEAD WAS SLIGHTLY INJURED

George Longhead was slightly injured at the new elevator on Water street this morning when he suffered a fractured ankle.

GENERAL LOOMIS HOME

Three years in war.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Brigadier-General F. W. Loomis, whose relatives reside at Sherbrooke, has arrived home after three years of war service. He commanded the second brigade of the first Canadian division. He was received by a large crowd of military and civilian friends.

TODAY IN WALL STREET.

New York, Dec. 21.—Wall street prominent stocks yielded one to two points in today's early dealings, fresh selling resulting from overnight advices which suggested further heavy war financing and attendant trade restrictions.

Shoe, shipbuilding and active rails led the decline, with equipments and oils. The few gains included Baltimore & Ohio, American Tobacco, Inspiration, Copper, Studebaker and Pullman.

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 Méricie Martin believes there is an organized system of robbery in Montreal, and 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.

The report of the committee, which was published last night, it points out that the committee of eleven was not empowered to investigate whether Deputy Caillaux and Loustolot were guilty of the charges brought against them or what jurisdiction was applicable to them, but merely if the facts alleged were sufficiently grave to necessitate the opening of legal proceedings. In deciding to authorize the investigation demanded by the government the committee says it intends in no way to prejudice the question of culpability.

Former Premier Caillaux is quoted by the report as protesting against the accusations as untrue and affirming his patriotism as shown by speeches at Mammers. M. Caillaux declared that the man who at the present moment would for personal ends propose a traitorous peace in defiance of alliances and treaties would perjure French honor and commit a crime.

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Premier Clemenceau explained to the committee that it would be the duty of the judges to decide whether investigations led to a charge of treason or not. The case would then go before a court martial, or if it led to a political crime it would be tried by the high court.

BURGESS IS BOMBED

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

CALGARY NEWSPAPER BRINGS SLANDER ACTION

Calgary, Dec. 21.—A writ was issued yesterday against G. L. Munn, real estate dealer, at the instance of the Morning Albertan. The newspaper asked for unstated damages on the ground of alleged slander, Munn having declared, in answer to a question of Rev. G. Falls during a service at the Central Methodist church last Sunday that he believed the Albertan had been bought by the union government forces.

CORN AND OATS

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Corn today showed a tendency to react from yesterday's bulge. Buyers were somewhat scarce, and the attention of the trade seemed to centre on advices that Eastern roads had been ordered to return to the west a total to date of 17,000 empty box cars. Clear, cold weather likely to improve the quality of the crop helped also to ease the market. Opening prices, which ranged from the same as yesterday's finish to 7-8 cent lower, with January 124-3-4 to 125, and May 128 to 129-1-4, were followed by a moderate decline all around.

Oats paralleled the action of the corn. Signs of a removal of export demand had been practically extinguished. Shortly after returning to the station a still alarm was sent in for another chimney fire in a house in Cranston avenue. This was also very slight.

TWO FIRE CALLS.

The North End fire department was called out at noon today for a small chimney fire in a house in Paradise row. When the firemen arrived the fire had been practically extinguished. Shortly after returning to the station a still alarm was sent in for another chimney fire in a house in Cranston avenue. This was also very slight.

LOAN STORY DENIED.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Published reports that the third Liberty Loan would be for \$80,000,000,000 at 4½ per cent, in interest, one-half per cent, above the rate on the second loan, were denied today by Secretary McAdoo.

THE CASE OF M. CAILLAUX

Special Session of Chamber To Be Held Tomorrow

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF 11

Believed That Former President Will Make Three Hour Speech Defending His Policy Before and After War

Paris, Dec. 21.—The chamber of deputies will hold a special session on Saturday to discuss Deputy Painsant's report on the decision of the committee of eleven to suspend the immunity of former Premier Caillaux and Deputy Loustolot. It is understood that M. Caillaux is preparing a three hour speech in which he will expound and defend his entire policy before and during the war. M. Painsant's report concludes with the following words:

"From the foregoing facts there are sufficiently grave presumptions against Deputy Caillaux as a result of his having, during the war, worked for the destruction of our alliances, thus aiding the enemy's progress, which is a crime under articles 76 to 79 of the penal code."

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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 objection 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, who had no 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.

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