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GERMANY IS LIKELY TO SUBMIT NEW OFFER OF PEACE TERMS

Dresden Arsenal Blown Up And 1000 Persons Killed

News of Terrible Disaster Contained in a Letter Taken From a German Soldier---Was Being Kept Secret by The Authorities---Fighting on Verdun Front.

PARIS, Jan. 27.—The Dresden arsenal has been blown up and 1,000 women and young girls killed, according to a letter taken from a German soldier dated Dec. 30th. The letter was written from Dresden and the writer said that all the windows within a radius of twelve miles were broken by the explosion. He added that the authorities were keeping the news secret and that no railroad tickets were being issued for Dresden except for urgent reasons, and the city was for the time isolated.

PARIS, Jan. 27.—Vigorous artillery fighting occurred last night on the Verdun front, in the region of Eparges and Hill 304. German defence works were subjected to an intense fire, the War Office communication of today reports. Five German airplanes were brought down.

BERNE, Switzerland, Jan. 27.—It is announced that the German frontier continues closed to Swiss exports until January 30th. Fresh vegetables are the only commodity allowed to pass.

BERLIN, via Sayville, Jan. 27.—A new attack was made by the French on the Verdun front, near Hill 304, early this morning, the War Office reports. The text of the statement follows:

Western Front—Army of Grand Duke Albrecht of Wurtemberg: Southwest of Dixmude, a Belgian outpost of ten men was captured without loss to the captors. The army group of Crown Prince Rupprecht: South of LaBasse Canal several advances by British detachments, prepared for by artillery fire failed. Southeast of Chilly French troops advancing against our trenches were repulsed."

Weather on British Front in France is

Said to be the Coldest Since the War Began

LONDON, Jan. 27.—A private telegram from Cologne, quoted by the Rotterdam correspondent of the Danish papers, reports that since yesterday morning navigation on the Rhine has had to be stopped on account of ice. The cold throughout western Germany is the most intense now in several years. At some points the thermometer fell from 12 to 18 below zero.

Correspondents on the British front in France say the weather is the most biting since the war began. The use of automobiles is rendered almost impossible owing to the freezing of radiators and carbureters. Many cars are stranded along lonely roads. The soldiers, especially those in the trenches and on sentry posts, are suffering severely, but the general health of the army continues amazingly good.

Roumanian Troops in Moldavia are Now Making Progress Against the Teutons

JASSY, Roumania, Jan. 27 (via London).—Roumanian troops in the last two weeks have made substantial progress in Moldavia, the War Office announces. The following statement, covering the period Jan. 12 to 26, was issued here today:

"On the western frontier of Moldavia up to and including the Oltuz Valley, there have been only infantry patrol actions."

Russian Lines Reinforced.

Berlin, via Sayville, Jan. 27.—The Russians in the Riga region have reinforced their lines east of the river Aa, says today's army headquarters statement, which reads: "On the eastern front (front of Prince Leopold), east of the river Aa, additional Russian reinforcements were unable to regain ground conquered by our troops."

Steamer Matina Not Sunk.

London, Jan. 27.—The report of the sinking of the British steamship Matina was erroneous, according to a Lloyd's announcement. Her owners say she has reached port.

French Shelled Railway Station.

Paris, Jan. 27.—Two French airplanes on January 25th bombarded the railroad station and certain military factories at Ham. Fire and heavy explosions resulted from this attack.

POLLING IN DORCHESTER COUNTY TODAY

St. Henedine, Dorchester Co., Que., Jan. 27.—Polling day dawned this morning on a political raked county, alle to the most remote parishes with rumors, scandals and "roorbacks" of every kind.

The formal campaign ended Thursday night with the joint meeting held by the Hon. Albert Sevigny and his Liberal opponent, Mr. Lucien Cannon, at St. Leon de Standon.

Polls close at 5 o'clock and it is expected that enough returns will be in by 8 or 9 o'clock to indicate the winner.

Ninety-three Years Old.

"Squire" Charles Tracy, who makes his home with his son, Mr. C. L. Tracy, Church street, will enter upon his 94th years tomorrow. The many friends of the genial squire will be pleased to know that he continues to enjoy excellent health and is as bright and chipper as most men half his age. Squire Tracy is a native of Oromocto, but the greater part of his life was spent at Tracy Station. Sixty-two years ago Mr. Tracy married Miss Annie Kelly, of Fredericton Junction, who died five years ago. His family consists of one son, Mr. C. L. Tracy, of this city, and two daughters, Mrs. Watson and Mrs. McQuarrie.

Illustrated Talk.

Under the auspices of the Gibson and St. Marys Women's Institute, Miss Winter will give an illustrated travel talk on her trip to Alaska, on Monday evening, the 29th, at 8 o'clock, in the Parish Hall Gibson. All are welcome. No admission.

FIRE AT PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Jan. 27.—A fire swept through a section of the business district here today, causing a loss of from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000. Firemen were handicapped by severe cold and frozen hydrants.

HUNS PREPARED TO MAKE RESTITUTION AND REPARATION

Informed Writer Gives Currency to an Interesting Rumor---Says President Wilson Has a Sketch of Peace Terms In His Pocket.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—"Wayfarer," (pen name used by W. S. Massingham), writing in the Nation, says:

"Is Germany prepared to negotiate on the basis of restitution and reparation? Rumor has it she will, and that the President has a sketch of her terms in his pocket.

"I give this sketch for what it is worth. The informal German offer is said to include:

1. Offer of Metz and part of Loraine to France, coupled with evacuation, but no indemnity.
 2. Evacuation and indemnity for Belgium.
 3. An independent Poland.
 4. Surrender of the bulk of the colonies in exchange for a deal in Central Africa.
 5. Restoration of Serbia, with retention of a line of passage for a railway.
 6. Neutralization of the Straits.
 7. Trentino for Italy with Trieste as a free port.
- Necessarily the governing condition will be an economic as well as territorial peace, and the abandonment of the boycott.

New Zealanders are Opposed to the Restoration to Germany of Captured Colonies

LONDON, Jan. 27.—Addressing a meeting of Australasians in London last night, Sir Joseph G. Ward, minister of finance of New Zealand, said he regretted that the Entente Allies in their reply to President Wilson's suggestions concerning peace, did not refer to the islands in the Pacific, which he declared Australia and New Zealand were determined should never be restored to Germany.

Sir Joseph said the fate of the German colonies and sea power were matters of vital importance to Australasians. They had strong feelings concerning the restoration of the German colonies and did not want German bases at Australasia's "back door" again.

PARIS PAPER ATTACKS WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—A New York cable from Paris says: L'Ouvre, under the heading "Hearst and Humbert," publishes a violent attack on William R. Hearst and Charles Humbert, the latter the director of the Paris Journal, whom it compares as "birds of a feather." The article is signed by Gustav Tery, now director of L'Ouvre, who for years signed leading articles in the Journal. Tery represents Hearst as a German propagandist, giving extracts from the Hearst papers since the beginning of the war to support his accusations. Tery then rakes Humbert for trying to present Hearst as a friend of the Allies, after having made his acquaintance in America, declaring it to be impossible that Humbert could have ignored Hearst's pro-German sentiments.

Constantine to Issue a Decree.

Athens, Jan. 23, via London, Jan. 27 (delayed)—King Constantine tomorrow will make public a decree dissolving the league of reservists.

Russians Achieve Success.

Petrograd, via London, Jan. 27.—An attempt by the Germans to press back the Russian line in the vicinity of Kalnzem in the Riga region was frustrated by the Russians yesterday, the War Office announced today.

MR. CHAS. K. PALMER HONORED BY FRIENDS LAST EVENING

Mr. Charles K. Palmer, president of the John Palmer Co., Ltd., was honored by friends at his home last evening on the occasion of the 41st anniversary of his birthday. A number of his personal friends and business associates presented him with a beautiful Morris chair in solid oak, along with a briar pipe, and Mrs. Palmer provided an elaborate birthday repast. The affair was a complete surprise to Mr. Palmer. With the connivance of members of his office staff he was detained at the factory and did not reach home until 6.30 in the evening. When he finally put in an appearance he found the front rooms of the house in darkness and as he opened the door he was greeted with the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow" in chorus by a company of congenial spirits, who had gathered on the invitation of Mrs. Palmer.

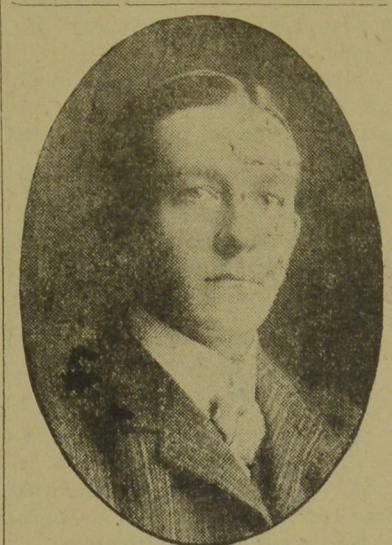
"I guess you have put one over on me," was all he could say as the guests came forward one by one and tendered hearty congratulations and good wishes.

After the exchange of greetings the guests were called to the dining room, where an elaborate five course dinner was served. Mrs. Palmer was ably assisted in serving by her sister, Mrs. Brewer, Mrs. H. H. Hagerman, Mrs. C. D. Holder, Mrs. Thomas Emack and Miss Mary Palmer. The table was prettily decorated with smilax and carnations, and a neat card and souvenir was placed in front of each guest.

The Presentation.

At the conclusion of the excellent repast, Mr. Palmer was called to the front by Mr. H. H. Hagerman, who made the presentation on behalf of the com-

pany. He referred to Mr. Palmer's excellent qualities as a citizen and neighbor, and paid tribute to his worth as a business man and manufacturer. He concluded by extending to Mr. Palmer and his worthy helpmate the best wishes of all present.



MR. CHAS. K. PALMER.

Mr. Palmer was much affected by the manifestation of good will, and returned thanks in a neat speech, and extended a hearty welcome to all.

Mr. W. S. Tompkins, in response to persistent calls, made a brief speech in which he paid a glowing tribute to Mr. Palmer. He said in part:

"In your commercial sphere you are (Continued on page 5.)