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## OFFICIAL REPLY TO WILSON NOTE DRAFTED

### NEARLY SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN PRISONERS TAKEN

#### ALLIED REPLY TO WILSON NOTE IS NOW READY

Copies Forwarded to Russia and Italy for Approval—Huge Number of Prisoners Taken in 1916.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Jan. 3.—The official draft of the reply to the Entente Allies to President Wilson's note regarding a peace conference has been prepared and is approved of by Great Britain and France. Copies of the reply have been forwarded to Italy and Russia for their approval.

##### Year's Captures.

Paris, Jan. 3.—During the year 1916 the French and British have captured 119,500 Germans; the Entente Allies have taken 11,173 Bulgarians and Turks; the Italians have captured 52,250 Austrians, and the Russians have taken over four hundred thousand Austrians and Germans.

The Entente air forces have conducted seventy-five raids into hostile territory and have shot down nine hundred German aeroplanes.

##### Somebody Split.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Senator Stone, speaking in the Senate yesterday, denounced the unknown person who gave the newspapers advance information regarding President Wilson's peace overtures, the rumor of which caused such a panic on the New York Stock Exchange before any official notice was published.

#### CHRISTIE GIBSON HAS BEEN KILLED IN ACTION

Word reached town this morning that Christie Gibson, one of the best known of Prince Rupert old timers, was killed in action in November last. Mr. Gibson was here in the very early days and had many friends in the city who will deeply regret to hear that he has paid the price of patriotism.

##### LINER MISSING

(Special to The Daily News.)

New York, Jan. 3.—Marine insurance companies have increased their rates on the cargo of the White Star liner *Georgic*, which was due to arrive in Liverpool from Philadelphia on Dec. 19th and which has not yet arrived nor been heard from.

Economy is wealth. You save on shoes, on dry-goods, on wall-paper, on crockery, at sale commencing tomorrow at Wallace's.

Like putting money in the bank—buying shoes at Wallace's.

#### WESTHOLME

OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT ONLY PAULINE FREDERICK

"THE WORLD'S GREAT SNARE" E. Phillips Oppenheim's celebrated Novel.

#### FRANCE GIVES ALLIES MUCH WAR MATERIAL

Though Resources Largely in the Enemy's Hands, France is Doing Wonderful Work for Her Allies.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, Jan. 3.—Official figures for the year indicate that, though France has been deprived of fifty per cent of her coal resources; ninety per cent of her iron ore, and eighty per cent of her iron and steel manufacturing establishments, through the German occupation of northern France and the territory east of Lorraine, she has been able to provide her allies with nearly a quarter of her total output, besides supplying the needs of her own armies on the field.

##### Younger Officers.

General Lyautey, the new Minister of War in France, is vigorously pursuing the policy of introducing younger officers into the positions in the higher commands, believing that this system will make for greater efforts in ousting the Germans from the territory they now occupy.

#### LOCAL BATTALION DID SPLENDID WORK

The following is an extract from a letter received from Major J. Charles Halsey, who is now adjutant of his battalion:

"We have been moving back from the Somme, and when on the march, are unable to post letters, nor do we receive any. We left Albert on the Somme on the 26th November, arriving here last night, where we expect to spend a few days, reorganizing and resting up a bit.

"We are glad to get away from the Somme area for a while. Since the action of October 21st, we have been in two others. The last one we did not suffer very badly.

"I note the people there think there was some carelessness in the battles we were engaged in. It was just the reverse. The 11th Brigade which we belong to, has been complimented by all the army and corps commanders on this front. This brigade has established a reputation, and attained a standard of efficiency that is very difficult to maintain.

Further, this battalion is the best in the brigade, and is recognized as such by the Higher Commands. With regards to the actual battles, we always obtained our objectives, and held them. We took more prisoners than our total casualties, including sick, wounded and killed. The idea of any carelessness is absolute piffle."

##### NOTICE

David H. Hays has taken over the real-estate, insurance and safety deposit business handled by Hon. T. D. Pattullo. Mr. Hays will conduct this additional business at his present office at the corner of Second Avenue and Second Street.



The Devil was sick, the Devil a monk would be; The Devil was well, the Devil a monk was he.

#### NANAIMO PUTS IT UP TO THE GOVERNMENT

A resolution from the Nanaimo city council regarding the high cost of living was brought down at the city council last evening. The resolution called for the protection of the home demands for food commodities; the removal of tariffs on foodstuffs; the fixing and regulating of wheat prices and an inquiry by the government into the cost of production of canned goods, flour, etc.

Ald. Montgomery moved that the resolution be endorsed. This was seconded by Ald. McRae, who said that the investigation was started at the wrong end. He thought it was the higher-ups who should be investigated. He noticed that one big milling company, capitalized at \$2,500,000, which paid 6 per cent. before the war was now paying 10 per cent. The merchants were in his opinion struggling to make a bare living.

Ald. Casey said he was in accord with the principles of the resolution but he did not think that it should be dealt with while the investigation here was uncompleted.

Ald. Montgomery was of the opinion that the cause of the high cost of living was covered by the resolution and the endorsing of it would not interfere with the investigation.

Ald. Casey said that the resolution omitted an important factor in that it did not deal with the fact that the government is competing with the consumer for supplies today for the army and is paying such high prices that the manufacturer prefers to deal with the government rather than to produce goods for the people at home. He moved that the resolution lie on the table and be dealt with at the same time as the report on the local investigation. This was seconded by Ald. Dybbavn and carried by the chairman's vote.

Sale starts Thursday morning, this week, Wallace's.

#### "JIMMY" PARKS STILL ALIVE AND KICKING

Glad news reached Fire Chief McDonald this morning in the shape of a letter from "Jimmy" Parks, who was reported killed some weeks ago. Color was lent to the report in that Jim had not written for five weeks, and he had been a most regular correspondent. The letter is from a hospital at Boulogne where the former member of the fire staff is recovering from wounds. His right eye is damaged but it is gradually mending and he hopes to recover the sight of it completely. He mentions having seen Andy Hepburn, who was well, and Sam Massey, who had had the misfortune to lose his right eye. He also mentions a lad Murray, who formerly worked for Brother Moody, as having made the great sacrifice.

"Jimmy" expects to be invalided to England and he is looking forward to seeing the members of his family again. Whether he will be allowed to return to the front he does not yet know. He makes feeling reference to the death of Captain Adair Cars, who was loved by all the boys. The news that Mr. Parks is still alive and recovering from his wounds will be welcomed by his many friends in the city.

#### PAULINE FREDERICK AT WESTHOLME THEATRE

Pauline Frederick, one of the most popular stars of the screen, is the big attraction at the Westholme tonight in "The World's Great Snare," a picturization of Oppenheim's famous novel. It is a mining story of the early days in California and never has Miss Frederick appeared to better advantage than in this stirring story of the west. The novelist might have had this great actress in mind when he drew the character of Myra. It is something not to be missed.

Big sale starts tomorrow—Wallace's.

#### ENORMOUS WASTE OF VALUABLE COMMODITIES

The following is an extract from an article in the Vancouver Sun dealing with the coming year in the fishing industry of the Pacific coast:

No one knows the wealth of British Columbia's sea products. There is no report, either Provincial or Dominion, which gives the public an adequate idea on the subject. The amount of the salmon pack is covered in these reports, but nothing is said of the oolachan. Some little data may be obtained as to the halibut caught by the fearless fishers of the northern seas, but nothing is said of the dog-fish. Several companies have been formed for the purpose of gathering in the black cod, which swarm in the waters around Queen Charlotte Islands, but nothing is ever said of the various edible fishes which they will catch, kill, and consign to the waters from which they came.

Nothing in the past has been said of the waste going on at the salmon canneries, where heads, entrails and other "waste" are dumped into the salt water below the cannery.

All of these by-products of the fishing industry are of inestimable value to the province as fertilizers. There is no better fertilizer known than fish products, because of their great content of phosphorus.

The year 1917 will witness a great change in this industry. Salmon packing, which has been established on a commercial basis for many years, will not be amenable to many changes, but other phases of the industry will be brought to the front in a manner never anticipated.

##### STRIKE SETTLED

(Special to The Daily News.)

New York, Jan. 3.—Thirty-five thousand striking clothing workers have unanimously agreed to resume work immediately.

#### PATROLS FAIL TO PENETRATE BRITISH LINES

German Storming Party Out in Two—Skirmishing in Lorraine—Germans Claim Gains in Moldavia.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Jan. 3.—There is little to report from the western front. A hostile patrol reached the British trenches east of Vermeles but was repulsed with the loss of half its number.

##### French Report.

Paris, January 3.—Skirmishing took place last night at small points near Le Pettre and in the Jury Wood north of the border of Lorraine.

##### Russian Front.

Petrograd, Jan. 3.—South of Brody, on the Galician front, the enemy yesterday opened up a fierce rifle and machine gun fire and advanced in small groups against our lines. The Russians met them with a heavy curtain of fire and drove them back to their trenches.

##### Berlin Report.

Berlin, Jan. 3.—The Germans are continuing their offensive along the Rumanian front and yesterday forced the Russians and Rumanians back into Moldavia. Continuing their drive into Moldavia, the Teutonic forces are approaching the bridge-heads of Fokshany and Fundeni.

The Russians and Rumanians continue to retain their positions between the Buzeu and Danube rivers.

#### COLLEGE BUILDING AS CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL

Halifax, Jan. 3.—Dalhousie College building for use as a University has offered the Old military convalescent hospital. The Hospitals Commission immediately accepted the offer.

##### RED CROSS SALE

Mrs. Parkin and Mrs. McClymont will have charge of the Red Cross sale on Friday first. The ladies are still doing magnificent work in these weekly sales in aid of our wounded soldiers and their efforts are worthy of every encouragement. It is essential that there be no let-up until victory is ours.

##### 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.

Peck's Shoe Store is giving 20 per cent. discount on all felt goods.

#### LONDON CAFE

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