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THOUSAND DEAD, QUAKE SHOCKS KEEP UP; FRENCH GAINING AGAINST HUN IN ITALY

TERMS OF RUSSIAN ARE GIVEN OUT BY U. S.

Peace Offer Asking Entente to Join in Ending War Reaches This Country by Radio Message From "Official Sources"

No Annexation and Political Independence of Peoples Who Have Lost Independence Are Among Salient Items of Offer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—Russia's official peace terms, upon which she is asking the entente countries to join her in ending the war, have reached this country by radio message from official German sources.

As announced today by the committee on public information, which received the terms from the government wireless station at Naueu, Germany, the Russian delegation establishes the following foundation for peace negotiations:

No forcible union of districts which have come into possession during the war is allowed. Troops which are occupying these districts will be withdrawn in shortest time.

Political independence of peoples who have lost their independence in this war will be restored.

Possibility shall be granted to national troops which before the war were not politically independent to decide the question of submitting themselves to one of the other states to determine their political independence by referendum.

In reference to districts of mixed nationality, the right of the minority shall be protected by special law which gives to it independence for its national culture and when this can be carried through, practically an autonomous administration.

As to what concerns replacement of losses of private persons in consequence of the war they shall be met by a special fund to which belligerents shall contribute proportionately.

Colonial questions shall be decided by the observation of fundamental principles.

London, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—The allies intend seriously to respond to the Teutonic peace terms as announced from Berlin today, according to the best information today by the United Press.

The answer planned will not be made until the German terms are fully received.

It is understood that Premier Lloyd George will shortly go to France to confer with Premier Clemenceau, apparently on this same matter.

Premier Lloyd George's latest word on the subject of war aims was in his letter of last week to the Laborite conference, in which he laid emphasis on the fact that there would be no restatement of Britain's terms except after full consultation with all the allies.

FRANCE BARS ALL RUSSIAN BONDS, LOANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—Importation of Russian bonds and loans is prohibited by the French government after January 1, according to a formal announcement by the treasury department today. The embargo applies to "all bonds and coupons of loans issued or guaranteed by Russia."

ARMY EXPOSE MAY GET INTO COURTS

Prosecutions Will Follow, According to Developments in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—Strong indication that prosecution may grow out of the army investigation was made today when the senate military affairs committee resumed its hearing into the charges against General W. A. Crozier, chief of the ordnance, on the stand.

Senator Freylinghuysen of New Jersey urged that all witnesses hereafter be placed under oath.

"Much of the evidence obtained here may come before the attorney general for prosecution," said Senator Freylinghuysen.

Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the committee, administered the oath to General Crozier, and the committee probably will follow Senator Freylinghuysen's suggestion hereafter.

General Crozier read a long prepared statement, explaining the shortage of artillery and the arrangements made with the French government to obtain ordnance for the expedition.

He read a telegram from General Bliss, chief of staff, dated December 5, when the general was in France, stating that "the manufacture of artillery is now established on so large a scale that they (the French government) are able to equip all American forces that may arrive in France with all guns—field, medium and heavy—during the year 1918."

They will after the Chamberlain universal service bill as one of the remedies for the unsatisfactory conditions they have found in their investigation. The measure was prepared some time ago.

Embargo Placed on Eastbound Freight

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—The Southern Pacific company Sunday announced an embargo on eastbound freight shipments over the Sunset Gulf route, because of restricted cargo facilities. Government shipments alone are exempt. The embargo went into effect at midnight.

New Yorkers Are to Take New Year's Dip

New York, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—The "New Yorkers" are going to celebrate the coming of the New Year with a dip in the surf. Promptly at 12 o'clock tonight a number of "winter swimmers" will race to the beaches to be among the first ocean bathers of 1918.

HUNS FORCED TO GIVE UP PART OF GAIN

Series of Powerful Attacks Wins Back for British Most of the Positions Lost to Germans in Smash on Sunday Morning.

Tommy's Take Number of Prisoners and Some Machine Guns—Teutons Hold Part of Gains on the West Front.

London, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—By a series of powerful attacks launched during the night, the British have recaptured most of the positions lost to the Germans at Welsh Ridge, on the Cambrai front, the war office announced today.

In addition to the territory retaken, the British captured a number of prisoners and some machine guns.

The Germans were able, however, to retain part of a front line trench.

"In the mist of the Sunday dawn, the Germans attacked in mass formation, the troops plowing their way forward through deep mounds of snow. The assault, delivered in two directions against the British salient on Welsh ridge, was evidently intended to wipe out this spur, which extended into the German front.

Both sides of the salient were attacked simultaneously in great force, while a weaker thrust was delivered against the salient from the north.

North of the ridge, in the direction of the Bois Couillet and south of the ridge the Germans pierced the British first line, but before they could consolidate the positions the British artillery turned a murderous fire upon them and when this let up the counter-attack began.

Elsewhere on the western front violent combats and raiding operations were reported.

In local actions on the West Flanders front the British line has been extended on the Ypres-Staden railway.

BRITISH HAVE GONE FORWARD TEN MILES FROM JERUSALEM

London, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—General Allenby's victorious British army in the Holy Land has advanced nearly 19 miles since Jerusalem was captured from the Turks on December 9, said a dispatch from Cairo today.

Despite the desperate resistance of the Turks north of Jerusalem, they have again been forced back, losing three villages and a ridge.

The British advance is necessarily slow because of the deep sand of the desert they are crossing, the intense heat and the fact that railway lines have to be built and water pipes laid down as their front is pushed forward.

It was reported on Saturday that the Austro-German troops and fresh Turkish soldiers had reinforced the Turkish army in Palestine. The counter-offensive to be directed by General von Falkenhayn, but it is without official confirmation.

ALIEN ENEMY ALLOWED TO HOLD OFFICE

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—The federal court here today decided that he has no jurisdiction in injunction proceedings against Fred C. Miller, alien enemy mayor-elect of Michigan City, Ind., to prevent him from taking office.

Action brought by Martin T. Krueger, present mayor. Judge Anderson deplored the fact that an alien enemy can hold office in the United States or in Indiana.

OREGON SOLDIERS SUFFER, IS REPORT

Mrs. R. G. Roberts to Tell Secretary of War of Treatment of Detachment.

Washington, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—The railroad war box was disclosed late today by Director General of Railroads McAdoo and a temporary advisory board of five members substituted.

The advisory board with consist of: John Kelton Williams, controller of the currency; Harry Walters, chairman of the executive board of the Atlantic Coast line; C. D. Chambers, vice president of the Santa Fe; Hale Holden, president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy; and Walter D. Hines, newly appointed assistant director general of railroads.

Washington, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—An order temporarily abolishing all railroad shipment priorities and clearing away freight congestion by moving everything in sight, important or otherwise, was dictated on by Director General McAdoo late today.

When the freight jam is dissipated, a more limited and coordinated system of priority will be enforced, with food, fuel and munitions having preference.

Federal control of the nation's transportation systems is expected to fill the Portland harbor with ships. It is expected to send there for prompt and efficient handling by facilities unsurpassed elsewhere on the coast.

One federal rule of railroad operation will be to use the shortest and easiest routes. Another is to eliminate competitive elements that articulate control traffic routes.

These rules give tremendous new force to old arguments stressing the advantage of using the Columbia river water grade route.

Three-fourths of the natural traffic drainage of the Northwest is by way of the Columbia river gateway. Three-fourths of the export commerce of the Northwest would be handled out of the Columbia river if natural advantages alone were consulted.

That the Chamber of Commerce will inaugurate a thorough-going campaign for the proposed river route, because of these advantages and will press it vigorously, was announced this morning by W. D. B. Dodson, executive secretary of the chamber.

"Federal control should mean the prompt assignment of vessels to this port for cargoes of flour and other foods," he said.

"Federal control should mean the assignment of cars to this port for transshipment of merchandise consigned overseas."

THOUSAND PRISONERS TAKEN AND MANY GUNS

British and Italian Airmen Cooperate With French in Notable Victory Between Oesteria, Demofendraj, Berlin Admits.

French Take Offensive for the First Time in Italy and Sweep Enemy Before Them—Desperate Struggle Is Rewarded.

ROME, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—The offensive for the first time in the Italian theatre of war, gained a notable victory between Oesteria and Demofendraj ad Maranzin, the war office announced today.

The French captured 1300 prisoners. Besides the prisoners, the Pollus took 60 machine guns, seven cannon and much other material.

British and Italian airmen cooperated in the victory.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—A victory for the French troops fighting with the Italians in northern Italy was admitted by the war office today.

The French took the offensive in the sector of Monte Tomba (between Monte Grappa and the Piave river) and after

With the American Army in France, Don 31.—(U. P.)—Hikes through near-zero weather and three feet of snow are giving the American soldiers a real taste of the rigors of army life.

A holiday dullness has settled down over the entire camp. The greatest activity is being reported from the hospitals which are filling up with cases of frost bite, chilblains and pneumonia because of the intense cold.

Huge snowdrifts add to the difficulties of troops on the hike, but the men are accepting the hardships cheerfully.

The chief complaint is over the difficulty of getting dry wood for the fires. The auto trucks are having a hard time getting through the roads in the territory in which maneuvers are being carried out.

The Americans are showing steady improvement and a high French officer who has been in camp looking them over praised highly their soldierly qualities.

Seattle-Spokane Trains Come South

All traffic over the Northern Pacific and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroads between Seattle and Spokane is being routed through Portland over the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway.

Briggs of both roads over the Yakima river have been damaged by the high water of the last few days and it is estimated by railway officials that at least a week's work will be required to put them in commission again.

PORTLAND TO BID ADIEU TO 1917 IN COMMUNITY SING AT AUDITORIUM

Mayor Issues Invitation for the Whole City to Attend—Soldiers Will Dance.

Portland's adieu to the old year and welcome to the new will be heralded by a monster community sing at the Auditorium tonight.

It will be the second time in which the city has appeared as host at a watch meeting. Mayor George L. Baker has issued an invitation to all to be present.

It is expected that the big building will be filled to capacity. The doors will be open at 9 o'clock and the big New Year's noise will begin at 10:30 and continue until midnight.

Beginning at 3 this afternoon the building will be given over to terpsichorean pleasures. Soldiers from Vancouver Barracks, Fort Stevens, Fort Columbia and Fort Canby will be in attendance and other soldiers who are in the city visiting relatives and friends from various camps will be present.

The first community sing and watch-meeting was held several years ago on Tenth street between Washington and Stark streets, in the open air.

Coincident with the big sing will be the spectacular Elks' Red Cross city drive.

Four companies of the Multnomah guards in command of Lieutenant Colonel John B. Hibbard, will police the city streets to maintain order. The guardsmen assigned to the congested districts will appear in citizens' clothing and will wear stars and carry policemen's clubs. Other members of the organization will go guard duty on the waterfront. These men will carry rifles.

Special attention will be given the shipyards in order that acts of vandalism shall not be committed or property destroyed during the excitement of the holiday celebration. The guards have been sent to the chief of police by Sheriff Hurlbut. The police will have their hands more than full and it was at the request of the chief that the guards will serve. The Elks have placed their lodge rooms at the disposal of the guards who will assemble there at 7 o'clock.

British Losses 80,034, Lowest Since August—November High With 120,679.

London, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—Britain's casualties for December were the lowest reported in any month since August, according to compilations made of the month's lists by the United Press today.

The losses were divided thus: Total Officers 1,145 2,591 488 4,819 Men 14,520 55,144 6,481 75,155

Total 16,065 57,085 6,969 80,034

The highest number of British killed in any month since August was 1,199 in July. The highest number of British wounded in any month since August was 1,199 in July. The highest number of British missing in any month since August was 1,199 in July.

The monthly lists do not necessarily mean killed, wounded and missing in that month alone; they cover all casualties during the month. Some of these often refer to casualties several weeks past.

VAST AREA LAID LOW; THOUSANDS HOMELESS

Guatemala Reports Show Wide-spread Disaster in Central American City—Red Cross to Dispatch Relief Ship Jan. 1.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—One thousand dead as a result of the Guatemala earthquake was the estimate furnished the state department today in a cablegram from the Central and South American Telegraph company.

The San Jose manager, under date of December 30, related that he had just returned from the capital, where he found 40 per cent of the houses demolished, most of the others uninhabitable, the American legation and consulate, the postoffice and large churches wrecked, martial law in effect, inhabitants quitting the city upon the president's orders and terrific shocks continuing at five-minute intervals.

Much of the region between Guatemala City and San Jose on the Pacific 75 miles away, has been devastated, the embassy report stated. All lines of communication inland from San Jose have been severed and only meager scraps of information have been received by don Joaquin Mendez, Guatemala minister here.

Railroad into Guatemala City has been demolished and couriers have been dispatched from San Jose to obtain definite news of the disaster. Mendez expressed his gratitude to

Chicago to Discharge 1500 City Employees

Chicago, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—Fifteen hundred city employees, 200 of whom are in the police department, are to be dropped from the city payroll this week because of the shortage of city finances.

A seven hour day is now in force and the council plans to increase the working day to eight hours. The action is forced, the council says, for war economy.

Prisoner Sets Fire And Burns to Death

Kinder, Iowa, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—F. F. Ross, 25, of St. Joseph, Mo., burned to death in the city jail here Saturday after he set the building afire in an effort to escape. Ross had been arrested on a minor charge.

Severest Cold Wave in History and Fuel Famine Spreads Death in East

New York, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—The worst cold wave in the history of the weather bureau, which has spread death and suffering throughout the East, is passing off to sea, the weather bureau announced today.

Since Saturday, when the cold wave set in, it has not once been above the zero mark. The lowest point, 13 below, which was touched early yesterday, broke all existing records of the local weather bureau.

The coal situation is the most serious factor of the intense cold. While the poor are suffering the most, the wealthy are also affected as unless more coal arrives at eastern tidewater points, additional deaths are feared.

Baby Dies in His Cradle The East Side infant death was a scene of misery yesterday and early today. Many of the poor people had no

"Two-Bit Clubs" Newest Things in War Finance

Oregon Has Yet Devised

"Two Bit Clubs" are the latest thing in war finance. They are to be organized all over the state, announced J. A. Currey, state distributor for the Oregon division of the national thrift campaign, this morning.

"Two bit club" members will arrange to buy thrift stamps at 25 cents at regular intervals—once a day, if possible. When a member has accumulated sufficient thrift stamps he or she will exchange for a war savings stamp, and then begin all over again. Thus accumulating a sure reserve of the stamps, which cost \$4.12 each now but which the government will redeem, January 1, 1925, for \$5 each.

"We will set clubs where members set regularly to have a two bit thrift stamp charged daily to their account, the amount to be covered in the monthly checks," said Mr. Currey. "That will

French Penetrate German Lines

Berlin, via London, Dec. 31.—(U. P.) French infantry attacked and succeeded in penetrating parts of German positions around Monte Tomba, today's official report stated.

Bandit Tied, Gets Free; Robs Train

Boulder, Col., Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—County and railroad officials were searching today in the vicinity of Crescent near here for two bandits who held up the crews of two freight trains on the Moffatt railway yesterday and relieved them of a small sum of money, three gold watches and other valuables.

The robbers boarded a westbound freight at Crescent and forced the crew to march to the engine where they were searched. The robbers then stopped an eastbound freight. Entering the engine cab, one of the highwaymen was attacked by the engine and fireman, who took his revolver and bound the man with a cord. While the crews of both trains were chasing the second bandit the prisoner looted his bonds and, with a second gun, again held up the trainmen, securing considerable booty.

AIRPLANE MOTOR PLANT SET AFIRE

Detroit, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—What is believed to be a plot by German spies to destroy the \$4,000,000 plant of the Liberty Motor company, which is the largest in the United States building airplane motors for the government, was frustrated by employees of the concern today.

Workers discovered one of the buildings in course of construction in flames and with the help of the fire department, confined the blaze to a limited district, the loss being small.

This is the second attempt by German plotters to destroy local plants having government contracts. An attempt being made Saturday to destroy the Union Depot. Grains & Elevator company's largest granary, which contained 1,000,000 bushels of grain.

Fire Boss Killed; Nine Miners Buried

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—Fred Corby, fire boss, was instantly killed and nine other miners were buried in the Underwood mine of the Pennsylvania Coal company at Throop today, when a large pocket of gas ignited and exploded.