

BOLSHEVIKI'S POWER STEADILY WANING

Opposition Comes From All Classes--"German Hirelings" is a Common Term of Denunciation--Bolsheviki Leaders Conscious of Failure.

London, Dec. 26.—There have been occasional assertions in recent Petrograd despatches that the influence and power of the Bolsheviki was waning, but never with such unanimity as in special despatches dated from the Russian capital Monday and printed to-day.

Petrograd, Dec. 26.—The Bolsheviki Government has decided to send special representatives to all countries, belligerent as well as neutral, to further the propaganda of internationalism.

London, Dec. 26.—The Russo-German negotiations, which were to have been resumed on Monday after postponement to give Germans time to formulate their reply to the Russian terms, were again delayed for one day.

THE LATEST NEWS BRIEFLY GIVEN

Despatches That Come From Near And Distant Places. TIDINGS FOR OUR READERS

has been severely wounded while serving in France. At Prince Albert, Sask. J. E. Bradshaw, formerly member of the legislative assembly, dropped dead.

German Party Dressed in White Failed to Deceive the Wary Canadians.

Canadian Army Headquarters, Dec. 26.—The Canadian front was quiet over Christmas. Our patrols recently have been active, while our artillery trench mortars and machine guns have been a trifle busier.

WAR BULLETINS. Berlin reports that peace parleys on the Russian front got a set back. The Italians continue to drive the Teutons from Asiago plateau positions.

Burglars Ransack Stores. Renfrew, Ont., Dec. 26.—Two burglars entered the store of P. J. Campbell & Co., grocers, on Sunday night and after helping themselves made entrance into the billiard and cigar store next door.

"REMEMBER THE KIDDIES!"

The Whig's Fund For Christmas Presents to Soldiers' Children.

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NOTE.—The Christmas Tree event for the children of local soldiers will be held in the Armouries on Friday afternoon. The 1,400 children and their mothers, who will participate in this treat, will crowd the Armouries, and it is therefore impossible to invite the generous contributors to the fund, much as one should like to do so.

WINS NORTH RENFREW. Col. Mackie, Unionist, Victor in Close Contest. Pembroke, Dec. 24.—Election excitement hereabouts has cooled down and the workers are back to normal again.

German Prisoners Are to Till British Land. London, Dec. 26.—Premier Lloyd George on Friday in addressing a deputation of agriculturists in regard to the food supply, referred especially to the problem of shipping the magnificent fighting material of the United States to Europe.

SOCIALIST PAPER IS PUNISHED

For Having Spoken Out With Very Peculiar Frankness.

CONDITION OF PEOPLE

GREAT MASSES NOT ONLY HUNGRY, BUT STARVING. The Press Told Pointedly That It Must Curb Its Tongue in Discussion of German Internal Affairs—The Official Reason, of Course, is Otherwise.

Warning to German Press. London, Dec. 26.—The suspension of the Berlin Vorwarts is considered as a warning to the entire German press that it must curb its tongue in the discussion of internal German conditions.

War Tidings. German submarines are being sunk almost twice as fast as new ones are being built. The head of the Allies' armies at Saloniki is Gen. Marie-Louis Adolphe Guillaumat.

WOMAN KILLED BY A TRAIN

MRS. AMOS HUGHES, SHARP'S CORNERS, FATALLY HURT. At the Selby Crossing Near Napanee—Her Thirteen-Year-Old Son Was Not Seriously Injured.

TURKS CONDUCT QUERILLA WAR Split Up Into Small Bodies After Being Driven From Jerusalem.

LIBERAL ORGAN'S CHOICE. It Suggests P.E.I. Premier For Union Cabinet. Charlottetown, P.E.I., Dec. 26.—The Patriot, chief Liberal organ of this province, suggests that Premier Arsenault be chosen as a member of the Union Cabinet to represent the Acadians of Prince Edward Island.

WILL OF MAJORITY SHOULD BE OBEYED

No Possible Question of Rupture of Confederation, Sir Geo. Garneau Says.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—Sir George Garneau is quoted in La Presse as having made the following statement with reference to the notice of motion given in the Quebec Legislature by J. Francoeur, member for Lotbiniere, of his intention to bring on a debate on the question of Quebec breaking the Confederation agreement.

LORIAUR NOT TO ENTER DOMINION MINISTRY

Sir Herbert Ames Learns Government Opposes Invitation to Sir Wilfrid.

LOOK FOR THREE YEARS' WAR YET Lt.-Col. Davey, A.M.C., Hamilton, Regards Allies as Now on Defensive.

A SUIT AND A TRAGEDY.

The Man Found Out—Then He Took His Life. Pembroke, Dec. 26.—At the high court here Thomas Power, formerly of Eganville, but now of Pembroke, charged Herbert Ellis, a Grand Trunk locomotive engineer, of Madawaska, with alienating his wife's affection and wrecking his home.

ALL BUT ONE LOST DEPOSIT.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Hon. Arthur Meighen, who came here yesterday from the west, stated that in Manitoba every Laurier except Dr. Molloy lost his deposit in Monday's election.

NOVA ERICA, THE LAST GERMAN PAPER IN COSTA RICA, HAS BEEN SEIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT ON ACCOUNT OF ILLEGITIMATE ARTICLES AGAINST PRESIDENT WILSON AND THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER.

Canadian Pacific Railway earnings for week ending December 21st, 1917, \$2,951,000; increase, 72,000.

MILITIA COUNCIL IS NOW LIKELY

Portfolio of Overseas Minister of Militia Is Likely to be Discontinued.

BREWSTER MAY ENTER

SAID TO BE SLATED AS MINISTER OF MARINE. The Cabinet is Likely to be Radically Changed in Its Make-up—A Militia Council With a Very Strong Head is Now Said to be Introduced.

Another important portfolio engaging attention is that of the Postmaster-General. The defeat of Hon. P. E. Boudin has now left the department without a Minister.

PROVINCIAL PROHIBITION A SUCCESS BEYOND DOUBT.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Sir William Hearst, Premier of Ontario, has issued the following statement in regard to the Government's prohibition policy: "Fifteen months' experience of the Ontario Temperance Act has established beyond doubt that prohibition to the extent of provincial jurisdiction is a success and adds much to the financial strength of the province, as well as to the comfort and happiness of its people."

The measure proposed will greatly assist in the enforcement of the law in this and other provinces, where prohibitory measures are in force, remove abuses beyond the power of provincial legislation, and correct, and will, I am sure, increase the good results already being felt in this province from the measure referred to.

The action of the Dominion Government will undoubtedly add greatly to the financial strength and fighting powers generally of the nation. The Union Government is to be congratulated on this exhibition of its determination to conserve the whole resources of the Dominion for the struggle in which we are engaged.

Such tactics, the correspondent continues, "are greatly facilitated by the fact that the country is so hilly and intersected by so many ravines and small rivers. To improve the British position the taking of certain ridges has been ordered, so that there may be a wider range of defence. All these moves have been successfully carried out."

Bolesheviki Told to Leave Harbin. Pekin, Dec. 26.—The Chinese commandant at Harbin, Manchuria, delivered an ultimatum to the Bolsheviki headquarters giving the extremists forty-eight hours to disarm and leave Harbin. Otherwise, they are warned, force would be used.

The Chinese are continuing to strengthen their military forces at Harbin. Lieutenant-General Horvath, the Russian military commandant at Harbin, is continuing to assist the Chinese. Because of the existing conditions, he has taken up his residence in the area under Chinese control.

The first passenger train to cross the Quebec Bridge will be the I.C.R. local train from Quebec to Montreal, leaving Quebec, Jan. 9th.