

GERMANS TRYING SECRET DEAL IN PEACE DICKERING

London, Jan. 5.—Pending the re-summation of conferences in Brest-Litovsk today no fresh developments are reported from Russia regarding the peace negotiations.

The correspondent of the Daily News says the Germans are trying through a neutral diplomat to get into communication with members of the assembly.

The version of the correspondent of the Daily Mail is that the Germans have been putting pressure, direct or indirect, on the government in connection with the summoning of a constituent assembly.

Regarding the attitude of the Ukrainians toward the Germans, the Daily News says the rada is willing to strike a bargain with the Germans.

The correspondent of the Times, who is now in London, writes the Ukrainians are determined to send a mission to Brest-Litovsk, not to negotiate a separate peace but to ascertain Germany's intentions toward Little Russia.

The Austro-German delegations in Petrograd profess to have information that the Allies have decided to break relations with Russia.

The Bolshevik government has found time amid the racket of arrests to do some things that shall adopt phonetic spelling on Jan. 14.

Chancellor von Hertling announced to the main committee of the German Reichstag that he had been instructed to reject the Russian proposal to hold the peace negotiations in a neutral country.

DEED.—In this city, Saturday, Jan. 5, 1918, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Grace M. Myers, No. 623 East Main street, Mary E. Lyon, a 70-year-old widow, died.

WALSH.—In this city, Jan. 4, 1918, Timothy Walsh, 65 years of age, died at the Bridgeport hospital.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, No. 221 Lewis street, on Monday, Jan. 7, at 3:30 a. m. and from Sacred Heart church at 9 a. m. with solemn high mass.

Interment at St. Michael's cemetery, Automobile cortege, a 7:30 o'clock.

O'CONNOR.—In Hartford, Conn., Jan. 5, 1918, Patrick J. O'Connor, aged 26 years.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Elsworth, 66 North Washington street, on Tuesday, Jan. 8th at 8:30 a. m. and at St. Patrick's church at 9 a. m.

Interment at St. Michael's cemetery, A 5:30 p. m.

ALVORD.—In Stratford, Conn., Jan. 3, 1918, Edwin Alvord, aged 77 years, 9 months, 22 days.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of his son, Fredk. E. Alvord, Jackson Ave., Stratford on Sunday, Jan. 6th at 1:30 p. m.

Interment at Union Cemetery, Stratford, Automobile cortege, a 4:30 p. m.

BYRON.—In this city, Jan. 3, 1918, Frank Edwin Byron, infant son of George F. Jr., and Mary Henninger Byron, aged 1 year, 2 months, 10 days.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral at the home of his parents, No. 346 Mountain Grove street, on Monday, Jan. 7th, at 3 o'clock p. m. Burial in Park cemetery, A 4:45 p. m.

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MOST PALATIAL SALOON IN WASHINGTON IS CONVERTED INTO A BRANCH POST OFFICE



Washington's most palatial saloon, the Riggs bar, just opposite the treasury department, has been converted into a branch post office. The location, probably the most desirable business site in the city, was unoccupied from November 1, when the capital went dry, until a few days ago.

OBITUARY

WILLIAM WHIDDEN.—William Whidden, an employe of the Hotel Stratford, died yesterday at the Bridgeport hospital.

GEORGE W. NAIRN.—George W. Nairn, aged 25 years, died last evening at the Bridgeport hospital.

SARAH JANE DUNBAR.—Sarah Jane Dunbar, aged 74 years, died last night at the family residence, 62 Fairmount avenue.

WILLIAM WATSON.—The funeral of William Watson was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence, 1234 Barrington avenue.

JOHN W. CROUSE.—Funeral services for John Wesley Crouse were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the mortuary chapel of Walker & Banks.

HARRIET MILLER.—Following a long illness, Harriet Miller died yesterday at the family residence, 185 Island Brook avenue.

ISORA DEMING.—The funeral of Isora Deming was held this morning at 9 o'clock from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. William Farrell.

TIMOTHY WALSH.—After an illness of two days, Timothy Walsh died yesterday afternoon at the Bridgeport hospital.

GEORGE S. FISHER.—Funeral services for George S. Fisher were held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the home of Mrs. Joseph Savard.

MARY HODGINS.—Many relatives and friends attended the funeral of Mary Hodgins, held this morning at 8:30 o'clock from her late residence, Jackson avenue.

DELLA FINAN.—A large number of relatives and friends attended the obsequies of Della, wife of Thomas Finan, held this morning at 8:30 o'clock from the family residence, 263 Charles street.

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FIVE DIVORCES ARE GRANTED BY JUDGE MALTBIE

Judge William M. Maltbie granted five divorces in the Superior Court yesterday, one upon report of Robert G. DeForest, who heard the evidence as a committee for the court.

Emma Lindsey Colclough of Hillsdale, N. Y., was granted a separation from George A. Colclough of Bridgeport on the report of Attorney Robert G. DeForest as a committee of the court.

Katherine Josephine Cronan was granted a decree from Joseph John Cronan, both of Bridgeport on the charge of cruelty.

John Richardson was given a decree on the ground of habitual intemperance from George Richardson, both of Bridgeport.

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GERMAN CROWN PRINCE PRAISES VALOR OF ARMY

Amsterdam, Jan. 5.—The German crown prince in a New Year order to his army praised its valor in the battles of the year just closed.

The year 1917 has gone down into history and with it the deeds of arms of my army.

In a tenacious struggle, relying only on your own strength and your self sacrifice and courage, in difficult battles on the Chemin des Dames, in the Champagne and on the blood-soaked ground of Verdun, you protected the rear of the advancing armies in the east and the south.

"I am proud, and with a thankful heart, I behave myself a brave resolute leader and my heroic troops. With an unshaken shield and a sharp sword we stand on the threshold of the new year around the Imperial war lord, ready to strike and win, God with us."

With the American Army in France, Friday, Jan. 4 (By the Associated Press)—Germany's plans for aerial warfare on a larger scale than heretofore, it is indicated in documents taken from enemy prisoners.

It is indicated that the Germans, believing America intended putting machines by the tens of thousands into the battle area, immediately enlarged their own plans in the expectation of offsetting the increased enemy forces.

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PRISONERS ON ITALIAN FRONT FOUND RAGGED

Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy, Jan. 5.—(By the Associated Press)—The officer commanding the 1,400 Austrian prisoners captured in the recent French success on Monte Tomba gave the correspondent an opportunity today of going among them and talking freely with officers and men on war conditions and what the enemy still could do in carrying on the struggle.

A more miserable lot of human beings would be difficult to imagine. The officers were in even worse condition than the men. Their clothing was ragged and the tinselled ornamentation on the officers was garraged with rust.

The officers were unkempt and had not been shaved for a week. Their hands looked like pieces of raw beefsteak. None had an overcoat, as all were wearing light trench uniforms when the French swept around them.

The correspondent met the prisoners on a road leading to the town where they are rounded up preparatory to being sent to work or sent to a prison camp.

All ages were seen among the prisoners. There was a boy of 18 and a man of 60 with a grey beard. A coating of trench mud made them look worse than they really were, for they had stout boots, leggings and overcoats.

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HOWLAND'S Entrance in Main Street, Fairfield Avenue, and Cannon Street Bridgeport, Conn. Weather: Fair tonight; Sunday Saturday, Jan. 5, 1918. partly cloudy and warmer.

War stamps to Stamp War Out!

W.S.S. WAR SAVINGS STAMPS ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Suppose we all join in singing the new song: Stamp, Stamp, Stamp, the boys and girls are Saving!

Do you realize that this War Savings campaign is one of the biggest things we have yet begun, as a Nation.

It is going to teach the boys and the girls that they can do their share.

It is going to bring home to them the fact that their country is in the midst of a war being waged for the good of ALL countries.

They, especially the boys and girls of foreign parents, are going to learn that this land of America is not a selfish country but that it stands ready to help other lands that seek freedom—that it will even fight to help those other lands.

A man prizes that which he has to fight for. That is why the men of this Nation prize their freedom. That is why we are ready to help France and England and Italy and Serbia fight for their freedom—we know how they prize it and what it is worth to them.

Every War Stamp is a reminder of this freedom and of this task. Every one is a spur to our patriotic spirit.

If you haven't started a War Stamp Book, get one started right away. Do your share; teach the boys and girls to save by being saving yourself; and help Uncle Sam to stamp out the Kaiser's ambition to be overlord of all the world.

HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO. POLICE SEARCH FOR DELINQUENTS

The following names have been turned over to the police by the local draft boards for investigation for failing to return questionnaires recently mailed.

Viess Gore, 35 Greory St.; Stephen Tackacs, 190 Osborne St.; Alexander Senasky, 409 Spruce St.; Frank H. Miller, 40 Blue Hills Ave.; Hartford, Ct.; Edward L. Holmes, 239 State St.; William R. McGowan, 2 School St.; Frank Shina, 118 Belmont St.; Throop, Pa.; Stephen Kochik, 108 Alfred St.; George H. Elder, 35 Liberty St.; Peter Mathews, 43 Kiefer St.; Anthony Louena, 22 Summer St.; Benedict Duski, 332 South Main St.; Francis J. Flinck, 333 Main St.; Robert H. Stewart, 361 South Ave.; William J. Hamill, 543 State St.; Charles E. Scoville, 623 Warren St.; Frank Mahuchik, 7 Sumner St.; Louis F. Bolner, 264 Railroad Ave.; Raymond Arnold, 114 Martin Ter.; Hamilton I. Cady, Jr., 237 Pease, 95 Hanford St.; Paul Shatus, 239 Railroad Ave.; John Shaver, 633 Main St.; Thomas Wilson, 622 State St.; Alex Sabo, 346 Bostwick Ave.; Gene J. Ratusar, 45 Hanson Ave.; Burgess D. Thayer, 297 South Ave.; Leslie A. Gould, 297 Golden Hill; Ivan Dezs, 506 Spruce St.; Stanley Migak, 27 Hancock Ave.; Sam Markman, 133 Moore St.; Brooklyn, N. Y.; Wilbert V. Lytle, 848 Myrtle Ave.; Karl Dufield, 33 Belmont Ave.; Edward Olin, 37 255 Gilbert St.; Joe Sakowicz, 73 Cherry St.; Stephanie Jonaidis, 310 State St.; Joe Sincro, 323 Howard Ave.; Nk. Kunz Wal, 696 Main St.; Norman Renner, 384 Atlantic St.; Steve Kosa, 204 Spruce St.; Steve Balla, 836 Werdin Ave.; John Bohan, Courtland St.; Matek Sanerusk, 415 Main St.; Frederick A. Carter, 447 West Ave.; Thomas Balla, 137 Hancock Ave.; Edward W. Vargas, 599 Broad St.; Stephen Agustin, 411 Postwick Ave.; John Sabo, 355 Bostwick Ave.; Frank Sapes, 42 Columbia St.; Stephen Hal, 109 Pine St.; Michael Zubovich, 255 Greory St.; William Schlievich, 239 South Ave.; John Pfeiler, 141 Osborne St.

MOTHER OF GAS VICTIMS SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

Physicians at the Bridgeport hospital stated today that Mrs. Della Piddore, of 33 Essex lane, who with her two small daughters, was overcome by gas, yesterday morning, is in a greatly improved condition, and may recover.

MRS. WARD SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

In a greatly improved condition, though still weak as the result of her experience, Mrs. Harriet Montgomery Ward, who was found almost dead from freezing and starvation in her handsome residence at 539 Huntington road, Thursday afternoon, was transferred from the Hillside Home to the Bridgeport hospital for further treatment, this morning.

FIRE IN FACTORY

A red-hot cylinder left by a workman on his bench in the factory of the Muller Welding Co., on Kosuth street, set fire to adjacent woodwork, at 12:30 o'clock this noon, and started a blaze to which firemen were called on an alarm from box 533. The flames were quickly extinguished and only trifling damage was done.

SENATE RECEIVES SERBS

Washington, Jan. 5.—The Serbian war mission to the United States was received in the senate today. Dr. Milenko R. Vesitch, head of the mission, spoke. Dr. Sima Losenitch and Gen. Hantsch, the other members, and M. Hanielovitch, minister from Serbia in Washington, occupied seats of honor.

BRIEF NEWS NOTES

The chances for saving the Japanese steamer Shinyo Maru, affre in the Pacific and racing under convoy of an American steamer to a Pacific port, looks very promising.

Frank and John Kukuris, operating a coal mine at Port Perry, Pa., were arrested for selling coal for more than \$2.45 a ton, the price set by the Fuel Administration.

The administration for government operation of the railroads plans that the government pay compensation at an annual rate as near as possible to the act operating income for the three years ending June 30, 1918.

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