

TORPEDO BOAT LOST IN STORM

The Canadian Naval Steamer Grise is Reported as Lost.

SHE SINKS WITH ALL HANDS

WHILE EN ROUTE FROM HALLFAX TO BERMUDA

Ran Into Bad Weather and Started Back—On Tuesday Night She Sent Out the S.O.S. Wireless Call.

The Grise carried a crew of four officers and forty men, many of them Canadians. She left Halifax Monday afternoon for Bermuda.

CONTINUOUS MOVEMENT OF OVERSEAS DRAFTS

(Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, Dec. 3.—The militia authorities state that the number of overseas troops to be kept in Canada this winter will not exceed fifty thousand men.

GREECE HAS PEACE GERM.

King Expresses Willingness to Intern Whole Army.

Rome, Dec. 13.—King Constantine of Greece is using every endeavor to convince the Entente powers of Greece's pacific disposition.

Death of an Editor.

(Special to the Whig.) Orillia, Dec. 13.—George Hughes Hale, aged seventy, publisher of the Orillia Packet for many years, died this morning.

During 1915 one divorce was granted to every eight marriages licensed in Chicago. A total of 31,509 licenses were issued and in this same period 4,116 divorces were granted.

...OFFICIAL WAR STATEMENTS...

British. London, Wednesday, Dec. 13.—The British official communication issued shortly before midnight.

French. Paris, Dec. 13.—The bulletin issued by the War Office to-night reads: "The night was calm on the whole."

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WARNING OF DANGER OF PREMATURE PEACE

To Make Peace Now Would Mean Fighting it All Over Again.

London, Dec. 13.—The Exchange Telegraph Company says that the speech on Monday night of Arthur Henderson, member of the War Council, was made with full knowledge that peace proposals were likely to be brought forward.

RUSSIANS REPULSE TEUTONIC ATTACKS

In the Wooded Carpathians and Gain Line of Enemy Trenches.

(Special to the Whig.) Petrograd, Dec. 13.—Repulse with great enemy losses, of Teutonic attacks in the wooded Carpathians, was announced to-day.

BALFOUR IS WELL POSTED.

Should Be Able to Deal Promptly With Teuton Offer.

London, Dec. 13.—Germany's peace offer finds the Foreign Office upset in the midst of a change of administration, but as the new Foreign Secretary, A. J. Balfour, has kept most closely in touch with foreign affairs while serving in a different department in the late Government, it is not expected that it will take long for him to be as well prepared as Viscount Grey, the retiring Foreign Secretary, to take charge of Great Britain's end of any negotiations which might follow Germany's offer.

Although it is still a matter of mere speculation, diplomats believe the modus operandi would follow the precedent set by the negotiations which ended the Spanish-American war, when France presented the Spanish offer through Jules Cambon, the French Ambassador at Washington.

No action could be taken, of course, without full consultation with Great Britain's allies.

Canadian paper mills are manufacturing print paper at about \$4.50 a ton less than American mills.

front, except south of the Somme, where the two armies were active on the sectors of Blaches and La Maisonnette.

Russian. Petrograd, Dec. 13.—Tuesday's War Office report said:

"In the region of Zubino, south-east of Kievin (in Volhynia, west of Lusk), the enemy, after artillery preparation, took the offensive and pressed back one of our companies slightly. The attack was promptly repulsed by our reserves, who hurried to the spot. Our position was regained. The situation on the Caucasian front is unchanged."

Italian. Rome, Dec. 13.—The War Office communication to-day says:

"In the Adige valley there were only the usual artillery actions. During Sunday night an attempted attack by the enemy against our positions on the Dosso Castina, south-west of Loppio, in the Camerata valley (Trentino front), was checked. "Continual bad weather yesterday prevented artillery activity even on the Carso."

THE NEUTRALS COUNTED UPON

To Play an Important Part in Influencing the Entente Powers.

TO TALK ON PEACE TERMS

THIS IS THE IDEA AT THE GERMAN EMBASSY.

The Terms Are a Secondary Matter if Only a Conference Can Be Arranged Between the Nations Involved on Both Sides of This Terrific Struggle.

(Special to the Whig.) Washington, Dec. 13.—The Central Powers are counting upon the neutrals of the world to play an important part in influencing the Entente Allies to talk peace terms, it was declared at the German Embassy to-day.

NEW FRENCH CABINET.

Premier May Also Be Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Paris, Dec. 13.—The new French Cabinet, according to an unofficial list available yesterday is comprised as follows:

Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Aristide Briand. Minister of Finance, Alexander Ribot. Minister of War, General Hubert Lyautey. Minister of Marine, Rear Admiral Lacaze.

ITALY PREPARE FOR BIG BLOWS.

Rome, Dec. 13.—Italy, no less than her allies, is preparing to make 1917 a year of its most vigorous prosecution of the war.

LOYD GEORGE PREPARING

To Answer the German Proposals for Peace.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Dec. 13.—Premier Lloyd George is preparing to answer the peace proposals made by Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg when he addresses the House of Commons next Tuesday in connection with his general statement on the Government's policy.

Produce Merchants Fined.

New York, Dec. 13.—Thirty-seven produce merchants were convicted of having sold cold storage eggs as fresh. Individual fines ranged from \$2 to \$10.

Eighteen Vacancies in House.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—The death of William Gray, M.P. for London, makes the eighteenth vacancy in the House. Twelve of the seats were held by Conservatives.

Rumor has it that Lloyd George is ill with pleurisy.

TO BE NO TRUCE; AFTER REAL PEACE

Saskatoon, Dec. 13.—At the great gathering here on Tuesday night loud applause greeted the Prime Minister's reference to the question of peace. Sir Robert Borden said:

"The spirit and determination of the Canadian people are that there shall be no truce, but a peace that will mean the peace of the world for years to come. Without that peace all this blood will have been spilt in vain."

THE BATTLE LINE THROUGH ALBANIA, SOUTHERN SERBIA AND NORTHERN GREECE, AND ALSO THE BATTLE LINE IN RUMANIA.



From Bucharest to Salonika is 300 miles. The developments in the various parts of the Balkans are all intimately related to one another.

AN EDICT PROMULGATED

LEVY TAX OF MILLIONS ON RUMANIAN CITIES.

The Hohenzollern Bandits Have Already Begun the Plundering of the Cities of Rumania.

London, Dec. 12.—Telegraphing from Jassy, the new capital of Rumania, under date of Dec. 9, The Times correspondent says:

"The Germans have levied a heavy war tax on Bucharest. An edict has been issued forbidding the circulation of paper money unless it is marked as German, for which 30 per cent. of the value of the notes is demanded. A similar contribution of 15 per cent., amounting to £2,000,000 sterling, has been exacted from Craiova.

"Prince Wilhelm of Hohenzollern, brother of King Ferdinand, who is with the German army, in a manifesto declares that he has come not to punish the Rumanians, but those who have broken their solemn pledges, thereby severing their family ties. In the manifesto he allows four days to any of the people of Craiova who wish to leave, but says that those remaining in town or occupied territory longer than this period must obey all orders."

"Your President has said that sooner or later a moment would come when the war would make the position of neutral nations unbearable. For us Hollanders that moment has arrived, not through our own sufferings, but because we can no longer passively contemplate the ghastly suffering inflicted by Germany upon Belgium, our neighbor.

"To us the cruelty inflicted on the Belgians by Germany is more vivid every day. Every day numbers of fugitives, in spite of the deadly electric wire which the Germans have erected along the frontier, succeed in escaping to The Netherlands.

"From them we learn the painful details of the unutterable despair of the women and children who are left behind and of the agonizing scenes which take place when husbands, brothers and sons, dragged from their homes and womenfolk, are packed into cattle and freight cars and thus transported slaves to an unknown destination and to an unknown fate.

"A Hellish Scourge." "To put an end to this—to arrest this hellish scourge, which at this moment lacerates the whole of Northern France and Western Russia—there is but one way open, and that is collective action on the part of the neutral nations.

"And for you, citizens of the mightiest of the neutral states, it is, in our opinion, the right and duty to take the leadership upon you. This tyranny is not to be borne in patience and the neutral countries can no longer stand idly by while in Western Europe the most primitive laws of humanity, observed even by uncivilized races, are trampled underfoot.

"We appeal to you to urge your Government to energetic and decisive action and to call upon the other neutral nations to rally around you. We do not hesitate to take it upon ourselves to speak with firm conviction in the same humanity, and our hope is firmly fixed on that sense of justice which has always formed one of the most cherished traditions of citizens of the United States. Americans, we are convinced that you will not disappoint our expectations."

Town Helps Toy Factory. North Bay, Dec. 13.—The toy factory by-law was carried by a majority of 153. The concession granted by the town was a free site and building amounting to \$15,000 and the usual exemption of taxes, including school taxes, for a period of five years. Work will commence immediately on the erection of the building as soon as the site is secured.

Bertram Spain, aged sixteen, has been arrested in Toronto, charged with the murder of a farmer and his wife at Stonewall, Manitoba. Seven Canadian soldiers released from German prison camps tell of poor treatment.

RUSSIA IS UNITED AGAINST THE TEUTON

Council of Empire Emphasizes Essential Unanimity of the Slav Empire.

London, Dec. 13.—The Chronicle has the following from Petrograd: The passage by the Council of the Empire of a resolution emphasizing the essential unanimity of the nation on the main political and military questions marks the turning-point in the history of representative institutions in Russia.

War Tidings. One man and three women were killed and thirty-seven injured in the last Zeppelin raid, November 27th, it was officially announced.

Enemy attacks in Rumania in the Buzen Valley were unsuccessful, says Petrograd. It is officially announced that Admiral Du Fournet, commander of the Allied fleet in Greek waters; has been replaced by Admiral Caucher.

THOUSANDS OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CANADIANS.

London, Dec. 13.—Twenty thousand letter cases are going to the Canadian wounded through the Red Cross as Christmas gifts. Eighteen thousand Christmas stockings were received from Montreal. Extra parcels for prisoners in Germany containing plum pudding, muscatels, fruit cake and chocolate were despatched in November to insure delivery by Christmas. Returned parcels testify that the parcels reach the men in good condition.

LIBERALS TO VALIDATE B. C. LEGISLATION

Will Ask Imperial Government to Pass Bill Authorizing Extension.

Vancouver, Dec. 13.—For the purpose of validating certain legislation passed by the Provincial Government subsequent to March 4th, 1916 (the date when the Liberals claimed the Legislature became defunct) the new Attorney-General is now preparing a bill granting a blanket validation, which he will ask the Imperial Government to pass. It is not the intention of the British Columbia Government to put a new loan on the market at present.

WHAT MUST BE DONE

If the Entente Allies are to Consider Peace.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Dec. 13.—The London evening papers of Tuesday say unless the Central Powers are ready to surrender Constantinople and the Straits to Russia, restore Alsace and Lorraine to France, evacuate occupied territories and make due reparation, their proposals are not likely to materially affect the war.

Will Winter on the Upper Lakes.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Some of the lighthouse keepers on Lake Superior and Lake Huron will stay in their light-houses until spring. The season is officially closed, but it is found impracticable to take them off at the present time. They have been well furnished with supplies of all kinds and will receive extra pay for their lonely winter. They number about a dozen.

Can Offer No Terms.

(Special to the Whig.) Washington, Dec. 13.—Official opinions have it that Germany can offer no peace terms that the Allies will accept at present.

The United States Senate has voted to exclude all Asiatics.

Regarded As German Trick

(Special to the Whig.) London, Dec. 13.—Britain is looking forward to next Tuesday, when Premier Lloyd George will address the House of Commons for Britain's answer to Germany's peace proposals. Until that time British men and women are considering but one thing—to continue the war until a decisive victory is established.

If the comment of the London newspapers is any criterion, England does not propose to regard the German peace proposals in any other light than "another German trick."

THE SHORT END FOR THE CZAR

Germany's Peace Terms More Unfavorable to Russia Than Other Allies.

WILSON WILL NOT SPEAK

UNTIL HE SEES HOW THE WIND IS BLOWING.

A Berlin Paper Says That the Food Scarcity Has Reached a Crisis—Here's Another Reason for the Kaiser Wanting Peace.

GERMANY'S TERMS.

- 1. Return of all occupied territory, replacing conditions before the war, with exception of the establishment of the independent kingdoms of Poland and Lithuania.

German Note to Pope.

Berlin, via London, Dec. 13.—Germany's note to Pope Benedict declares Germany ready to discuss peace to the world by setting before the world the question of whether it is possible to find a basis of understanding.

Germany's Food Crisis.

London, Dec. 13.—The Daily Chronicle prints a despatch from Amsterdam, which says that the Berlin Tagliche Rundschau prints an article on the food-supply, saying: "The food-scarcity has reached a crisis, as for weeks past in one part of the city or another the supply of bread has been failing constantly. Fish now becomes one of the most important foods, but no fresh fish is available and the price of smoked fish is now six times the normal."

"The more the announcement of the arrangement with neutrals for food supplies and more numerous become official regulations, so the number of shops closing also becomes larger than ever. "Only apples are obtainable in reasonable quantities."

Britain Will Not Accept Terms.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Dec. 13.—The British people have already answered Germany's offer of peace—"No, not on such a basis as proposed."

That answer was perfectly apparent to-day. It was reflected not only in the newspaper comment, but in expressions from the people on the streets. The nation looks to Lloyd George, next Tuesday, to frame this answer.

The known dead in the Peterboro' fire now number six, and the missing nine.

A large number of Canadians have been just given military medals.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

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BORN

WILSON—At 521 Earl St., Kingston, on Dec. 12th, 1916, George Richard Wilson, aged 13 years, the wife of Capt. Ernest H. Young, C.A.M.C., on service overseas, a son.

DIED

MOORE—At Glenora, Pittsburg, on Dec. 12th, 1916, George Richard Moore, aged 73 years.

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