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RUSS BEGIN PEACE PARLEY

VON HERTLING SAYS PEACE NEGOTIATION IS OUT OF QUESTION

Teuton Premier Answers Lloyd George -- "Way in West" is Clear; War Will Be Prolonged

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Dec. 18.—It is expected that the successful German attack on the convoy in the North sea will cause a revival of the serious criticism of the admiralty such as at the time of the successful German raid on convoyed Scandinavian merchantment in October.

there small operations by reconnoitering parties. Only on the Northern Italian front has there been sanguinary encounters between the opposing infantry and in these the Austro-German forces again have met with defeat in attempts to pierce the Italian front and advance toward the Venetian plains.

Caprielle hill, at the head of the San Lorenzo valley, where last week the Italians were forced to cede ground, again has been attacked by the enemy, but the operation brought them nothing but heavy casualties, as they were driven back to the former line.

(By Associated Press.) CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 18.—Sailors from the ships sunk by German warships in the North sea say that fire was opened by the attacking cruisers at a range of 3,500 yards and within half an hour the British armed ships, with the exception of the destroyer Pelaw, were sunk. Crews from steamers in the convoy saved in all 196 sailors, who were landed on the west coast of Norway. Fifty-nine of the rescued were British.

HALL ASSIGNED TO COMMAND OF KEARNY

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Brigadier General Hall has been assigned to command the eighteenth infantry brigade at Camp Kearny. He succeeds Commander Cameron, who was made major general in command of one of the new regular army divisions. Brigadier General Irwin was assigned to command the sixty-sixth field artillery brigade of the forty-first division.

EAST BALL SEASON TO OPEN MAY FIRST

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Decision to open the 1918 season either on May 1 or 2 and to reduce the player limit from seventeen to sixteen, exclusive of a manager, was reached at the meeting here of the American association club owners.

REBELS EXILE FORMER PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Former President Machado of Portugal, deposed by the recent revolution, has been escorted to the frontier by armed guards and sent on his way to Madrid and Paris in exile, American Minister Burch, at Lisbon, has reported.

PRINT FOOD PRICES.

Table with columns for 'Official readings of the Bureau of Labor Statistics' and 'Observer at Tonopah' for various dates and items.

TO TAKE WAR CENSUS.

(By Associated Press.) DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 18.—Gov. W. L. Harding has announced that an official census and survey of Iowa, both of men and resources, will be made soon under his direction.

REORGANIZATION OF FLEET BOARD

CHARLES PIEZ OF CHICAGO MADE HEAD, VICE HARRIS, WHO RESIGNED.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Charles Piez of Chicago has been appointed general manager of the emergency fleet corporation, succeeding Rear Admiral Harris, resigned. A general reorganization of the corporation is expected.

Rear Admiral Bowles, Harris' aide, will be given an important place in the new organization. James Heyworth will take full charge of wooden construction and Charles Day will become manager of the construction department. Chairman Hurley said Harris' resignation was accepted because of his insistence on moving the office of the corporation to Philadelphia.

RED CROSS TO CARE FOR CANADIANS HERE

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Wives and children of enlisted Canadian and British soldiers living in the United States are to be the beneficiaries of Red Cross care, it was announced here today. The Red Cross will supplement the care of the western relief fund.

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DYNAMITE BLAST FOR GOVERNOR

CALIFORNIA EXECUTIVE'S MANSION SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY EXPLOSIVE.

(By Associated Press.) SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 18.—An explosion at midnight last night tore a hole in the rear foundation wall of the governor's mansion near a point over which the governor was sleeping in a second floor room. The governor and others of the household were uninjured. The police are convinced it was dynamite. It wrecked the laundry and kitchen and is believed to have been a loose charge of five pounds or more. There were no arrests.

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ITALIAN DIVERS SINK TWO SHIPS

DETAILS OF DARING RAID ON HARBOR TRIESTE MADE PUBLIC AT CAPITAL.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Two Italian torpedo boats under Lieut. Commander Rizzo composed the force which made the daring raid into the interior harbor of Trieste Sunday night, December 2, and torpedoed two Austrian battleships, one of which was seen to sink. Further details of the exploit were given in dispatches received by the Italian embassy here.

The raid was planned when it was learned that the Austrians were preparing to send from Trieste two ships of the Monarch type, with their 240-millimeter guns, to bombard the Italian coastal positions. A division of torpedo boats under Captain Pignatti was assigned to the task, and the captain selected Lieut. Commander Rizzo, with two boats, to make the dash into the harbor, while the remainder of the division kept outside in support.

Two Austrian battleships were discovered at anchor at the farther end of the harbor near Point Sabba. Proceeding cautiously, the Italian vessels approached to ascertain whether there were any protecting nets or other obstructions, then took up positions for the attack. Finally, at 2:30 a. m. Monday, the two torpedo boats simultaneously launched four torpedoes aimed at the battleships. All four torpedoes exploded.

At the sound of the explosions Austrian batteries opened fire and searchlights swept over the waters. The lights located the attacking vessels and the Austrian guns were brought to bear on them, but all the Italian vessels escaped.

LATE NEWS

3:30 Dispatches

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The senate, sitting as a committee of the whole, today accepted the amendments excluding California naval fuel reserve lands from the provisions of the oil lands leasing bill. The vote on the bill was deferred until January 7. Elimination of naval lands assures passage of the bill, which will unlock unlimited resources in public lands.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18.—The Germans saved two sailors from the American destroyed Jacob Jones, torpedoed December 6 in the war zone, it is officially announced.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 18.—Chased three days through wooded districts of Mendocino county by a posse and bloodhounds, Sam Henderson, mountaineer, accused of robbing the Groveland, Cal., post office, was captured today and taken to Sacramento. The United States marshal announced.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Senator Sterling today introduced a resolution providing for the president to appoint a general freight traffic director to co-ordinate and utilize transportation facilities during the war.

ROME, Dec. 16.—(Sunday)—The government has called up new contingents. Classes of troops already mobilized consist of all eligible and fit men between the ages of 18 and 43.

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ALLIES ASKED BY TROTSKY IF THEY FAVOR END OF WAR

Armistice Agreement Consumated; Reds Today Enter Negotiations For End of Fighting

(By Associated Press.) COPENHAGEN, Dec. 18.—A HAPARANDA DISPATCH CONTAINS THE REPORT THAT KERENSKY HAS APPEARED IN THE VICINITY OF PETROGRAD, SUPPORTED BY SOME THOUSANDS OF TROOPS, THE BOLSHEVIKI SENT TROOPS AGAINST HIM.

(By Associated Press.) PETROGRAD, Dec. 17.—(Monday)—German and Austrian foreign ministers have notified Leon Trotsky, Bolshevik foreign minister, they will arrive at Brest Litovsk Tuesday to begin negotiations for a general European peace.

Trotsky notified the allied embassies the armistice has reached definite results and that peace negotiations will begin, according to evening newspapers.

He asked all allies to participate or state whether they desire peace. The embassies had not received

INCENDIARIES LEVEL HOME OF ROCKEFELLER

(By Associated Press.) CLEVELAND, Dec. 18.—Incendiarism is suspected to have caused the fire that destroyed the Rockefeller summer home east of Cleveland with a property loss of \$100,000. Practically all the valuable paintings were removed from the mansion months ago.

CANADIANS BEAT ANTI-DRAFTERS

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BORDEN'S GOVERNMENT TO HAVE CLEAR MAJORITY OF 48 IN PARLIAMENT.

(By Associated Press.) OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—The indications are that Premier Borden's government will have a clear majority of forty-eight seats over the Canadian anti-conscription force, as a result of yesterday's election.

CONFER WITH MEXICO ON EXPORT OF FOOD

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Ambassador to Mexico Fletcher conferred today with Secretary Lansing preliminary to the participation in conferences with Luis Cabrera and other Mexican commissioners with the war exports board regarding the export of foods, principally corn, to Mexico.

LEONARD WINS.

(By Associated Press.) NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 18.—Benny Leonard of New York, champion lightweight boxer, scored a technical knockout over Chick Brown of New Haven here last night in the fifth round of a scheduled 10-round bout.

MEXICANS SUICIDE.

GALLUP, N. M., Dec. 18.—Maria Cuevas and Silvario Silva last night hung themselves in the county jail here. Both were sentenced to hang Friday.

Trotsky's communication tonight.

(By Associated Press.) PETROGRAD, Dec. 18.—The commissary of foreign affairs has notified the foreign embassies that they must give the passports of Bolshevik couriers or that similar courtesies will be refused them. The notification says the government considers the question of recognition purely formal and that it does not care about it in the least, but that foreign governments must realize that the Bolsheviks constitute the de facto government and extend to it the rights of its couriers to live abroad.

(By Associated Press.) AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18.—Dr. Richard Von Kuehlmann, the German foreign secretary, says a Berlin dispatch, is proceeding to Brest Litovsk during the course of the week to take part in peace negotiations with Russia.

NEW PROBE BY SOLONS

DELAY IN BUILDING OF MERCHANT SHIPS TO BE INVESTIGATED.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The senate has ordered an investigation into delays in building the American merchant marine by the shipping board and the emergency fleet corporation, after several senators had vigorously criticized the failure to produce ships.

It also ordered an investigation of the interstate commerce commission's recommendations for solving the railroad transportation difficulties. The senate interstate commerce committee will conduct the inquiry during the congressional recess. It was instructed to report on legislative recommendations.

Harding charged the shipping board with "red tape and inefficiency" and said it was a "crime to place money in its hands to be so filly handled."

Chairman Fletcher of the senate commerce committee indicated he believed the investigation would accomplish little. He said conditions were unfortunate.

BUTLER THEATRE TO-NIGHT The Ever-Popular Star of Stage and Screen FANNIE WARD In "HER STRANGE WEDDING" Story of a Young Society Girl Also Tonopah Pictures TOMORROW Mae Marsh, in "Sunshine Alley." Good! Don't miss it! Matinee 1:30—Night 7 & 8:30 Admission 11c and 17c