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BOLSHEVIKI WILL POSTPONE PEACE MOVE TWO MONTHS

Allies Must Conclude General
Peace in Stated Time
Says Trotsky

CONSERVATIVE PARTY
REFUSES TO LISTEN

Cossacks Are Gaining More
Strength and Have Captured
City of Rostoff

By Joseph Shaplen
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Stockholm, Dec. 20.—The Russian
Bolsheviks have given the allies two
months in which to join in the "general
peace" they propose, according to a
speech by Leon Trotsky, foreign minis-
ter, which reached here today.
"We do not promise not to conclude
a separate peace," the Bolshevik leader
declared. "We are not able to make
war for ten years in the interest of the
French bourgeoisie and English imperi-
alism. History will condone a separate
peace."
Trotsky's speech was made to a
group of the left (radical) parties at
the peasants' congress, on Monday, after
the Bolshevik minister had been
howled down by the convention as a
whole.
Members of the right (middle conser-
vative) party refused to listen.
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THE HOME BARAGE—Shots That Will Reach Berlin

CHRISTMAS POSTAL BUSINESS IS BIGGEST IN NATION'S HISTORY

Postmen All Over Land Are
Toiling in Effort to Clean-
Up Everything in Time

By George Martin
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, Dec. 20.—Three hundred
thousand postmen are toiling night and
day to deliver America's holiday mail—
the biggest in history—by Christmas
eve.
"And if they succeed," said Assistant
Postmaster General Otto Praeger
today, "it will be because America did
its Christmas mailing early."
Mail movement records have been
shattered since mid-November. Praeger
said. Billions of tons of bundles, boxes,
packages and letters have been whirled
to their destinations, despite war
time obstacles.
Whole trains of cars, units of the
carefully worked out mail transportation
program, have been commandeered
by the government. A ten car train was
grabbed by the war department at
New York within the last 24 hours.
Merchants have over burdened the
parcel post by breaking up large ex-
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Burglars Make Haul
of \$41,000 Cash From
Small Country Bank

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Burglars drilled
through a 12 inch steel and concrete
wall into the vault of the Summit State
bank at Summit, Ill., about 25 miles
west of here, early today and stole
more than \$41,000 in cash and cur-
rency.
The money was contained in two
suitcases, one of which held about \$33,
000 and the other \$8,000. The burglars
overlooked another suitcase containing
\$30,000.
The robbery took place between 1:30
and 3 a. m. this morning. A policeman
inspected the bank at the former hour
and found nothing unusual. Officials
discovered the loss at the latter hour.
Entrance was made through the rear
wall, directly into the vault. The bur-
glars left several hammers, chisels and
crowbars behind.
H. Kilgore, president of the bank,
is also vice president of the State Bank
of LaGrange, Ill., which was held up
and robbed by bandits of more than
\$50,000 last week.

Alleged Schooner
Wrecker Is German

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Captain
Charles Granzow, accused of wrecking
and burning the four masted schooner
Churchill together with a cargo of
copper consigned to the British consul
at Seattle, surrendered himself late
yesterday to United States Marshal
Holoban.
Captain Granzow, according to federal
authorities, wrecked the schooner on
French Frigate shoal in the South
Pacific, and with the assistance of
First Mate Henderson, attempted to
burn the cargo.
The indictment against the captain,
who is said to be of German birth,
charges him with committing "a
friendly act to the enemy." Granzow
is a resident of Alameda.

Mayor of Philadelphia
Indicted by Grand Jury

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—Mayor Thomas
B. Smith was indicted late yesterday af-
ternoon by the December grand jury
for contempt of court and conspiring to
violate the Sherman act, which forbids
employees from participating in politi-
cal activities. The indictments are the
outgrowth of the "bloody fifth" ward
election day riots at which Detective
Egely was killed.
Police Lieutenant Bennett and five
policemen were also indicted for con-
spiring to violate the Sherman act, for
murder, for manslaughter and for con-
spiring to prevent a full and free election.

ALLIED DEMANDS FOR
SIX MILLION TONS OF
SHIPPING WORRIES

Chairman Hurley of Shipping
Board Admits Task Big
But Hopes for Success

Washington, Dec. 20.—Facing allied
demands for between six million and
eight million tons of shipping in 1918,
the United States shipping board is
hard pressed to fill the order. This was
officially admitted today by members
of the shipping board preliminary to
appearing before the senate committee
tomorrow morning, opening an inquiry
into ship construction work.
"But we've got to do it, and will,"
Chairman Hurley declared.
Red tape and necessity for frequent
reorganizations of the board and its
subdivision, the emergency fleet cor-
poration are responsible for a part of
the delay.
A "serious condition" in shipbuild-
ing yards also exists. Of the old yards,
seventy percent are now being used
by the navy department. In the new
yards established for emergency build-
ing there is the tremendous work of
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SOCIALISTS VIEWING
SEPARATE PEACE WITH
GERMANY AS DANGER

Independent Branch of Party
Up In Arms Against
Government

By Joseph Shaplen
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Stockholm, Dec. 20.—Germany's in-
dependent socialists are once again up
in arms against the government.
Confirmation of yesterday's exclusive
United Press dispatches that Germany's
real socialists were violently opposing
a separate peace with Russia came to-
day in receipt of the current issue of
the Leipziger Volkszeitung, chief organ
of the independent German socialists.
The leading editorial bitterly assails
the separate peace movement as the "great-
est danger yet menacing German and
European democracy."
The demand is voiced that the Central
Powers immediately state their terms,
making general negotiations possible.
The Bolsheviks are denounced in the
editorial as "traitors to the Russian revo-
lution."
The editorial likewise reveals for the
first time that the German government
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KERR'S CAMOUFLAGE EXPOSED BY A SOUTHERN OREGON EDITOR

(Medford Daily Mail-Tribune)
The clever, yet clumsy, little, foxy
fake whereby President Kerr of the
State Agricultural college at Corvallis
secured a raise in salary of from \$7,000
a year to \$8,400 in the midst of the
financial stringency caused by the
war, is so characteristic of the claudes-
tine chicanery practiced at intervals
in the past in behalf of that institu-
tion and its administration that it de-
serves passing attention.
By wire-pulling and devious in-
trigues the O. A. C. was built up at
the expense of the state university,
through baseless attacks and appeals to
the prejudice of the misinformed,
through secretly inspired referendums,
and by artful manipulation, and a
formidable political machine created
that through legislative influence
poured the state funds in ever-increas-
ing amounts into the Agricultural col-
lege. Placing of the educational in-
stitutions on the millage basis of tax-
ation took them out of politics—but
the expense of the salary-raising decep-
tion indicates that the hidden hand has
not lost its cunning.
A few weeks ago the Portland Ore-
gonian printed a dispatch to the effect
that Kansas was bidding for the serv-
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GERMANY HAS BEEN DEFEATED —LLOYD-GEORGE

English Premier Reports Cap-
ture of 100,000 Prisoners
During Year

MORE SUBMARINES
BEING DESTROYED

Chancellor Bonar Law Says
Cambria Disaster Is Under
Investigation

London, Dec. 20.—Germany has lost
100,000 prisoners in the year just past,
Premier Lloyd-George told the
house of commons today.
"She lost valuable positions," the
premier added. "She lost hundreds of
guns."
"The Germans had only one success.
This was due to a surprise attack
which is under investigation," he con-
tinued, referring evidently to the Cam-
bria setback.
He attributed disappointment of al-
lied military hopes to the Russian col-
lapse.
Sinking Submarines
Premier Lloyd-George depicted the
submarine situation in an optimistic
vein before the house of commons this
afternoon.
Declaring the sinking of German sub-
marines was increasing, the premier as-
serted that "although our tonnage has
been reduced twenty per cent through
loss, the imports for 1917 will be six
per cent over those of 1916."
"The successes in Palestine," the
British premier continued, "will af-
fect the world's history."
"America's entry and the establish-
ment of the Versailles council will
loom large in the future."
"The food situation has improved,"
the premier continued.
"Practically all shipping has been
requisitioned and building is speed-
ing up."
Investigate Blunder
London, Dec. 20.—Chancellor of the
Exchequer Bonar Law told the house
of commons today he could not state
how many generals had been perma-
nently retired in connection with re-
cent operations in France.
The declaration was made in reply
to a query impelled because of recent
reports of a shakeup among the mem-
bers of Field Marshal Haig's staff.
London newspapers have been report-
ing changes, presumably due to British
failure to prevent gains by the recent
German offensive out of Cambrai,
which practically lost to the British all
ground gained by Byng's great drive.

BRITISH WARAIMS
ARE OUTLINED BY
PREMIER TODAY

Germany Military Power Must
Be Destroyed In Interest
of Peace

COMPENSATION FOR
INVADED TERRITORIES

Mesopotamia and Armenia
Must Not Be Returned to
Turkish Rule

Great Britain's war aims, as thus
outlined, agreed with those of the
United States as outlined in several
speeches by President Wilson, culmi-
nating in his address to congress Decem-
ber 4, in those particulars:
Restoration of occupied lands and
compensation for damage done.
Democratization of Germany and
overthrow of militarism.
Every nationality of people to be
permitted to work out their own des-
tines—referring to the colonies.
The president, however, did not mention
colonies in his message to congress.
Following President Wilson's outline
of war aims on December 4, the United
Press' London dispatches exclusively
stated that Lloyd-George before Christ-
mas would outline those of the British
empire.
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WEATHER MAY
DECIDE FATE OF
ITALIAN PLAINS

Italian Army Clings Tenaci-
ously to Crucial Positions
of Line

SNOW AND WINTER
WEATHER WILL HELP

Germans Report Capture of
Eleven Thousand Prisoners
Since Dec. 11

By Henry Wood
(United Press staff correspondent)
With the French Armies in Italy,
Dec. 20.—The fate of the Venetian
plains today hangs on the weather.
If Italy's lines hold for a fortnight
under the tremendous Teutonic pres-
sure, winter's ice and snow will effec-
tively lock the door to the plains.
Both sides realize the supreme neces-
sity of a decision on both sides of the
Brenta river. If Italy can make suc-
cessful defense—as she is now—and
check the Austro-Germans on their
present line, she will be ready for a
spring counter offensive.
Officials regard the present situa-
tion as the most favorable and the
most hopeful for the Italians since the
original retreat. The Austro-German
strategy is now sufficiently unfolded
to render it certain their sole winter
object consists in reaching the Venetian
plains through the valley of the
Brenta, flowing out from the Alps at
Bassano.
Protecting this crucial point the
Italians have two deep salients.
One is east of the Brenta emanating
with its most northerly point in
Monte Solero. Monte Grappa is its
highest point. The other is west of the
Brenta, emanating to the north, in
Monte Zibenna, of the Assigo plateau.
While General Ducloux's German ar-
mies, by successive and carefully pre-
pared attacks, seek to encircle Monte
Grappa by capturing contiguous ground
and neighboring peaks, General Con-
rad's Austrians are delivering either
simultaneous or alternating attacks
against the Assigo salient on the op-
posite side of the Brenta.
During a four day continuous assault
by the enemy last week, the Italian
fourth army put up a resistance so for-
midable as to win the unstated ad-
miration of both the French and Brit-
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CAPTURED GERMAN ON SUBMARINE WAS NEW YORK BARKEEPER

Found An Old Friend On Yan-
kee Destroyer—No More
Fatherland For Him

By Webb Miller
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
London, Dec. 20.—(By Mail)—"Hey
Pete, don't you remember me? I've sold
you a good many beers."
That was the surprising greeting, in
perfect Americanese, which an Ameri-
can blue jacket got from a member of
the U-boat crew captured by the Ameri-
can destroyer (Name Blank). A sail-
or in town on leave today brought the
story. After the U-boat had been taken
by the destroyer and scuttled by its
crew, the Germans were fished out of
the water and put aboard the destroyer.
They were sent below and given dry
clothes.
While dressing and warming them-
selves by the heat of the engine room,
every one of the bluejackets who could
leave his station filed down to look over
the catch. Suddenly one of the Germans
jumped to his feet and fairly shouted
his unusual greeting.
"Don't you remember me?" he de-
manded of the astonished sailor. "I
tended bar at that saloon near the
Brooklyn navy yard. You used to come
in and tip me over frequently."
The group of Americans crowded
around while "Pete" shook hands with
his one time bartender friend.
"I lived in it 'ol' New York ten
years," the German said. "Wish I was
back there now. Just before the war
started I was in Germany on a visit.
They grabbed me—and now look at
me!"
"I guess this war's over as far as
we're concerned. But when I get out,
I'm going to hot foot it back to New
York. No more kaiserland for me."
"This is a lowdown game, this U-
boating, but it's better than standing
in Flanders mud to your knees dodging
shrapnel. When they get you in this
sub game they get you good-usually."
"Wish I was back drawin' schoo-
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RAINSTORM ENDS
WITH LIGHT FROST

Flood Situation In Northwest
Also Reported Much
Improved

Portland, Or., Dec. 20.—Termination
of the eight day downpour of rain and
a light frost last night have improv-
ed the flood situation in the northwest
today although there is still some dan-
ger. Falling temperatures in the east-
ern Oregon district and Washington and
in Idaho have checked the rapid melt-
ing of mountain snow, thus shutting
off a big source of trouble.
The Coeur d'Alene district in Idaho
reports improved conditions, following
the breaking of a dam on Placer creek
and the washing away of homes in
Wallace. Residents were compelled to
flee, two bridges were dynamited and
a few mining properties were flooded.
The Willamette is expected to reach
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MACHINERY OBSOLETE
SAYS WITNESS BEFORE
THE ARMY PROBERS

Editor of American Machinist
Airs His Personal Opin-
ions Today

Washington, Dec. 20.—Ordinance of-
ficers "without appreciation of the
first principles of manufacturing" are
handicapped with machinery fifty
years old at the Springfield govern-
ment arsenal.
With this testimony, Fred H. Colvin,
editor of the American Machinist, told
the senate military probers today that
an expert production engineer should
be placed in charge of American munici-
tions manufacture. He gave a strong
impetus to the movement for a United
States minister of munitions.
Criticizing army heads for spending
"too much time on non-essentials,"
Colvin declared their failure to decide
on small details kept workmen idle in
rifle factories. In one shop he photo-
graphed workmen playing checkers.
"It was some weeks after that be-
fore the rifle orders were received by
that factory," said Colvin. "I was
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Abe Martin



The Palace Hut-tel has installed a
new roller towel with a 5,000-mile guar-
antee. Mrs. Tipton Bud's brother, who
is visiting her, says, "Ever' thing is
feather light down our way, but you kin
steal drive faster'n a walk over th' Mc-
Kee's creek bridge for five dollars."