

FIRST CHRISTMAS PEACE FOR SOVIET

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SHIPMENTS DIVERTED From Original Destinations to Other Consumers—Cushing Promises Names, Details.

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LAUGHED IN MAN'S FACE But Finally Surrendered to His Blandishments and Promise of Wealth.

Moscow (By Wireless to Berlin), Dec. 21.—(U. N. S.)—Soviet Russia will have its first peace Christmas this year since the creation of the soviet form of government. This was the message sent to the outside world today by Leon Trotsky, peoples' commissioner of war. Trotsky has just returned from Totsky Russia, where he directed military operations on the Crimean front. He says that Russia is not making any preparations for future fighting. All the energies of the soviet, he said are now being turned toward the economic upbuilding of the country.

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