

BOLSHEVIKI BREAK WITH ENEMY

Spirit of Civil War Active in the Cossack Territory Peace Negotiations Cease Owing to Hun Terms

Overtures at Brest-Litovsk Brought to a Close by Bolsheviki Because of Teuton Attitude Toward Poland and Lithuania and Proposal to Retain Carrisons at Libau and Riga

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Jan. 2.—Peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk have been broken off by the Bolsheviki Government owing to the German attitude in regard to Poland and Lithuania and the enemy's proposal that garrisons be retained at Libau, Riga and elsewhere, according to a telegram from the Petrograd correspondent of The Daily News appearing in a late edition of that paper to-day.

The dispatch quotes an article from the Bolsheviki newspaper Izvestia discussing "the new phase in the peace negotiations." The article says that owing to pressure from below the Germans have been obliged to soil their lips with the formula put forward by the Socialists at the beginning of the war, but the German imperialists would not be imperialists if they did not try to take back in fact what with gritted teeth they yielded in words.

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New Declaration By Foe

London, Jan. 2.—The Central Powers within the next ten days will make new declarations regarding Germany's peace conditions, a dispatch from Geneva to The Daily Express quotes The Munich Nachrichten as saying. It is added that modifications may be introduced owing to the attitude of the Entente Powers.

Civil War

London, Jan. 2.—The spirit of civil war is active in the Cossack territory, and the entire population of the Don valley has been mobilized, according to a Petrograd dispatch to The Times. All men of military age are under arms, and women and youths are being employed behind the fighting line. Thousands of officers of the regular army have joined the Cossack ranks, and there are said to be more than twenty thousand commissioned officers.

German Attitude

London, Jan. 2.—Weltman Pavlovich, a non-Bolsheviki member of the Russian delegation to Brest-Litovsk, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Petrograd, says the German attitude in regard to the freeing of occupied Russian territories depends entirely on the relationship of the Bolsheviki government with the Ukraine and the Cossacks. He adds that if the Entente Allies refuse to negotiate a general peace, Germany will not consider her declarations to the Bolsheviki binding.

Germany's fundamental war aims, M. Pavlovich adds, is to restore economic union stretching from Hamburg to the Persian Gulf, giving Turkey and Bulgaria, with certain restrictions, the same position as that occupied by Australia and Canada in their economic relations with Great Britain.

The representatives of Bulgaria and Turkey, the Russian delegate says, are most obstinate regarding concessions as compared with the German delegates, and he believes that their attitude will hamper further negotiations.

M. Pavlovich thinks that Germany certainly will demand the evacuation of Mesopotamia, Arabia and Palestine, for the freeing of Belgium and occupied French territory and, if the successes of the Central Powers in Italy continues, will demand the return of Tripoli.

Joint Sitings

London, Jan. 2.—According to Petrograd dispatches, joint sittings of the Austro-German delegations with the Russian representatives started Monday, the members of the Brest-Litovsk delegations participating. The discussions turned chiefly upon the fate of prisoners and trade relations.

The movement of the delegates of the Central Powers from hotel to hotel in search of better rations, has created amusement among the Russian newspapers, which say the Germans love luxury and have an appetite.

Consults of the neutral powers have held a consultation in Petrograd concerning security of bank deposits belonging to their nation.

According to an evening newspaper, the Russian delegates who have

WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Dec. 2.—A disturbance now centered in Kentucky is moving southeast toward the Carolina coast. The weather continues fair and cold from Manitoba to the Maritime Provinces and mild in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Forecasts: Fresh northerly winds, fair, cold to-day and on Thursday.

"Zimmie"

returned from Brest-Litovsk, say that the Germans expressed a readiness to evacuate White Russia, but declined to withdraw their troops from such bases as Riga and Libau, except in the event of a general peace.

A sailor named Eremyiff, has been appointed temporary commander in chief of the Petrograd district. It has been decided to hold a plebiscite in Odessa to determine whether that city, the most important seaport of Southern Russia and fourth city of the empire in population, shall belong to the Ukraine or White Russia. A Ukrainian plian regiment, which was proceeding to Kiev, was surrounded by Maximalists between the stations of Giatisk and Smolensky. The plians refused to surrender, and the Maximalists opened fire upon them with a machine gun. Two of the plian officers and many of the men were killed.

Cossacks Seize Alexandrovsk. London, Jan. 2.—Cossack troops have occupied the town of Alexandrovsk without opposition and the Bolsheviki garrison was disarmed, according to reports received here from Petrograd regarding the civil war in Russia. It is not stated which Alexandrovsk was captured. (There are several towns and villages in Russia named Alexandrovsk, but the nearest to the Cossack territory are those in Ekaterinoslav and in Stavropol.)

Other Bolsheviki regiments are said to have been disarmed by the Orenberg Cossack leader, Kazatin, who returned the arms to the Bolsheviki and swore never to fight against the Ukrainians and Cossacks.

The Cossack commander at Rostov reports that the Bolsheviki have liberated a number of prisoners of war and armed them. Bolsheviki troops still occupy parts of the Don mining district, but they are unable to send coal to Petrograd.

There was more street fighting in Odessa on Monday, but it apparently was not serious.

The Bolsheviki authorities, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Petrograd, have reported that the situation on the Roumanian front is very serious. The relations of the Bolsheviki with Roumanian officers are said to be becoming alarming. It is said the Roumanians have occupied the Bessarabian town of Lovovo and have arrested and shot several Bolsheviki leaders.

Leon Trotsky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, sent a note on the subject to the Roumanian minister in Petrograd, who in his reply, accused Roumanian troops of plundering Roumanian villages. It is said that Trotsky regarded the reply as unsatisfactory.

A Petrograd dispatch to The Daily Express says that railway trains are again running between Riga and

Paris, Tuesday, Jan. 1.—In a new year's order of the day General Pétain, French commander-in-chief, says to his troops: "Officers, subalterns, soldiers, 1918 is here. The struggle must continue. The fate of France requires it. Be patient, be persistent. In the attack, as in the defense, you have shown your worth. Each time you have attacked, the enemy has retired. Each time he has attempted to break through you have stopped him. It will be the same to-morrow. The default of the Russians has not shaken your faith. I take this occasion to assure you that the co-operation of the United States is becoming more powerful every day. You are firmly determined to fight as long as necessary to assure peace for your children, because you know that if those who are most impatient, call for peace, those who are most persistent, fix the conditions of peace.

"I salute your flags and in addressing to you my most affectionate wishes for 1918, I express to you once again my pride in commanding you and my full confidence in the future."

TO HANG NEGROES. By Courier Leased Wire. San Antonio, Tex. Jan. 2.—Five of the negroes tried by the last court-martial in connection with the Houston riots have been sentenced to be hanged, according to the verdict of the court, announced by Major-General Rickman this morning.

Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., has been in continual correspondence by wire and letter with the Fuel authorities in Ottawa with regard to the shortage in this city. He has now received the following telegram: Ottawa, W. F. Cockshutt, M.P.: "Have made strongest possible representations to Commissioner Harris, City Hall, Toronto. Honorary representative Fuel Control, to get in immediate touch with Brantford and supply emergency coal."

C. W. Peterson, Deputy Controller.

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Result in a Reassuring Telegram Regarding Fuel

C.M.G. AWARDED GEN. ASHTON

Local Officer, Adjutant-General of Dominion, In New Year's Honors

Brigadier-General Ernest C. Ashton, of this city, Adjutant-General of the Dominion, is among the Canadians who share in the King's New Year honors. Gen. Ashton is awarded the



Brig. Gen. E. C. Ashton, C. M. G.

C.M.G. Companionship of St. Michael and St. George, which comes as a fitting climax to the military honors already won by Brantford's premier soldier man.

NEW BLOOD IS WANTED

London Chronicle Pleads for Strengthening of Diplomatic Service

Ambassadors Retire

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice and Lord Bertie of Thame to Quit Posts

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Jan. 2.—In announcing that Sir Cecil Spring-Rice and Lord Bertie are on the eve of retiring from the embassies at Washington and Paris and in repeating the rumor that Sir George Buchanan is about to resign from the Petrograd post, the Daily Chronicle pleads the urgent need of bringing fresh blood into a service which has long been divorced from the actualities of modern life. The paper asks whether the government has the courage to make a new departure in filling these important posts.

It does not criticize any of the ambassadors and especially commends Sir George Buchanan's work, but "speaking broadly, the prestige of the British ambassadorial service stands none too high to-day." It remarks that Viscount Bryce was the most successful British ambassador in the past decade and hopes that Premier Lloyd George will follow the example then given by appointing new men. The Daily Chronicle continues:

"The time has gone when British interests abroad can be entrusted wisely to men whose principal qualifications are aristocratic birth or wealth and who spend their lives in an atmosphere utterly removed from the realities of the modern world and look with disdainful eye on commerce."

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice became British ambassador to the United States on April 19, 1913, in succession to James Bryce, now Viscount Bryce. Lord Bertie of Thame has been British ambassador to Russia since January 1, 1905. Sir Cecil was born in 1859 and Lord Bertie was born in 1844. Sir George Buchanan was born in 1874 and was promoted ambassador to Russia on November 23, 1910.

FIRE ON STATEN ISLAND. By Courier Leased Wire. New York, N.Y., Jan. 2.—Fire, which followed a violent explosion to-day, destroyed the two and a half million dollar plant of a private corporation on Staten Island, which has a contract for the reduction of all garbage from the city of New York.

ENGLAND FACING A MEAT SCARCITY

Supply is Fairly Abundant, But Farmers Refuse to Sell at Prices Fixed by Food Controller; Cattle Markets Short on Tuesday

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Jan. 2.—Many parts of England are now threatened with a meat scarcity. Until very recently meat was fairly abundant, though high in price, but a new order issued by Lord Rhondda, the food controller, regulating the price of cattle on the basis of live weight, has caused the farmers to refuse to sell their beasts in the market, while the butchers in some places complain they cannot continue to sell at scheduled retail prices and are determined to close their shops unless the prices are revised. As regards the complaint of the farmers, Lord Rhondda has empowered his commissaires to commandeer cattle, wherever it is proved farmers are holding them back, and it seems likely that this measure will be put into effect. The food controller is equally unympathetic with the grievances of the butchers. He says that on no account will he alter retail prices and has ordered the prosecution of any butcher exceeding the prices fixed.

All the largest cattle markets Tuesday were greatly short of their usual supplies. At Leeds, for instance, where there was a demand for six hundred head only 14 were offered. Conditions elsewhere were similar, including Lincoln, York, Doncaster, Exeter, Southampton and Derby. At Smithfield, London's central meat market, the supplies Tuesday were the smallest on record and many butchers were unable to obtain supplies. Numbers of retailers in the London area, who for some time have been closing their shops at midday, say they see no prospect, but to close them entirely.

FOUR CANDIDATES IN THE FIELD FOR MAYORALTY

Mayor Bowlby Essaying a Come Back While Ald. Dowling, Jones, MacBride, are Also in the Fight—Aldermanic Field Still Fairly Wide

A four-cornered fight for the Mayoralty became assured at the City Clerk's office this morning, when Ald. MacBride signed his qualification papers, in addition to Ald. Dowling and Jones, and his Worship the Mayor. So until January 7th there's likely to be a hot time in the old town.

The qualifications this morning brought forth no startling developments. A number of those nominated withdrew from the field, but no further declarations were provided. Ald. MacFarland for the Hydro Commission and Boddy, Harp and Hurley for aldermen in Ward 3 are the only ones who will take their seats unopposed. H. J. Clement, qualifying as an alderman in Ward 5, has withdrawn from the running for the Water Commission, leaving the fight there between John Fair, seeking re-election, and Peter Noble, who was defeated last year. A. O. Secord and P. H. Secord are in the field against Commissioner F. J. Calbeck for the Railway Commission. Six candidates are running for the four vacancies on the Board of Education, W. N. Andrews being the only one of those nominated to withdraw.

None of last year's Council representatives from Ward 1 are in the aldermanic field this year. P. H. Secord is essaying the Railway Commission, S. A. Jones the Mayoralty, while Ald. Vary has withdrawn. In Ward 2, Ald. English and Kelly are again in the ring, with two newcomers, Ald. Hess is apparently taking a year off. Ald. Harp has an acclamation in Ward 3. Ald. Dowling is in the running for the Mayoralty, and Ald. Tulloch is out of it. Ward 4 has two worthy representatives still in the ring. Ald. Bragg and Mellen, while Ald. MacBride is out for bigger game. In Ward 5, Ald. Symons is essaying the come-back, Ald. Jennings and Wiley having quit the field.

The full list of qualified candidates follows:

For Mayor, J. S. Dowling, J. W. Bowlby, S. A. Jones, M. M. MacBride. For Water Commission, John Fair, Peter Noble. Hydro Commission, A. McFarland (acclamation), Railway Commission, F. J. Calbeck, A. O. Secord, P. H. Secord. Board of Education, C. E. Jenkins, T. S. Armstrong, J. W. Shepperson, W. H. Lane, Miss M. Colter, Mrs. P. P. Ballackey.

Alderman, Ward 1—W. H. Turnbull, A. S.

ITALIAN NEW YEAR VICTORY

Austro-Germans Driven From Zenson Bridge-head on West Front

ITALY STRENGTHENED

By Courier Leased Wire. Rome, Tuesday, Jan. 1.—The Italian Government has taken measures to intern all enemy subjects in Italy within four or five days. La Epoca says. No exceptions will be made.

Italian troops have won the first victory recorded in the new year. The defensive line from Lake Garda to the Adriatic has been strengthened by the Italian success in driving the Austro-Germans from the Zenson bridgehead on the western bank of the Piave, which they had held since mid-November.

While holding strong positions in the mountain region from Asiago across the Brenta to the Piave, the Italian flank along the Piave is now intact. The Austro-Germans have extended their fire to the left bank of the river, but have made no attacks. The Germans attempted a raid near Loos, north of Lens, Tuesday morning, but were repulsed by the British.

On the western front, the coming of 1918 was welcomed by strong artillery duels in the Ypres, Cambrai and Verdun areas. In the Verdun sector the Germans have extended their fire to the left bank of the river, but have made no attacks. The Germans attempted a raid near Loos, north of Lens, Tuesday morning, but were repulsed by the British.

With the entire Cossack territory reported aroused against the Bolsheviki, General Kaledines' troops are advancing toward Moscow, and fighting with the Bolsheviki has been resumed at Kursk, about 200 miles south of Moscow. All men of military age in the Don Cossack region have been called to arms, and it is reported that General Kaledines has 20,000 officers, including many from the Russian regular army, also under his command. The situation in the Roumanian front is reported to be very serious, the Roumanians having rebelled against Bolsheviki agents. Train service between Riga and Petrograd has been resumed.

New declarations regarding German peace terms will be issued within ten days, according to Munich, Bavarian newspaper. It is said the attitude of the Entente Powers, presumably toward the terms expressed at Brest-Litovsk, may bring about some changes.

ORATORIO SOCIETY RENDERED MESSIAH

Splendid Musical Attraction at First Baptist Church Last Night

The annual performance of Handel's "Messiah" by the Brantford Oratorio Society last evening in the First Baptist Church was a distinct musical triumph. All who attended the recital last evening were delighted with the excellent work of the choruses and also of the soloists.

At eight o'clock the church was comfortably filled, both upstairs and down, and all settled down for an evening of real enjoyment. Both the choir and the audience entered fully into the spirit of the beautiful work and all are enthusiastic over the result. Great praise is due Mr. J. T. Schofield, who has so faithfully trained his choir. The splendid practices carried on for many weeks showed up last evening in the fine shading, sympathetic conception of the work as a whole, and the production of the parts to the strictest of the leader. Mr. Schofield with his choir of 75 voices last night, with Mr. Tom Darwin at the organ and his brother assisting with the cornet produced wave upon wave of tone as sweet and perfect as has been heard in this city for many a day. Brantford is to be congratulated on having such a leader as Mr. Schofield and the annual performance of this and other works the society may undertake should receive a wide patronage from all lovers of good music.

Mr. Darwin's work at the organ was splendid and gave an excellent support to the leader and the choir. The opening overture and Pastoral (Continued on Page 3.)

THE MERCHANTS CORNER

Advertisement is an investment—not an expense—and should be treated as such. Because it has been the habit of some merchants to look upon it as an expense, a wrong view has been gained. Perhaps the misconception arose from the fact that in book-keeping it has been the habit to charge advertising to expense.

Advertising produces new business—it swells the volume of business and profit—therefore it is an investment. Only the man who looks upon advertising as an expense who is afraid of it, prejudiced against it, loses money in advertising. The man who treats advertising as an investment and gives it the attention an investment requires—knows that every dollar rightly invested in this direction yields compound interest—and more.