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## RUSSIAN WORKERS REFUSE GERMANY'S PEACE PROPOSALS

A Crisis is Nearing in the Russo-German Peace Negotiations

THREATENING TO RESUME HOSTILITIES

German Demands for Annexation Convince Russians That They Must Fight to Save Their Democracy

(By Associated Press.)  
Petrograd, Wednesday, Jan. 2.—The Bolshevik foreign minister, Leon Trozky, declared today that the government of the Russian workers would not consent to such conditions, he said that if the Central Powers did not agree to free disposal of the destinies of the Polish and Lithuanian nations it would be necessary to defend the Russian revolution. He said the needs of the front would be satisfied, whatever efforts might be necessary. Representatives from all the fronts who attended the meeting declared the troops would defend the revolution to the last word and boot were necessary.

Even the most radical Bolsheviks and the most ardent peace advocates have been aroused by the German answer. They declare that a resumption of hostilities is imminent and express the belief that it is possible to organize and make effective a small army.

Delegates are that the German answer is responsible for domestic difficulties and for convincing Russians that they must fight to save their revolutionary principles.

Chairman Joffe, of the Russian peace delegation, today sent an official telegram to the chairman of the German peace delegation and the Russian peace delegation, saying the Russian peace delegation is necessary to conduct further peace negotiations on neutral soil and suggesting a transfer of the conference to Stockholm. The telegram declares that replies to the message are expected by Russia in Petrograd.

Article I and II of the Austro-German terms, submitted December 12 (December 25, new style), the message says, are in direct conflict with the principles of self-determination of nations embodied upon the Russian peace delegation and supported by the Russian republic and the Central executive committee of the Congress of workers and soldiers delegates.

Article I and II of the Austro-German terms, he called under a Brest-Litovsk date by way of Berlin last Sunday covered the ending of a state of war and cessation of armed operations. In Article II, however, it was declared that the people of Poland, Lithuania, Courland and portions of Estonia and Livonia demand independence and separation from Russia, and that the German occupation of Russian territory did not apply to these districts which include most of the Russian territory captured by the Germans.

### STORM WARNINGS ON NORTH ATLANTIC

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Jan. 3.—Northwest storm warnings for the Atlantic coast from Cape Hatters to Boston, except Chesapeake Bay, were issued today by the Weather Bureau. Indications were that a disturbance some distance off the South Atlantic coast, apparently moving northward, would cause dangerous northerly gales this afternoon and tonight and also snow on the Southern coast of New England.

### CECIL SPRING-RICE SAYS HIS FAREWELLS

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Jan. 3.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, who yesterday announced that he was going home on a leave, saw President Wilson today to say farewell. The ambassador, it is expected, will not return to the United States in present capacity.

### Moscow Banks Seized.

Washington, Jan. 3.—News of the Bolshevik seizure of banks in Moscow, reached the State Department today, in diplomatic dispatches, which, however, made no specific mention

### HITCH IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS HAS STIRRED TEUTONS

Emperor William Discusses Situation With All Branches of Government

UNUSUAL ACTIVITY AMONG OFFICIALS

After Yesterday's Big Conference, Von Kuehlmann and Count Czernin Hurried to Brest-Litovsk

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 3.—The situation created by the hitch in the Brest-Litovsk negotiations, dispatches from Amsterdam reflecting news from Berlin show, has aroused the activities of the rulers and politicians of Germany and Austria-Hungary.

Emperor William received yesterday in joint audience Chancellor von Hartling, Field Marshal von Hindenburg and General von Ludendorff, Foreign Minister von Ruten and Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann. The Foreign Affairs committee of the German Bundsrat, under the presidency of Count von Dandl, discussed the Russian situation at the Chancellor's palace. Chancellor von Hartling had a long conversation with Admiral von Tirpitz, the former Minister of Marine, and Emperor Charles received in audience Prof. Kucharski, the Polish Premier.

Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann's return to Brest-Litovsk, after a hurried visit to Berlin, is said to have created surprise as did his conference with Reichstag leaders who were summoned suddenly.

Leaders of all parties were present at the conference, according to information in Amsterdam, and they informed Dr. von Kuehlmann they adhered strongly to the demand that the Reichstag be summoned as speedily as possible. It is expected that the demand will be discussed at Thursday's session of the Reichstag main committee.

The feature of the conference is said to have been the outpouring of speeches of Philipp Scheidemann and Friedrich Ebert, for the official Socialists, and Hugo Raase for the Independent Socialists. They are credited with having told von Kuehlmann that his attitude in the Russian negotiations was prejudicial to peace. They told him that to say one day that Germany wanted no Russian territory and to say the next day that it wanted virtually all territory occupied by German troops justified Entente statesmen in declining to place confidence in the word of Germany's leaders. The Foreign Secretary is said, however, to have made "complete explanations."

It is reported that both von Kuehlmann and Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Secretary, returned to Brest-Litovsk, where they were expected to arrive yesterday with new instructions.

The Leipzig Volks Zeitung, the leading Independent Socialist newspaper, commenting on the Brest-Litovsk situation and the activities of von Kuehlmann and the government says:

"Germany now reveals her Eastern peace aims. Everybody in Germany, Russia and Entente countries now knows that she is not aiming at a just peace without annexations and indemnities, such as von Kuehlmann depicted, but at a peace providing for an enormous increase in German military, political and economic strength."

"These intentions must strengthen the war-like of the Entente. Germany intends really to annex territories she now holds. Her excuse that the populations of these territories have declared their willingness to be severed from Russia is untrue. Individuals may have done so, but they always have been irresponsible, acting on some German and

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BACK FROM A HARD DAY'S WORK IN THE WOODS



### NO MARRIED MEN TO BE CALLED FOR MILITARY SERVICE

Crowder for First Time Expresses Definite Promise On Draft Law

ONE MILLION SINGLE MEN WILL DO NOW

Recommends That Congress Provide for Registration of Those Who Reached 21 After June 5, 1917

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Jan. 3.—Protest Marshal General Crowder today reporting to Congress on the progress of the draft, expressed for the first time a definite promise and aim of the government not to take for army duty any other men than those listed in class one of the new draft questionnaire.

This classification excludes married men entirely, whose wives or families are dependent on them for support and other men with dependent children.

General Crowder does this on the estimate that 1,000,000 men physically fit for army duty, will be available from class one. This number, he thinks sufficient for the present military needs of the nation, but to assure the future supply for those needs he recommends that men who have become 21 years old since June 5, 1917 (the first draft), and who become of the hereafter shall be added to class one, as they become available. This will insure, the general estimates, a supply of 700,000 men a year.

### STOCKS IN DECIDED UPWARD MOVEMENT

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Jan. 3.—Stocks took a decided upward spurt today, the reason most generally advanced being the further signs of a collapse of the Russo-Teutonic peace negotiations. Rails which were sluggish at the opening soon bounded forward, leaders gaining several points. The pace was set by such investment issues as Transcontinental, Grangers and New York Central. Coal shares under lead of Reading also were materially higher, presumably in anticipation of an early solution of the fuel problem. Steamship shares gained and numerous equipment issues including the war contract issues, were higher.

Trading in the first hour was fairly active, but assumed greater proportions with the approach of noon. The market fairly boomed during the noon hour, the movement extending to industrial and specialties. Buying was in heavy volume.

United States Steel came into further prominence on its advance to 97 7/8, an overnight gain of two points and almost 20 points over its low quotation two weeks ago. Tobaccos and leathers also strengthened 2 to 3 points.

### CIVIL POPULATION FORCIBLY MOVED

(By Associated Press.)  
Petrograd, Wednesday, Jan. 2.—The German are reported to have transferred 200,000 civilian Poles and Lithuanians forcibly to Germany.

General Korniloff, former commander-in-chief and one of the leaders in the movement against the Bolsheviks, has arrived in the District of the Don Cossacks. (The death of General Korniloff was reported unofficially on Tuesday.)

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### MORE PRISONERS THAN THEY HAD MEN FIGHTING

French Attack on Austro-German in Italy Established a Record

AUSTRIANS NO MATCH FOR TRAINED FRENCH

Austrian Officers Cheered Their Captors and Denounced Germans—Teutons Lost 2,000, the French 50

(By Associated Press.)  
Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Wednesday, Jan. 2.—The French in their recent successful operation on Monte Tomba captured more prisoners than they had men engaged, according to a veteran officer who witnessed the fight.

"It was a record making fight in many respects," he declared. "The French took more prisoners than they had men engaged, which is among the records in military annals. They also captured their first Austrian prisoners, which is another mile stone in their advance, as heretofore they had captured only Germans."

In addition to the 1,100 prisoners we counted 300 dead on the ground and no one knows how many were in the caverns and under the bushes. The perfect French military system enabled them to accomplish this with insignificant losses—less than 50 men.

The British Austrian division, the one attacked, is considered a good fighting organization. But the Austrians were accustomed to fighting Russians and Rumanians and this was the first time they had met the highly trained French troops. "The result was that rawness and indiscipline were swept away before discipline and training."

"When the prisoners were brought in, I never saw a more miserable, pitiful, starved lot of soldiers."

"When the officers were lined up there were 12 Austrians and two Germans. The Austrians were told they would receive the usual treatment given officers and gentlemen, but the two Germans were told plainly that they would receive exactly the same treatment given the French officers in Germany. The group of Austrian officers was impressed greatly at this and openly declared their hatred of the Germans. A little later we heard the Austrians cheering and it turned out they were cheering their French captors."

### CONGESTED TRAFFIC TIES UP FERTILIZER

(By Associated Press.)  
Baltimore, Jan. 3.—Due to congested transportation facilities, vast amounts of fertilizer for next year's farm crops are accumulating in the big fertilizer plants along the Atlantic Seaboard. It was said today that at one plant here, there are 60,000 tons of acid phosphate in one pile awaiting shipment. This waste, if moved before more can be made, it was added, and unless some of it is shipped within three days, the plant will have to close because of lack of storage space.

It was declared at the office of the Soil Improvement committee of the National Fertilizer Association that if this huge heap of fertilizer were not delivered to the farms on time, it would mean a loss in the nation's next year crop of nearly five million bushels of wheat or other grain.

### FAMOUS WRITER OF GOSPEL HYMNS DEAD

(By Associated Press.)  
Bennington, Vt., Jan. 3.—Mrs. Annie Sherwood Hawks, author of many famous gospel hymns, including "I Need Thee Every Hour," died at her home

### NORFOLK RECOVERS FROM DISASTROUS FIRE OF TUESDAY

The City Has About Settled Down to Its Normal State

SUSPECTS RELEASED EXCEPT TWO MEN

Two Germans Without Permits Are Held—Traffic is Now Allowed in District—Theatres Open

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 3.—After the shock caused by the disastrous fire of last Tuesday, destroying the Monticello hotel and other buildings on Granby street in the retail district of the city, Norfolk has settled down again to its normal state. The barred zones have been restricted and only a few of the enlisted men are now keeping people away from buildings that are thought to be dangerous.

The building inspector, the chief of the fire department and the chief of police today inspected the walls of the Monticello hotel and found them to be secure. As a result the patrol that has been guarding that property since last Tuesday afternoon as a safeguard against accidents has been withdrawn. For the first time since the fire in the Monticello started pedestrians are allowed to walk at will through the streets of the downtown police and the agents of the Department of Justice since Tuesday, with two exceptions, have been released. The two exceptions are Johannes Emmer and his son Otto, who are being held because they have not obtained their naturalization papers and have no military permits. All of the men were examined by United States District Attorney Mann. Emmer is a family connection of M. Wintermantel, proprietor of a delicatessen near the Monticello hotel, who, with his wife, Ida Wintermantel, was also arrested as a suspect. Wintermantel has a son in the Naval Academy at Annapolis and the son's diploma was found in the house with a book of memoirs of the Kaiser and much German literature. This son married the daughter of Emmer, who cannot speak English. Emmer arrived in Norfolk only a few days ago.

The theatres, which have been closed because of the military guard and the requirement of permits to pass through the downtown section, are now open again.

### BRITISHER RECEIVED ELEVEN WOUNDS

London, Jan. 3.—One of the most remarkable officers of the British army now fighting in France is Brigadier-General Adrien Carton de Wiart. Since the present war began he has been wounded eight times, has lost an eye and an arm, and has gained in succession the Distinguished Service Order, the Victoria Cross and several Belgian decorations.

General Carton de Wiart is 34 years old and was born in Brussels, the son of a prominent official of the Anglo-Egyptian government, and a nephew of the Belgian minister of justice. He fought in the Boer war at the age of 17, and was thrice wounded while serving with the Imperial Light Horse, so that altogether he has been wounded 11 times.

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## CONGRESS OPENED TODAY FOR A LONG SESSION OF WORK

### M'ADOO CONSIDERS MANY PROBLEMS OF RAILROADING

Labor and Finances Along With Coal Movement Demand Attention

WAGE QUESTION NOT TO COME UP NOW

Brotherhoods Called Into Conference to Consider Employment Matters—Williams Discusses Finances

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 3.—After a three hour conference today with heads of the four railroad brotherhoods, Director General McAdoo said that some definite agreement on all relations of railroad labor to the government management would be made soon. The conference will continue tomorrow.

A general readjustment of passenger schedules involving general curtailment of traffic is now considered certain. The question was discussed today between Director McAdoo and passenger traffic representatives of Eastern railroads. Later the question was referred to the advisory council which will report recommendations to Mr. McAdoo probably tomorrow.

Railroad labor and finance questions engaged the attention of Director General McAdoo and his staff today, along with the movement of coal to New England and the East.

To discuss the general employment situation under government operation. Although the union chiefs had no intention of pressing their demands for 40 per cent higher pay at this time, it is understood their case will be taken up along with many other wage matters as soon as the railroad administration has disposed of the more pressing transportation problem.

Many railroad executives are prepared to recommend a general increase, especially for unorganized labor to prevent the men from going to other industries where wages are better.

John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Currency, and the Director General's advisor on railroad financial questions, discussed with Mr. McAdoo the situation which will develop soon, when railroad companies' bonds and other obligations fall due.

Since General McAdoo became head of a unified and government controlled railroad system a week ago, the main tangible result has been the acceleration of coal shipments, and a beginning of the clearing up of congestion in railroad yards by abolition of all priority orders. Surveys also are underway looking to a practical pooling arrangement.

An Ultimatum by Ukraine  
Petrograd, Jan. 2.—Adispatch from Kiev reports that the Ukrainian government has sent an ultimatum to the Bolsheviks demanding that they withdraw their troops within 24 hours and state whether they consider themselves at war or at peace with Ukraine. Shipments of sugar and grain to Northern Russia have been cut off.

Belgium's unshakable faith in the ability of the Allies to recover her territory lost to the German invaders in 1914 is reflected in New Year's greetings received by King Albert from the various branches of the government and municipalities here today, by the Belgian legation.

"May 1918 be the year of justice and reparation," declared Premier Broqueville on behalf of the cabinet.

"May the King enter his capital as a victor, and may he, after these years of suffering enjoy a long era of glory and prosperity."

"The bond uniting Belgium with the Allies," said Count Goblet d'Alvielle, representing the Senate, "is growing ever closer and the conviction is more and more felt that with them we are bound to fall or to win—win so as to bring about a peace which will not make vain the dreadful hardships inflicted upon our country. They will go back, led by our King, into a liberated Belgium."

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Adjourned Early Out of Respect for Newlands and Bathrick

PRESIDENT WILSON'S ADDRESS TOMORROW

Immediately Upon Hearing the President's Railroad Legislative Program, War Questions Will be Taken Up.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Jan. 3.—Congress re-assembled today after the holiday recess and both houses, after sessions of a few minutes duration, adjourned until tomorrow in respect to the memories of Senator Newlands and Representatives Bathrick who died during the Christmas holidays.

Both Houses will meet in joint session at 12:30 o'clock tomorrow to hear President Wilson deliver his address making recommendations for legislation to carry out government operation of railroads.

Bills embodying the President's ideas already have been drafted and are ready for introduction in both houses at the conclusion of the address. Speedy action on the necessary railroad legislation is looked for.

Next Monday the Senate expects to dispose of the Walsh-Pittman Coal and Oil Land Leasing bill and January 10 the House plans to vote on the Woman's Suffrage amendment.

Huge appropriation bills are in preparation for early action in the House which also plans to consider water power development this month. The House also will consider as first on its program the Senate bill authorizing the treasury to purchase \$100,000,000 of Farm Loan bonds. The Senate soon plans to pass the House cess profits taxes.

### MRS. WILSON JOINS IN RELIEVING POOR

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson took a hand today in helping the city's poor, suffering from coal shortage, by putting a White House motor truck at the disposal of the movement for free distribution of coal to the needy. Mrs. Carl Vrooman, wife of the assistant secretary of agriculture, put an automobile at the disposal of the distributors and other women in official life also joined the movement.

### REV. W. C. BYRD DIES SUDDENLY

(By Associated Press.)  
Asheville, N. C., Jan. 3.—Rev. W. C. Byrd, pastor of the Central Methodist church, died suddenly following a stroke of apoplexy.

Dr. Byrd has held successfully some of the most important pastorates in the Methodist church in the South. He was pastor at various times at Augusta, Ga., Nashville, Tenn., Greensboro, N. C., and other places. He was serving his fourth pastorate in Central church, this city. He is survived by his widow and a son, William Byrd. He was about 59 years old.

## BELGIANS FAITH IN THEIR COUNTRY

New Year's Greetings Show Hopes for Restoration of Their Land

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