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# Slight Gain By The British On West

## Bombers Improve Position East of Bullecourt; Enemy Apparently Massing for Offensive, Say Travelers in Switzerland

London, Dec. 14—"Our troops improved their positions slightly east of Bullecourt as a result of the bomb fighting in that locality, reported in last night's communique," says today's official statement.

"The enemy raided one of our posts last night south of Pronville. A few of our men are missing. On the remainder of the front there was nothing of special interest during the night."

Geneva, Dec. 13—Swiss travelers crossing the frontier from Germany tell of immense preparations on there for an offensive on the western front. Ammunition, provisions and materials of every kind are being concentrated in upper Rhine towns, through which military trains have passed bound west. Ordinary freight traffic has been suspended for ten days.

**Bitter Fighting.**

London, Dec. 13—Bitter fighting lasted almost the entire day of Wednesday east of Bullecourt where the Bavarians attacked British positions, according to a Reuter despatch from British headquarters in France. As a result of the attack the enemy remained in possession of some ground he had taken early in the assault.

But to say that he is holding our trenches," the Reuter correspondent adds, "is incorrect, simply because there are no trenches left where his new bit of front now runs. He has been digging violently under a ceaseless harrassing fire to try to convert the shell holes ant outflanked traversers into some sort of cover, but the value of the gain to him is about on a par with the significance of its loss to us. In other words, being on level ground and with no advantage of position or observation the trifling readjustment of territory simply does not matter.

**Big Attack Staved Off.**

"We took only a handful of prisoners because in the close grip of a struggle of this character it is usually a fight to the finish. Talks with prisoners give the idea that an attack of considerable magnitude was designed, but the promptness and intensity of our barrage prevented its development.

"There was expectation that a further attack had been planned for Thursday morning, and a little before dawn a tremendous bombardment blazed up, but our guns immediately thundered back their reply and no infantry action followed. It is reported that the struggle has boiled up again this afternoon, but I am unable yet to ascertain with what result. Our gunners got wind of a formidable concentration of trench mortars designed to cover an infantry assault. They turned such a heavy fire upon the spot that nothing happened."

**Enemy Aeroplane Losses.**

London, Dec. 13—The official statement on aviation operations issued tonight reads:

"In spite of low clouds and mist on Wednesday a great many of our airplanes were in the air. Enemy troops were engaged with machine gun fire during their attack on our positions at Bullecourt. Some bombs were dropped and low reconnaissances were carried out. There was much fighting in the air in which one Gotha and one other German machine were brought down. Three others were driven down out of control and another was shot down within our lines by anti-aircraft gunfire. All our aeroplanes returned."

**Berlin Silent.**

Berlin, via London, Dec. 14—There is nothing new to report from any of the fronts, said a statement from general headquarters last night.

**French Report.**

Paris, Dec. 14—Heavy artillery fighting occurred last night in the Champagne, the war office announces. The communication follows:—

"There were violent artillery actions in the region of Maisons De Champagne. East of the Suippes and in Alsace, southwest of Cernay, we raided enemy trenches successfully.

"On the remainder of the front there is nothing to report."

## BARRACKS ON THE ISLAND BURNED

### Wind Fortunately Blows Down Building and Helps Soldiers in Fighting Blaze

No. 2 barracks, the old quarters of No. 9 Siege Battery, Partridge Island, was this morning burned to the ground. The fire was first noticed coming from under the building, near the furnace room. An alarm was given and the members of the Composite Battery were immediately on the job and with the means they have on the island to cope with fires, they did remarkably good work. The strong wind fortunately blew the building down or the matter might have been a lot more serious.

In about ten minutes from the time the fire was first noticed the building was enveloped in flames, and for a time it looked as though every building on the island would be wiped out. The fire was at times scorching the walls of No. 3 barracks. The wind took a sudden change and with the shift the building collapsed and in a very short time the fire was under control. Several kit bags, belonging to members of No. 9 Siege Battery, were destroyed.

## ON BLACK'S ALLEYS

The Sweeps not only defeated the Maples in the City League fixture on Black's bowling alleys last evening, but accidentally clinched the championship of the first series. The individual score of the game follows:

| Sweeps— | | | | Total. | Avg. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| McIlveen | 84 | 97 | 103 | 284 | 94 2-3 |
| Jenkins | 94 | 112 | 113 | 319 | 106 1-3 |
| Black | 94 | 88 | 99 | 281 | 93 2-3 |
| Gamblin | 96 | 91 | 92 | 279 | 93 |
| Sullivan | 82 | 96 | 101 | 279 | 93 |
| | 450 | 484 | 508 | 1442 | |

| Maples— | | | | Total. | Avg. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fitzpatrick | 86 | 102 | 88 | 276 | 92 |
| Ward | 87 | 96 | 101 | 284 | 94 2-3 |
| Hanlon | 102 | 106 | 97 | 305 | 101 2-3 |
| Kelly | 94 | 88 | 93 | 275 | 91 2-3 |
| Stevens | 93 | 84 | 88 | 265 | 88 1-3 |

The league standing follows:

| | Won. | Lost. | P.C. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sweeps | 26 | 6 | .813 |
| Ramblers | 25 | 7 | .781 |
| Specials | 16 | 12 | .571 |
| Tigers | 17 | 15 | .531 |
| Beavers | 16 | 16 | .500 |
| Maples | 10 | 12 | .455 |
| Nationals | 12 | 16 | .429 |
| Wanderers | 11 | 17 | .393 |
| Colts | 3 | 25 | .107 |

## MAJOR MORGAN IS TO COMMAND THE 62ND HOME GUARD HERE

Major J. S. Frost, who for the last two years has been the commanding officer of the 62nd Home Guard, is soon to be transferred to Moncton, to take command of the temporary depot being established there, under the Military Service Act. His position as O. C. of the 62nd is to be filled by Major Cuthbert Morgan, a returned officer of the 12th Battalion, and who while the 236th Kiltie Battalion was recruiting acted as commander.

## WHAT WE ARE FIGHTING

A correspondent of Paris Temps writes:

"When the Germans retreated they left snares everywhere. Barrings in the way to dugouts were tied to grenades. Nails half-hammered at the middle of staircases exploded detonators if trod upon. Stoves full of shavings blew up if lit. Wreaths on graves were connected with infernal machines. Boxes of sweets were poisoned with arsenic, and stables were infected with glanders virus."

Vote for union government and the men who are fighting to crush these monsters.

## COAL FOR EXPORT TO BE DEARER THAN THAT FOR USE IN UNITED STATES?

Washington, Dec. 14—Decision of Fuel Administrator Garfield to permit an increase of $1.85 a ton over the domestic price scale on export and foreign bunker coal will permit American producers to keep at home profits which heretofore have been collected by foreign dealers.

## WOULD YOU?

If the German ships came sailing up the harbor of St. John,
And the German troops came marching through the town,
If an army of their Zeppelins were buzzing overhead,
And devastating bombs were falling down,
If the homes you love and cherish were destroyed by German shells,
And the little ones were slaughtered right and left,
Would you think of petty trifles that amused you long ago,
Before the world of peace had been bereft?

Would you stand and watch your loved ones killed, or taken by the Huns,
To suffer—God knows what—before they died,
And never lift a finger to defend them from the guns,
But rather run away somewhere and hide.
And more—would any one of you, ASSIST those savage beasts,
To plunder—burn—destroy—perhaps to kill?
Ye gods—the thought is monstrous—yet a moment while I ask,
Is your VOTE for Loved Ones or for Kaiser Bill?

Will you stand as British subjects to defend your hearth and home?
Will you keep the cursed Bosches from our sod?
Or will you vote for William, and invite him to come on,
A TRAITOR to your HOME, your KING, your GOD.
Oh! men—as British subjects—as Christian men and true,
Stand faithful to those boys who've gone before,
Be true to those you cherish, to the homes you hold so dear,
And then—please God—we'll fight and WIN THE WAR!!!

VIOLET E. MARSHON.
42 Durham St., St. John, N. B.

## THE CALL FOR MEN

Gunner Frank Hickling, of Norton, writing from Belgium to his wife, says:

"You can think yourself lucky that you are in Canada. Some people there don't appear to know that there is a war on. It is a good thing that they have conscription, for we have got to have more men."

Gunner Kehoe of Prince Edward Island, back from France says:

The boys in the trenches want help. They must not be deserted."

Pte. Landry of Chatham, home from France, says:

"The boys overseas are in need of help and they need it at once. Whoever says that they do not, absolutely misrepresents the facts of the case. They are for the Military Service Act almost to a man, and they have a mighty poor opinion of those politicians, etc., who for their own selfish ends, are in opposition to the sending of help to the boys who are fighting for them."

## TO REDUCE ALCOHOL IN BEER.

### President Soon to Issue Proclamtion Making It 2 3-4 Per cent.

Washington, Dec. 14—At the request of Food Administrator Hoover, President Wilson will issue a proclamation reducing the alcoholic content of beer to 2 3-4 per cent. The use of grain for brewing will be cut by the order about 30 per cent.

The proclamation has been held up pending a decision as to whether the percentage should be based upon volume or upon weight. It finally was decided to set a weight standard to protect brewers of ales and stouts in whose heavier product the alcoholic content runs higher by volume.

**Phelix and Pherdinand**

## WEATHER REPORT

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

Synopsis—The disturbance which was near Sable Island yesterday passed out to the Atlantic, and another which developed on the south Atlantic coast has moved quickly northeastward and is now centred near the Bay of Fundy. Snow has fallen from Ontario eastward, and decidedly cold weather continues in the west.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—Fresh to strong north to west winds, clearing and very cold tonight and on Saturday.

Lower St. Lawrence—Northeast to north gales with snow, clearing tonight and becoming very cold.

Gulf and North Shore—Heavy easterly gales and snow, clearing again on Saturday.

**Fair and Colder.**

Maritime—Heavy east shifting to southwest gales with snow and rain. Saturday strong northwest and west winds, generally fair and much colder.

Washington, Dec. 14—New England: Fair and much colder tonight and Saturday; strong northwest winds on the coast.

## WALL STREET TODAY.

New York, Dec. 14—Stocks showed no definite trend at the opening of today's market, the few unimportant advances being balanced by similar recessions in rails and equipments. United States Steel gained a large fraction, but soon reacted. Crucible and Lackawanna steels were lower with allied industrial, but Bethlehem Steel gained a point. Coppers and specialties were mainly lower, the active list showing heavier tendencies by the end of the first half hour. Liberty bonds eased slightly.

New York, Dec. 14—(Wall street, noon)—The first reversal forced utilities, notably Brooklyn Transit and Consolidated Gas, to new low records and sent the active list under yesterday's closing quotations. Support was immediately forthcoming, however, prices rebounding easily. United States Steel rallied from 80¾ to 82½, representative rails rose 1 to 1½, and shippings, equipments, motors and oils 1 to 3. Foreign bonds continued to weaken, especially Anglo-French 5's and French municipals.

## PROPERTY TRANSFER.

The following transfers of real estate has been recorded: Jennie A. McGoldrick, widow, et al, to John McGoldrick, property in Smythe street.

# Party Predictions As Campaign Nears End

Ottawa, Dec. 14—With the close of the dominion campaign practically at hand, it looks as though the seats in which there would be no contest on Monday will number twenty-five. Ten of these are in the Unionist column, while the Liberals have fifteen acclamations, all but one—Turgeon, of Gloucester, N. B.—being in the province of Quebec. The Unionists will have acclamations in two Nova Scotian, one New Brunswick, one Manitoba, one Ontario, four Saskatchewan and one British Columbia seats. Two ministers of the crown, Hon. Frank Carvell and Hon. Martin Burrell are already elected, while W. F. McCurdy, under secretary of the department of militia, is also sure of a seat in the next house.

Both parties profess to be confident as to the result. Unionist headquarters here believe that when the soldiers' vote is added to the home vote the government will have a majority of from thirty to thirty-five. Liberals, on the other hand, deny this, asserting that they will have a comfortable lead on Monday night, which will not be materially affected by the overseas vote.

# SIXTY-FOUR MILE GALE SWEEPS CITY; SCHOONER DRIVEN ASHORE

## The Wanita Wrecked at Fort Duffern; Exmouth Street Methodist Church Partially Unroofed

There was quite a sea running in the harbor this morning as the result of a hurricane which swept over the city. The gale started about 6 o'clock this morning and reached a velocity of sixty-six miles an hour. The wind was from the east and southeast and was accompanied by snow. In all two inches of snow fell on the level, but owing to the gale drifted considerably. The temperature rose to one degree below freezing.

In the city proper fire alarm wires were crossed and frequently a blast from the fire horn was heard. This caused citizens considerable apprehension as they felt a fire would result in a serious conflagration.

The New Brunswick Telephone Company had some trouble as some of their wires were blown down. Many wires in the rural districts are down and as a result there was a partial disruption of the service. All men available were sent out to make repairs, but owing to the high wind they were considerably hampered.

**Schooner Wrecked.**

While endeavoring to reach port this morning for a haven from the severe wind storm, which was raging in the bay, the two masted schooner Wanita was driven ashore at Fort Dufferin. Fortunately the crew reached the mainland in safety and no lives were lost.

The schooner, which was loaded with lumber, was coming down the bay and was endeavoring to make port, when she was caught in the gale and high combers and carried out of her course. When her plight was noticed by the lighthouse keeper on Partridge Island a telegram message was sent to J. C. Chesley, local agent of the marine and fisheries department, and he had two tugs sent to her assistance. He also ordered out the lifeboat, but by this time it was learned that the crew had landed in safety and there would be no need for it. The tugs attempted to reach the schooner, but owing to the storm and the location of the vessel they failed. The schooner is reported in a precarious position and Mr. Chesley was of the opinion that she would be a total wreck.

The Wanita is owned by R. P. Soley of Economy, N. S., and was in command of Captain Durant of Parrsboro, N. S. She is forty-five tons register, and was engaged in coast trading.

A report received just prior to going to press was that the schooner would be a total loss. When she was driven in her bowsprit struck the end of an old wharf and snapped off. The crew were able to scramble ashore. The foresail was blown away and the mainsail torn to pieces and also carried away, only a small bit remaining. The deckload of lumber was washed ashore. The schooner was from Apple River.

**St. Martins Light Gone.**

J. C. Chesley, local agent of the marine and fisheries department, received from St. Martins this morning word that the light on the breakwater had been washed away by the high sea. He is making arrangements to have it replaced as soon as possible.

**Church Partly Unroofed.**

The roof of the Exmouth street Methodist church was partly destroyed. The wind got in under the eastern corner and lifted off one end of the roof. The salvage corps came to the assistance of the pastor, Rev. W. G. Lane, and several members of the congregation, and a large piece of the roof was lowered intact to the ground. The fires in stoves in the church were extinguished and everything made ready in case the high gale should complete the demolishment of the roof. This, happily, was not the case, and the force of the wind abated at noon. It is not thought that the damage will run over $500.

## MRS. H. CODNER.

Many will learn with regret of the death of Mrs. Mary Ann Codner, wife of Hezekiah Codner, which occurred this morning at her residence, 64 Cranston avenue, after a lengthy illness. She leaves besides her husband, two sons, James H. and Sidney K., both of this city, and one daughter, Mrs. Guy Carr, of Compton, Quebec. The funeral will take place from her late residence on Sunday afternoon.

## ALL WELL TODAY.

The aged people of the Mater Misericordiae Home, Sidney street, have all recovered from the shock they received yesterday when St. David's church was burned. There were no cases of illness as a result of the disturbance.

## A SEAMAN'S CONTRIBUTION.

J. Willard Smith received a letter this morning from Joseph Dillon, mate on a schooner in New York harbor, in which he enclosed $10 for the relief of the people of Halifax.

## THE WORK OF THE EXEMPTION BOARDS HERE

The work of the exemption boards in the city is drawing to a close, and it is hoped that the work will be concluded by December 21. The exemption appeal courts have been sitting in the judges' chambers in the Pugsley building for four days. Chief Justice Hazen, hearing appeals from Kings, Queens and St. John counties has heard thirty cases a day, having finished 120 cases to date. Judge Armstrong, having only city and adjoining districts, has heart a smaller number. The decisions are being sent to the registrar and he in turn notifies the appellant.

**Tribunal No. 34**

The tribunal under the Military Service Act for St. John north, has finished its business for the present, but there are about twenty-five cases to be disposed of next week. Since November 8 they have had on their list all cases, all claiming exemptions from service. These were disposed of as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Claims Disallowed | 114 |
| Allowed on time, 3 to 6 months for business or domestic reasons | 71 |
| Allowed for domestic reasons, care of family, brothers on service or killed, etc | 82 |
| Allowed on account of present necessary employment | 63 |
| Allowed for business and financial obligations | 36 |
| Allowed, Medical Category D, until physical fitness has ben determined | 45 |
| Transferred to other tribunals | 6 |
| Allowed until later class is called | 5 |
| Transferred to lower Medical Category | 20 |
| Men in Medical Category B, not called | 65 |
| Men in Medical Category C, not called | 74 |
| Men in Mtdical Category E, not called | 230 |
| | 811 |

Category B men are those fit for medical, forestry or construction units. Category C are those only fit for service in Canada, not involving heavy work, but such as ordinary duties, clerks, etc.; and those in Category E are really unfits, not available for A, B, or C, while Category D are those who are to have further medical examination to determine their fitness.

There were several farmers before No. 34 Tribunal from this county, and also from Kings. In all cases where it was shown that such men were actually working or needed on the farm, they were exempted while so employed.

## LOCAL SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR HALIFAX RELIEF

Subscription list of St. John city and county for funds to be given to the city of Halifax, to assist in alleviating the suffering caused by the catastrophe which has overtaken their city:

| | |
|---|---|
| Previously acknowledged | $8,932.50 |
| Sir E. McLeod, St. John | 100.00 |
| W. A. Ewing, St. John | 10.00 |
| Thos. Nagle, St. John | 10.00 |
| J. & A. McMillan, St. John | 50.00 |
| T. P. Bourne, St. John | 10.00 |
| Can. Drug Co., Ltd., St. John | 25.00 |
| R. Ewing, St. John | 5.00 |
| Mrs. E. C. Elkin, St. John | 25.00 |
| W. Hawker & Son, St. John | 20.00 |
| W. W. Titus, St. John | 5.00 |
| W. J. Stein, St. John | 5.00 |
| W. H. Bell, St. John | 5.00 |
| A. E. Henderson, St. John | 5.00 |
| H. M. Jones, St. John | 10.00 |
| J. E. Secord, St. John | 15.00 |
| F. E. Holman & Co., St. John | 25.00 |
| G. M. Edgett, New York | 10.00 |
| E. W. McCready, St. John | 25.00 |
| N. J. Ambrose, St. John | 15.00 |
| A. G. Staples, St. John | 25.00 |
| Ross Drug Co., St. John | 10.00 |
| J. H. McRobbie, St. John | 25.00 |
| Edwin A. Ellis, St. John | 10.00 |
| Annie Nixon, St. John | .25 |
| Florence Mebee, St. John | 1.00 |
| A Friend, St. John | .25 |
| G. Shand, St. John | .25 |
| Hoyt Bros., St. John | 5.00 |
| H. W. Emerson, St. John | 5.00 |
| W. H. Stinson, St. John | .50 |
| E. H. Fitzgerald, St. John | 2.00 |

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# BOLSHEVIKI HAVE WON IN THE FIRST CLASH

## SAYS AMERICANS MUST DO MORE TO FEED ALLIES

### Hoover Sees Grave Danger of Unparalleled Starvation—Food Administrator Issues Warning

Washington, Dec. 14—Herbert C. Hoover, food administrator, yesterday sounded a warning that the American people were to be called upon to sacrifice far more in order to feed the Allies and friendly neutrals than was at first thought necessary.

"The food situation in Europe," he said, "is far graver than the preliminary survey of the food supply of the world made for this year. We have an abundance for ourselves and it is the policy of the food administration, by the prevention of exports, to retain for our people an ample supply of every essential foodstuff. The harvests of our Allies have proved less than we had contemplated and the great curtailment of shipping by the submarines during the last few months has further prevented them from access to remote markets.

"Beyond the demands of the Allies there is a call upon us by the friendly neutrals for food and if we cannot at least in part respond to these neutral calls starvation on an unparalleled scale must ensude."

## ALLIED CAUSE IN PERIL, COL. CHURCHILL SAYS

### From Politicians Who Advocate Making "Peace With the Victorious Huns"

London, Monday, Dec. 10—(Delayed)—Speaking today at Bedford on the subject of the Allies' war aims, Winston Spencer Churchill, minister of munitions, said that the situation was more seious than it had been reasonable three months ago to expect. The country and the allied cause, Colonel Churchill added, were endangered. The future of the British Empire and of democratic civilization was hanging in the balance, and would continue to hang there for a considerable period.

"When I say the country is passing through a time of danger," Colonel Churchill continued, "I mean there are people who wish to bring about a premature peace. They are listening to the sophistries and dangerous counsel of certain politicians. People who say 'Restate your war aims' really mean to make peace with the victorious Huns.

"The British do not mean to put up anything but the legitimate and righteous aims with which we entered the war, and if such an issue as this were seriously raised it could be decided only by the whole nation. I cannot see that there is the slightest danger in submitting that question to the free decision of the whole nation."

London, Dec. 11—The Daily Chronicle, commenting on Colonel Winston Churchill's speech at Bedford yesterday, says:

"A passage at the end of the speech suggested the possibility of a general election to test whether the belief in the necessity for overcoming Prussian militarism was still that of the majority of the electorate. Colonel Churchill expressed the view that the majority would be stanchly behind it, and we agree; but for that very reason we rather regret his suggestion.

"A general election is not needed in order to force an open door, and recurrent threats of one are not the best way to retain and heighten the sense of national solidarity. There are unanswerable arguments against holding one before it can be held on the franchise of the new reform bill, and even when the new framework of elections is available the argument against diverting national energy fom the war to the polls remains far too weighty to be overriden for any but some very material cause. No such cause has yet been shown."

## AUSTRIA ADMITS SHE'S HARD PRESSED

Amsterdam, Dec. 14—The Austro-Hungarian war minister, Gen. Stoeger Steiner, is quoted by the Neue Freie Presse, of Vienna, to the effect that the relief resulting from an armistice with Russia would depend upon the details of the agreement, but in any case it would relax considerably the strain on the transport system. Discussing the question of disarmament, the general said he agreed with the recent statement of Count Czernin, the foreign minister, that army and navy expenditures had reached a level it was almost impossible to maintain permanently.

## Capture of Two Towns By Them Is Reported

### SOME HEAVY FIGHTING

### Mixed Reports as to Korniloff—Making Room in Jails for Counter Revolutionists—Daughter of Ex-Czar Reported Seriously Ill

Bolsheviki forces apparently have been successful in the first clashes with the counter-revolutionists and it is reported they have captured the towns of Tamanovka and Kaluga. General Kaledines is besieging Rostov-On-The-Don, the largest city in the Don province, and heavy fighting has been in progress there since Sunday.

Tamanovka is near Bielgorod, 350 miles south of Moscow, and near where the forces of Gen. Korniloff, also a counter-revolutionist, are reported to have been engaged in a heavy battle with the Bolsheviki. One report said:—Korniloff had been defeated and wounded, while another said he has been victorious. There is a railroad town named Kaluga, 100 miles southwest of Moscow and if this is the town referred to in the unofficial report from Petrograd, it appeared that the counter-revolutionists had approached nearer to the old Russian capital than previous reports had indicated.

Severe fighting has been going on in and around Rostov, which is only twenty-five miles southwest of Novo Toherkask, the Don Cossack capital. Kaledines' troops besieged the city while Cossacks forces within Rostov attacked the Bolsheviki. The losses are reported to have been heavy on both sides. The Bolsheviki reported to be commanded by Ensign Krylenko, the Bolsheviki commander-in-chief, were aided by the transport Kolchida.

Wire communication with Rostov has been broken and one railroad line reaching the city was cut.

London, Dec. 14—Leon Trotzky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, according to a Reuter despatch from Petrograd, announces that if an armistice for the eastern front is signed at Brest-Litovsk, the Russian delegates are empowered to enter into peace negotiations.

Petrograd, Dec. 12—General Kaledines has begun hostilities and is besieging the city of Rostov-On-The-Don, according to a wireless telegram received in Sebastopol from Rostov. Within Rostov the Bolsheviki troops have clashed with the Cossacks who destroyed the Bolsheviki headquarters. The transport Kolchida manned by Bolsheviki is bombarding the Kaledines forces.

London, Dec. 14—Bolsheviki troops have occupied Tamanovka and Kaluga, according to a Reuter despatch from Petrograd.

Tamanovka is near Bielgorod, in Kursk province, about 330 miles south of Moscow. There is a railroad town near Kaluga, in the province of the same name, which lies about 100 miles southwest of Moscow.

London, Dec. 14—The Moscow workmen's and soldiers' council has suppressed the newspaper Russkoe Slovo for publishing a rumor that Ensign Krylenko's seizure of general staff headquarters was instigated at German headquarters, according to a Reuter despatch from Petrograd. The office of the newspaper is occupied by soldiers and the plant and the papers had been sequestrated for the needs of the workmen and soldiers.

**Ex-Czar's Daughter Ill.**

Petrograd, Thursday, Dec. 13—It is reported from Tobolsk, Siberia, that Olga, eldest daughter of former Emperor Nicholas, is seriously ill.

**Making Room in Jails.**

Petrograd, Dec. 13—Civil offenders in the Petrograd prisons have been removed to jails in the provinces to make room for counter revolutionary suspects who are being arrested continually.

Countess Panin, former vice-minister of public welfare has been arrested. She is charged with having returned all the ministry funds to the state bank, leaving the safes in the ministry empty when the Bolsheviki took control.

The lodgings of Mme. Kerensky, wife of the former premier, were searched today by soldiers. She was told that she had better notify Kerensky to come to the Smolny Institute voluntarily or he would be in great danger of lynching if found.

The members of the constitutional democratic party now in prison will be tried by revolutionary tribunals. Bolsheviki leaders express the opinion that the probable penalty will be exile abroad for one year or more.

Artillery reinforcements have been sent the Bolsheviki, who are now reported to be under the personal command of Ensign Krylenko, the Bolsheviki commander-in-chief. Sailors from Helsingfors and several regiments from the northern front have arrived in Petrograd.

## NINETY-NINE PER CENT OF GERMANS WANT PEACE

London, Dec. 14—Phillip Scheidemann, leader of the German Socialists either is at Stockholm or on his way there and pan-German newspapers ask what he is going there for, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen. The vorwaerts, the Socialist organ, says that Herr Scheidemann is working for what "ninety-nine per pent of the German people want, namely, peace."