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IMPRESSION PREVAILS THAT THE GERMANS ARE SPARRING FOR WIND

Washington Officials Are Inclined to Question Their Sincerity--Impossible Conditions Have Been Laid Down--- Alleged American Plot in Russia.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The conditions surrounding Count Czernin's proposals for a basis of peace, cause officials here to feel some apprehension for their sincerity. There is a great disposition to feel that the object of the German plenipotentiaries is simply to protract the negotiations as long as possible without any expectation of an immediate peace agreement and with the double purpose of leading the German people to believe that their government really is desirous of making peace, and of gaining time for the further strengthening of the German line in the west.

One condition regarded as impossible for the present at least is that the adherence of all belligerents first be secured to the peace the Germans are trying to make with Russia, before it can become effective. This is accompanied by the condition that each belligerent will be required to bear only the expense of its subjects made war prisoners and to pay for damages caused to civil subjects of an adversary by deliberate violations of international law.

BOLSHEVIKI NEWSPAPERS CHARGE THAT AMERICANS ARE SUPPORTING GEN. KALEDINES

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Bolshevik newspapers continue to print revelations of an alleged American plot to support General Kaledines, according to a Petrograd despatch to the Morning Post, dated Tuesday. So far as Ambassador Francis is concerned, the despatch adds, the whole ridiculous charge falls to the ground before the straightforward statement issued by him on Tuesday. Colonel Kolpashnikoff never applied to the ambassador for any fund for any purpose, although fully empowered to draw as needed on the Red Cross account, he being connected with the American Red Cross.

Leon Trotzky's charges against Kolpashnikoff and American representatives in Petrograd, the correspondent adds, amount to a series of suppositions unsupported by evidence of any kind. The correspondent says that Col. Kolpashnikoff assisted the officials in Halifax in examining Trotzky when he was travelling to Russia and "the matter thus comes down to the personal element which plays so large a part in what is called politics in Russia today." Col. Kolpashnikoff is still in prison, and has not been seen by any American official.

CONDITIONS IN THE FORM PROPOSED BY THE RUSSIAN DELEGATION PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE

The creation of a special fund for immediate restitution of territories occupied by an adversary conforms to German intentions. Having in view the nature of the colonial territories of Germany, the realization of the right of self-definition, besides some of the above outlined considerations in the form proposed by the Russian delegation are at present practically impossible. The circumstance that in the German colonies the natives, notwithstanding the improbability of victory in a struggle against an adversary many times stronger, remained faithful to their German friends, may serve as proof of their attachment and their resolve to preserve allegiance to Germany.

"The principles of economic relations proposed by the Russian delegation in connection with the above clauses are approved by the delegations of the small allied powers, one of the most important conditions for bringing about friendly relations between the powers now engaged in war."

BRITISH SHIP WAS WRECKED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Dec. 27.—The British steamship City of Nagpur has been wrecked in Delagoa Bay, Portuguese East Africa, according to a despatch to the Times from that port. The passengers, numbering 258, were saved, as was the cargo. The City of Nagpur was of 8,331 tons, and was built in Belfast in 1914. She was owned by the Ellerman Line, of Liverpool.

EULER HAD A BIG LEAD

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Kitchener, Ont. Dec. 27.—The official figures in connection with the North Waterloo election give W. D. Euler, liberal, a majority of 2,463 over W. T. Weichel, the Unionist candidate. The figures are: Euler 5,406; Weichel 2,942.

HEADING FOR PETROGRAD

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Amsterdam, Dec. 27.—Berlin advices received here say that the commission provided for in the Russo-German armistice agreement proceeded for Petrograd yesterday. It is headed by Count Mirbach, former German minister to Greece and will undertake to reach a settlement with the Russian authorities for the exchange of civilians and incapacitated war prisoners and also devise measures to restore relations between Germany and Russia. The commission includes a number of officials of the foreign and war ministers.

Miss Martha Poole of Montague, P. E. I., who has been attending Mount Allison Ladies' College, Sackville, is spending her holidays with Mrs. A. McM. Staples.

M.S.A. APPEALS WILL BE FINISHED BY TOMORROW

Judge Grimmer Resumed Sit-
tings Today—Several Ap-
plicants Made Person-
al Appearance.

His Honor Judge Grimmer resumed his sittings in Fredericton as appeal judge under the Military Service Act, this morning. The sittings are being held in the Supreme Court Chamber. It is expected that he will complete his hearing tomorrow. The list of appeals will be completed by that time. It is not known whether or not others will be made.

This morning a number of those who had made appeals were before His Honor in person. The same procedure adopted before was followed exemption being granted to those engaged as bona fide agriculturists or in other basic industries.

In St. John.

The provincial registrar states that to date there had been 10,118 exemptions allowed in St. John alone, and 2,508 disallowed. A number of these cases, totalling 12,626, have been appealed including appeals on the part of the applicant and also appeals made on behalf of the military authorities. The appeal courts are still holding sessions but the number of cases and how they are divided have not as yet been made up by the registrar.

Already orders have been sent out calling the men of class A under the Military Service Act to arms on January 3rd. Everything is in readiness at the agricultural building, St. John, for the reception of the men drafted who, it is said, will be called out at a rate of from fifty to seventy-five a day. It is understood that facilities can deal effectively with about seventy-five a day. The men will upon reporting receive their clothing and be quartered. It is said that by the evening of January 3rd about seventy-five men will be in quarters at St. John under the M. S. A.

His Honor Judge Grimmer arrived in the city last night.

Capt. F. A. Smith, C. A. M. C., and Capt. C. M. Pratt of St. John, are at the Queen.

REPEATED ATTACKS BY HUNS ON VERDUN FRONT

The Enemy Succeeded in Reaching French Lines But Were Driven Out--Quiet on the British Front.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

PARIS, Dec. 27.—Three attacks were made by the Germans last night on the Verdun front east of the Meuse, it is announced officially. At their third attempt the Germans succeeded in reaching the French lines, but were driven out immediately with heavy losses, leaving prisoners.

The statement follows: "On the right bank of the Meuse the enemy, after a very violent bombardment, made two attacks on our positions at Cauriers wood. He was not able to break through our lines, and left many dead on the ground."

A despatch from the Macedonian front says snow and fog in the mountains hinder military operations.

On the British Front.

London, Dec. 27.—Except for some hostile artillery activity north and east of Ypres, Field Marshal Haig reports today to the British War Office, there was nothing to report last night.

THE ACTION OF PRESIDENT WILSON GIVES THE STOCK MARKET A BOOM

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The widespread approval of the United States Government's proposed action in taking over the railroads and allied properties of the country found restriction in advance of prices at the opening of today's stock market. Included among the more substantial advances of the first half hour were Baltimore and Ohio, which rose 17 points, Delaware and Hudson 14, St. Paul 12½, Atchison 10, Atlantic Coast Line 9½, Norfolk and Western 8, Union and Southern Pacific 8 each, Louisville and Nashville 6½, Lackawanna and Chesapeake and Ohio, 5 each, Canadian Pacific and "Queens" four each, and others two to three points. Industrials, coppers, shippings and an unusual array of specialties rose 2 to 4 points, the movement being the broadest and most extensive since the middle of the year.

There was considerable profit taking on the early rise, with consequent recessions of two to five points. St. Paul preferred, which rose almost 18 points in the initial dealings, reached ten points.

The Teutons Are Anxious To Put an End to the War

CONSERVING MOTOR POWER

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—To release motive power, conserve fuel and reduce railroad congestion, the Philadelphia and Reading Railway today withdrew from its New York service eight passenger trains. Several local trains were also annulled, and it was announced that a further curtailment in local service would become effective on Jan. 6th. A reduction in the number of parlor cars attached to trains operating between New York and Washington, equal to eight trains, has been put into effect by the Pennsylvania Railway.

DISTRESS IN GERMANY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Geneva, Dec. 27.—Features of the German Christmas announcement to women and children openly begging in news from across the frontier, were the snow-covered streets for food to appease their hunger, and riots in some of the towns. Only the rich enjoyed a good, but ordinary dinner, and for this they paid high prices as much as \$50. Most of the churches in Germany were closing owing to the lack of coal.

Clean Bill of Health.

Allen's Hotel at Burr's Corner, which was under quarantine for some weeks on account of smallpox in Burr's Corner, has been thoroughly fumigated and has been given a clean bill of health by Mr. C. N. Goodspeed, secretary of the Board of Health for York county. The hotel now is open to the travelling public.

Mr. George Tennant who is filling an important position at Presque Isle, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Matthew Tennant.

Count Czernin Submits Proposals to Peace Conference---Will Terminate War on Conditions Just to all Be- ligerents--No Annexations Asked.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

PETROGRAD, Dec. 27.—The Central Powers, Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister told the peace conference at Brst-Litovsk yesterday, solemnly declare their resolve to immediately sign terms which will terminate the war on conditions equally just to all belligerents. The Central Powers also favor a general peace without forcible annexations and indemnities. They could not bind themselves to such terms without a guarantee that Russia's Allies would recognize them and carry them out honestly toward the Central Powers.

Count Czernin declared that the Central Powers believed that the basic principles uttered by the Russian delegates could be the basis of such a peace. He said they shared Russian condemnation of a continuation of the war for conquest's sake.

RUSSIAN PROPOSALS CANNOT BE REALIZED ALL THE BELLIGERENTS ADHERE TO THE TERMS

It is necessary, the Count added, to indicate most clearly, however, that the Russian proposals could be realized only in the event that all belligerents obligated themselves to adhere to the terms of such a peace. The Austro-Hungarian foreign minister declared that the Central Powers did not intend to forcibly annex territories seized during the war, not to deprive nations of political independence lost in the war.

The question of the subjection of nationalities which have no political independence to another country, cannot be solved internationally, and must be met by each government and its people in the manner established by the constitution of that government. The protection of the right of minorities is an essential part of the right of peoples to self-definition.

RUSSIA WILL INSIST THAT LAWFUL RIGHTS OF LITTLE AND OPPRESSED NATIONS BE PROTECTED

In the event of a mutual refusal to meet war expenditures and pay damages caused by the war, Count Czernin continued, each belligerent shall bear only the expense of its subjects made prisoner, and damages caused to property of civilian subjects by deliberate violations of international law on the part of the adversary. The creation of a special fund for this purpose, as suggested by Russia, could be discussed only in the event that the other belligerents join in the peace negotiations within a certain time.

The chairman of the Russian delegation expressed gratification at German willingness to make peace without annexations and indemnities, and with the self-definition of peoples. He demurred, however, at the German statement of self-definition as being incomplete. He said the war could not end without the re-establishment of the violated rights of little and oppressed nationalities, and Russia would insist on guarantees that their lawful rights would be protected in a general treaty.

RUSSIAN DELEGATE PROPOSED A TEN DAYS' RECESS TO ALLOW ALLIES TO CONSIDER TERMS

Chairman Ioffe of the Russian delegation, expressed gratification at the willingness of Germany to conclude peace on the basis of no annexations, no indemnities and the self-definition of peoples, but pointed out that the self-definition of peoples within the limits granted by constitutions, as stated by the German reply, was not complete.

Russia's delegation, he stated in conclusion, proposed a ten days' recess until Jan. 4, "so that the peoples whose governments have not yet joined in the negotiations for a general peace, may have an opportunity to acquaint themselves with the principles of such a peace." At the expiration of the indicated time, he declared, the negotiations must be resumed, disregarding whether or not other belligerents have joined in the negotiations, or how many." The next session of the conference was set for December 26th.

WEEK'S LOSSES IN SHIPPING

Rome, Dec. 27.—The losses to Italian shipping during the past week from submarines were three steamers of more than 1,500 tons, two sailing vessels of more than a hundred tons and one sailing vessel of less than 100 tons. Two steamers were damaged by torpedoes and were run ashore, while one sailing vessel was damaged but towed to port.

French Shipping Loses.
Paris, Dec. 27.—In week ending Dec. 22 one French steamer of more than 1,600 tons and one of less than that tonnage were sunk by submarines and mines. No fishing vessels were lost.

Dr. J. V. Anglin, superintendent of the Provincial Hospital, Fairville, is at the Queen.

PLEADED GUILTY OF BIGAMY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Aurora Gagnon, pleaded guilty in Hull police court today to a charge of bigamy, and was remanded until Friday for sentence. She married John Alexander, of Montreal, in that city last April, and a month later it was alleged, entered into another marriage with Andrew Bochen, of Wrightville.

DETECTIVE FOUND DEAD

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Bridgeburg, Ont., Dec. 27.—John E. Code, Grand Trunk Detective, was found dead in his room in a Bridgeburg house this morning. He was asphyxiated by fumes from a flueless natural gas stove.