

Von Hindenburg Admits That Germany Lost War

Says Everything Possible is Being Done to Carry Out the Terms of the Armistice as Laid Down by Marshal Foch—Not Possible to Do All That Has Been Asked—Will Retire from the Army as Soon as New Line is Established—Eleventh Hour Compromise with Sailors in Berlin.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—“Our troops are withdrawing to the east bank of the Rhine in good order and as fast as possible. We are doing our best to carry out the terms of the armistice laid down by Marshal Foch, but the severity of the terms makes it very hard for us to succeed in this. In fact, it may be physically impossible to do all that is asked of us.”

Thus Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, military leader of defeated Germany, phrased his view of the situation of his armies when seen by a correspondent at his headquarters.

“You have come to us at a time of great sorrow and stress,” he said slowly. “I am glad to see you and tell you of the situation confronting us.”

Among other things Hindenburg admitted that Germany had lost the war. He intimated that he would retire as soon as his army was safely entrenched on his new line. He was very particular in emphasizing his allegiance to the new German government.

Revolting Sailors are to Remain in Berlin as Part of the Republican Soldiers' Guard

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—An eleventh hour compromise with the revolting sailors by the Ebert-Scheidemann section of the government apparently saved Berlin from an extremist Christmas. The sailors gained more than they sought and will remain in Berlin as part of the republican soldiers' guard.

The compromise provides that a division of troops from the western front under Lieut. General Lequis, which was sent to Berlin by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, in response to an appeal by the government, will retire and leave the capital under the protection of two volunteer police organizations which are dominated by the extremists. The sailors agree not to participate in any future revolt against the government.

Claims That the Czar of Russia and the Romanoff Family Were Not Murdered

WARSAW, Dec. 27.—There is no doubt that the Czar and his entire family are alive. I am positive of this,” was the declaration made to the correspondent today by Michael de Tschichatchef, a nephew of General Skoropadski and who has just escaped from the Ukraine after a recent trip to Petrograd, Vilna, Dvinsk and Rovno. “I cannot reveal where the Czar is because he does not wish it,” he added. “He does not care to be bothered and he wants to be left alone. His whereabouts is known to an Allied government. It is in a neutral country. Accounts of his murder at Ekaterinburg were manufactured by Trotzky and Lenine for propaganda purposes.”

MRS. PRATT WINS IN SPIRIT DIVORCE SUIT

New York, Dec. 26.—Albert Houghton Pratt's ventures into the spirit world with Mme. P. Mildred Parma as his guiding medium failed to avail him as a defence in a divorce action and Justice Davis has granted a decree to Mrs. Katherine Sloan Pratt. As a student of occultism, Mr. Pratt admitted staying at “the Little White House,” an Atlantic Highlands bungalow, last summer with Mme. Parma, who was his instructor. Justice Davis briefly summed up the evidence and declared there should be entered a decree for the plaintiff. “The defendant and co-respondent claim their relationship was only that of disciple and teacher in matters more or less occult,” said the Justice. “It is unfortunate that the discipline made it necessary or desirable for them to live in the same bungalow and sleep in the same apartment. The court takes the ordinary view and gives judgment to Mrs. Pratt.” The Pratts were married fifteen years ago and have one child. Mrs. Pratt is a daughter of Alfred P. Sloan, a wealthy cigar manufacturer, who was quoted at the trial as willing to give his daughter \$1,000,000 to divorce the defendant. Mr. Pratt is a nephew of Albert Houghton, of Houghton, Mifflin & Co., publishers.

Burial at St. John
St. John Telegraph: The body of the late Rev. Dr. Campbell will be brought to St. John for burial, and it is thought the funeral will be held on Sunday, but definite announcement will be made later. Chief Justice McKeown left last evening for Boston to accompany the remains to St. John.

ITALY'S LOSSES IN GREAT WAR WERE HEAVY

New York, Dec. 26.—Italy's total losses in killed wounded, dead of disease, disabled, missing and prisoners aggregate 2,800,000 according to Colonel Ugo Pizzarello, of the Italian Army, who arrived here recently on a mission for Government. He gave out figures today amplifying an announcement made in Paris last Saturday by Salvatore Barzilai, a former member of the Italian Cabinet that Italy had lost 500,000 men killed or dead of wounds in the war. “As Italy's effort and losses are so much bigger than those previously mentioned,” said Colonel Pizzarello, “we feel quite justified in thinking that the public should know the exact figures of the total losses she suffered so as to give American public opinion complete knowledge of the great part Italy played in the struggle for democracy.” Disease alone took a death toll of 300,000 men in the war zone, he said, while the number of killed was 500,000 and the wounded missing and prisoners was 2,000,000.

Home For Christmas
Private James Burns of the United States Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Burns of this city spent Christmas with his parents. Private Burns is a U. N. B. graduate and was making a special study of chemistry at the time of his enlistment. He is now working in the Chemical Department of a gas manufacturing plant at Cleveland, Ohio. Private Burns expects that his unit will be demobilized in about two months.

LLOYD GEORGE CONFERS WITH MR. WILSON

London, Dec. 27.—Premier Lloyd George, accompanied by Sir Maurice Hankey, Secretary to the Committee on Imperial Defence, arrived at Buckingham Palace at 10.30 o'clock this morning for a conference with President Wilson. The day was dark and rainy, but a big crowd had arrived before the Premier had made his appearance.

Mr. Wilson was astir early this morning and busy with his Secretary. The Duke of Connaught and Sir Richard Herschell visited the palace before the arrival of Mr. Lloyd George. Arthur J. Balfour, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, walked over from the Foreign Office, to attend the conference between the Premier and Mr. Wilson.

GRAND FLEET MADE PEACE A CERTAINTY

New York, Dec. 26.—The adventures of the American overseas fleet in attempting to bait the German ship to combat; how a U-boat had rammed his superdreadnought and how every effort to lure the enemy from its base was told of yesterday by rear-Admiral Hugh Rodman on the flagship New York. It was he who commanded the American battle division in the grand fleet under Sir David Beatty. In the words of the Admiral, the submarine “ran amuck”, dented the ship's plates, smashed a propeller blade and undoubtedly was sent to the bottom at the next turn of the screws, he said. He told also of the ignominious herding of the German fleets for surrender and the final acts of the American fleet, for the enemy had been conquered.

The Admiral said:—“It is needless in fact superfluous, for me to reiterate that which is known and recognized throughout the civilized world; namely that it was the Grand fleet which has been the very backbone of the structure which has made a victorious peace a certainty. Without it there is no question that the war long ago would have been disastrously concluded with just the reverse conditions obtaining from those which now exist.”

THE FLU IN AN ORPHANAGE

Toronto, Dec. 26.—About one hundred cases of influenza have developed in the Sacred Heart Orphanage. The cases are entirely among children, none of the nurses having the disease.

CANADIAN TROOPS IN ENGLAND ENJOYED CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Were Given Eight Days' Leave of Absence and Free Tickets on Railways—Lavish Hospitality Provided for Them in London.

London, Dec. 26.—Canadian soldiers spread themselves over England's big cities and towns and into the small hamlets for the holidays. Eight days' leave, with free railway warrants, were freely granted from the various Canadian camps.

London specially was crowded with Canadian soldiers and there was lavish hospitality provided for the overseas troops. The biggest entertainment was at the Albert Hall, where two thousand Dominion officers enjoyed a variety entertainment given by leading stars of the footlights. This was followed by a tea, dance and supper and the whole cost was defrayed by lady supporters of the Beyond the Seas Association, which has already done so much to make the stay of overseas officers in London happy. There was a bountiful Christmas dinner provided at every overseas club in London, and conveyances were provided free subsequently to Albert Hall.

Many men spent the day as guests with private families in the outskirts of London, and probably five hundred Canadians were thus entertained this Christmas.

Canadians returning from the front tell odd stories from the city of Bonn, Germany. One is to the effect that a little girl asked if they were going to throw the German children into the Rhine, as her father had told her that was what would happen. Our men make friends with the children quickly, but prefer to keep the older inhabitants at a distance.

PROTECTIVE LEAGUE IS DISSOLVED

Washington, Dec. 26.—Dissolution of the American protective league, with its membership of \$250,000 and branch organizations in nearly every city and town in the United States effective February, 1, was announced today by the League's directors.

More than three million investigations are said to have been conducted by the league during the war for the department of Justice, military intelligence, provost marshal general's office, the state and navy and treasury departments, the food and fuel administration, the alien property custodian and other Governmental bodies.

OTTAWA BEAT TORONTO TEAM

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—In the presence of one of the greatest crowds that has witnessed a game in Ottawa for several years, the Ottawa team continued its winning streak at the Arena tonight and defeated the champion Torontos by a score of 5 to 2. It was the first game on the local schedule of the National Hockey League and about 6,000 people saw the wearers of the red, white and black outplay the Stanley Cup holders and maintain their lead in the championship race.

The Ottawas, playing brilliant hockey at all stages, secured a lead in the first period, broke even with the blue shirts in the second session, and held them scoreless in the third.

Both teams cut out a terrific pace from start to finish and the big crowd went wild with delight as the Ottawas again proved themselves a wonderful team.

JOURNALISTS ENTERTAINED

London, Dec. 26.—Forty American correspondents who arrived here today with President Wilson were taken in charge by the Government as its guests. They were given a dinner tonight by Lord Cecil, former Minister of Blockade, at the Savoy Hotel. The newspaper proprietors association will give a large dinner in their honor tomorrow.

INSURANCE MEN ARRESTED

New York, Dec. 26.—Edward Meinel and William J. Wemple, members of the insurance brokerage firm of Meinel and Wemple, Inc. were arrested here today by a United States deputy marshal on the charge of violating the trading with the enemy act. They were released upon \$10,000 bail each.

They are alleged to have sent commercial cablegrams to Paul Clausen, of Copenhagen, at a time they had “reasonable cause to believe they were trading with an enemy of the United States.”

The defendants claim that Clausen is a Danish subject.

SOME QUEER STORIES ABOUT THE HUNS WHO ENGINEERED WAR

Von Hindenburg, the Alleged Superman, Spent Much of His Time in a “Funk Hole”—Would Run to Cover When He Heard an Airplane—The All Highest Also Had a Hiding Place and Often Hiked for Shelter.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

SPA, Belgium, Dec. 15.—The former headquarters of the Kaiser and his general staff is disclosing some extraordinarily queer facts these days about the men who engineered the world war. Take for one, Hindenburg, Germany's superman, around whom reams of poetry have been written, disclosing him as a fearless Napoleon, leading his troops to victory. As a matter of fact, he spent a great deal of time in a wonderfully constructed “funk hole” or dugout, underneath the grounds of his villa here. Spa, it may be noted, is almost on the German border and so far from where battle lines used to be that it was almost a day's journey in a fast motor car to get within sound of the big guns. The Kaiser, too, had a similar hiding place at Neubois, near a comic opera trench system about which he is said to have paraded for the benefit of motion pictures.

Electrical Instruments Warned Kaiser and Hindenburg of the Approach of Airplanes

At each of their villas there were delicate electrical instruments which would set up a furious buzzing whenever an airplane approached anywhere near. At the first sound from this contrivance Hindenburg and the Kaiser used to run to shelter, it is reported. People who worked about Hindenburg's establishment said he was continually running for cover.

The United States representatives on the international armistice commission are now occupying Hindenburg's headquarters and they were amazed when they discovered this underground refuge of the great warrior. The entrance was by way of a dining room, from which a flight of steps led down to a tiled ante-room now used as a pantry by the Americans.

Hindenburg Occupied an Underground Refuge Which was Luxuriously Equipped

From the tiled room there was another flight of steps that led down to the real dugout. This was blocked by a huge iron door about an inch thick which could be locked from the inside only. Within it was fastened by a double bolt which would do credit to an American banking establishment.

The dugout was luxuriously equipped. On the floor was a heavy flowered carpet and a Louis XV table and chairs added to the artistic arrangements. On a little table was an electric fan to keep the marshal cool in summer, while an electric stove provided heat in winter.

Another touch to the picture was added today when a German resident of Aix la Chapelle told the correspondent of the Associated Press that the Crown Prince spent virtually all of his time in amusement.

WEDDING BELLS AT CHATHAM

Chatham, N. B., Dec. 26.—A wedding of much interest to many throughout the province took place at the residence of the Hon. Robert Murray and Mrs. Murray this morning, when their daughter, Vera Alice, was united in marriage with Lieut. Herman Stephen Murray, of the military headquarters, St. John. The marriage was performed in the presence of immediate relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The drawing room was tastefully decorated for the occasion, the ceremony taking place under an arch of evergreen and apple blossoms, the Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, pastor of St. John's Presbyterian church, tying the nuptial knot. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, entered the room to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, played by Miss Ada Johnson, of St. John. The bride wore a traveling suit of liberty blue velour with trimmings of grey squirrel with hat to match, and carried a beautiful shower bouquet of white roses and maiden-hair fern. After the ceremony a dainty luncheon was served in the dining room, the color scheme in this room being green and red. The young pair left on the limited for Halifax, and upon their return will reside in St. John.

Appointed to Nursing Staff

Mr. E. J. Darling who recently took his discharge from the C. A. M. C. in which he was sergeant has been appointed to the nursing staff of the emergency hospital, York Street. Mr. Darling's many friends will wish him success in his new appointment.

CEREALS FOR THE OLD WORLD

Boston, Mass., Dec. 27.—Eighteen thousand tons of cereal's bought into New England to be used as wheat substitutes will be taken off the market by direction of the Federal Food Administration and shipped to European centres, it was announced today by director Merrigold, of the United States Grain Corporation for this district.

XMAS TREE CAUSED BLAZE

Halifax, Dec. 26.—Eight families were made homeless today as a result of a fire which partially destroyed Block 18, St. John Avenue, relief commission houses on the South Common. The cause of the blaze was the overturning of a lighted Christmas tree by children in one of the apartments. At the relief commission offices today it was said that the building could be reconstructed within a fortnight.

Lively Byelection

Reports from Marysville today are to the effect that there is lively interest in the municipal by-election taking place today to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Coun. Daniel E. Pickard. The candidates are ex-Coun. J. W. Walker, ex-Mayor Freeman Gilbert and ex-Town Coun. M. F. Reid.