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GERMANS WANT CONFERENCE AT THE HAGUE

NO DEFINITE PEACE OFFER — FRENCH ADVANCING — BRITISH GAIN ON TIGRIS

PEACE TERMS TO BE MADE KNOWN AT CONFERENCE

Kaiser Makes no Definite Terms But Asks for Conference at Which Terms Will be Discussed.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Kaiser is to fix Germany's peace terms when the Allies meet him to discuss peace. A definite outline of the German peace conditions will not be given unless the Allies agree to a peace conference.

Count Von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador to the United States, visited Secretary of State Lansing yesterday and expressed the utmost optimism concerning the ultimate outcome of the German offer to discuss peace terms.

Great Britain's answer is expected to be made within ten days. The belief of neutral diplomats here is that the issue rests with Britain and that as Britain decides so will her Allies.

German Press Reports.

London, Dec. 18.—The German press is quoted as saying that Germany does not desire any cessation of hostilities during the peace discussion, but merely a conference of all belligerents. It is suggested that the conference be held at The Hague on January 15th, and that the belligerents openly state their views. While the conference sits, military operations would go on as at present.

Fishing Tied Up.

Copenhagen, Dec. 18.—The decision of the Entente Allies to discontinue the supply of paraffin oil, petrol and fishing tackle for the Danish fisheries in the North Sea has completely paralysed the industry.

ANOTHER HUN PRINCE

(Special to The Daily News.)

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Princess Jochim of Prussia, daughter-in-law of the Kaiser, has given birth to a son. This is the tenth grandchild of the Emperor and the fourth born since the beginning of the war.

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NINE THOUSAND PRISONERS ON VERDUN FRONT

General Nivelle Continues to Advance North of Douaumont—Germans Driven Back by British.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, Dec. 18.—The French troops, under the command of General Nivelle, who has led his army with such brilliancy since taking command on the Verdun front, continue their successes north of Douaumont. They made progress in Caubieres Wood and also captured the village of Bezonaux yesterday.

The Germans made a violent attack against the French positions at Cote du Poivre but the attempt was broken up by the French gun fire.

The French have been successful in maintaining intact their entire new front and German prisoners continue to be brought back, the total number now exceeding nine thousand, amongst which are two hundred and fifty officers. There is the usual cannonade in progress along the rest of the Verdun front.

British Front.

London, Dec. 18.—A small party of the enemy approached the British trenches north of Hill 60 on the Ypres salient in an endeavor to bomb our men, but were caught by our barrage fire and made no attempt to enter our trenches.

There was some artillery activity during the night north of the Ancre, on the Somme front, and also north of Ypres, but today all is calm on the Belgian front. We bombarded the enemy trenches north of Hulluch and east of Neuve Chappelle.

VANCOUVER TO HAVE ANOTHER ELECTION

(Special to The Daily News.)

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—Joseph Martin, K. C., stated without qualification that Premier Brewster assured him that M. A. Macdonald would not be made attorney-general until the Scott affair was cleared up. Nomination papers were filed today by Hon. Ralph Smith, Hon. M. A. Macdonald, and D. E. McTaggart for the by-election to be held on December 23rd. No candidate has been nominated by the Conservatives.

Fog in London.

London, Dec. 18.—The city is wrapped in the densest fog experienced for fifty years.

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT.

Notice to Traders and Others. The City's financial year closes Dec. 20th. All having accounts against the City please render promptly, up to date, on the twentieth. 297.

Municipal Telephone Department NEW DIRECTORY.

The City is about to publish a new Directory. Subscribers desiring change of address or any other alteration, please notify the Supt. of Utilities in writing, no later than Dec. 20th, 1916. 295.



GREAT BRITAIN'S NEW PRIME MINISTER AND THE MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY

David Lloyd George is here shown in formal and informal poses, one picture being taken at a camp where he spent a short vacation with Mrs. George. The members of his family are the soldier sons, Richard and Gwilym, the little girl, Megan, and her sister, Miss Owen Lloyd George.

MEXICAN SITUATION MUCH MORE SERIOUS

(Special to The Daily News.)

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 18.—The country around Chihuahua is in a state of panic over the successes of General Villa and his bandits. Villa declares that he will re-occupy the entire city on Christmas Day and the populace is making frantic efforts to evacuate.

General Trevino is holding a secret conference with General Bell, of the United States army on American soil, the Mexican having crossed to El Paso for that purpose. It is stated that the presence of the United States troops in Mexico is giving Villa an opportunity to rally the Mexicans round him.

Villa continues to inflame the Mexican peasantry against the Carranza party and the United States. He says that it is an open disgrace that Mexicans, under Carranza should consort with the Americans and that the presence of an American punitive expedition on Mexican territory is as a red rag before the eyes of a bull. The presence of General Pershing's army gives Villa a growing popularity daily.

Jiminez, Parrail and Torrien are now in the hands of Villa and his marauding forces.

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TWO VESSELS FAST ON NEW JERSEY COAST

(Continued on Page Three.)

Point Pleasant, N. J., Dec. 18.—Two of the most treacherous sections of the New Jersey coast are holding fast two victims. The United States transport Sumner, which grounded on the Barnegat Shoals, is being smashed to pieces by the incessant pounding of relentless seas, and the Norwegian steamer Juno, 2,200 tons, en route from England to New York without cargo, is three miles from shore on Little Egg Harbor Shoals. There is little hope of salvaging either vessel.

IKEDA PROPERTY MAY BECOME MORE ACTIVE

S. J. Castleman and R. R. Hedley, of Vancouver, have come north to visit the Ikeda mine on the Queen Charlotte Islands. Mr. Castleman is one of the owners of this property, which has been shipping ore to the Granby smelter all summer. With copper at such a high price, the Ikeda is a paying proposition and the owners are contemplating greater development work. There is a large body of ore in sight and it is hoped to considerably increase the output next summer.

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ALEXANDER MILLAR IS SHOT DEAD IN SEATTLE

Alexander Millar, formerly a bank manager at Grand Forks, B. C., and recently a real estate agent in Seattle, was shot dead in his office by a man named H. M. Stokes, on Friday. The two gentlemen had for some time had a dispute over a joint real estate deal and Stokes claimed that there was money due him. On Friday, after Mr. Millar had refused to pay him any further monies, Stokes became desperate and shot Mr. Millar dead, afterwards giving himself up to the police.

Mr. Millar was a brother of Mrs. W. E. Burritt, of this city, and was well known to many citizens of Prince Rupert. The deep sympathy of all citizens will go out to Mr. and Mrs. Burritt in their tragic bereavement. One of the saddest features of the tragedy is that Mrs. Millar was visiting in New York at the time.

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TIGRIS FORCES APPROACHING KUT-EL-AMARA

Further Advances Made—Army Now Within Mile of Tigris—Storms Retard Italians—Fate of Capt. Blaikie.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Dec. 18.—The British army on the Tigris front, which assumed the offensive on Wednesday, has made a further advance and is now within three-quarters of a mile of the River Tigris, opposite Kut-el-Amara, which was held so gallantly by General Townshend's Expeditionary Force some time ago.

Italian Front.

Rome, Dec. 18.—On the Trentino front, military operations have been checked by violent storms. On the Julian front fighting is confined to desultory artillery actions east of Gorizia and on the Carso Plateau. In spite of the inclement weather, the Italian troops continue to carry on the work of consolidation of the Austrian positions gained.

Captain Blaikie's Fate.

London, Dec. 18.—Mr. Bonar Law, in the House of Commons on Saturday, stated the government had already "taken such action as was thought necessary to save Captain Blaikie," the commander of the British steamer Caledonia, who was taken prisoner by the crew of a German submarine after sinking his vessel. It is feared that Captain Blaikie may suffer the same fate as Capt. Hyatt, who was foully murdered by his German captors.

Mr. Bonar Law stated significantly that, among German prisoners now in British hands, is a son of Admiral Von Tirpitz; the captain of the cruiser Emden, and Prince Joseph of Hohenzollern.

A. E. McMASTER GIVEN IMPORTANT POSITION

A. E. McMaster, formerly G. T. P. agent at Prince Rupert, and later commercial agent at Regina and recently divisional freight agent at Edmonton, has been appointed secretary for the Canadian Manufacturers' Association in B. C. Mr. McMaster is now in Toronto making final arrangements for the opening of his office in Vancouver.

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