

AUSTRIA PREFERS PEACE TO BANKRUPTCY

SEPARATE PEACE MAY BE ASKED FOR -- GERMANS SHELL STEAMER'S LIFEBOATS

AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY MAY ASK FOR PEACE

Serious Internal Conditions May Force Them to Prefer Humiliation — Washington Is Silent.

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, Dec. 29.—Advices from Switzerland represent internal conditions in Austria and Hungary as being so serious that the governments intend to negotiate direct with Britain and France for a separate peace, preferring a humiliating peace instead of inevitable national bankruptcy and ruin. It is generally recognized that the new emperor, Charles Franz Josef, strongly favors an immediate peace.

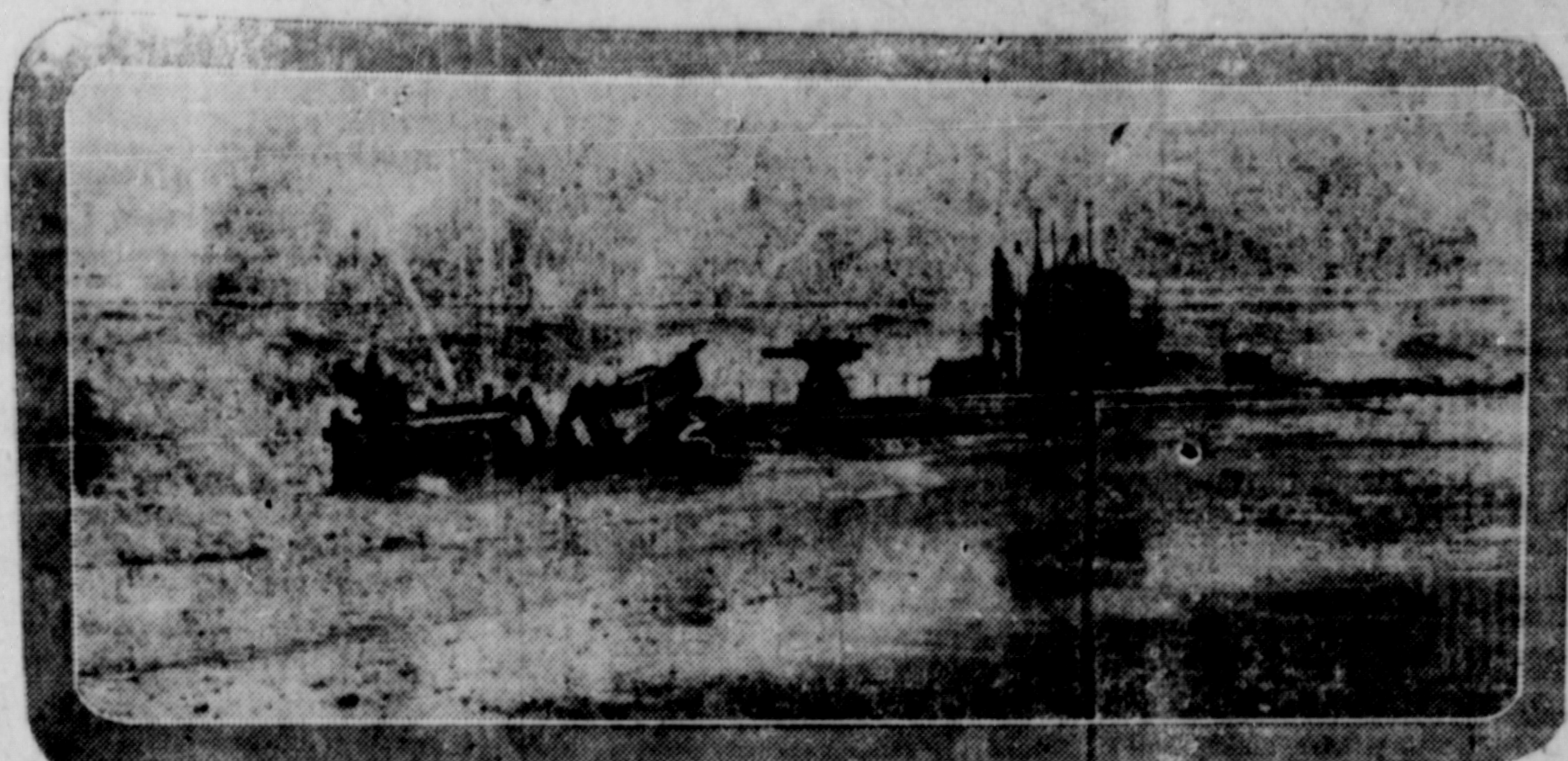
Washington Silent.
Washington, Dec. 29.—It is officially announced that President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing have adopted a policy of absolute silence regarding future peace negotiations between the Central Powers and the Entente Allies. The decision was made immediately following the receipt of the German and Austrian answers to the President's note, which indicated that the Germans were willing to permit of a confidential exchange of the details of the tentative peace terms which they proposed to place before the suggested conference.

NOTICE TO MARINERS
Alaska, Chatham Strait—Hanus Reef Buoy H. S. reported missing December 19th. Will be replaced as soon as practicable.
Summer Strait—Spanish Islands Light, reported not burning Dec. 16th, will be relighted as soon as practicable.
Sitka Sound—Western Channel—Harbor Rock Beacon reported missing December 17th, will be replaced as soon as practicable.
J. H. McLEOD.

SUN AND TIDE
Saturday, December 30th.
Sun rises.....9:33 a. m.
Sun sets.....4:17 p. m.
High water...5:43 a. m. Ht. 20.0
Low water...11:51 a. m. Ht. 6.8
High water...5:54 p. m. Ht. 18.3
Captain McGee, M. M. S. A.

At the reception to Hon. T. D. Pattullo last evening, J. E. Davey gave a very fine rendering of "The Holy City," and Principal Brady rendered a selection from Dickens' "Christmas Carol" in his best style. The accompaniments were splendidly played by W. Vaughan Davies who also gave pianoforte selections.

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With the French in Champagne.



HUN SUBMARINE RAPIDLY DISINTEGRATES.—This photograph shows the wreckage of the U-20, a German submarine which stranded off Harbore, on the west coast of Jutland. A flotilla of German destroyers stood off and attempted a rescue, which failed utterly because the submarine was thrown high and dry a few yards from shore. The Germans had eventually to destroy the vessel to prevent its possible capture by our navy.

GERMANS FIRED ON LIFEBOATS OF BRITISH SHIP

Another Dastardly Outrage on the High Seas—Captain and Engineer Murdered—Air Battles in West.

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, Dec. 29.—The Admiralty announces that the British steamer Westminster is reported lost. The vessel was sunk by a German submarine one hundred and eighty miles from the nearest land.

Two torpedoes were fired at the steamer without the slightest warning being given. Four of the crew were killed by the explosions which followed, and the enemy deliberately murdered the captain and chief engineer by the shelling of the lifeboats in which they, with other members of the crew, tried to save themselves.

Western Front.
Maurice reports that the weather conditions on the western front are such as to effectively prevent any continued offensive on the Somme front. The country in this region is covered with water, the shell holes being filled. Motor transportation is next to impossible and heavy fogs render artillery fire useless as it is impossible to make the necessary observations from the air.

Ypres Front.
On the Ypres front the British shot down three hostile aeroplanes, all of which were damaged and three others were completely destroyed.

DUSTIN FARNUM AT THE WESTHOLME TONIGHT
Dustin Farnum, the famous movie star, is the big feature at the Westholme tonight in "Davy Crockett," a five-act picturization of the famous novel. There is also a British Gazette showing scenes of the French army in the Champagne district. This program should draw the usual crowded house to the Westholme, where the music is just as enjoyable as the pictures.

100 boxes Kings \$1 each at the City Market.

OPIUM FOUND IN CHINAMAN'S SHACK

Wong How, a Chinaman, was arrested yesterday for stealing two safety razors from a house in town. When Constable Adams searched the shack of accused on Third Avenue he found an opium pipe and lamp and a small quantity of the drug. Wong was brought up at the police court this morning but the case was adjourned until tomorrow.

HALIBUT ARRIVALS

The Booth Fisheries schooner Puritan brought in 55,000 pounds of halibut this morning and the Canadian schooners Sealight, Tuladi, and Caygeon came in with 4,000, 500 and 300 pounds respectively.

RED CROSS SALE

In addition to the articles donated for raffling, and which have been already acknowledged, the Red Cross Society extends its thanks to Mrs. Du Vernet for \$5; to Mrs. Mobley for \$2; to Mrs. Oakley, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. George Brown, and Mr. A. B. Evans, \$1 each, and to Captain Rorvig for \$2. Miss Barbeau is thanked for dressing the doll; Miss Minnie Dickie for nine loaves of home-made bread and the following for contributions: Mrs. Otto Nelson, Mrs. D. H. Morrison, Mrs. Besner, Mrs. Sinnott, Mrs. Jenns, Mrs. C. A. G. Armstrong, Mrs. Morrow, Mrs. Smith (Digby), Mrs. H. A. Locke, Mrs. J. H. McMullin, Mrs. D. G. Stewart, Mrs. Clancy, Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Knott, Mrs. M. M. Stephens, Mrs. R. S. Wright, Mrs. J. Knight, Mrs. F. McB. Young, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. McIntosh, Mrs. Turnbull, Mrs. Brooksbank, Mrs. E. Peck, Mrs. A. M. Manson, Mrs. Rix, Mrs. Carss, Mrs. Eggert, Mrs. Clapp, Mrs. W. S. Fisher, Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. R. J. D. Smith, Mrs. Woodland, Mrs. Mellior, Mrs. J. V. Macdonald, Mrs. William Millar, Mrs. Morrissey, Mrs. de Gex, Mrs. Homer, Mrs. McColl, Mrs. Patmore, Mr. John McRae, and a friend, two plum puddings and another friend 50 cents.

The public are again thanked for their generous support, the handsome sum of \$77.55 being realized.

A. J. Beaudette, the G. T. P. mining expert, arrived last evening from the interior.

CONSTANTINE ORDERS GREEKS TO MACEDONIA

Interned Division Ordered to Return to Attack the Allies—Greeks Resist the Blockade.

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, Dec. 29.—The Anglo-Hellenic League at Saloniki has telegraphed that Constantine has ordered a Greek division which surrendered to the Bulgarians at Kavala and which was then interned at Goerlitz, in Germany, to proceed immediately to the Macedonian front to fight against the armies of the Entente Allies.

Greek Note.
Athens, Dec. 29.—The Greek government is addressing a second note to the Entente Allies explaining the growing resentment of the Greek people against the blockade which is keeping food supplies out of Greece.

\$150,000,000 Gone.
London, Dec. 29.—The value of the oil fields destroyed when the Rumanians evacuated the territory around Bucharest is estimated at one hundred and fifty million dollars.

Bridge Destroyed.
A squadron of British aeroplanes has destroyed the Chicalder Bridge in Asia Minor.

Surprise Attack.
Paris, Dec. 29.—The French forces in Lorraine executed a successful surprise attack last night, capturing two machine guns and damaging a German trench.

At the tea given by Mrs. Du Vernet yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the I. O. D. E. and in aid of the funds of the Y. M. C. A. the sum of \$25 was realized.

NEW WELLINGTON COAL.
phone 116. We have just received a shipment of 500 tons Lump Coal. We are prepared to put in your winter's coal for you.

Fred Bacon, who left here some time ago for the old country, has now an engineer's commission on H. M. S. Paris.

PUBLIC RECEPTION ACCORDED HON. T. D. PATTULLO LAST NIGHT

LARGE NON-PARTISAN GATHERING GREETED THE MINISTER OF LANDS—SPEECHES BY A. M. MANSON, M. P. F. H. MOBLEY, M. P. P., MAYOR McCAFFERY, S. D. MACDONALD, FRED STORK AND O. H. NELSON

Delight that Prince Rupert and the north had been honored by Premier Brewster in the selection of T. D. Pattullo, the member for Prince Rupert riding, as Minister of Lands, and thorough confidence that the Premier would find his trust well placed was the keynote of the speeches at the public reception accorded Hon. T. D. Pattullo by the citizens of Prince Rupert in the Railwaymen's Hall last evening.

Mayor McCaffery, who presided over a large gathering, said it was a real Christmas pleasure to congratulate Mr. Pattullo on his appointment as a Minister of the Crown. He had nothing new to say of the Minister of Lands, but could simply repeat what he had said of him for years past, that the Hon. Mr. Pattullo is an honorable and upright man and a strong and energetic character who would do honor to any government. He congratulated the people of Prince Rupert upon having their member included in the cabinet. He looked for great development in the north, with its vast natural resources, and the north was well represented in Mr. Pattullo, though we must not forget that he also represented every part of the province in the Department of Lands, which included forests, water and other resources. Mayor McCaffery described British Columbia as an Empire within the Empire. Mr. Pattullo had assumed great responsibilities coupled with much hard work, but he had the energy, courage and integrity to see it through to a successful issue. He felt that the Minister of Lands would leave the city for Victoria taking with him the fullest confidence of every citizen.

Alex. Manson, M. P. P. for Omineca, said this was the first non-partisan gathering of a political nature ever held in the city and it was significant of many things for the future. Partyism had been a curse as it had permitted politics to predominate. He hoped that the citizens would forget about politics for the next four years and get together in a true co-operative spirit for the welfare of the district and the province. Prosperity would follow unity of action.

He said that from Bella Cooola north was the richest part of the province and that the north, with three representatives should not any longer be dominated by the south. Premier Brewster was a man of unimpeachable integrity and neither friend or foe could point to him with other than pride. In the Premier the north had a stout friend. He congratulated Mr. Pattullo upon being included in the cabinet and thought that the Premier had made a wise choice. He hoped

and believed that when the term was over, the people of the north could say to the Minister of Lands: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

F. H. Mobley, M. P. P. for Atlin, said he knew something of the task which had been laid upon the shoulders of Mr. Pattullo and it was no light one. It involved many weighty problems which needed immediate attention. The war had brought about changes which necessitated revolutionary changes in every department. The influx of immigrants after the war and the large number of returned soldiers were amongst the chief. It was up to us to take care of these men, many of them maimed and mangled. He felt that while many of us were spending our evenings in enjoyment, the Minister of Lands would be burning the midnight oil trying to solve the land problems. He called for co-operation and united effort and pointed out that though Hon. T. D. Pattullo was elected as a Liberal, he was today the representative of all. He congratulated the ladies upon their having been given a voice in the government of the province and said that the political aspect had been raised a hundred-fold by giving them the franchise. He heartily congratulated Mr. Pattullo on his appointment and Prince Rupert on being so signally honored.

S. D. Macdonald, President of the Trades and Labor Council, said that the Liberal executive had taken a proper course in making this a non-partisan meeting. He extended congratulations to Hon. T. D. Pattullo and thought that Premier Brewster had chosen wisely in taking the member for Prince Rupert into his cabinet. He believed that Mr. Pattullo would prove it to be so. He supported Mr. Pattullo in his election, not because he wanted a Liberal government in office but because he wanted the late government out. If the present government did not do its duty he would oppose it next time. He felt that, in the big problems before him, Hon. Mr. Pattullo would represent all parties and every member of the community. He pointed out that big labor problems would follow the influx of men after the war and asked Mr. Pattullo to carefully consider the cause of labor when these came up. He believed that if the aims of labor were more clearly understood.

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