

GREAT BRITAIN'S WAR AIMS GIVEN

And Premier Lloyd-George is Said to Have Won Universal Approval By His Presentation of Them--How Received Elsewhere.

THE NEW ORDER

"Government by consent of governed must be the basis of territorial settlements after the war, replacing the old method of settlement by bargaining around a council table by a few negotiators scheming to serve the interests of one or other dynasty or race of people."--Lloyd George.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

London, Jan. 7.—If the country's opinion, as is probable in the present case, can be judged by the expressions in the London press it may be said that never before has Premier Lloyd George won such universal approval as is given to his statement of Saturday concerning Great Britain's war aims. It is recognized that there will be a divergence of opinion on details, like the economical terms of settlement and disposition of Germany's African colonies, but in all the essentials the statement is hailed as eminently satisfactory and the premier is declared to have performed a most important service to the country.

All interest now is focused on the question as to how the statement will be received in Germany, Austria-Hungary and, not least, in Russia, but as yet there is nothing to settle the curiosity. With the exception only of the bellicose Morning Post, which is, however, not opposed to the premier's thesis, the morning papers join in chorus of approval. The Times declares it is the most important state document since the declaration of war. It commends the moderation of the statement which, however, it thinks may disconcert some tried friends and allies and even lend itself to enemy misrepresentation.

German Comment on Lloyd George's Speech.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Amsterdam, Jan. 7.—German newspapers containing comment on Premier Lloyd George's war aims speech of Saturday reached Amsterdam to-day. The Vossische Zeitung of Berlin says: "This first tangible British peace offer is a fresh indication of our strength and proof of England's weakness. Peace conditions at the expense of our allies are inacceptable to us." The Lokal Anzeiger says: "Under a flow of phrase is apparent the old desire to smash Germany's power forever and safeguard England's power forever. The answer to this will be spoken by our armies in the west and by our U-boats."

JUDGE LAVELL'S DECISIONS

WITH REGARD TO APPEALS FOR EXEMPTION.

Four Bank Clerks Allowed, But One is Disallowed--More Farmers Secure Exemption From Service.

Judge Lavell gave the following exemption decisions over the weekend:

Walter A. Henrich, Royal Bank, to continue in a bank. Charles Lemmon, Northern Crown Bank, to continue in a bank. R. E. Sutton, Royal Bank, to continue in a bank.

Roy P. Gower, Standard Bank, to continue in a bank.

Ed. J. V. Mullin, 276 Johnson street, disallowed.

T. A. Downing, Bank of Commerce, disallowed.

Patrick J. O'Neil, Kingston, R.R. No. 3, farmer, disallowed.

Earl Babcock, Echo Lake, farmer, disallowed.

Arthur Diamond, a Newfoundland student at Queen's, disallowed by fault.

Albert C. Revington, 139 Ordinance, until class 2 is called.

Archibald Scott, Arden, farmer, to continue as a farmer.

George W. Rutlan, Verona, farmer, category B.

Chauncey E. Westbrook, farmer, disallowed.

George Green, Buck Lake, farmer, disallowed.

S. M. Eves, Simcoe Island, farmer, to continue as a farmer.

Clarence J. Kenney, Wolfe Island, sailor, disallowed.

James D. Brown, Wolfe Island, farmer, to continue as a farmer.

Robert A. Watkins, Ardoo, farmer, to continue as a farmer.

Joseph C. Young, Leland, farmer, disallowed.

William Fitzgerald, Cole Lake, farmer, disallowed.

F. W. Vanhuyen, Hartington, farmer, to continue as a farmer.

Carmon Garrison, Hartington, farmer, until class 2 is called.

Frank Guinn, 416 Montreal, builder, disallowed.

Daniel Hickey, Bob's Lake, farmer, category B.

Gordon Conboy, Mountain Grove, farmer, disallowed.

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ITALIAN OFFICER OFFERS HIS CIGARETTES TO CAPTURED AUSTRIANS



An Italian officer distributing cigarettes to captured Austrian officers near the front during the recent action there.

THE BOLSHEVIKI MUST FIGHT

If It Has Any Purpose of Rescuing the German People.

ONLY WAY TO REACH THEM

ARE HELD TIGHT BEHIND KAISER'S WALL OF MILITARISM

Russia's Peace Talk is Poisoning the Enemy -- Trotsky and Lenin are Working in Line with America in Helping the German people to Get Rid of Autocratic Masters.

It has put the Kaiser in a position of trying to carry water on both shoulders.

Unwittingly or not, Trotsky and Lenin are just at this time working exactly in line with America in President Wilson's plans to encourage the German people to throw off the yoke of their autocratic masters.

Russia's peace talk is poisoning Germany. It is a poisoning gas that the Germans first used after the Russian revolution that is now being blown back on them.

They saw a hand extended from Germany in the vague mists of German diplomacy. It was not a clearly defined hand, but the Russians grasped it in the hope that it might be that of their democratic brothers in Germany.

Only a few days of negotiation showed that instead of having grasped the horny hand of democracy, they had shaken a hand bearing the gauntlet of militarism.

The hand clasp is broken today. The Russian dream of reaching through and beyond yond militarism and Kaiserism to the German common people has been shattered. If there is a German democracy, such as the Russians hoped to encounter, it lies behind the stone wall of the Kaiser's militarism.

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SMALLPOX EXEMPTS THE TWO COUNTIES

Also a Young Man, Original Applicant to St. John, N.B. Tribunal.

St. John N.B., Jan. 7.—As a result of appealing to Justice Chandler from the decision of the local exemption tribunal, a young man, a resident of Northumberland County, not only had his exemption granted, but has been the means of exempting two counties, Northumberland and Kent, from the provisions of the Military Service Act for an indefinite period.

Examination disclosed the fact that the young man was suffering from smallpox. Immediately the court was notified at Chatham, and all who were present at the hearing were obliged to undergo vaccination.

Among the number were a barrister and other court officials. The courtroom was also disinfected thoroughly.

On hearing of the prevalence of this contagious disease in the counties referred to above, the military authorities decided that the interests of the public no more need should be called from those counties of the province until matters had been investigated.

This means that the counties of Northumberland and Kent will not be obliged to send men to the St. John depot for an indefinite period.

TO DEBATE OVER IT. May Find Quebec Seat for Mackenzie King.

Ottawa, Jan. 7.—Securing a Quebec seat for Hon. Mackenzie King will, it is understood, be one of the questions which Sir Wilfrid Laurier will take up on his visit to Montreal this week.

LATE C. A. GRAHAM, NAPANEE. Passed Away Friday Night After a Week's Illness.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) Napanee, Jan. 6.—The death occurred on Friday night, Jan. 4th, of Charles A. Graham, John street, one of Napanee's most respected residents.

Deceased had been ill but a week. He leaves a family of eight children: Mark P. James, Lambert and Frederick. Mrs. T. Cook and Mrs. M. O. Fraser, all of Napanee; Mrs. Edwin Groux, Welland; and Miss Lena, a nurse, of Utica, N.Y., all of whom were at his bedside. Deceased was sixty-seven years of age. The funeral takes place on Monday afternoon.

The remains of the late E. A. Davis, who died so suddenly on Thursday last, will be taken to Picton to-day (Monday) for interment.

Miss Jean Daly left yesterday for Boston to resume her studies.

Miss Bain and Miss Langhain, of the Collegiate Institute staff, are back to resume their duties.

E. S. Draft Age May Go Up. Washington, Jan. 7.—Increasing the draft age from thirty-one to forty or forty-five years is one of the "probabilities of the future," according to Provost-Marshal Gen. Crowder in his comprehensive report to the secretary of War.

Twenty persons were shot by the Germans in Belgium for alleged spying.

THE HUN NERVE WILL BREAK

This is Britain's Plan in Regard to the Air War.

OPERATIONS IN THE AIR

ARE TO BE ON IMMENSELY ENLARGED SCALE

As Soon As The Spring Campaign Begins -- Shatter German Nerve Systems and Victory Will Come -- Huns to Assault Belfast and Glasgow?

London, Jan. 7.—A short time ago a New York despatch to a London paper stated that American opinion was that Britain ranked last among the leading members of the Grand Alliance in air power.

This statement was not controverted because discussions affecting national susceptibilities at a time like the present are inopportune.

Among experts here there exists a confident belief that British efforts in the provision of aerial flying craft and the training of men will prove equal to the necessities of the great aerial campaign expected in the spring.

And that the balance in favor of the entente will be tipped decisively by America's contribution is expected.

In a statement prepared for "aerial warfare" a well known authority of the subject says:

"The Germans are now working with all their energy to carry the air war to every part of Britain within range. It will be ruthless and terrible war unless we are well prepared."

Big bombing machines with their 900 mile range of action can menace Glasgow and Belfast as well as London and the Midlands.

"Air operations will be on an immensely enlarged scale. Hence, when the Allies carry out their air war in Germany, the Huns in their very first experience of such raids will be treated to something far more terrible than the worst assault on London.

Bearing in mind the underlying hysteria which exists in Germany, it will be understood that there is excellent opportunity for breaking the nerve of the war-masters.

"With thousands of airplanes circling in and out of Germany night after night and day after day, with remote German towns made the centres of aerial battles, with main railway lines battered at many places, troop trains wrecked and the vital bridges like those of the Rhine demolished, we shall assuredly shatter the two nerve systems which have enabled Germany to defy the world so long."

"These two nerve systems are, first the nerve of will of the governing classes to carry on the war, and second, the gigantic bundle of nerves known as the German railway system. Paralyze either of these nerve systems and the way to a victorious peace is easy."

War Tidings. It is said that Kaledine has offered an armistice between his Cossacks and the Bolsheviks.

Spirited gun duels occurred on various parts of the Italian line. British airmen were active. The enemy held strongly to the new line.

The American steamer Suruga was torpedoed and run ashore on the coast of Italy.

The Vorwarts, Germany's Socialist organ, is firmly supporting the Russian peace demands of withdrawal of German armies from all sections of Russia which they now hold.

The Public Health Commission of Saskatchewan has announced that venereal diseases must in future be reported as contagious and infectious.

HUNS BOMBARD CITIES DEFYING THE POPE

Latter's Protest Fails to Influence Teutonic Barbarians--Hun Pledges Worthless.

Rome, Jan. 7.—In the face of the note of protest from the Vatican, Teuton aviators again on Friday bombed inhabited parts of the cities of Treviso and Padua, a War Office statement announced.

Austria-Hungary, greatest of all Catholic nations, stands accused by the Catholic churches to-day, charged with breach of faith. It was understood to-day that these exact words of accusation were made in Pope Benedict's recent note of protest to Emperor Karl against the Teutonic air raid over Padua, which resulted in grave damage to some of Italy's choicest church buildings and in the killing of innocent women and non-combatants.

The Pope's note of protest was addressed both to the Austro-Hungarian firm reminder was expressed of the promises of both these monarchs at the time of the start of the Italian invasion that Teutonic troops would abstain from attacks on defenceless cities.

The exact text of the Pope's note will be withheld until receipt of a reply from the two monarchs.

SAYS THE JAPANESE ARE MONEY MAD

Ozaki, Liberal Leader, Thinks Japan Not Doing Enough in War.

Tokyo, Jan. 7.—A stirring appeal to Japanese patriotism and a bitter reproach that the Japanese people are money mad, was voiced by former Minister of Justice Ozaki, one of the nation's foremost Liberal leaders, in a statement to-day.

"Notwithstanding the world is changing with alarming rapidity, the Japanese are indifferent at the critical moment they now face," he said.

"I deplore the fact that the people now only think of war-time prosperity."

"I wish German airships would raid Japan from Vladivostok and awaken the people."

"The Japanese nation should exert its utmost co-operation with the Allies and annihilate the German militarism."

THE FUEL CONTROLLER SENDS GOOD NEWS

Mr. Magrath Has Secured the Promise of Early Shipments to Canada.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 6.—C. A. Magrath, Fuel Controller, who is now in Washington, has telegraphed to Ottawa that he has visited the coal operators and received promise of early shipments to Canada.

It is announced here that as soon as coal shipments arrive at the Canadian gateways they will have precedence over everything else, special arrangements having been made with the railways to make this imperative.

To conserve coal, it is suggested that some of the day schools may have to close temporarily, and a number of churches hold union services.

In Government offices the customary grate fires went unlit yesterday. The central heating system alone was used.

RICE THROWING ABANDONED

War-time Economy Forbids This Old Wedding Custom.

New York, Jan. 7.—There is to be no more rice throwing at weddings, owing to the conservation of food products.

The first formal notification of the abandonment of this old custom was made known at the Hotel Majestic, where notices have been put in the room where marriages take place, reading: "Don't throw rice—save food and help win the war."

This notice was posted after six marriages in five consecutive days at the hotel, in which large quantities of rice were thrown at the newly weds.

John D. Frozen Out.

New York, Jan. 7.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has been obliged to close his New York home and move into his father's home at Tarrytown, N.Y., because the Standard Oil Company was unable to provide him with oil stove heaters. They did not have any left to give him. Mr. Rockefeller's home and those of several other wealthy New Yorkers adjoining have a common central heating plant, but lack of coal forced it to close down.

Voices Loyalty.

London, Jan. 7.—Father Bernard Vaughan, the famous Jesuit, and brother of the late Cardinal, speaking in Trafalgar Square for war economy, said people had asked him whether the Pope would accept his views, and added:

"Why do I come in biretta and cassock to speak to you? To show you that, although a priest, I am an Englishman still, and was to any man who stands between me and my king, my country, my flag."

The sentiment was received with tremendous cheering.

Hodgett Gets Twenty Years.

Des Moines, I., Jan. 7.—D. Hodgett of Des Moines, was sentenced to twenty years in the Federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, in district court, following his recent conviction of violation of the espionage law and of circulating anti-draft literature.

Actor and Actress Marry.

London, Jan. 7.—Doris Keane, the American actress, the Daily Mirror announces, was married last week to Basil Sydney, an English actor. They had been appearing together in London in "Romance."

MASSING TROOPS ON WEST FRONT

The Last Mighty Punch of the War is Now Expected.

TEUTONS HAVE MORE MEN

ON THE WESTERN FRONT THAN EVER BEFORE

The Waning Courage of the Fox Has Been "Bucked Up" by Recent Successes.

With the British Armies in France, Jan. 7.—Like heavyweights in the final rounds of a finish fight, the British and German armies during the first few days of this New Year's have returned mutual sparring, warning for a lead.

Counting "time" monthly the giant scrapers today are on their forty-second "round." Both are clinched. They are easing up after the terrible blows in recent onslaughts.

The war zone is still snowbound. The trenches are blocked in, the gullies are hard as granite. Fragments of frozen earth sprayed by exploding shells are just as deadly as shrapnel of the bursting shells themselves.

The German armies are attempting a ceaseless march over a sky the color of an iceberg. The patrol means the Prussian high command is straining every faculty to get posted as to British movements.

Meantime the British know surely that the fresh divisions continue to arrive daily on the west front to aid the enemy. They come principally from Russia. There are more enemy troops on this front now than at any time since the war began—and the German ranks are steadily increasing.

Foe Has Bucked Up.

There is reason to believe these German troops are in better spirit than at any time since the Marne. The collapse of Russia and the Teuton advance in Italy has visibly bucked up the waning courage of the enemy. Stories that Germany is trumpeting for a great blow on the west front continue to filter behind the British lines through the declarations of German prisoners. They all speak of the drive as a certainty. Meantime hostile airmen are dropping leaflets over the British lines announcing the coming of German "super-soldiers" in the naive belief apparently that they will be taken for the drive as a certainty. Meantime hostile airmen are dropping leaflets over the British lines announcing the coming of German "super-soldiers" in the naive belief apparently that they will be taken for the drive as a certainty.

They have gained the personal impression that something is off color inside of Kaiserdom making peace in any way by any fashion during 1918 imperative for the militarists.

The Last Punch.

If the present punch plot falls the British fighters expect Germany to turn loose her last mighty punch at her earliest convenience on the west front—at a time before America's fighting forces can count as a factor in the battle.

This is probably the stem-winder, with all of Germany's hopes of the present and future pinned on it.

Forwarded and forsworn. Tommies wear an air of grim confidence these days — perfectly confident of their ability to block anything Hindenburg can put across, regardless of the amount of steam behind it.

2,000 KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Large Loss of Life in Russian Munition Plant Wreck.

Stockholm, Jan. 7.—A Harparanda despatch to the Tidningen says that the munitions depot on the Russian south-western front was brown up recently and that all buildings within a radius of two kilometers were destroyed. Two trains loaded with Cosmox on the way to the Don district were wrecked, causing the death of 2,000 men.

LONDON PRESS DENIAL

Baseless Story That Great Britain Will Recognize Bolsheviks.

London, Jan. 7.—In reference to the report that the allies are shortly to recognize the Bolshevik Government and that Great Britain will accept the appointment by the Bolsheviks of Maxim Litvinov as Russian Ambassador in London, the Times says it has reason to believe no change has occurred in the attitude of the British Government. Moreover, the Government has received no intimation of M. Litvinov's appointment.

PNEUMONIA IN CHINA

The Epidemic Causes Alarm Among the Foreigners.

Tientsin, China, Jan. 7.—Telegrams received here today say that the epidemic of pneumonia which broke out a week ago along the Shans-Mongolia border has reached Fengcheng, Province of Shansi, 160 miles north of Peking, and is causing alarm among the foreigners there.

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