

ALPINS DRIVE ENEMY ACROSS PIAVE—REGAIN OLD DEFENSES

Clear Right Bank of River, Wiping Out Austrian Forces Entrenched in the Zenson Loop and Capturing Prisoners

FRENCH HOLD GAINS MADE IN THE NORTH

British Red Cross Men Search Snow For Wounded Abandoned by Germans Before Fierce Fire

NEW YORK, January 2.—(Associated Press)—Except for the extreme north, where the opposing lines in Italy bend to the west towards the Asiago Plateau, the Italians have driven the invaders across the Piave River and have cleared the right bank of the enemy, thus completely reestablishing the original line of defense taken up by General Cadorna when he was forced to retire from the Carso and the Trentino before the Austro-German offensive.

Yesterday the Italians drove against the Austrians where they had established themselves on the Venetian side of the Piave in the Zenson loop, destroying the Austrian defenses and capturing a number of the foe whose retreat was cut off when the forces of General Diaz seized the Zenson bridgehead. A number of machine guns were taken, with trench mortars and supplies.

NO COUNTERS IN NORTH

There was practically no infantry fighting on the northern sectors of the Italian line yesterday, the French consolidating their gains of the day before and the Austro-Germans refraining from any efforts to recapture their positions. There was heavy artillery fighting throughout the day, however, particularly in the neighborhood of Monte Tomba, on the Asiago Plateau.

HUN OFFENSIVE STOPPED

The German offensive against General Byng's positions on the Cambrai front has been brought to a stop, with heavy German losses, according to the London official despatches. The fighting of Sunday and Monday was severe, with the Germans attacking in great force, but beyond the initial success scored on a small front the men of Prince Rupprecht were unable to reach the British front lines, although they died by thousands in the effort and when finally repulsed withdrew without their wounded. British Red Cross men have brought in hundreds of German wounded from the snow, where they had fallen.

PRINCE REPORTS GAIN

Prince Rupprecht, in his despatches to Berlin, states that the Bavarians seized and held a portion of the British trenches near Marcoing, taking seventy men and a few officers prisoners.

The British forces in Palestine are continuing their drive toward Jerico and are already in possession of several miles of the railroad running north from Jerusalem. In the latest fighting they captured seven hundred and fifty Turks and left a thousand dead upon the battlefield.

STRAIGHT AT IT.

There is no use of our "beating around the bush." We might as well out with it first as last. We want you to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the next time you have a cough or cold. There is no reason so far as we can see why you should not do so. This preparation by its remarkable cures has gained a world-wide reputation, and people everywhere speak of it as the highest terms of praise. It is for sale by all dealers. Bronson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.—Advertisement.

VICTORY STRAIGHT AHEAD SAYS PREMIER OF FRANCE IN NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

PARIS, January 2.—(Associated Press)—Premier Clemenceau, in a New Year's message to the people of France, published yesterday in the Petit Journal, declares that the road to victory is now straight ahead and that the goal will be reached after a few more strong efforts.

"We do I have confidence that we will attain this victory," he asks. "Because I know our policy and I know the spirit that animates them. Because I know the chiefs leading our steadfast Allies. Because I see the Americans at work."

"I know that victory will be ours because today our enemies are putting all their hopes for peace upon the work of the Maximalists."

"We need but a few more strong efforts. The road to victory is straight and already I sight the goal."

Kaiser Cheers Army
Amsterdam despatches give the text of the New Year's message to the German army by the Kaiser, published in the German army order: He says:

"A year of heavy and important battles has closed. The gigantic battles of the spring and fall in Belgium and France have been decided in favor of our gallant allies and the vast offensive spirit of the armies and their powerful blows have brought great success. We now rest there. The brilliant victories of a few days destroyed the Italian offensive and the preparations of years. The submarines are successful in their difficult and effective work. German arms everywhere on land and sea do great deeds. Our enemies still hope with the assistance of new allies to defeat you and destroy forever the world position won by Germany's hard endeavor. They will not succeed. Forward with God to fresh deeds of victory."

Preparing To Raid Russian Food Supplies To Relieve Situation In Teuton Countries—Hungry Calmed

ZURICH, Switzerland, January 2.—(Associated Press)—Already Germany, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria are preparing to raid the food supplies of Russia in order to make up for the alarming scarcity in food stuffs throughout their own countries, due to the strict blockade maintained by the British and the restrictions placed upon exports to Northern European neutrals by the government of the United States.

Russia is to be treated as the granary of the Central Powers, according to the tenor of the reports in the German press and the hope is being held out that the signing of the peace treaty with Russia will mean the end of short rations for the Germans and their allies.

End of Short Rations

Reading between the lines of the Berlin and Vienna despatches it seems evident that the greatest desire for peace with Russia springs from the hope that Russian supplies will nullify the British strangle hold with its navy and the strict American embargo. In Berlin already there has been organized an importing syndicate, in which the government holds half the shares and the control, the object being to rush Russian supplies into Germany.

Similar syndicates, backed by their respective governments, are being formed in Vienna, Sofia and Constantinople.

Gather For The Feast

Petrograd despatches state that German spies are already in Petrograd, ready to take up the matter of trade arrangements today, while Bulgarian and Turkish delegates are on their way to the Russian capital, each with insistent demands for a speedy resumption of trade. These Bulgarians and Turkish delegates are expected to reach Petrograd today, to join with the Germans already on hand.

The visiting Germans, state the correspondents at Petrograd, are making themselves very much at home and are circulating freely among government officials and the delegates gathering for the constituent assembly. They are urging their views upon these delegates as to the proper form of government to be adopted for Russia to take the place of the provisional government now in power at the capital.

Major General Mann Loses His Rainbow Division and Is Retired

WASHINGTON, January 2.—(Associated Press)—The war department yesterday officially announced the retirement from active service of Major General William A. Mann, who was in command of the Forty-second Division in France, this being the "Rainbow Division", including militia units from each one of twenty-seven States.

MANY MORE MAY FOLLOW MANN OUT

The official announcement of his retirement states that he has been dropped because of physical disability.

WASHINGTON, December 19—California National Guard officers will probably not get to France at all. If they do, they will be unusually fortunate or efficient, as it is stated on unquestioned authority that sixty percent of the company and

BOLSHEVICS AND COSSACKS LOCKED IN BLOODY BATTLE

While Radicals Talk Peace in Petrograd Desperate Fighting Goes On Beyond Moscow

KALEDIN HEADS ATTACKING FORCES

Constituent Assembly Expected To Meet Today To Discuss Terms With Huns

AMSTERDAM, January 2.—(Associated Press)—While the Bolsheviks are going stubbornly ahead with their preparations for concluding treaties of peace with Germany, Austria and Turkey and have already announced that peace with Bulgaria has been concluded, their forces are engaged in desperate battle with the Don Cossacks of General Kaledin.

And while peace talk and internecine war occupy the attention of the governing faction, famine stalks in Moscow and the once great empire continues to disintegrate into warring fragments.

Despatches from Petrograd say it is believed that the constituent assembly will convene there today. It is expected that the peace plans sketched out by the Bolsheviks, with the aid of the Germans who infuse the capital, will be laid before the assembly, which is expected to ratify them.

Whether or not opposition of any considerable strength will develop in the assembly is not known. It is known that a large number of delegates were obtained who are not in sympathy with the Bolsheviks and their plan of concluding peace with the Teutonic powers and their allies, but whether or not they will be seated is a matter of conjecture.

The Bolshevik leaders announced a few days ago that they thought districts which had elected Constitutional Democrats and members of the Right should hold new elections, as the "Orders" and those of the Right did not represent the real sentiment of the people. This announcement has given rise to the belief in certain quarters that efforts will be made by the radicals to prevent their seating of their opponents.

Meantime, a bloody battle is under way between the troops of General Kaledin, hetman of the Don Cossacks, and the Bolshevik forces.

The fighting, which has been going on for three days, was resumed with greater fury yesterday at Kursk, midway between Moscow and Rostov-on-Don. Kaledin is making a determined effort to force his way to Moscow, and makes that the capital of the considerable country which he already controls.

Petrograd despatches, passing through Bolshevik hands say that the Bolshevik forces have occupied Poltova, the scene of the historic battle in which Peter the Great of Russia defeated King Charles of Sweden and broke the latter's power.

With supplies shut off through the advance of Kaledin, famine stalks through Moscow and the government is powerless to obtain food for the starving people. Unless Kaledin is defeated, the situation in the city will soon be desperate.

A London despatch says that Tremayon, a sailor, has been appointed temporary commander of the Petrograd district. Another despatch says that a plebiscite has been ordered at Odessa to pass upon the question of that city affiliating with Ukraine or White Russia.

According to indications in Germany, the Russian German pact is virtually complete, with the other Teuton countries falling in line and concluding agreements also.

News reached here today that the clerical, progressive and Socialist party chiefs have informed the Berlin correspondent of a Rotterdam paper that the reichstag main committee members unreservedly approve the German declaration of peace requirements made at Brest-Litovsk.

Huns Steal Great Bronze Doors Of Brussels Exchange

WASHINGTON, January 2.—(Associated Press)—The Germans are dismantling the massive bronze doors of the Brussels exchange and will ship them to Germany, according to a French despatch received here.

NATIONAL DEBT NOW NEARLY SIX BILLION

WASHINGTON, January 1.—(Associated Press)—The treasury department figures on January 1 show that the United States enters the New Year with a national debt of five billion five hundred and fifteen million, which is five times greater than the debt when Uncle Sam entered the war nine months ago.

CHRISTMAS TREE FIRE TAKES DEADLY TOLL

TOLEDO, Ohio, January 1.—(Associated Press)—Three persons are dead here and three others horribly injured as the result of a fire starting from a lighted candle on a Christmas tree kept through the holidays. The tree caught fire last night in the apartment and three sleeping persons were trapped. A woman, 8 years and a girl are dead and three others badly hurt.

QUEEN THANKS AMERICAN SISTERS Mary of England Sends New Year Message

LONDON, January 2.—(Associated Press)—Queen Mary of England, on behalf of the women of the British Empire, sent a New Year's message yesterday to the women of America in which she expressed their appreciation and gratitude for what their sisters on this side of the Atlantic are doing toward the winning of the war.

The Queen's message was conveyed to the women of America through Anna Howard Shaw, the great suffrage leader who herself has taken an ardent part in arousing the women of this country to their duty in the cause of humanity.

In her message Queen Mary said: "Please convey to the sisterhood of your great country the warm thanks of the women of the British Empire for their inspiring words of encouragement and their assurance that they are with us in determination to do everything in their power to aid in the fight for humanity."

Seven Suspected of Hun Arson Plot Are Under Arrest

Are Believed To Have Started Series of Fires That Destroyed Factory and Threatened City; Threats of Lynching Made

NORFOLK, Virginia, January 2.—(Associated Press)—Seven men are under arrest here, suspected of having started a series of fires which destroyed the great Monticello silk factory and several other buildings and which for a time threatened to destroy the entire business district of the city.

The men are being carefully guarded by the police authorities to prevent their being lynched by the infuriated populace. The people of the city believe the fires to have been part of a German plot and threats of summary vengeance upon Germans and pro-Germans are freely expressed.

GLORIOUS VICTORY WON BY TEUTONS Kill Women and Children and Damage Art Treasures of Padua in Air Raid

ROME, January 2.—(Associated Press)—Teuton air raiders, returning for the third time over Padua, thirty-five miles southwest of Venice, succeeded on Sunday in dropping high explosives and incendiary bombs on that city, inflicting no military damage, but killing a number of civilians, men, women and children and damaging some of the priceless art treasures of the city.

The famous old cathedral, which contains some of Titian's masterpieces and where a famous collection of miniatures dating back to the sixteenth century are kept was struck by one bomb which tore off the massive bronze doors. Many of the paintings were scathed by the flying pieces of metal, while the tomb of St. Anthony, which has made of this cathedral a place of pilgrimage, narrowly escaped destruction.

Several bombs were dropped into the cathedral square, where is created the famous equestrian statue of Gattamelata by Donatello, created in 1451. The statue itself was not damaged, thanks to the covering of bags of sand which had been piled about and over it as a protection against just such vandalism as that of Sunday, but the base of the piece was shattered.

Three raids were made, one at eight and one at eleven in the morning and the last at three in the afternoon, a squadron of machines taking part.

POLISH LEGION HAS ARRIVED IN FRANCE

WASHINGTON, January 2.—(Associated Press)—General Pershing has notified the war department of the safe arrival in France of the first contingent of the Polish Legion, recruited among the Poles of America to fight against the Germans with the American troops. These Poles refuse to recognize any of the peace overtures made from Petrograd and will fight in France for the complete liberation of Poland from Teuton or Slav domination.

TAKES HUDSON TUNNEL TO COAL NEW YORK

WASHINGTON, January 1.—(Associated Press)—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, director-general of the federalized railways, today ordered the Pennsylvania system to have exclusive use of the passenger train tunnel under the Hudson River in New York, in order to relieve New York and Brooklyn coal needs. Special coal trains are carrying thousands of tons into the city.

BRITISH CASUALTIES FOR DECEMBER 79,257

LONDON, January 1.—(Associated Press)—British war casualties for the month of December numbered 79,257. The killed were 1045 officers and 14,805 enlisted men and the wounded and missing 3342 officers and 60,358 enlisted men.

This shows a marked decrease as compared to the losses in the month of November.

SCHROEDER UP BEFORE JUDGE TOMORROW FOR HIS SENTENCE

May Follow Rodiek's Example and Turn States Evidence in Order To Avoid a Term in Penitentiary

VON BRINCKEN MAKES NO "TECHNICAL" PLEA

SAYS HE IS GUILTY IN ORDER TO SHIELD GERMANY FROM FURTHER DISCLOSURES HIS TRIAL MIGHT BRING ABOUT

SAN FRANCISCO, January 2.—(Associated Press)—Unless there is another postponement on top of the two already granted, sentence will be passed tomorrow by Judge Van Fleet upon F. A. Schroeder of Honolulu, formerly private secretary to former German Consul Rodiek of Honolulu, and Lieut. Wilhelm von Brincken, formerly military attaché of the German consulate general here, both of whom have pleaded guilty to the charge of being engaged in a conspiracy to foment a revolution in India, thus violating the neutrality of the United States.

Schroeder pleaded guilty along with his chief, Rodiek, who has been sentenced already to pay a fine of ten thousand dollars. A statement made for both himself and Schroeder by Rodiek claimed that they had been guilty merely of a technical violation of the law, a claim which Judge Van Fleet disregarded in passing the Rodiek sentence.

MAY ALSO SQUEAL

It is probable that Schroeder will follow Rodiek's example and go upon the witness stand for the government before receiving sentence.

When von Brincken entered his plea of guilty he explained that he did so in order to prevent any further investigation into his activities by the American authorities, saying that the less they found out the better it would be for Germany. He made this statement in open court.

SERVING TIME ALREADY

Lieutenant von Brincken already is under sentence to prison terms of one and two years each, running concurrently. These were imposed after his conviction on charges of conspiring to violate neutrality laws and violating the Sherman anti-trust law, the violation of neutrality also bringing a fine of \$10,000.

The maximum penalty for the charge of conspiring to foment revolution in India is two years' imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000.

An indictment charging use of the mails to incite murder and arson still pending against the former consular agent.

NEW HIGH RECORD IN EXPORTS ESTABLISHED

WASHINGTON, January 2.—(Associated Press)—Exports from the United States during the year 1917 surpassed all records of the past. They amounted to more than six billions of dollars in goods. This is a new high record.

Imports were about half as great as exports, amounting to about three billions of dollars and making a balance in trade of about the same amount in favor of the United States.

BLAZING PASSENGER TRAIN IS WRECKED

AMSTERDAM, January 1.—(Associated Press)—Running at full speed, a blazing passenger train was wrecked near Samber, Galicia, forty miles southwest of Lemberg, according to news received here. The brakes refused to work and the train went at top speed and on fire until it jumped the rails on a curve. A Vienna report says that many were killed and injured.

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SUGAR SITUATION NORMAL SOON SAYS FOOD ADMINISTRATION

Allotment to Confectioners and Manufacturers of Non-Essential Products Will Soon Be Increased, Is Announcement

WASHINGTON, January 2.—(Associated Press)—The sugar situation throughout the Atlantic States and the Middle West will soon return to normal, when there will be a supply to meet all the ordinary demand, according to an announcement by the food administration yesterday. This return to the normal is not likely to be deferred for very long.

Yesterday's announcement outlined the plans of the sugar control bureau of the food administration under which the allotment to confectioners and the manufacturers of products listed as not essential to the military plans will soon be increased. Confectioners are to receive eighty percent of their normal supply when normal conditions otherwise are restored.

FINNISH DELEGATES SNUBBED BY BERLIN

Request for Recognition of Republic Not Granted

AMSTERDAM, January 2.—(Associated Press)—Delegates from Finland to Berlin requesting recognition of the new republic which the Finns have established received but little satisfaction. The delegation was composed of members of the Finnish senate.

In reply to the requests of the delegation von Hertling informed them that whatever action may later be taken must depend upon what agreement may be reached between Finland, his own government and the Russian government with which his government is now negotiating for peace.

M'ADOO DISSOLVES RAILROAD WAR BOARD

WASHINGTON, January 2.—(Associated Press)—Director General McAdoo of the railroads board has dissolved the railroads war board at its own suggestion. He has appointed Hale Holden, a member of the old war railroad board, to direct the work of the organization which that board built up.

McAdoo also announced the appointment of a temporary advisory cabinet which is composed of John Skelton Williams, Harry Walters, Edward Chambers and Walker Hines.

RIFLES FOR ALL TO BE READY IN MONTH

WASHINGTON, January 2.—(Associated Press)—Complete supplies of rifles will be ready within a month for all of the American forces now under arms. This was the promise of General Crozier who was the chief witness before the senate committee on military affairs Monday. He detailed the difficulties that had been overcome and the state of preparedness that is approaching and his testimony was highly pleasing to the committee.

No sessions of any of the committees investigating was held yesterday.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR WILL RETIRE SHORTLY

LONDON, January 2.—(Associated Press)—Sir Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice, British ambassador to the United States, is to retire shortly, according to announcement made by the London Daily Chronicle.

The Chronicle also announces that Lord Bertie, ambassador to Paris is to retire and that Ambassador Buchanan, head of the British embassy in Petrograd, is rumored to be on the point of resigning.

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