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GERMANY TELLS RUSSIA OF GENERAL PEACE OFFER

Wants Bolsheviki to Sound Allies on Negotiations. Russian Definition Rejected by Central Powers Embassy at Washington Ignorant of Progress.

By the Associated Press.
Petrograd, Dec. 20.—According to press reports Russia has been informed by the central powers that they intend to make peace proposals to the allies.

This report is published in the Evening Post, which says the representative of the central powers, at the first preliminary held yesterday stated that their governments intended on principle to put the question of peace before all powers and that they had asked their allies to do likewise. Russia is requested to take similar steps. It is stated the Russians will sound the allies as to the proposal.

The Evening Post says the Germans have officially informed bolshevik headquarters that the central powers are ready to consider the arrangements of peace on the basis of an armistice and indemnities, but pointed that self-definition of nations was inadmissible.

The representatives of the central powers informed the Russians that they were ready to discuss peace preliminaries but desired to know the results of Russia's efforts to induce the allies to make peace.

They said this point of view might be changed, however, and that they might be willing to discuss peace with Russia alone. The Germans were of the opinion that the Russian armistice might influence the other fronts.

The first conference was devoted merely to a discussion of who would participate in the negotiations.

WITHOUT ADVICE

Washington, Dec. 20.—The Russian embassy today was entirely without advice of the progress of peace negotiations between the bolsheviks and the central powers and whatever advice the embassy was receiving through Ambassador Francis at Petrograd were not made public.

AT PASTIME TODAY

To special attraction at the Pastime Theatre, December 20th will be "King Lear" featuring Frederick Ward in a five part Gold Rooster Play. The following is the story: Lear, King of Britain, won out with the affairs of state, calls his three daughters before him to make a division of his kingdom in proportion with the degree of their affection for him. Goneril, the eldest, speaks first and her father, who is pleased to hear her declare that all powers of speech fail to express the extent of her great love. He bestows upon her one third of his kingdom. With equal volubility and greater exaggeration Regan speaks next and her father, who is pleased to hear her declare that all powers of speech fail to express the extent of her great love. He bestows upon her one third of his kingdom. Cordelia, who is silent, is disappointed and her father, who is pleased to hear her declare that all powers of speech fail to express the extent of her great love. He bestows upon her one third of his kingdom. Cordelia, who is silent, is disappointed and her father, who is pleased to hear her declare that all powers of speech fail to express the extent of her great love. He bestows upon her one third of his kingdom.

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TERMS ARE ISSUED GIVEN WORLD SOME MORE CABLES

DEFENDERS FORCED TO YIELD POSITION AFTER MUCH FIGHTING—RUSSO-GERMAN PEACE SITUATION LITTLE CHANGED—TEUTONS ARE REPULSED IN FRANCE BY ALLIES.

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 20.—What purports to be an outline of the kaiser's much advertised "Christmas peace terms" has reached here through a neutral diplomatic channel, which earlier in the week announced its coming.

In the main terms prescribed follow the lines said to have been written by Foreign Minister von Kuehlmann last summer. At that time they were denounced as having been written purely for political purposes. The so-called terms are said to have left the disposition of Alsace-Lorraine to a plebiscite of the inhabitants.

CORN RAISES HEAD AT EMBARGO RUMOR

By the Associated Press.
Chicago, Dec. 20.—Rumors that the eastbound embargo on corn and oats was to be lifted and that the maximum price of corn was to be removed led to a sharp upturn in the corn and oats market on the exchange here today.

May corn advanced 6 3-4 cents to \$1.26 1-2. Oats rose three cents.

AMERICAN BULLETS PIERCE ARMOR OF GERMAN SOLDIERS

With the American Army in France, Dec. 19.—By the Associated Press.—The German soldiers' armor will not withstand the hard hitting American bullet, it has been shown. A heavy breastplate removed from a German prisoner for a test was literally chewed to pieces by machine gun fire after a rifle bullet fired at a good range had torn a hole in the armor as big as a silver dollar.

Even the bullets from an automatic pistol did the work it was expected they would in this respect.

SUBMARINES AND MINES SINK 17 BRITISH SHIPS

London, Dec. 20.—Fourteen British merchantmen of more than 1,600 tons and three under that tonnage were sunk by mine or submarine during the past week, according to the admiralty statement. One fishing vessel also was sunk.

CORRECTION AS TO PRICE

In the advertisement of Umstead & Yoder yesterday, there was an error as to the price of nuts. The price should have been 25 cents and up, instead of 55 cents, as erroneously stated.

BEGIN SHIP PROBE FRIDAY AFTERNOON

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 20.—Investigation of the government shipping board and the emergency fleet corporation under the resolution of Senator Harding, which the senate adopted, the senate committee decided to begin tomorrow afternoon with Chairman Hurley.

BAPT EXPLAINS OUR SUGAR FAMINE

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 20.—Foundation of the sugar shortage was laid while refiners held large stocks last February by sensational stories of a threatened famine and strike caused by the industrial workers of the world. Earl D. Bapst, president of the American Sugar Refining Company, testified today. He did not take part in this propaganda.

Consumers began to hoard, he said, and during the spring and summer demands on the refiners were unprecedented. When the consumers began to hoard, retailers raised prices. The refiners did not increase their prices.

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Regarding the military situation, Mr. Lloyd George said it was idle to pretend that the hoped-for had been realized. This disappointment, he added, was the result of Russian defection.

The Germans, he said, had only one success and this was the result of a surprise, which is being investigated. The Germans, he stated, had lost 100,000 prisoners, valuable positions and hundreds of cannon.

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NEW YORK COTTON

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New York, Dec. 20.—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of one to eight points in sympathy with firmer Liverpool cables. There were overnight buying orders around the ring, but they were soon supplied and the market weakened after the call under local and Wall Street selling.

	Open	Close
December	30.32	30.57
January	29.45	29.60
March	29.06	29.18
May	28.88	28.88
July	28.59	28.57

HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton	29c
Wheat	\$2.40

WEATHER FORECAST

For North Carolina: Cloudy and slightly warmer tonight and Friday. Probably snow or rain Friday in west portion, light variable winds.

ITALIANS REPULSED SAYS BERLIN TODAY

By the Associated Press.
Berlin, Dec. 20.—Repeated Italian counter attacks against the position recently captured by the Austro-Germans were repulsed yesterday, said the German war office announced.

Since December 11 the Teutons have taken nearly 9,000 prisoners, in the fighting between the Brenta and Piave rivers.

CHRISTIANS AT JERUSALEM MISTREATED BY THE TURKS

Washington, Dec. 20.—An official dispatch received here from France says that the Turks before surrendering Jerusalem to the British brutally mistreated Christian priests carried off the famous treasure of the church of the Holy Sepulchre valued at millions of dollars and sent to Berlin the church's celebrated ostensory of brilliant.

Monsieur Camessei, the patriarch of Jerusalem, is said to have been deposed from his office, and Father Piccardo, an Italian priest, to have died from the effects of Turkish brutalities.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre had remained unmolessted herefore during all the centuries of Moslem occupation of Jerusalem.

The same dispatch told of indignation among Mussulmen of Asia Minor over the action of a German general in establishing staff headquarters in the great Mosque of the City of Aleppo, near the Syrian border.

FIND WHISKEY SHIPPED WITH A NUMBER OF TOMBSTONES

Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 20.—Significant fumes issuing from among a number of tombstones which had been jostled about while being shipped to this city attracted the attention of revenue officers; and resulted in the discovery of a quantity of whiskey placed in a box among the stones. Two negroes have been arrested.

BRITISH NAVAL EXPERT TALKS ABOUT TONNAGE

New York, Dec. 20.—Arthur Pollen, the British naval expert, who has sailed for Europe after spending six months in the United States, gave to the Associated Press a statement in which he said that the campaign against the allied navies against the submarine has at last resulted in keeping the world's ship tonnage from showing a monthly decrease, or will soon do so. Mr. Pollen gives credit for this success to the change in the chief command carried out by the British admiralty last spring and the participation of the American navy.

Mr. Pollen pointed out that six months ago the German submarines were causing a net attrition in the world's tonnage at the rate of nearly 25 per cent, annually. While the present rate of attrition is difficult to estimate, it appeared that last month Great Britain launched as much tonnage as she lost; the first ship laid down by the United States since the war has been launched, and within the next 12 months, a substantial portion of the 6,000,000 tons provided for in this country will undoubtedly be afloat. Great Britain's shipbuilding program will similarly increase month by month and moreover the campaign of the allied navies against the submarine will grow in value week by week, he said.

"The significance of this to the fortunes of the world does not have to be pointed out," Mr. Pollen continued. "It means that Germany's flank attack on allied communications has failed and there is no reason why ultimately the full military power of Great Britain, France and Italy, and most important of all, of the United States, should not be felt in the western theater of war. This is a tremendous result."

Speaking of the change in the chief command of the British admiralty, Mr. Pollen said:

"In bringing about this new order of things at Whitehall, the reformers were undoubtedly assisted, first, by the fact that an extremely effective, well equipped and brilliantly commanded contingent of American destroyers was already at work in a very important area of the theatre of war, and next by the British government waking up to the truth that the belligerency of America meant not only the cooperation of a very gallant and enterprising ally, but the domestication, so to speak of a new and extremely intelligent critic."

RED CROSS HAS REACHED 200 MEMBERS

Mr. D'Anna wired Rev. Francis D. Boyer that Hickory had received 197 new members up to Wednesday night. As usual Hickory is doing what it has been asked to do, and it is hoped that others who have not as yet given in their dollar to join will do so. Call Mr. D'Anna over the phone or mail him your dollar and he will see that your name is added to the list and that you receive a button and service flag.

The Atlanta office states that they are completely out of service flags, but will send them just as soon as they are received from the printers.

The report by the workers at the meeting held Wednesday afternoon is as follows:

First ward, Mrs. J. L. Riddle, chairman; Mrs. Geo. Bailey, Mrs. H. P. Williams, total members, 34; fourth ward, Mrs. E. L. Shuford, chairman; Mrs. J. A. Lentz, total received, 2; second ward, Mrs. A. K. Joy, chairman, total received, 3; third ward, Miss Warner, chairman, Mrs. F. P. Abernethy, Mrs. R. C. Buchanan, total received, 17. Mrs. W. B. Ramsay, chairman school committee, Miss Ada Schenck, total received, 23.

Miss Eunice Bailey, Highland and East Hickory, 16; Booth, Lutz & Hickory Drug Co., by the Do As You Please Club, 65; Mrs. H. D'Anna, chairman merchants and banks, Miss Julia Wheeler, total, 25; Miss Kate Elliott, chairman professional men, Misses Louise Jones and Gladys Reid, total 14.

Total new members, 200.

Join in everybody and lets make it another hundred before Christmas. Help the boys who are "Over there."

HOLD EXERCISES AT HICKORY SCHOOLS

Although the exercise s at the new West school will not be held tomorrow night, there will be public exercises at the three graded schools tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock of a kind that will appeal to parents and children. The public is invited and it is hoped the parents especially will be present to show their interest in the pupils and the schools. The hour is 9 o'clock.

At the West school the Junior Order will present a flag and Mr. Bascom Blackwelder will make a patriotic address. Rev. R. M. Courtney will speak on the Christmas spirit, and Mrs. Geo. E. Bisanar will preside at the piano. The children will sing Christmas and patriotic airs, and a solo will be rendered.

At the North school Mr. R. H. Shuford will present the flag and Rev. J. G. Garth will talk on the Christmas spirit. Here too patriotic and Christmas songs will be rendered and Mrs. Geo. Bailey will sing.

At the South school the flag will be presented by Mr. Chas. W. Bagby and the piano, which was purchased by the mothers of that district will be presented by Mrs. N. W. Clark. It is a freewill offering on the part of these good ladies. Rev. S. B. Stroup will make the Christmas talk.

All the schools have pianos, the eighth grade purchasing the instrument for the high school. The colored patrons have enough money for an organ and that will be in use after the holidays.

The individual rooms will be decorated and teachers and pupils have gone to trouble to make their rooms beautiful. Members of city council have been invited.

JUST 3 MORE DAYS LEFT TO SHOP COUNT 'EM!

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MORRISON WILL DIRECT CAMP TRAINING

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 20.—Major General John E. Morrison has been appointed director of military training with headquarters at the war college in this city. The officer will have charge of the coordination of the army training work throughout the United States in order to produce a uniform result, and will be aided by the American officers.

General Morrison has just returned from France, where he made an exhaustive study of the training progress at the American army camp there.

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