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A Very Merry Christmas To All Whig Readers

PEACE TALK IS SENSELESS

Russia To Carry On War To a Finish.

VICTORY IS NEARER

ON EVERY FRONT FOR THE ENTENTE POWERS.

Russia Has Ended German Attempts To Stir Up Trouble in Persia — Revolutions Adopted By the Duma.

(Special to the Whig.)

Petrograd, Dec. 24.—Premier Sazanoff, in a speech before the Duma to-day, reaffirmed the determination of Russia to carry on the war to a successful conclusion.

"The latest peace rumors are senseless", the Prime Minister declared. "The Entente Powers present a firm front against the enemy." On every front victory draws nearer. In Persia the Russian army has captured Hammadan and Kum. Their successes have ended the German attempts to stir up trouble in that quarter.

"In Greece the relations between the Government and the Entente Powers is well defined, following the fortifications of Salonika."

The budget committee of the Duma adopted resolutions declaring no peace possible until Germany's power is broken and asserting as a necessary guarantee in any peace agreement the consolidation of Russian influence in Persia.

FURLOUGH GRANTED TO GREEK RESERVES.

Apparently Greece is Not to Be Invaded For Another Month.

(Special to the Whig.)

Athens, Dec. 24.—The Greek Government to-day granted furlough for one month to fifteen per cent. of all classes of reserves. In some quarters it was taken to mean that Germany has given definite assurances that no troops of the central empires will cross the Greek frontier for at least another month.

BRITISH CASUALTIES.

Since The Beginning Of The War Total 528,327.

(Special to the Whig.)

London, Dec. 24.—The total British casualties from the beginning of the war to Dec. 9th are 528,327, it was officially announced to-day. They are divided as follows: Killed 119,923; wounded, 338,758; missing 69,546. It should be remembered, of course, that probably half the wounded have returned to duty.

CANCER OF THE THROAT.

Is Said To Be the Ailment of the Kaiser.

(Special to the Whig.)

Zurich, Dec. 24.—Reports from German sources to-day said that the Kaiser is suffering from a recurrence of the trouble reported to have affected him last year, cancer of the throat.

LULL HAS OCCURRED.

In the Fighting On Slopes of Hartmanns Weilerkopf.

(Special to the Whig.)

Paris, Dec. 24.—A lull in the fighting on the slopes of Hartmanns Weilerkopf was reported in official despatches to-day. The War Office announced this afternoon that no important fighting occurred last night.

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ARRESTED FOR ESPIONAGE.

Secretary Of Austrian Consulate At Geneva In Toils.

Geneva, Dec. 24.—The secretary of the Austrian consulate here, Herr Taussig, has been arrested on a charge of espionage. The charge, it is said, grows out of his alleged denunciations of Mrs. Merrick Hildebrandt, of Louisville, Ky., recently expelled from Germany after her arrest and imprisonment on a charge which she said was not made known to her, and who came to Geneva and caused a strong protest to be forwarded to Washington against what she declared to be the unwarranted treatment, accorded her by the German authorities.

AUSTRIA NOT LIKELY TO FULLY COMPLY

With the United States Demand Regarding Sinking of Ancona.

(Special to the Whig.)

Geneva, Dec. 24.—It is rumored in Vienna that Austria will not in her next Ancona communication, now nearly ready, entirely comply with the American demand for disavowal and punishment of the submarine commander, but will press for a more detailed statement concerning the sinking of the Ancona.

THREE BROTHERS ENLIST.

Mrs. K. Davis, 136 Queen street, will have the honor of having three sons in khaki. Pte. Anthony Davis enlisted at Toronto, with the 75th Battalion, and Pte. Joseph Davis joined the 123rd Battalion in Toronto. John William Davis, of this city, will join one of the artillery units in this city.

BRITAIN NOT TO TREAT

THE GERMANS GENTLY, SAYS HON. WALTER RUNCIMAN.

Huns Defeated Commercially—Ownership of Real Property by Aliens a Proven Menace.

London, Dec. 24.—"As far as commerce is concerned Germany is a beaten nation, and it is for us to see it does not recover," Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Trade, told the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, in reviewing the steps taken by the Board for the reorganization of British industries after the war.

"There is scarcely a single department of public life," Mr. Runciman said, "about which we have not been thinking what likely will happen when the war is over and how best to prepare for future contingencies. Nothing in commercial life will start off when the war is over in the same conditions as when the war began, and in every one relationship with the central powers, Zollverein is bound to conflict with our interests."

After enumerating the number of subjects which the Board of Trade was specially investigating, among them being the ownership of real property by aliens, Mr. Runciman instanced the danger of such ownership, stating that he knew of one coal field in the Midlands owned by Germans and trading under an English title, which now was idle, and that the British were prevented from exploiting the coal field. He added: "That cannot continue after the war. The Board is taking great care to allow no German to stand in its way in England. We are not going to be especially tender to the Germans."

Mr. Runciman specially referred to the German control of oil fields in Europe, remarking that this raw material was of such vital interest to Great Britain that the Board was taking special steps to see how much of the German control of this product could be transferred to Great Britain, so that the latter's interests would be safeguarded.

PRIVATE A. McBROOM

Of Queen's Stationary Hospital Writes From Cairo, Egypt.

An interesting letter has been received from Pte. A. McBroom, who is at Cairo, Egypt, with No. 5 Stationary Hospital (Queen's.) The letter reads in part as follows:

"I just got out of hospital the day before yesterday and have not been doing anything since, but I expect that I will have a week or so of light duty starting to-morrow. Although I was only in the hospital two weeks, there has been quite a change in the weather since that time. Formerly when we got up at six in the morning it was quite bright, but now we have to have the electric light on to dress by and it is quite cold."

DIED OF WOUNDS.

Cablegram Announces The Death Of Pte. Bert Kish.

A cablegram received on Thursday, announced the death at the front of Pte. Bert Kish, a son of Ex-Councillor Kish, Cataraqui. His wife resides at 86 Nepean street, Ottawa. He was with the 38th Battalion, at Barriefield Camp, but went overseas with one of the first drafts from that Battalion, and was transferred to the Second Battalion. He died of wounds in an hospital.

SERBS FIGHT THE BULGARS

Battle Rages in the Albanian Mountains.

SERBS HAVE STOPPED

EVERY CHARGE MADE BY THE ENEMY.

The Serbian Right Wing Forms a Junction With the Italian Forces —Hold Line Extending Across Albanian Mountains.

(Special to the Whig.)

Rome, Dec. 24.—A battle has been raging for three days between the Serbs and Bulgarians in the Albanian mountains near Elbassen, the Serbian Prince Alexis Karageorgevich reported on his arrival here to-day.

"Our men are fighting fiercely and splendidly," he said. "They have stopped every enemy charge and are conducting themselves as confidently as though they were carrying the campaign into Bulgaria."

The Serbs now hold a line extending roughly across the Albanian mountains from Scutari to Saint Giovanni Di Medua, thence to Durazzo and Ualona, where the Serbian right wing forms a junction with the Italian forces.

MISS MABEL L. BELL RETURNS FROM WAR.

She Was With American Red Cross Society Nurses in France.

Miss Mabel L. Bell, daughter of Dr. George W. Bell, of this city, will arrive here Sunday at noon on the steamer America. Miss Bell is a graduate of the New York City French Hospital, and left that institution last February, going to France with a contingent of the American Red Cross Society. About a month ago her time with the society expired, and, taking advantage of a month's vacation, she has been touring in France, Italy and Great Britain.

BUFFALO HAS MUCH GRAIN.

Big Shipping Companies Buying Up Boats From Small Owners.

Capt. John Donnelly returned on Friday from Toronto and Buffalo and in an interview with the Whig stated that there were over 100 storage grain cargoes now in Buffalo. This must be unloaded by April 1st provided ocean bottoms can be obtained. On Tuesday the Buffalo elevators handled 731,000 bushels of grain.

In a very few years, in the opinion of prominent shipping men, there will be not more than four companies in possession of all the boats engaged in the American shipping on the lakes from Duluth and Chicago to Buffalo. These four companies are now buying up, on the quiet, boats from the small owners. Though this will be more or less of a combine, Capt. Donnelly does not think that the carrying charges will be increased as the reduction in overhead expenses made possible by the combine will tend to reduce if anything the carrying charges. The American shippers look for an even bigger year next year.

YOUNG FRONTENAC FARMERS

Winning A Free Trip To Ontario Agricultural College.

The many friends of Owen Fitzgerald, Murvale; Arthur Botting, Murvale; and Roy Ewing, Elginburg; will be pleased to learn that they have been successful in winning the two weeks course at the O.A.C., free of all expenses. This prize was given in connection with the several competitions which we are conducting in Frontenac County under the direction of the Local Branch of the Department of Agriculture, Sydenham, namely, "Feeding Hogs For Profit Competition;" "Acre Profit Competition in Oats", and "Acre Profit Competition in Potatoes."

The three winners will travel via G.T.R. from Kingston to Guelph, leaving on January 10th, and we all feel sure that the boys will appreciate this excellent opportunity of attending the O.A.C., as a reward of their interest taken in the advancement of agriculture in Frontenac County.

"POSTIES" HARD AT WORK.

Delivering Christmas Gifts To the People Of Kingston.

The "posties" are the hardest worked men in Kingston these days. It is simply wonderful the amount of mail matter they can get away with from the post office and deliver from house to house. On Friday morning the rush was so heavy that they had to get vehicles to help them out. The post office was filled to overflowing early in the morning, and as the day passed each mail brought in tons of parcels and letters.

Christmas morning the letter carriers will have their heaviest loads and it will be all hours before they have completed their work.

GERMANY TO ASK FOR PUNISHMENT

Of Bernstorff Libellers—Teuton Envoy Amenable Only to President Wilson.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Indications were given yesterday that the German Government is making plans to demand the punishment for criminal libel of those who have made accusations against Count von Bernstorff, German Ambassador. The German Embassy has complained several times to the State Department of attacks against the Ambassador. It is understood that the reply has always been that the Ambassador has recourse to the courts, and it was indicated that action along that line is now contemplated.

The German attitude is that Count von Bernstorff is amendable only to the President for any possible offence and must not be subjected to private accusations. This view is based on a principle of international law as propounded in Moore's Digest.

LIEUT.-COL. D. W. McPHERSON.
Now commanding No. 2 Field Ambulance in France who has been promoted to commading the Canadian Convalescent Hospital at Woodcote Park, Epsom, Eng.

CAMPAIGN IN U. S. AGAINST CANADA.

Rumor of Impending War Taxes Have Kept Settlers Out.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—In connection with the announcement by the Department of the Interior that some thousands of intending settlers from the Westerin States had been held back by reports of prospective heavy war taxes in this country, it is now learned that these reports have been in use in the United States with another, though somewhat similar, result. There are evidences that United States capitalists and business men who have contemplated the establishment of industries or branch industries in the Dominion have heard these rumors and have been influenced to a considerable extent by them. In their case the hesitancy to carry out the contemplated investment of capital in Canada is thus ascribed to reports of the impending imposition of a business tax for war or other pourposes. It is not known to what extent these reports have actually prevented the establishment of new industries, but there is no question as to their being in circulation and as to their having influenced American capitalists in some degree. Evidence as to this have been brought to the attention of the Government.

THE BRESLAU SUNK, AND GOEBEN DAMAGED.

Rome Despatch Tells About a Naval Battle in Black Sea.

(Special to the Whig.)

London, Dec. 24.—Rome despatches, unconfirmed from other sources, to-day reported that the Turkish cruiser Midirli, formerly the German Breslau, has been sunk, and the Turkish drednought Sultan Selim, formerly the German Goeben, damaged in a naval battle in the Black Sea. The Goeben normally carried a crew of about 1,100 men with ten eleven-inch guns and twelve six-inch guns. The Breslau carried about 370 men.

CHANGES ANNOUNCED

In the New Canadian Pacific Ocean Services.

(Special to the Whig.)

Montreal, Dec. 24.—According to circular just issued H. S. Carmichael is appointed passenger and freight manager of the new Canadian Pacific ocean services at London, Eng. Captain J. T. Walsh, R.N.R., has been appointed assistant manager while W. H. Annable has been apponted general passenger agent Atlantic services and C. E. Benjamin, general passenger agent Pacific services all with headquarters at Montreal.

King Alfonso of Spain signed decrees dissolving the Cortes. New elections will be held before March.

LABOR GOOD IN CANADA

Conditions Have Been Well Maintained Since October.

THE LABOR GAZETTE

ISSUES A SPLENDID REPORT IN LAST ISSUE.

The Handling of The Big Western Grain Crop Has Given Employment To Many—Industrially The Workmen Are Busy But Chiefly on War Order.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—According to the Labor Gazette for December, just published, industral conditions for December are still holding the improved place acquired in October. The summary is:

"During November employment on the whole maintained the high level noted for October. Fine open weather for the most part of the month in nearly all parts of the Dominion facilitated the continuation of outside building and general construction work, and also prolonged activity in threshing and other agricultural operations. Although war orders continued to furnish the bulk of activity in large industrial centres, the effect of movement and marketing of the large western grain crop was also beginning to be felt, and a number of industries which depend for business chiefly on western orders were resuming operations on practically a normal basis.

"Threshing continued in many localities of the west, though in a number of districts outfits were being taken out and employees discharged. These men were either returning to their homes in the east or were finding employment in the lumbering districts of Northrn Saskatchewan. Fishing of Northern Saskatchewan poor, owing chiefly to rough weather. Activity was noticeable at some points on the Lakes, but in British Columbia conditions were quieter. The lumbering industry also was not so active on account of many sawmills closing down for the winter, but this condition was offset in many localities by the engagement of men for the woods. Coal mining continued very active in all coal producing fields of the Dominion. Metal mining also showed no falling off from the activity of the previous month. There was little change in manufacturing conditions—a marked activity being evident in a great number of lines, with dullness in some others. Railway construction continued quiet on the whole, but railway traffic owing to heavy shipments of grain and, in some localities, to the shipment of war orders was very active. Water transportation showed a falling off towards the end of the month, traffic on the Lakes and the St. Lawrence having practically ceased. Commercial conditions were improved with the movement and marketing of the crops.

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THEODORE ROOSEVELT.
Who it is said will shy hot into U. S. Presidential ring again.

"The department's index number of wholesale prices stood at 157.8 for November, as compared with 148.8 for the previous month and 137.5 for November last year. If steep advances in quinine, alum, glycerine and raw furs were not included, the index number would stand at 152.8 for November. There were, however, important advances in grain, dairy products, dried fruits, potatoes, flour, cream of tartar, iron and steel, other metals, coke, matches, copper wire, linseed oil, turpentine, carbolic acid, opium, sulphite pulp, and raw rubber. Decreases occurred in bran, shorts, cattle, beef, hogs and poultry, but hogs, recovered later. In retail prices the cost of a weekly budget of certain staple foods stood at $8,016, as compared with $7,815 in October, and $7,898 in October, 1914. Eggs, butter, cheese, lard, potatoes, and beans were higher. Rents averaged lower in Saskatchewan. Anthrocite coal averaged slightly higher."

FIERCE AERIAL DUEL.

British and German Birdmen Both Fell to Death.

London, Dec. 24.—Details of a recent air battle between a British and a German aviator, which ended in the destruction of both machines, and the death of their occupants, is printed by the Amsterdam Telegraaf, according to a despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company.

The British aeroplane, it is stated, was flying over the district of Lichtervelde, south of Bruges, Belgium, and dropped several bombs, one of which hit an ammunition depot, causing a heavy explosion. On starting back the aviator fonud his patch intercepted by a German airman. A long and violent battle ensued, in which both aeroplanes were disabled and crashed to earth, killing the occupants.

TO INVADE GREECE.

(Special to the Whig)

Athens, Dec. 24.—Germany has notified Greece of her intention to invade her territory reaching Salonika January 15th Martial law is declared in Greece to-day.

GERMANY'S TAX BURDEN.

Income-tax in Baden Is Increased 20 Per Cent.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—The movement for an increase of taxation by the German States has begun with Baden, where the Diet has just passed a bill increasing the income tax 20 per cent. on incomes above 2,400 marks.

It was pointd out in the Reichstag on Monday that Prussia and Saxony also intend to increase their income-tax rates.

WHERE IS HENRY FORD?

Has He Been Put in a Sanitarium?

HE PLANNED TO BRING

MEN OUT OF THE TRENCHES BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

The Vanguard Of His Peace Party Expected To Reach Stockholm On Friday Afternoon.

(Special to the Whig.)

London, Dec. 24.—"What has happened to Henry Ford," became one of the overshadowing news items in London to-day, temporarily upsetting the interest in the "boys" whom Ford planned to bring out of the trenches before Christmas Day.

Scandinavian press despatches were most contradictory. One report said Ford had quit the expedition and was enroute to Bergen to take the steamer Bergensfjord for America.

Another said he probably was in a sanitarium in or near Christiana taking the rest cure, and planning to join the peace party at Stockholm.

The vanguard of the peace party expected to reach Stockholm this afternoon.

Left For America.

London, Dec. 24.—The Exchange Telegraph's Bergen correspondent cabled that Henry Ford left Bergen to-day for America.

750,000 LOST IN ITALIAN CAMPAIGN.

Italy's Share of these Great Losses Totais About 350,000.

Zurich, Dec. 24.—The total losses in the Austro-Italian theatre of war are placed by Swiss military experts at 750,000 men in killed, wounded and captured.

The Italian losses are reckoned at 350,000 men, of whom 50,000 are prisoners and 60,000 dead.

Wounded Austrian soldiers declare that the outside world knows nothing of the terrific violence of the fighting on the Austro-Italian front, especially along the Isonzo River and at Goritz.

War Tidings.

"Look for fierce fighting on Christmas day," is a slogan of the men coming home to London on leave from France.

The Austrian invasion of Montenegro has been checked, say Athens despatches.

Liner captains arriving at New York report that the British authorities seized all mail from neutral ports on their ships.

German agents blew up huge powder mill at Wilmington, D.D., No body was hurt.

In Commons on Thursday Hon Walter Runciman declared that the Germans were already defeated so far as their trade was concerned.

ROOSEVELT TO CONTEST

For the United States Presidency Again.

THE GALLANT COLONEL

TO THROW HIS HAT INTO RING ON MARCH 1ST.

The Programme He Has Outlined — He Will Stand Either As a Republican, Or a Progressive.

Boston, Dec. 24.—The Boston Advertiser, which is owned by Charles Summer Bird, the Progressive Leader, publishes a despatch from New York, which says:

"Ex-President Roosevelt will again throw his hat in the ring about March 1st. Until that time he will remain passive."

This statement was made yesterday by a close political and personal friend of the ex-president. Here is the manner in which the situation will likely shape up:

Col. Roosevelt will endeavor to keep silent practically until after New Year's Day. On January 28th he will issue a bugle call to the Pennsylvania Progressives, who have stood so nobly by him in Philadelphia.

On February 12th he will talk to the Illinois "Bull Mooses" in Chicago. Following that he will go to the West Indies, where he will remain for three weeks, resting up for the battle that is to follow.

Upon his return, it is declared, the ex-president will openly admit that he is a candidate. "Ormsby McHarg," who took a prominent part in Col. Roosevelt's campaign in 1912, said to-night:

"I know that Col. Roosevelt plans to become a candidate for the Republican nomination in many states. You will find him fighting in the open in the Minnesota primary on March 14th. He will be at Weeks, in Massachusetts, Sherman, in Illinois, Smith, in Michigan and Cummins in Iowa."

A spokesman for Col. Roosevelt, however, made his statement:

"Col. Roosevelt will not enter either the Republican or Progressive primaries, but if nominated by either or both conventions, he might accept."

The despatch also adds: "Ex-National Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock is out for Hughes, as is Governor Whitman, if Hughes is a candidate, otherwise Whitman hopes to be a candidate himself."

WAR BULLETINS.

Germans are fighting desperately to retake Hartmanns Weilerkopf. The casualties are up into the thousands since Tuesday.

The secretary for India says Aden in no danger of an incursion from the Turks.

An Austrian aeroplane manoeuvred over Greek territory near Salonika, dropping bombs on the village on Thursday.

It is officially announced that all sick and wounded were removed to a place of safety before the withdrawal of the British from Anzac and Suvla.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

No Whig on Christmas Day.

Grand Opera House Christmas Day, 2.30 and 7 p. m.

See top of page 3, right hand corner, for probabilities.

Band at the Palace Rink Christmas afternoon and evening.

R. C. H. A. Band at Covered Rink, Christmas afternoon and evening, weather permitting.

Municipal nominations Monday, City Hall, 10 a. m.; wards, 12 to 1.

Hear the Christmas Cantata, First Baptist Church, Sunday evening at 8.15.

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Bucknell's News Depot ..295 King St.
Clarke, J. W. & Co. ....353 Princess
College Book Store ....163 Princess
Coulter's Grocery .....209 Princess
Cullen's Grocery, Cor. Princess & Alfred
Frontenac Hotel .....Ontario St.
Gibson's Drug Store ..Market Square
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McLeod's Grocery .....51 Union St. W.
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