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STEPS TAKEN FOR DOMINION PROHIBITION

LULL ON THE WESTERN FRONT—KAISER'S PEACE PROROSALS ARE ON THE WAY

STARVATION IN GERMANY PROMPTS PEACE PROPOSALS

FORTY MILLIONS OF THE INHABITANTS OF GERMANY ARE STARVING—KAISER'S PEACE PROPOSALS REPORTED FROM NEUTRAL COUNTRIES TO BE FAR MORE CONCILIATORY THAN BEFORE

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, Dec. 24.—According to a dispatch received from Amsterdam, forty millions of the inhabitants of Germany are absolutely starving. The severity of the wintry weather is adding to the miseries of the common people. Fuel is practically unobtainable and thousands have already died from cold and malnutrition. The condition of the German population is held in a great measure to be responsible for the proposals of Kaiser Wilhelm for peace at this time.

Word received from Berne in Switzerland is to the effect that the German plenipotentiaries in the neutral countries have already received the peace proposals of the Kaiser, through whom they will be conveyed to the allied governments. It is reported that the conditions of peace as set forth by the Kaiser this time are far more conciliatory than any of those formerly talked of.

Stole German Papers.
Geneva, Dec. 24.—A valise containing diplomatic papers being conveyed by an agent of the German government from Berlin to Berne was stolen on Friday at Basle railway station. The valise contained documents of the utmost importance to the German government, and the German legation in Berne is greatly concerned at their loss.

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CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY
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GETTING READY FOR TIME OF RECONSTRUCTION

London—Dr. Addison's announcement of an Advisory Committee to consider the disposal of surplus Government property and stores after the war is evidence of the determination of the Government to evade any repetition of scandals such as occurred after the South African War. But the Committee will have a more positive and comprehensive task than this. It is to consider methods not only for putting surplus war stores and property on the public market in a business-like manner, thereby avoiding scandals, loss and waste, the flooding of markets, derangement of trade, and so on, but also to ensure that the things disposed of are allocated to the fullest and best possible use that can be made of them in view of national needs at the time. Figures have been published from time to time showing the colossal scale of the Government's war purchases. War day by day consumes great quantities of these purchases—food, munitions, stores, and the like—but when peace comes many of them, including all the reserve stocks and stocks "bought ahead" will be unconsumed. Other purchases of war, on the other hand, are not consumed from day to day, and will reach the day of peace but little impaired. As an illustration of this kind may be mentioned machinery, ships, and the Government's war properties of lands and buildings, which now cover the vast area of approximately 470 square miles.

Some of the different war purchases will be needed for continued Government use; others may profitably be reserved for future use. But vast quantities will have to be disposed of. That so big a liquidation of war effects should take place without most earnest consideration and forethought would at any time be deplorable, but it would be doubly so at the close of this war, when so much of restoration and reconstruction will remain to be done with but limited supplies and means for doing it. Every available brick and beam and machine will then be needed, besides every ounce of food, for the shortage in these things will not be made good merely by the signing of a treaty. And not only must every available brick and beam and machine be used, but it must be allocated to its best use—that is to say, the use which will benefit not some individual but the nation as a whole. These on broad lines are some of the difficult problems of reconstruction with which Dr. Addison's Committee will grapple.

For Prince Rupert and district, we have secured the services of Mr. Martin Kroeger, F.R.H.S. Prince Rupert; B. C., phone Red 399. Consult him about your garden problems. British Columbia Nurseries, Ltd., Vancouver, B. C.

NOTICE

Discount Sale on Toys, Dolls, Games, etc., today and Monday—Wallace's. 302.

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THE ITALIANS REGAIN LOST TERRITORY

Austro-Germans Found Italians' Attacks Irresistible Between Brenta and Piave Rivers.

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, Dec. 24.—Continuing their irresistible counter attacks between the Piave and the Brenta rivers, the Italian armies have retaken from the enemy a considerable portion of the ground lost on Tuesday in the region of Monte Asolone.

British Front.
London, Dec. 24.—The lull on the British front continues. Local German raids at several points last night is the only activity reported.

French Front.
Paris, Dec. 24.—Artillery bombardments is all that is reported by the war office up to today. On both sides the big guns are belching forth destruction on the sector of Chenay, northwest of Rheims, on the right bank of the Meuse, and in upper Alsace in the regions of Thur and Doller.

Press Approval.
London, Dec. 24.—The emphatic disclaimer of Premier Lloyd George that Great Britain had no selfish aims of extending her territory through the outcome of the war has brought almost universal approval from the London press.

TROTSKY CLAIMS U.S. ASSISTING COSSACKS

(Special to The Daily News.)
Petrograd, Dec. 24.—Leon Trotsky, at a meeting of the Revolutionary organizations assembled in congress, read documents and agreements, which he declared contained evidence that Americans were helping General Kaledines, who is fighting the Bolshevik troops successfully in southern Russia.

He claimed that Colonel Coppasnikoff, a Roumanian officer attached to the American mission, had been arrested for trying to get a train load of supplies to Rostoff, the town recently captured by Kaledines.

CONSCRIPTION MAKES NO GAINS IN AUSTRALIA

(Special to The Daily News.)
Melbourne, Dec. 24.—The majority against conscription now stands at 473,000.

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U.S. SENATE PROBING SHIPBUILDING DELAY

(Special to The Daily News.)
Washington, Dec. 24.—The holding up of the execution of the shipbuilding programme of the United States government is the charge which the Senate is investigating. This charge is made in the testimony given before that body, and Admiral Capps is alleged to have been responsible. He is said to have refused to close the contracts arranged by General Gohlals.

It is expected that a great number of these contracts will be transferred to the Pacific coast, owing to the inability to get pine in sufficient quantities in the east.

BARREN OUTLOOK FOR HUNS AFTER THE WAR

Zurich, Switzerland, Dec. 22.—Addressing a meeting at Munich of the leading representatives of Bavarian industry, commerce and science, the Reichstag deputy, Herr Gotheim (Progressive), asserted that after the war Germany would have no choice but to pay her own war expenses. Who, asked the speaker, could pay the twenty milliard marks that agitators were demanding? Russia, Serbia, Montenegro and Italy were all threatened with bankruptcy. France had lost a great part of her wealth. An indemnity could only be collected from her if German troops were to occupy the country until the amount was paid but Germany would need all her men at home after the war. Only wealthy Britain was left, but how could an indemnity be collected there when Germany could not occupy the country? The geographical situation of America and Japan precluded all idea of an indemnity from them.

Herr Gotheim opposed the annexation of Belgium on economic grounds. He said the country could only be held if the enemy were absolutely crushed, and the effect would be that the unnatural coalition which had caused the war would be perpetuated.

The "Munchener Neueste Nachrichten" remarks that the gathering showed that German industry and commerce, in common with all the world, find their greatest interests to be peace by agreement, not by surrender.

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THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS DOMINION-WIDE PROHIBITION

ORDER IN COUNCIL PASSED PROHIBITING IMPORT INTO CANADA OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR FROM TODAY—MANUFACTURE OF WHISKY HAS ALREADY BEEN PROHIBITED TO CONSERVE GRAIN SUPPLY

(Special to The Daily News.)
Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The official announcement has been made that an order in council has been passed prohibiting the importation into Canada, from any other country whatsoever, of all intoxicating liquors, except those for medical and sacramental purposes. This order is designated as the first step towards total prohibition in the Dominion. The manufacture of whisky has already

been prohibited by an order in council, which was recently passed in connection with the conservation of foodstuffs. This new order will also prevent the sending of money outside the country for the purchase of liquor. No liquor must be imported into Canada after December 24, which is today's date. After the first day of April, 1918, the shipment of liquor from one province into another which has a prohibition law, will be a criminal offence.

ANOTHER CANDIDATE FOR THE MAYORALTY

In addition to Alderman McClymont and Alderman Montgomery, who have previously intimated that they both intend competing for the highest municipal honors, it is learned that Alderman Nelson is also intending to enter the field. With three candidates running for the mayor's chair, and all diversely accomplished gentlemen, the citizens will have a wider choice than last year, when there were but two candidates.

All the three Aldermen are well known in the city, and it is just possible that there may be other candidates as well, competing against them.

CALGARY TRIES PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION

The figures of the recent election for aldermen in the city of Calgary under Proportional Representation, have arrived here and show that the electors had sufficient courage to choose under the system their first woman alderman.

The contest was of some interest, in view of the fact that the example has been held up to the citizens here as the first case of a large Canadian city adopting this system in its municipal elections.

The Morning Albertan, commenting on the election, points out how the business man's vote, and the Labor vote was concentrated on two individual candidates, and the surplus left over was sufficient to assure the choice of other men representing those interests. The woman candidate, and two other aldermen received support from all quarters. It points out the people were not acquainted with the system, but that drawback would be removed with experience. The delay in announcing the result was due to the care exercised by the officials in securing a correct tally.

THE WESTHOLME THEATRE

There will be a special Christmas photoplay entitled "The Heir of the Ages" displayed at the Westholme Theatre. This being one of the Pallas productions, and with House Peters in the title role, is sufficient to ensure a full house. There will also be a fine gazette and a good comedy.

Tomorrow there will be a special matinee from 3 to 5 in the afternoon, as well as the regular show at night. "Big Timbers" is the name of the play for tomorrow, and it is said to be something special and out of the ordinary. With the talented stars, Wallace Reid and Kathlyn Williams a very fine exposition is to be looked for. These are both plays suitable to this Festive Season.

THE HOLY SEE MAY REMOVE TO SPAIN

Rome—The moment the Austro-Germans succeeded in invading Italy the conclusion was drawn in various quarters that the Pope would shortly issue a fresh appeal for peace, but so far there is no sign of its appearance. The truth is that the situation is such that any move by the Vatican in that direction might cause trouble in Italy, and might even endanger the safety of the Holy See, despite all the efforts of the Government to protect it. This is so well understood by the Pontifical Court that a report has been circulated that the Pope has already sent out feelers in order to ascertain from the King of Spain whether an eventual transfer of the Papacy to the Iberian Peninsula would be favorably received. The idea is that although the Italian Government has done everything possible from the beginning of the war onward to ensure and guarantee entire liberty for the head of the Catholic Church, the mere fact of the latter residing in a belligerent country somewhat hampers his activity. There is no doubt that the mere fact of residing in the Eternal City gives the Pope an importance and an influence which he would not have elsewhere. Even now it is highly probable that the suggested removal of the Holy See will never materialize.

ELECTION RETURNS

The following are the latest returns received in Prince Rupert: Sandspit: Stork, 2; Peck, 4. Masset and Towhill: Stork, 40; Peck, 25. Port Clements: Stork, 40; Peck, 13. Total for Stork, 52; total for Peck, 42. This gives Fred Stork a net gain of ten votes. There are still four polls to hear from, which are Bella Bella, Ootsa Lake, Victoria and Wadhams' Cannery.

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