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ALLIES THINK THE BOLSHEVIKI PEACE A MENACE

Britain, France and Italy are even now exchanging views—No Peace Wanted Upon the Pre-War Basis.

London, Jan. 2.—The London Chronicle says yesterday that the British government recognizes in the Bolsheviki peace move a grave and new factor, of which official cognisance must be taken. The governments of Great Britain, France and Italy are now exchanging views on the subject. The German declarations at Brest Litovsk are approved of by the main committee of the Reichstag.

The press throughout Great Britain is practically unanimous that any peace on the status quo ante bellum will be unacceptable to the people of Great Britain. No peace is wanted which will only be broken again in a few years, with each of the belligerents in a better position to attain their ends.

Such conditions must be created as the outcome of this war, as will make the further outbreak of war a practical impossibility.

In Palestine.

London, January 2.—The British official statement gives out the information that further progress has been made by the British forces north of Jerusalem, and over one thousand Turks have been killed. There was fierce fighting.

THE POLICE COURT

On enquiry at the police offices this morning, both city and provincial, it was found that there was nothing doing. The New Year celebrations had been of a character that the services of the police were not required to maintain order. Chief Vickers says that this is the first New Year that he knows of when he has had no visitors in the city's guest rooms. Great are the effects of prohibition.

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DIRECT PROPOSAL FROM ENEMY SOON

London, Dec. 31.—That the Austro-German peace proposals to the Bolsheviki are only the opening gun in an elaborate peace campaign by the Central Powers is the belief here.

It is likely that the next step by Germany, according to well informed London opinion, will be a direct proposal to the Allies, either through the Vatican or a neutral power.

Neither in London nor in Paris is there a disposition to deride the German offer as spurious. On the other hand, it is regarded as a serious step by the Teutonic group, which regards an early peace as the surest and perhaps the only method of avoiding disaster.

RED CROSS NOTES

The monthly business meeting of the society will be held in the court house on Saturday next at 3 p.m. It has been decided to hold this business meeting upon the first Saturday of every month. Members of the Executive are requested to keep this in mind.

The Prisoners of war branch acknowledges with thanks the sum of \$1 from the pupils of Div. 5, Miss Rothwell's class, for the month of December.

The sale of home-cooking held last Friday realized the sum of \$75.02. The public sent in a most generous supply of home-cooking which was readily disposed of. The following are the articles contributed for the drawings, and the winners: Mr. M. Albert gave a \$5 gold piece, won by E. Sinclair; Mr. M. O'Reilly smoking jacket won by A. T. Broderick; Messrs. P. Burns & Co., ham won by R. L. Macintosh; C. H. Orme, box of soap, won by W. H. Wearmouth; Lynch Bros. & McMeekin, Quaker Oats, won by G. J. Frizzell; Albert & McCaffery half ton of coal won by Major Cowley; Mrs. Dowling croquet bag won by J. P. Sherman.

Miss Rothwell, Miss McClenaghan and Miss Hays will have charge of the sale of home-cooking to be held this coming Friday in the Red Cross hut. A feature of this sale will be a guessing contest on a cake made by Miss Hays, who is noted as an excellent cook. The cake will be on view in the window of the hut on the day previous to the sale.

TWO HAZELTON MINERS KILLED BY SNOWSLIDES

Hazelton, Dec. 31.—S. F. McCulley and Rod Campbell were killed Friday morning by a snowslide while on their way up the Rocher de Boule Mountain to work. They were employed by the New Hazelton Gold Cobalt Company of Vancouver. McCulley comes from Truro, N. S., and Campbell from near Sherbrooke, Que. Both were unmarried and about 50. William Fillier, J. P. Murray and W. R. Hull were also caught but not killed. Murray is uninjured while the injuries of Fillier and Hull are not thought to be serious.

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GREAT FLOODS IN THE FRASER VALLEY

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—Succeeding the blizzard which struck the valley of the Fraser river a few days ago have come warm winds and much rain. These conditions have made the difficulties of railroad and vehicular traffic all the more so. Every stream tributary to the Fraser is running full, and acres upon acres of land are covered with water. Full reports of the damage, first by the blizzard and later by the floods, cannot yet be got owing to the difficulties of travel and the disruption of the telegraph system.

At Port Coquitlam the main section of the city is awash, with the Coquitlam river coming down in flood. A log jam has formed on the upper side of the C. P. R. bridge, and it is feared that the structure will be carried away. Should this happen, the ordinary traffic bridge lower down is bound to suffer the same fate.

Immense destruction has been caused to the fruit trees in the valley by the blizzard, and thousands of trees have been damaged beyond bearing again. Slides are common along the C. P. R. Never before has such weather and such a rapid change been experienced in the Fraser district.

THE NATURALIZATION ACT

The old naturalization law in Canada died on Monday night, and from now on the Naturalization Act of 1914 is the only law in force. Under the provisions of the 1914 act, any applicants under its terms are granted full Imperial naturalization. Hitherto, an alien who might take out his naturalization papers in Canada found that in another part of the Empire these were of no effect. Now under the new act this anomaly will be done away with, and citizenship in Canada is equal to that of the Empire.

LITTLE NICHOLAS DIES IN THE HOSPITAL

Little Nicholas Worobec was admitted to the general hospital on last Friday suffering from severe bronchial pneumonia. The little fellow was very sick, and had not the strength to recover from his illness, and on Monday he passed away. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Worobec live on Ninth Avenue East. The boy was only five years of age, and his parents are to be sympathized with. The funeral will be in the hands of the B. C. Undertakers.

Buffet, dining tables and chairs at Tite's January Sale, 20 per cent discount.

GUATEMALA HAS ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE

City Now Completely Destroyed—Many Killed and Homeless—Fissures in Streets

Washington, Dec. 31.—The city of Guatemala has suffered from another earthquake, which has completed the work of destruction brought about by the series of quakes which commenced on Christmas Day. One hundred and twenty-five thousand people are now homeless and are in the streets. Many were killed in their own houses, and by falling walls. However, the mildness of the climate in the devastated region minimises the danger of suffering likely to be caused by exposure.

The Colon Theatre, which was filled with people, collapsed and there were many casualties. The railroad depot, sugar mills, post office, American and British legations, United States consulate, and all the churches in the city have been levelled, while deep fissures have opened in the middle of the city. American naval vessels have been ordered to render assistance.

THE FISH SCARCITY

There was but one cargo of fish in the harbor this morning. The Alton had 70,000 lbs. halibut, which was sold to the Cold Storage Company for 15c per lb. There was heavy bidding for this lot, on account of the scarcity prevailing all over the coast. The skipper of the Alton was offered 16c to go to Seattle, 15 1/2c in Vancouver and 14c to go to Ketchikan. The Cold Storage Company in Prince Rupert, however, offered 15c per lb., which was a better price.

Very many of the fishing boats are laid up for overhaul, etc., at this time, and the rough weather which has been prevailing for the past few weeks has militated against big catches by the boats which were out.

Blankets, sheets, comforts, pillows, towels and bedding at Tite's big January sale.

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A BALL IN AID OF THE HALIFAX SUFFERERS

The first annual ball of the Sons of Canada Society will take place in the St. Andrew's Hall on Friday, January 11th. The West-holme Orchestra will provide the music. Tickets: Gents, \$1.00; Ladies 50c.

THE DESIRE OF THE GUESSER

Presumably apropos the statements which have been appearing recently in the press regarding the outcome of the soldiers' vote, particularly with regard to the Skeena division, the "Vancouver Province" in the last issue to reach here has the following to say:—

In three weeks the boxes containing the ballots cast by the soldiers over the seas will be opened and the votes counted. In the meantime it is quite safe to disbelieve any statements as to the results of the poll in Britain and France. It may be possible for men on the spot to make a calculation or a fair estimate of the number of votes cast but no polling officer or army officer or bystander can know for whom or what party the ballots are marked. All the reports are merely conjectures based on the talk of the men or the desire of the guesser.

It must be apparent that these "inspired" articles are written for the purpose of preparing the public for what the writers would like so well to see come about.

NOTES FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

Notwithstanding that Monday evening was the New Year's Eve, there was a meeting of the city council, and it was feared that the sitting would see the old year depart and the new one ushered in.

The consideration of the bylaw for the light and power rates came up. Ald. Dybham moved that the bylaw be finally adopted and the corporate seal affixed. This being conceded, he moved that the bylaw for the reduction of the number of aldermen from eight to four in the city of Prince Rupert now pass. This being done, this bylaw will be submitted to the vote of the ratepayers on election day, January 17.

Light and Telephone.

The chief interest of the evening, however, was centered around the question of the public utility known as the Light and Telephone Department. The city clerk read a report from the superintendent to the city treasurer, wherein he recommended the reimposition of meter rents and a raising of the price of the street lighting. Apparently, if the proper cost of the street lighting had been charged at the beginning of the year, the department would have had no deficit. The question was whether this deficit should be dealt with now or allowed to appear on the balance sheet. Aldermen Casey, Montgomery, McClymont and Dybham all spoke on this and other points raised in the superintendent's report. Alderman Nelson thought that the matter should be left over until the next meeting of the council, when the treasurer's report would be brought down.

At this moment Ald. Montgomery rose again. As he had spoken already more than once on this question, "Now Alderman Montgomery!" interjected the mayor. Quickly realizing his position, "I'm going to move an amendment," said Ald. Montgomery. "I'm perfectly in order." His amendment being seconded, which gave the alderman his opportunity to speak, "Now," he cried victoriously, "I'm going to tell you something." Which he proceeded to do, but to Alderman Dybham the chairman of the utilities committee, he proceeded to belabor Ald. Dybham as chairman of the committee and laid all the blame of the deficit upon him. "Address the chair," remarked Ald. Dybham, but that did not deter Ald. Montgomery. He still went to it, winding up with the remark that at the end of the season he was not going to get in below their "dirty blanket."

A Severe Rebuke.

Ald. Casey then spoke and in measured level tones, he told Ald. Montgomery just what he thought of him. He told of how Alderman Montgomery had got the department revolutionized during 1916. He wanted certain reforms, and he got them. "There is one kind of man I admire," went on Ald. Casey, "and there is one kind of man I don't admire. I admire the man who will stand up to his responsibilities, when things don't go right, who will face the music. The responsibility is his, and he should assume it. But Alderman Montgomery will never do this. He is always ready, though to accept any credit when there is any going. Ald. Montgomery is absolutely responsible for a whole lot of this mismanagement. Both he and I, as a member of the committee, have to stand by and take our share of the responsibility."

THE RAILROAD TRACK IS STILL BLOCKED

On account of the difficulty experienced with the clearing of the railroad track at Kwinitsa and further east, and also the trouble with the telegraph wires, little information can be got as to the actual position of affairs up the line.

So far as can be learned, however, the train which should have been in here on Sunday evening has been cancelled, and it is very probable that the same course will be adopted with the train which was due last evening.

The slides are proving to be greater than was at first expected and the difficulties in getting the telegraph wires through again are very considerable. The best, however, is being done under the circumstances. There was no train out this morning.

Ald. Montgomery is not the only alderman who is responsible."

Ald. Nelson thought that as the whole question immediately before the council was only one of bookkeeping really, the ordinary business course was the best one to pursue. However, the motion to square off the deficit carried.

Savings.

In the course of the discussion of the superintendent's report, Mayor McCaffery intimated that for the last year the costs of running all businesses had increased, and the same applied to the city's hydro-electric plant in certain directions. Nevertheless, with the readjustments mentioned by Mr. Duncan, the superintendent, the statement for 1917 would show an even break. He said that the audited report for 1915 showed general expenses as \$7,719.14, which in 1916 was reduced to \$5,427.00, making a saving of \$2,292.14, while for this year, this particular charge will be even less. Altogether His Worship informed the council that the report from the treasurer will show a saving of \$2,300 or more in the expenses of running the hydro-electric plant during 1917, over 1915, notwithstanding the added costs in certain directions.

The next business was the resolution brought in by Ald. Nelson regarding Cow Bay, which was to the effect that the city do not accept the waterfront offered at the mouth of Cow Bay in consideration that no protest be made by the city to its being filled in. Ald. Nelson was in great hopes that the Union Government would take over the G. T. P. and he was of opinion that some greater consideration could be got from the Dominion government. Besides he did not see any assurances that the G. T. P. would be going ahead with this work, in fact, he had serious doubts as to the ability of the company undertaking this work. Therefore, he wanted the council to defer judgment until the full intentions of the G. T. P. are known. The motion for reconsidering Ald. Nelson's resolution was carried, whereupon His Worship the Mayor fixed the date for this to take place at four weeks hence. Ald. Nelson then hastily jumped up. "Are you sure of your grounds, Mr. Mayor," he asked? "Absolutely," replied the mayor. "Section 36 of the Municipal Act."

There was some wondering as to who would be in that chamber four weeks hence, when the motion of adjournment was put.

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