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## THE BOLSHEVSKI HOLD NO MANDATE FOR THE RUSSIAN NATION

**Formal Statement Presented by the Russian Embassy to Great Britain--- Will Not Take Orders From or Recognize Government of Russia.**

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Dec. 3.—The British government has received from the Russian charge d'affaires a formal statement defining the attitude of the embassy and all the Russian official representatives, civilian, naval and military, at present in England. In this statement it is declared that the Bolsheviks hold no mandate from the nation, do not represent Russia as a nation, and do not consider responsible government. Without consideration of their previous actions, continues the statement, their latest action in publishing secret treaties without the consent of the Allies, suffices to place them outside the pale of civilized government. In the circumstances the officials have refused to recognize this group of persons and will not accept any orders from them or from any individual acting under their authority or in their name, and moreover will not enter into communication with them. The Russian representatives, however, it is added, deem it their duty to carry on the work entrusted to them by the provisional government in the interests of Russia and the Allies until such time as a government duly elected by the Russian nation is formed.

### A DENIAL GIVEN TO REPORT THAT SWEDEN OFFERED ITS SERVICES AS AN INTERMEDIARY

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 4.—The Swedish foreign office authorizes the Associated Press to deny the report published in Paris and elsewhere to the effect that the Swedish legation in Petrograd offered or is about to offer its services as intermediary between the Bolsheviks and Germany. The Swedish minister to Russia, it is explained, joined with other neutral diplomatic representatives in acknowledging the receipt of M. Trotzky's note regarding armistice and peace negotiations, but this was merely an act of courtesy, in nowise involving recognition of the Leninists. The foreign office refuses to discuss the academic question whether Sweden is likely to recognize the Bolsheviks at some future time. It is learned in well informed circles, however, that there is no likelihood of Swedish recognition unless the entente powers should take the lead.

### A BATTLE IN PROGRESS.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 4.—A battle between detachments of the Petrograd garrison, commanded by Ensign Krylenko and Cossacks, is reported to be progressing at Vitbsk. A circumstantial report is being circulated that General Korniloff, former Russian commander in chief, who led an unsuccessful revolt against the Kerensky government, escaped from custody last night.

### TARTAR REPUBLIC FOR THE CRIMEA.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The establishment of a Tartar republic in the Crimea is announced, according to the Petrograd correspondent of the Times, who adds that details are unknown. In this connection the correspondent refers to the declaration of independence made by the Caucasus and the secession of Siberia. He declares it is difficult to say where the process of disintegration will end, but this appears to cause little concern to the politicians in power, who are wholly absorbed in the peace programme.

## MUTINY ON A GERMAN SUB

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 4.—A story of mutiny on board a German submarine resulting in the killing of all the officers and the surrender of the crew to an American warship was told here today by an enlisted man of the United States navy just returned from France.

### Matter of Pensions.

Orders have been received at local military headquarters that the pension board has decided that anyone receiving money on their recommendation and re-enlists in the army, is temporarily suspended until he is re-discharged again. That is if a soldier has been discharged from the service and is pensioned off by the board should that soldier re-enlist he would necessarily lose all temporary claim to any pension money until he receives his discharge again and enters civil life. This will prevent soldiers who re-enlist an dare receiving pensions money, from drawing both soldier's pay and also their pensions at the same time.

## NORWEGIAN SHIPS SUNK

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Dec. 4.—During the past few days a number of Norwegian ships are reported to have been sunk by submarines, according to an exchange telegraph despatch from Copenhagen. Up to now Norway has lost about 800 ships in this manner. Norwegian papers assert that new and powerful ships are being sunk without trace.

## SOME ARRESTS IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Que., Dec. 4.—Four men handed over by Recorder Semple to the military authorities were arrested under the Military Service regulations for not reporting for duty or filing exemption papers. They are Georges Goodin, Lucien Archambault, Alphonse Le Carle and Albert Loupin.

## ONE THOUSAND CORDS OF WOOD ENGAGED

**City Already Has Taken Orders for Half a Carload—Supt. and Surveyor to be Appointed.**

The fuel enterprise of the city is now in operation, one carload of wood having arrived already and others being expected. Orders received up to last night at the office of the City Clerk amounted to about half a carload, and when the public gets fully acquainted with the project, it is expected that the wood will be sold as fast as received.

Ald. Burnett, who is chairman of the Fuel Committee, has between \$50 and 1,000 cords of wood engaged. The system of sale is to be cash on delivery, and it is estimated that the wood can be delivered at \$10.50 per cord.

Arrangements are to be made to have a city surveyor and superintendent appointed to take charge of the wood. It is likely Mr. Joseph Watson, city wharfinger for the past summer, will undertake the work.

Ald. Burnett has arranged to have the wood hauled to the city, delivered and piled at the pumping station, the rear of the City Hall and the river bank below University Avenue. This will obviate long hauls for delivery.

## LAVERGNE WAS ROASTED

Quebec, Dec. 4.—Hisses, shouts and nicknames greeted Armand Laverne, the Nationalist leader, who is an independent candidate in the county of Montmagny, running in the Federal elections against the Unionist and the Liberal candidate and Mr. Laverne, and at two of these the population refused to hear Laverne. Some in the crowd were heard to shout above the turmoil: "It's your fault if Borden is in power today; why did you fight Laurier?"

## SERIOUS FIRE IN QUEBEC

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Quebec, Dec. 3.—News of a serious conflagration in which five houses were burned to the ground at Ste. Anne des Monts, Que., reached Quebec today. The court house was destroyed, the residence and offices of Dr. L. P. Gauthier, Unionist candidate for Gaspe, the residence of Mr. Jos. Thibault, registrar, and those of G. Leclerc and Jos. Leclerc, were burned. At least three hundred members of the population helped to fight the flames and only through their efforts was the entire village saved. The fire started in the offices of Dr. Gauthier, through an explosion which is thought to have occurred in the acetylene gas generator. In all the places destroyed the loss is only partly covered by insurance.

## Fierce Attack on British Lines Made by the Enemy

### ENEMY RAIDER REPORTED IN THE PACIFIC

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
San Francisco, Dec. 4.—What a ship captain believed to be a German raider operating on the Pacific and trying through flares in imitation of a burning vessel to attract its intended victims, has been reported by him in a letter to friends here. He says:

"We were warned by wireless to look out for a raider that might employ strange methods. About a hundred miles south of Acapulco, at night, we saw a flare in the sky and soon noticed what looked like a ship on fire. But having been warned, I kept on my course and watched the fire carefully. Soon I noticed that the fire was too steady and that there were other lights blinking around it. I made a full report when I arrived in our next port."

## FOUND GUILTY OF BRIBERY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—In his report on the recent aldermanic bribery investigation at Hull, Judge McDougall found eighteen persons guilty of being mixed up in the bribery charges, including four of the aldermen, seven hotel men, and seven residents of the city who acted as intermediaries between the hotel men and the members of the city council.

In his report Judge McDougall reviewed the evidence, given during the investigation, dwelling upon the fact that the testimony had shown that there had existed an organized fund, controlled by the Hull Hotelmen's Association, which was instituted for the purpose of influencing the members of the city council both with regard to the early closing of the hotels by law, and the granting of licenses last February.

### Idled at Gagetown.

Mrs. Martha Hunter, widow of John Hunter of Gagetown, died yesterday at Gagetown after an illness with pneumonia. She was aged sixty-eight years. The deceased formerly was Mrs. Henry Mackey. Two sons and two daughters survive. They are Mr. Fred Mackey of Fredericton, Mr. Stephen Mackey of Ayer, Miss Evelyn Mackey of Gagetown and Mrs. Arthur Thompson of Somerville, Mass. Mr. George O'Hara of Fredericton, is a brother and Mrs. Lev. Blizard of Fredericton, a sister. The funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mr. Hunter, Saunders street, the body being brought here from Gagetown. Rev. Canon Cowie will conduct the service and interment will be made at Forest Hill cemetery.

## THE QUEBEC LEGISLATURE OPENED THIS AFTERNOON

**Governor LeBlanc's Speech Urges Greater Food Production for the Allies--- Fitting Reference to the Great War.**

QUEBEC, Dec. 4.—Urging an ever-increasing production on the farm, in the dairies, in every branch of agriculture, that the Allies may be fed, urging every unit in the man power of Quebec province to produce to the utmost of their capacity to help win the war, the speech from the throne was read this afternoon at the opening of the session of the Quebec provincial legislature, presided over by Sir Pierre Evariste LeBlanc, Lieutenant Governor. The protection of the timber lands against fire also comes in for a part of the speech, as do also the important questions of making new and better highways, damming the water powers of the many rivers in the province. There is also a paragraph concerning the creation of a department of municipal affairs.

### THE GREAT WAR.

His Honor said in part: You have been summoned to the capital to resume your parliamentary duties, and it affords me pleasure to wish you a hearty welcome. The war in Europe has now been raging for forty months. If the Allies have not yet won a decisive victory, they are as heroic and as eager as at the outset. Our Canadian volunteers continue to distinguish themselves in this terrible struggle, and we are happy to see that the battles recently fought at Vimy, Lens and Passchendaele have added still greater lustre to the enviable reputation they had already won. We must also rejoice that our powerful neighbors have thrown themselves into the fight side by side with the Allies. The immense resources which the United States place at the disposal of the Entente cannot fail to ensure the success of the cause we have so much at heart.

## Making Desperate Efforts to Recover The Ground Lost to General Byng--- Attacked British Positions in Waves ---Losses Were Very Heavy.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

With the British Army in France, Dec. 3.—The Germans today were making their second great attempt to break through the British defences in the Gonnelleu sector and pinch off the salient which General Byng recently drove into the enemy territory a little further to the north. The German assault was launched against Lavacquerie shortly before 9 o'clock in the morning and spread rapidly. Within two hours a heavy battle will be in progress over considerable front from Lavacquerie southward towards Vendhuile.

By noon there were indications that the German onslaught might equal if not surpass in fierceness their drive which carried them through the British front south of Gonnelleu last Friday.

### BRITISH INFANTRY AND ARTILLERY WITHSTOOD THE CHARGE OF THE GERMANS BRILLIANTLY

The British infantry and artillery met the shock brilliantly and were holding their own strongly through the first grim hours of the fighting. The Germans approached Lavacquerie from the east and southeast, and at the outset it appeared that the attack was comparatively local. In their initial charge the enemy came up against a stone wall and they were forced to fall back. They kept coming in waves, however, and finally secured a footing in the town, but immediately were ejected.

Intense fighting at close quarters followed and as this progressed the Germans developed an offensive operation further down the line. By eleven o'clock their artillery was maintaining a drumfire against the whole front involved. The British gunners replied with a destructive fire and the duel between the guns of all sizes reached terrifying proportions. The battle which ranged about Gonnelleu yesterday took on renewed bitterness this morning.

### THE EVACUATION OF MASNIERES FOLLOWED A DAY OF THE MOST SANGUINARY FIGHTING

The British line at Masnieres today was much stronger as a result of the withdrawal from the town on Saturday night. The evacuation of Masnieres was accomplished in a masterly manner. It came at the end of a day of sanguinary fighting in which nine German attacks had been repulsed with unprecedented losses to the enemy.

During the fighting the suburb of Les Ruesvertes had been captured by the Germans, but late in the day they were ousted from this place. It was under cover of this defeat that the British carried out their withdrawal. So well was the retirement conducted that the Germans were not aware that Masnieres was not occupied until Sunday forenoon. All Saturday night and Sunday morning they kept pounding away at the town, which they still believed held by the British.

### THE GERMANS, ATTACKING IN WAVES, WERE MOST SEVERELY PUNISHED BY THE BRITISH ARTILLERY

The true situation was discovered at noon and the Germans pushed up into the town under intense punishment from the British guns. If the Germans fare today as they did last Friday, their losses in men will be very great.

Detailed reports of last week's fighting all emphasize the first statements that the German death toll has been tremendous. In the Moeuvres region, where the Germans kept sweeping forward over a ridge all day, there was a veritable slaughter. A machine gun battery stationed here fired 70,000 rounds during the day at an average range of 1200 yards against the enemy advancing in masses. Many other batteries did similar work and riflemen and artillerymen were firing steadily.

## TO ERECT HUT FOR JEWISH SOLDIERS THE AXE USED BY TROTZKY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 4.—Representatives of the Jewish Union of Rabbis from all parts of the United States and Canada, meeting here last night, decided to erect huts in the war zone of Europe. A fund will be raised to cover the expenses of this work. The huts will be used for worship for Jewish soldiers.

### Wedded in New York.

The marriage of Miss Erminie Day, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen, formerly of Fredericton, now of Ridgefield, Conn., granddaughter of the late James F. Randolph of Moncton, and a second cousin of Robert and Charles Fitz Randolph of Fredericton, to Carl Adolph Holstein, vice president of the John McGregor Grant Co., Quebec, took place quietly in New York in the Church of the Heavenly Rest, today.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Stockholm, Dec. 3.—(Montreal Gazette)—A Petrograd cable states that Trotzky has dismissed 160 Russian legaters and counsels abroad, which refuse to recognize the Bolshevik government. A report published by Vyerelease all the German and Austrian domestics, states that Lenin is about to prisoners of war. The Retsch says German soldiers in uniform have already been seen on the streets of Petrograd.

### Attached to Princess Pats.

News has been received in St. John that the 140th Battalion Band has gone to France to be attached to the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. This band has been heard in Fredericton.