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## THE RUSSO-GERMAN ARMISTICE WAS SIGNED ON SATURDAY EVENING

### Huns Showed a Willingness to Compromise When It Looked as if Negotiations Would be Broken off---The Kaiser Enquires About Ex-Czar.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

Russian representatives have been ordered by Leon Trotsky the Bolshevik foreign minister, to demand of the Central powers at the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk, whether they agree to make peace without annexations and indemnities and on the principle of self definition of nations. Trotsky is reported to have invited allied participation on the threat that the Allies will be broken and a separate peace arranged.

Clear indications of the internal situation in Russia still are lacking. Details of the scenes at the signing of the armistice show that up to last Saturday afternoon the temper of the delegates was such that it appears the negotiations might be broken off. The German representatives suddenly displayed an attitude of compromise and made only a few changes in the Russian draft. The agreement was signed at 6.45 o'clock Saturday evening. Immediately after the signing General Von Hoffman, head of the German delegation, arose and said:

"We are no longer enemies, but friends."

"We never were enemies of democracy in any country," was the reply of the Russians. The German staff at Brest-Litovsk gave a triumphant dinner to the Russians.

### FORMER CZAR AND FAMILY WILL LIKELY BE PERMITTED TO DO SOME TRAVELLING ABROAD

PETROGRAD, Dec. 19.—It is reported that the German Emperor asked the Russian armistice delegates to ascertain the probable fate of former Emperor Nicholas and his family. It is said the commissioners asked the members of the former royal family as to their desires and that they replied that they would like to go abroad. The commissioners are reported to have agreed in principle to the wishes of Nicholas and his family, but desire before fully acquiescing to place the matter before the constituent assembly.

## LATEST RETURNS GIVE UNIONIST GOVERNMENT A MAJORITY OF 43

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

TORONTO, Dec. 19.—As the reports from the far away polls of West Edmonton come in, it is evident that Frank Oliver, Sir Wilfrid Laurier's chief western lieutenant, has had the fight of his life in his former constituency, which in previous elections was practically "safe" for him. This morning the Unionist candidate, Brigadier General W. A. Griesbach, is leading by 900 majority, with some polls to hear from. Battle River is also still incomplete, though Blair, Unionist, is leading. Victoria is today conceded to the opposition candidate, W. H. White. The Alberta standing today is, therefore: Government 9, Opposition 1; incomplete, 2. This makes the summary for the Dominion to date: Government, 136; Opposition, 93; incomplete, 2; deferred, 4; Government majority, 43. Of those included in the Opposition, Messrs McCoig, Truax and Duncan Ross, all of Ontario, have supported the Military Service Act.

## SIR WILFRID AT THE CAPITAL

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who arrived in the capital from the west at an early hour this morning, spent the day at his home and denied himself to callers.

His private secretary stated over the telephone that the opposition leader would spend the day attending to correspondence and that he would not issue a statement on the election result today.

### Mrs. Manzer's Death.

The funeral of the late Mrs. W. D. Manzer, whose death was noted in this paper yesterday, will take place Thursday afternoon from the home of her son-in-law, Mr. H. W. Estabrook, Charlotte street. Rev. G. C. Warren will conduct services at the house at two o'clock and interment will be made at the Pickard Burying Ground, Douglas. The deceased was formerly a Miss Dunphy and was a native of the parish of Douglas. She resided for some years at Devon and subsequently in this city. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. H. W. Estabrook, and an adopted daughter, Mrs. Geo. H. McKee, of this city.

## N. Y. STOCK MARKET TODAY

New York, Dec. 19.—Rails became active later on further price impairments. Transcontinentals, grangers and coalers lost from 1 to 2 points. Great Northern, New York Central and Pennsylvania making new low records. American telephone and Texas Co. also continued to yield. Steels and other equipments made one point recession from their preferred. Bonds also became more reactionary. United Kingdom 5's, New York Central debentures being among the new minimums.

### Mid-week Market.

There was a fairly good market this morning for a midwinter day and the demand for produce was keen. Turkeys were scarce and the price was quickly boosted to fifty cents a pound. This is a record breaker for Fredericton and it looks as if some people will have to use a substitute on Christmas Day. Beef was plentiful and brought 13 and 14 cents per pound. Chicken sold at \$1.50 and \$2 a pair and pork at 22 cents. Eggs brought 60 cents and butter 45 cents a pound.

## CURLERS MET LAST NIGHT

Six New Members Elected—J. H. Hawthorne, G. A. Inch and E. J. Miles Resign Membership.

The Fredericton Curling Club held a special meeting last night for the purpose of admitting new members and disposing of other business. The membership of the club now is almost up to the limit set some time ago which is seventy-five. With only three sheets of ice a larger membership cannot be accommodated.

Last night the following were elected to membership: D. W. Burpee, Dr. L. R. Davison, W. T. Chestnut, Harry W. Thorne, Eben Staples and F. T. Atkinson. Although several members were added others left the club. The resignations of James H. Hawthorne, E. Jack Miles and G. A. Inch were accepted. All have taken a prominent part in activities of the club for some years. In recognition of the services of Messrs. Hawthorne and Inch who were among the veterans of the club, honorary membership was voted them.

The ice at the rink is in the best of condition and rinks already have played. The annual match President vs. Vice President will be played on Christmas and New Years. Mr. A. A. Shute is president and Mr. H. R. Babbitt vice president.

## DEATH OF A NOTED ENGINEER

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 19.—Joseph Hobson, noted civil engineer, died here today at the age of 84 years. For many years he was chief engineer of the Grand Trunk and after retiring

## Eighty Casualties in Last Night's Air Raid in London

### POPE HAS NO CHRISTMAS PEACE NOTE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Rome, Dec. 19.—Mgr. Corritti, the Papal under secretary of state, Archbishop of Corinth, and formerly attached to the staff of the Papal delegate at Washington, made this statement today:

"The report circulated by some unscrupulous journalist to the effect that the Holy Father meditated a Christmas peace note to the neutrals is absolutely false. The Holy Father has not the least intention of issuing any appeal whatever for peace at this juncture. I hope widespread publicity will be given to this official denial. I do not know why people who never take the trouble to approach the Vatican for information, spread these false reports, which can only be harmful."

From active service was employed in a consulting capacity. Mr. Hobson had charge of the construction of the Sarnia tunnel. After completing this big engineering feat, Mr. Hobson was offered a knighthood, but refused it. Robert Hobson, general manager of the Steel Co. in Canada, is a son.

## HALIFAX PRESS COMMENT ON THE RECENT ELECTION

### The Chronicle Says That Grave Responsibilities Rest on the Government--Herald Scores the "Stay at Homers"

HALIFAX, Dec. 19.—Commenting on the elections, the Morning Chronicle today says in part: "It is a verdict which reaffirms the determination of the Dominion to 'carry on' with the war, concerning which there was never any room for doubt. Apparently the people of Canada, as a whole, by a decisive vote, have endorsed the principle of Union government and are willing to give it a fair trial. The Union government appealed to the electorate as a non-partisan administration and as such, we take it, it has received the mandate of the people." After referring to the grave responsibilities of the Union government and the pressing need, apart from the imperative duty of the hour, for a cleaning up all around, the Chronicle concludes:

"The people have taken the Union government on faith, and faith must be justified by works—not political and partisan, but patriotic."

### The Herald Not Pleased.

The Halifax Herald says in part: "The voice of the English speaking people of Canada, as expressed at the 'referendum' taken on Monday, was overwhelmingly in favor of the Union-victory government. The exception was the deplorable fact that the majority of the stay-at-homers in Nova Scotia—this 'New Scotland,' settled largely by Scots and Celts, and English, and by United Empire Loyalists—have deliberately linked themselves up with reactionary and non-progressive 'solid Quebec' against all the rest of Anglo-British Canada. It is a humiliating fact; but the truth must be told. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his lieutenants have been prating that 'Quebec would bow to the will of the people expressed at a referendum or a general election, and would then do its full duty.' Well, Canada has now spoken for union and reinforcements by compulsory selective draft and victory, by a two-third majority. Quebec has deliberately isolated herself. That province is now up against it. We shall see whether Laurier and Bourassa really want harmony and unity and good will and mutual co-operation—or the alternatives."

## JESS WILLARD WILL BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO ASSIST THE RED CROSS

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 18.—A purse of \$60,000, which would be turned over to the American Red Cross, was offered here tonight for a fight between Jess Willard and the winner of the Fulton-Tate fight here on Christmas day. The offer is made by Paul R. Gabriel, secretary of the Army Athletic Association, which has been staging battles in North Little Rock this winter for the benefit of the forty thousand soldiers stationed at Camp Pike. The fight would be staged on March 16 or 18 in an open air arena, and would be scheduled for twenty rounds. Mr. Gabriel telegraphs the proposition to Willard.

## Ten Persons Killed and Several Injured According to Official Statement--- One Enemy Airplane was Brought Down---Germans Repulsed.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Ten persons were killed and 70 injured in London during last night's air raid. Outside of London five persons were injured.

The following official communication in regard to casualties was given out: "Last night's air raid casualties were: Ten killed and 70 injured in London; only five injured outside of London. Several fires occurred. The material damage was not serious. There was no damage to naval or military establishments."

### ONE RAIDER HIT BY FIRE OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN AND MAY HAVE DROPPED INTO THE CHANNEL

One of the airplanes was brought down and another is believed to have been destroyed, the War Office announces.

From 16 to 20 raiders endeavored to reach London, but only five succeeded in dropping bombs on the city. All the British machines which went up to engage the raiders have returned safely. There is reason to believe another raider dropped into the English Channel, says the report.

A British pilot fired two drums of ammunition into a raider as it was dropping bombs on London from a height of 13,000 feet. After the main attacks of the raiders ceased a single airplane flew over London at about 9 o'clock.

The raider known definitely to have been destroyed was hit by the fire of anti-aircraft guns and finally dropped into the sea off Kent. Two of the crew of three were captured alive by an armed trawler.

### ATTEMPTS OF ENEMY TO APPROACH FRENCH POSITIONS ON THE ARGONNE WERE REPULSED

PARIS, Dec. 19.—Two attempts by the Germans to approach French positions in the Argonne near Four de Paris last night were defeated with losses, the War Office announces. The communication follows:

"The enemy's artillery during the night bombarded our first lines south of Juvinicourt and in the Argonne, at Four de Paris. Our batteries replied effectively. At the latter point enemy forces which made the attempts to approach our positions were repulsed with losses. In Lorraine, in the sectors of Flirey and Nauroy, our patrols took prisoners, including an officer. There is nothing to report from the remainder of the front. Last night German aviators threw down fifty bombs in the region of Dunkirk. No victims reported thus far."

### OFFICIAL STATEMENT SAYS FROM 16 TO 20 AIRPLANES TOOK PART IN LAST NIGHT'S RAID

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The text of the statement issued today by Lord French, commander of the British home force, reads: "The latest reports indicate that from 16 to 20 enemy airplanes took part in last night's air raid. Three groups of raiders crossed the Kent coast between 6.15 and 6.25 p.m. and three others crossed the Essex coast between 6.10 and 6.45. All six groups made towards London. Most of the raiders were turned back by gun fire at various places, only about five machines actually bombing the capital between 7 and 8 p.m."

"One raider, hit by gun fire, finally came down in the sea off the British coast, two of its crew of three men being captured alive by an armed trawler. There is reason to suppose that another airplane came down in the Channel."

## SPANISH SHIP TORPEDOED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Pars, Dec. 19.—The torpedoing by a submarine of the Spanish steamship Noviembre, 3,650 tons gross, is reported in a despatch from Biarritz to the Excelsior, quoting advices received there from Bilbao.

Thirty of the crew have been landed. They say the ship was torpedoed without warning at night, and that they were all thrown into the sea and picked up by French patrol ships.

### A HEAVY PENALTY.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 19.—William B. Snider, letter carrier, who pleaded guilty to having, for the past year, robbed letters on his route, was today sentenced by Magistrate Livingstone to a three-year sentence with a fine of \$1,000. In default of payment the term will be four years.

## FOOD IS SHORT IN GERMANY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Stockholm, Dec. 19.—The Berlin Tageblatt, severely criticizing the war provision office, says:

"City dwellers await the coming winter with anxious concern and fear. The foodstuff prospects are more unfavorable than at any time during the war. To the cost of necessities which has already become a terrible burden to other masses, is added the danger that not even the most absolutely necessary foodstuffs can be considered as being assured."

Sir George E. Foster, who contested North Toronto on Monday, was returned by a majority of 16,000. Sir George is at present in the hospital suffering from the effects of a serious accident.