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## CANADIANS REPULSE GERMAN ATTACKS UPON THEIR LINES

### Four Enemy Air Raids Were Attempted on New Year's Day---Enemy Beaten Off Before They Could Attain Their Objective---Aircraft Active.

(By W. A. Willison, special corr. Canadian Press.)  
Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, Jan. 4.—Our guns are grumbling around Lens after an evening of activity in which they were vigorously employed in attempting to break up an enemy raid against our flank. New Year's Day, which came in quietly, went out with unusual activity all along the front. The enemy attempted raids in less than four places, only one of them in strength.

#### Huns Were Not Enthusiastic.

While the Hun aggressiveness indicates a good morale amongst their men, information from prisoners shows that they have little enthusiasm for these night attacks. In the biggest raid, which occurred early on the evening of the 1st, the enemy advanced in three columns of eighteen men each, the centre column carrying machine guns and three columns protected by two flanking columns of twenty men each with machine gun.

Volunteers had been called for to make the attack, but none were forthcoming. The enemy officers had to pick the men out. The party, dressed in white, advanced across No Man's Land to our wires, and attacked under the protection of an intense three minute box barrage. Twelve men succeeded in entering before their attack was broken up by our artillery and infantry and the enemy retired, leaving three prisoners in our hands. Three hours later a hostile party, one officer and nine of other ranks, attempted to raid one of our posts, but the garrison, attacking the attackers, drove them off with the capture of a wounded prisoner.

#### Further Enemy Attacks.

Further north the enemy, after a heavy bombardment, attempted two more attacks. Our artillery, in response to the infantry S.O.S. calls, opened an accurate and effective barrage and the enemy failed to reach our lines in either attack.

As a result of these raids four raids, four prisoners are in our hands, while four of our men are reported missing. There is no estimate of enemy casualties, but they must have suffered from our artillery and machine gun fire. Certainly the reception the enemy received has dampened his enthusiasm a lot, for no further raids have been attempted. Two of our air machines attacked a party of seven hostile planes yesterday and brought down one in flames.

## PREMIER MORRIS SAYS HE STEPPED ASIDE TO GIVE OTHERS AN INNING

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
LONDON, Jan. 4.—Premier Morris of Newfoundland, whose resignation was announced yesterday, in an interview today stated that there was no difference of opinion between himself and his colleagues. On the contrary, he was at one with the government and legislature and his colleagues on all matters. His resignation was made after most careful thought and consideration, and was directed entirely by a desire to preserve harmony in the country on all national issues, particularly the conduct of the war, which would be rudely jostled in a general election. He had arrived at the conclusion that he was justified in standing aside at present.

## BIG GARAGE DESTROYED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—Fire late last night destroyed the four-story garage of the Quaker City Auto Company, causing a loss estimated at \$150,000. Sixty-seven motor trucks and busses belonging to the American International Shipbuilding Corporation were consumed by the flames.

## SIR WILFRID PREPARING

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Ottawa, Jan. 3.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier will visit Montreal on Monday and remain for a few days. His visit is to consult with his Quebec colleagues on the situation in that province and also to determine on a programme for the coming session.

## IN INTERESTS OF ECONOMY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Montreal, Jan. 4.—Railway time tables and notices issued to the public for January 6 will announce the reduction in the passenger service, which will go into effect on Sunday, on the recommendation of the Canadian Railway Association for National Defence.

## DATE NOT FIXED FOR ELECTIONS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Toronto, Jan. 4.—Sir William Hearst, premier of Ontario, stated that the Ontario government had not considered the date of the coming election. June is the most likely month, however. The legislature will likely meet about February 1st.

## SHOULD STORE MORE ICE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Ottawa, Jan. 3.—A statement issued from the office of the food controller urges the importance of a large supply of natural ice being stored this winter, especially in small towns and country districts. An increased quantity of natural ice will probably be stored, it is said, by dairymen and by other dealers in perishable food products, because the supply of ice may be much reduced during the coming summer and next fall, due to an anticipated reduction in ammonia on account of the coal shortage.

## COAL SCARCE IN ONTARIO

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Toronto, Jan. 3.—Reports which continue to come into Toronto regarding the seriousness of the coal situation in all parts of Ontario, go to show that while citizens have been bravely optimistic regarding future supplies of fuel, the shortage is now extremely acute and in many towns sufficient fuel to last only two or three days is on hand.

## PERSONAL.

Mr. N. M. Jones of St. John, is in the city.  
Messrs. A. D. MacDonald and John S. Addy of St. John, are at the Queen.  
Major C. G. Pincombe arrived in the city last night.

## MUNICIPAL HOME AGAIN TURNED DOWN BY COUNCIL

### Motion of Coun. Allen Beaten 21 to 9 This Morning---Matter of Assessing Victory Loan Bonds Discussed--Some Councilors Want Permission for Farmers to Kill Game.

The Municipal Council of the county of York at its session this morning again turned down the proposition to establish a Municipal Home for the entire county, including the towns of Marysville and Devon. The support of the proposition to secure legislation under which the Home might be established came largely from the towns mentioned and the eastern section of the county. The rest of the councilors were opposed some being against the proposition in any form and others believing that the matter could well be postponed until after the war.

The proposal to let farmers kill game at any time for the purpose of lessening the scarcity of meat was discussed and the general opinion was that the Provincial Government should be asked to change the game laws so as to permit of that, also that the Guides' Association of the province was asking for increased protection from selfish motives. Action on the matter was postponed.

Discussion on the matter of the liability of the Victory Loan Bonds to assessment brought the opinion that they were assessable for municipal purposes.

#### The Game Question

When the council resumed business Friday morning Coun. Pond brought up the matter of killing game. There was a general shortage of meat and farmers and residents of the country should have a right to kill game for food at any time. The same was true of fish. The spearing of salmon should be allowed. Food was the urgent need.

Coun. Pat Graham was pleased to hear the matter discussed. Foreigners had greater rights than the natives. The guides were looking after their own interests and the municipal council should look after the interests of the people.

Coun. Seymore said it would be useless to ask the government for an entire open season. There was a large revenue derived from non-resident hunters. The government might be asked however, to permit farmers to kill game on their own lands.

Coun. Manuel made a plea for permission to net salmon continuously from the first to last of the season. As far as game was concerned, residents should have the right to kill game for their own use at any time.

Coun. Everett expressed the same

## Counter Proposals Made By Russian Delegates

### MORE FISH BEING USED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Ottawa, Jan. 4.—As an indication of the increasing consumption of fish in Ontario and Quebec, it was stated at the food controller's office today that one fish company which has branches at different points in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Quebec, had reported that the weekly shipments from one of its nine branches were now approximately 85,000 pounds.

### WILL BUILD MORE SHIPS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Ottawa, Jan. 4.—An ambitious programme of national shipbuilding is to be carried out as a policy of the Union government. The matter for some time has been under consideration, and Hon. C. C. Balantyne today announced plans designed to utilize to the full extent the Canadian yards and establish rolling mills as essential to the industry.

## Discussion of Peace Terms With Russia to be Resumed by Central Powers Today---Teutonic Rulers Much Perturbed Over the Russian Attitude

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Unless there is a change in original plans, the emissaries of Russia and the Central Powers will meet today to continue their discussion of peace terms which the Bolsheviks have declared are unacceptable. Russia's delegates have proposed that the conference meet in Stockholm, which if agreed to by the Germans, will make for delay.

A news despatch received in London says the Russians have made counter proposals to the Germans. It is added that they will be discussed at the next meeting at Brest-Litovsk on Saturday, which would indicate the Russians have not persisted in their demand that future meetings be held on neutral soil.

The new Russian proposals call for complete evacuation of occupied territory pending a referendum on self-definition.

### RUMOR THAT CHANCELLOR VON HERTLING IS TO BE REPLACED BY PRINCE VON BUELOW

Reports that the German and Austrian Emperors and their military and political advisers are much perturbed over the Russian attitude, are followed by one that Count Von Hertling, the German imperial chancellor, is ill. Berlin political circles have a rumor that Von Hertling, who is 74 years old, is to be ousted in favor of Prince Von Buelow, the former chancellor, who is very close to the German Crown Prince.

Recognition of the Lenine-Trotsky regime in Russia as a de facto government by the Entente Allies is probable, according to the London Daily Chronicle. Such a change of sentiment it is said would be due to the threatened break in peace negotiations and might bring from the Allies a statement of democratic policy towards Russia.

### COMPLAINT THAT RUSSIA IS USING ARMISTICE TO AGITATE AMONG THE GERMAN SOLDIERS

LONDON, Jan. 4.—There were two distinct tendencies noticeable in the enemy delegation at the Brest-Litovsk meetings, the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News says. One was annexationist and was represented by General Von Hoffmann. A more moderate view was upheld by foreign secretaries Von Kuehlmann and Czernin.

There were frequent disputes between two two tendencies. These were settled, it is announced, by appeals to Berlin which always supported Von Kuehlmann and Czernin. General Von Hoffmann took the purely military point of view and complained with great bitterness that the Russians were using the armistice to agitate among German soldiers.

There is a belief among the Russian delegation, that Germany will yield to the Russian demands concerning Poland and Lithuania, so as not to lose the advantage she gains by seeming to agree with Russia, while Entente Allies disagree.

### THE RUSSIANS REFUSED TO SUBSCRIBE TO ANY DOCTRINES WHICH ARE CONTRARY TO SOCIALISM

The Daily News correspondent was present at the Smolny meeting, the Bolshevik headquarters, when M. Kamenoff, one of the Russian peace delegates, presented his report on the negotiations at Brest-Litovsk. Among other things M. Kamenoff's report showed, he says, that the Germans attempted to bind Russia to their country by renewal of the treaty of 1904, which Emperor Nicholas declined to extend, resulting in a situation which was one of the causes of the war.

The Russians stated that they believed in equality of trade, and that at the very moment when they were engaged in socializing industries, nationalizing banks, etc., they could not subscribe to anything contrary to socialism. At this point, the correspondent says, the Germans seem to have receded from their position.

## NEW YORK IS SUFFERING FROM AN ALARMING SHORTAGE OF FUEL

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The ice blockade in New York harbor and adjacent waters, combined with another day of zero weather, today caused concern to the fuel administrators and the transportation officials who have been battling against odds in their endeavor to relieve the metropolis from its alarming shortage of coal. Not in years has the ice menace been so great. Barges with thousands of tons of coal on board virtually were ice bound in the bay last night. As hundreds of families, unable to get coal, have been burning kerosene, the supply has dwindled to such an extent that an oil famine is now feared. Meanwhile suffering has increased among the poor and charitable organizations have been swamped with calls for help. Many schools were closed today, with little prospect of their reopening until next week.

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