

# KAISER TO OFFER PEACE ON CHRISTMAS

WEATHER—Fair To-Night and To-Morrow.



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# Plans to Rush Coal Here; 150,000 Tons in Jersey BRITISH TRENCHES REGAINED AT YPRES

## BRITISH REGAIN TRENCHES AS LLOYD GEORGE ONCE MORE DENOUNCES TALK OF PEACE

Premier Declares Kaiser Is Trying to Win Before Feeling Force of United States.

### GERMANY A CRIMINAL.

Declares He Read Lansdowne's Peace Letter With "Painful Amazement."

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The War Office announces that local fighting was recommenced yesterday evening in the neighborhood of Polderhoek Chateau, on the Ypres front, in which the British troops regained a considerable part of the trench into which the enemy had penetrated during the morning.

The German artillery was active during the night east of Messines and northeast of Ypres.

Premier Lloyd George will follow up his Gray's Inn speech with a more specific discussion of war aims in the House of Commons next Thursday, according to authoritative information to-day.

In his speech at Gray's Inn the Premier said peace without victory over Germany as a "criminal state" would be a farce, Germany, he said, will risk all to win before America can exert her strength, but he declared the Allies could hold out until the United States is ready.

"It is because I am firmly convinced that despite some untoward events, despite discouraging appearances, we are making steady progress toward the goal, that I would regard peace overtures to the Prussians at the very moment the Prussian military spirit is drunk with boastfulness as a betrayal of the great trust with which my colleagues and myself have been charged," he said.

The Premier endorsed President Wilson, but found no common ground in the paths of the President and the Marquis of Lansdowne toward peace.

It was with "painful amazement," the Premier said, that he had read the Marquis of Lansdowne's letter. He declared that the danger to the country was not from the very active minority of extreme pacifists, but from "men who think there is a halfway house between victory and defeat."

"I warn the nation to watch the man who thinks there is a halfway house between victory and defeat. There are the men who think you can end the war now by some sort of what they call peace—by setting up a league of nations, with conditions as to arbitration for disputes and provisions for disarmament, and with a covenant on the part of all nations to sign a treaty along these lines.

"That is the right policy after victory. Without victory it would be a farce. Who would sign such a treaty? I presume, among others, the people who have so far successfully broken the last. Who would enforce the new treaty? I presume the nations that have so far not quite succeeded in enforcing the last.

"There is no ground for panic. Even now, after we have sent troops to Italy, the Allies have marked superiority in numbers in France and Flanders and considerable reserves at home.

"Victory now is a question of tonnage. Nothing can defeat us but the shortage of tonnage, and the advent of the United States has increased the tonnage problem enormously. "Germany has gambled on America's failure to transport her army to Europe. The Prussian claim is that autocracy alone can do things."

### WOMEN OF AMERICA SEND XMAS GREETING TO THE TROOPS ABROAD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Through the Women's Committee of the Council of National Defense, the women of America will send a Christmas message to the American soldiers in France. This message, having the approval of President Wilson, will be carried to Gen. Pershing and his troops.

"The women of America are with you in spirit and in service. You are our standard bearers and our hope. We love you. We believe in you and pray for you at this Christmas season."

### MEANS VERDICT TO-NIGHT; PLEAS MAKE MANY WEEP

Lawyer Says State Shows Mrs. King Was Wounded Thrice With One Shot.

CONCORD, N. C., Dec. 15.—E. T. Cassler, of counsel for Gaston B. Mena, on trial here charged with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, finished his five-hour argument this afternoon. His impassioned appeal had many in the courtroom in tears.

"According to the State," said Cassler, "this woman was shot three times. Three separate bullet wounds were made, and only one shot was fired."

It is expected the case will go to the jury to-night and that a verdict will be quickly returned.

### 263 PNEUMONIA DEATHS SET NEW RECORD FOR WEEK

Decrease in Last Two Days Noted, However, Says Health Department Report.

The highest mark for a week during the season was reached in fatalities from pneumonia, according to figures compiled to-day by Dr. Charles E. Bolduan, Director of the Bureau of Public Health Education of the Department of Health.

From Saturday noon last to noon to-day there were 263 deaths from the disease out of a total of 1,412 fatalities from all causes. A decrease in the last two days, however, has been noted.

### 5,000 NORWEGIAN SAILORS LOST IN WAR

Two More Steamships Are Reported Sunk in To-Day's Despatches From London.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—It is stated officially that Norway has lost 5,000 sailors during the war, a Central News despatch from Christiania reports.

The sinking of two more steamships is told in the despatch. Authority granted to Enlist Constabulary President.

### NEW YORK GIRL WED IN PARIS TO SOLDIER ALSO FROM THIS CITY.



MISS RUTH HAPGOOD.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Miss Ruth Hapgood, daughter of Mrs. Emelia Hapgood and Norman Hapgood, of New York, became the bride to-day of Lieut. Sewell Tappan Tyng, also of that city. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few friends in St. George's Church. Lieut. Tyng came to France to engage in Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. work, but for some time has been an officer in the French Army. His bride went to London last spring and has been assisting in hospitals and institutions there for soldiers blinded in battle.

### U. S. CONGRESSMAN'S CAR SKIDS ON ITALIAN MOUNTAIN

Tinkham, Who Fired First Shot Against Austria, Only Slightly Injured.

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS (BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS).—An army automobile in which Congressman George H. Tinkham of Boston was riding yesterday on a visit to Monte Grappa, on the northern mountain front, skidded over the mountainside and dropped twenty feet.

It made a double turn and was crushed to pieces, but the Congressman and the other occupants escaped with bruises, the chauffeur being seriously but not dangerously injured. The car was wrecked so completely that it was abandoned.

Congressman Tinkham, who fired the first American shot against Austria the other day by discharging a gun on the lower Piave front, received eight injuries and was cared for by a military surgeon.

### GAS-FED FLAMES GIVE FIREMEN HARD FIGHT

Meter Connections Melted in Cellar Blaze—One Man Overcome by Fumes.

In a cellar swept by gas flames from two scattered meters, firemen under Battalion Chief Langdon worked in vain early to-day, while the gas fumes in the three-story tenement at No. 1244 4th Street Brooklyn had had to be kept out.

The fire was first seen by Patrolman Moore, who roused the tenants. The blaze had started in a pile of rubbish in a basement, but spread to the gas meter. The rescuers cut back fire and shot flames up the stairway.

Fireman William Hayes of Engine Company No. 531 was overcome by gas and was treated by an ambulance surgeon from the Norwegian Hospital, Mrs. Mary Kaminsky having from Irish.

### THIS IS "PORKLESS DAY."

All of the P. M. including Lord, Bared Under Hoover's Plan. The pig ends a "porkless day," it is "porkless day," and was announced last Thursday by Food Administrator Hoover. In addition to "meatless Tuesday," every Saturday hereafter will be "porkless day."

## 12,000 TONS COAL RUSHED HERE TO-DAY TO END FAMINE; BIG SUPPLY PILED IN JERSEY

Large Forces of Men Will Work To-Night and To-Morrow to Bring In Relief.

One hundred and fifty thousand tons of coal lie at the door of New York—along the coal docks of six railroads bearing it from the fields to Jersey Idewater.

Only 12,000 tons—a little more than half of New York's daily supply—could be expected to be carried across to the dealers' yards before the close of to-day, according to Federal Fuel Administrator Reeves Schley. Five barges of coal were to come to Manhattan, three barges each to the Bronx and Brooklyn and one to Queens.

"The railroads say they are getting coal from the fields in an "unprecedented quantity." Their duty ends with depositing it at the Jersey terminals. It is up to the Federal Fuel Administrators, both State and city, to get this coal across the water to the five boroughs.

"The Council will indicate the priorities desired by the respective Governments, but final decision as to priorities between them and the demands of the United States for the latter's own purposes will be made at Washington."

### SEIZE AUSTRIAN ON BRIDGE OVERLOOKING NAVY YARD

Federal Attorneys Spend Hours Questioning Enemy Suspect Believed Army Reservist.

Unable to give a satisfactory explanation of his presence on the Williamsburg Bridge at daybreak this morning, an Austrian giving the name of Joseph Jacob, No. 117 10th Street, Passaic, N. J., was questioned for several hours by Assistant United States Attorney Knox and Stephenson, who ordered him locked up for further investigation. Marot was well supplied with money and it is understood that papers found on him indicated he was a reservist of the Austrian Army.

The activity that followed Marot's appearance at the Federal Building indicated that his arrest is regarded as more than ordinary importance. Following his arrest Marot at the Brooklyn end of the bridge at a point commanding a full view of the Navy Yard. A dozen German prisoners were brought from jails to various parts of the southern New York District to this to-day and placed on board a train for the internment camp at Fort George, N. J.

### 84 SAVED AS BRITISH STEAMER GOES DOWN

Survivors of Foundered Knight of the Thistle Being Brought to American Port.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 15.—The foundering of one of the British steamship Knight of the Thistle was announced in a radio message received here from a vessel which reported she would save eighty-four survivors here to-day. The message contained no details of the wreck or the rescue, but it was thought probable that the Knight of the Thistle went down during one of the series of terrific gales that have swept the North Atlantic during the past week.

The Knight of the Thistle was of 4,610 tons gross.

### AMERICAN HEADS BOARD FOR WAR PURCHASES

Inter-Allied Council Elects Oscar T. Crosby, Assistant Secretary of Treasury.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Inter-Allied Council, which is to take up questions of war purchases and finances, met in London to-day.

## BOLSHEVIKI SEIZE U.S. COMMISSIONER; CALL IT MISTAKE

Gens. Kaledine and Pototsky, Cossack Chiefs, Are Also Reported Arrested.

PIETROGRAD, Dec. 15.—Charles S. Smith of St. Louis, a member of the staff of John F. Stevens, head of the American Railway Commission to Russia, is reported to have been arrested.

Mr. Smith is reported to have been arrested at Tschita, Siberia, in company with M. Oustrouloff, former Assistant Minister of Railways, who is held by the Bolsheviki as a member of the Provisional Government.

Ambassador Francis has telegraphed to the American Consuls at Harbin and Vladivostok to intervene. At the Bolsheviki headquarters it was stated if the American had been arrested it was a mistake and he would be immediately released.

The American arrested is believed in St. Louis to be Charles H. Smith, formerly a valuation engineer for the Missouri Pacific Railway. He went to Russia with the American Railway Commission.

Generals Kaledine and Pototsky and their staffs have been arrested by Bolsheviki forces. It was officially announced.

The Bolsheviki now safely hold Rostoff, Naktitchevano and Taganrog, it was declared.

The Bolsheviki split to-day on treatment of the Russian Constitutional Assembly. Minister of Education Lunacharsky formally tendered his resignation from the Maximalist Cabinet, declaring he could not support Lenin in any measure of repression against a congress summoned by the Russian people.

Trotsky, Lenin and others of the "inner ring" steadfastly maintained that if the Assembly showed opposition to the Maximalist aims it was illegal.

The Bolsheviki announced the following fragmentary returns from the recent elections:

Twelfth Army: Maximalist, 10,200; Revolutionary Socialist, 12,300; other parties, 2,300.

Fifth Army: Maximalist, 145,000; Revolutionary Socialist, 45,000; other parties, 25,000.

Army of Finland: Maximalist, 20,800; other parties, 20,000.

Krasnoyarsk: Maximalist, 12,000; Revolutionary Socialist, 4,900; Cadets, 2,600.

Kirovsk District: Maximalist elected four delegates and the Revolutionary Socialist four.

Kalgus District: Maximalist claim the district, but the town of Kalgus is apparently carried by the Cadets.

"American engineers have been offered to the Bolsheviki government for reorganization of railroads and motor forces for the transport of food." Foreign Minister Trotsky declared to-day in an address to the Grenadier regiment.

## OFFER OF PEACE TO ALLIES IN A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE PLANNED BY THE KAISER

Despatch From Geneva to London Reports That He Will Say "Responsibility for Bloodshed in 1918" Will Fall on Those Who Reject It.

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### LUXBURG BREAKS DOWN; SENT TO A SANITARIUM

Former German Minister, Author of "Spurio Versenkt," Believed to Be Insane.

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 15.—Rumors that Count Luxburg, former German Minister to Argentina and famous for his phrase, "spurio versenkt" (sink without a trace), was insane were circulated here to-day when it became known he had been transferred from an internment camp to a sanitarium.

The official explanation of the transfer was that Luxburg had suffered a "nervous collapse."

Residents here, however, recalled the queer antics which were reported of Luxburg at the time of his departure from Buenos Aires, after he had been held persona non grata by the Argentine Government.

At that time Luxburg departed on a steamer provided for him by the Government, but slipped ashore and landed on Argentine soil, later travelling to a small ranch in the interior. When located there, Argentine officials had a hard time arresting him and when he was finally taken into custody, he was found to be heavily armed. Subsequently the German envoy's rage was so great he attacked his guards.

### 106 I. W. W.'S ON TRIAL.

One of Their Counsel Deprived of His Revolver.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Extra detachments of police and Secret Service men guarded the court room to-day when 106 members of the Industrial Workers of the World were arraigned before Federal Judge Landis on a charge of conspiracy against the Government. The defendants, one of whom is Elizabeth Gurley Flynn of New York, were indicted last September. Sixty others indicted still are at liberty. William D. Haywood, Secretary Treasurer of the organization, is one of the defendants.

Ben A. Stern, Judge Landis's private bailiff, found a revolver in one man's pocket.

"That's all right," said the man, "I'm George Vandervoy of Seattle, one of the attorneys for the defense."

"Well, you can't carry a gun into the court room, no matter who you are," replied Stern.

Vandervoy surrendered the weapon.

Quiet on the French Front at All Points Except One.

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### RUSSO-GERMAN TREATY FORMULATED, IS REPORT

General Discussions Postponed Until Saturday, Says an Official Statement.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 15.—A treaty between Russia and Germany has been formulated, according to an official German statement received here to-day.

The German announcement follows: "On the part of both sides the conditions and draft of a treaty were finally formulated in the plenary sitting Friday. As, however, the Russian delegates desired to obtain supplementary instructions on some points from their Government, the general discussions were postponed until Saturday."

### GERMAN SHELL WOUNDS TWO MORE U. S. ENGINEERS

But Greatest Damage Is Done to Picks and Shovels Behind British Line.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 15 (by the Associated Press).—A bursting shell has wounded two American railway engineers working behind the British front, according to reports received to-day.

The projectile struck in a pile of picks, shovels and other tools.

### PROHIBITION UP MONDAY.

Unanimous Consent in Congress for Final Line-Up.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The House will go definitely on record on national prohibition Monday next.

Unanimous consent for a final vote at 5 o'clock on that day was agreed upon to-day.

Bill to Call 27,000 Filipinos Into Regular United States Service.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The Philippines Militia, numbering about 27,000 men, would be called into active Federal service at once under a bill favorably reported to the House to-day by the Military Commission.

Wilson's Old Clothes Sent to Belgian Relief Committee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Wilson's old clothing was sent to the Belgian Relief Commission to-day. At the same time the Commission received from one of Herbert Hoover's office boys a package of his own old clothes.

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