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## RUSSIANS AFRAID OF GERMAN TRICKERY

## SOCIALISTS MAKE VERY PLAIN SPEECH BEFORE THE KAISER'S PEACE COUNCIL

RUSSIA AND GERMANY ARE  
AT COMPLETE VARIANCE

RUSSIANS ONLY BECOME SUSPICIOUS OF TEUTONS NOW—APPREHENSIVE OF TRICKERY BY GERMAN DELEGATES AT BREST LITOVSK—KAISER HOLDS PEACE COUNCIL—SOCIALISTS' PLAIN SPEECH

(Special to The Daily News.)

Petrograd, Jan. 4.—Evidences are multiplying today that the irreconcilable differences between Russia and Germany brought out at the peace conference will force a discontinuance of the present sittings and also of the future separate peace negotiations. It is not expected here that the armistice which has been arranged for one month's time will be renewed. In that case, hostilities will break out afresh on the Russian front. The Russians are now apprehensive of German trickery in every move by the Teutonic delegates and agents here and at Brest-Litovsk.

## The Kaiser's Conference.

London, Jan. 4.—The situation created by the hitch in the Brest-Litovsk negotiations show the aroused activities of the rulers and politicians of Germany and Austro-Hungary, according to dispatches received from Amsterdam, which reflect the news from Berlin. The Emperor William yesterday received a joint audience of von Hertling, the chancellor, Hindenburg, Ludendorff, Finance Minister von Roedern, and Kuehlmann. The leaders of all the parties were present at this conference.

its most noticeable feature was the outspokenness of Scheidmann and Ebert for the Socialists, and of Haas, for the independent Socialists. They said that Kuehlmann's attitude in the Russian negotiations was prejudicial to peace. According to what might be taken from the attitude adopted by him, one day Germany wanted no territory, and the next wanted virtually all the territory occupied by German troops. This state of affairs, they held, justified the Entente statesmen in declining to place confidence in the word of Germany's leaders.

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COMEDY

SHALL WE HAVE EIGHT  
ALDERMEN OR FOUR?

To the Editor:—Doubtless the wish to economize has inspired the proposal to reduce the number of our aldermen from eight to four, but it should be borne in mind that though our city may be small, we are endeavoring to put into practice the principle of representative government. As far as possible all classes in our community should be represented in our council.

Labor should undoubtedly be represented. For this reason I have always voted for a labor candidate, but labor is not the only class. The trading class who are trying to do business in this city under many drawbacks should be represented. The fishing class who are helping to establish in this city a most valuable industry should be represented. The transportation class, without whom no city would be here, should be represented. The property class who pay the bulk of the city taxes should be represented, and even the social service class (teachers, doctors, clergymen, etc.) though small in numbers might well have a voice to represent higher interests than money values.

Our system of voting is faulty. Twenty-five years ago I advocated proportional representation and I am glad to see that it is now on the way. Meanwhile, ruling out party politics, let us endeavor as best we can under our present method to give a fair representation to all the leading classes in the community. To do this more than four aldermen are required. The commission system with a few paid experts is quite a different thing. If we could boil down the eight aldermen and have the concentrated essence of their wisdom and experience in the four we might try the new scheme but even then we have to face the principle, "One man, one vote." The margin of representation for so many different interests is too small.

Yours truly,  
F. H. DU VERNET.  
January 3rd, 1918.

## EUROPEAN FOOD SCARCITY

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, Jan. 4.—A further reduction in civilian rations in European countries has been reported as necessary. Information received by the food administration said that the wheat shortage in France was becoming alarming, and that Maurice Long, minister for general revictualing for the French government had indicated a decrease of 20 per cent. in bread soon would be imperative. Denmark is also looking forward to a bread reduction.

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ALLENBY'S ARMY  
IS ADVANCING  
IN PALESTINE

Turkish Attack North of Jerusalem is Repulsed—British Advance on a Nine Mile Front.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Jan. 4.—An official report published relating to the operations of General Allenby's army in Palestine, states that a Turkish attack north and northwest of Jerusalem was repulsed, and the British made a considerable advance in their turn. They first drove the enemy back for two and a half miles on a nine-mile front on the Turkish right flank, afterwards extending the ground gained five or six miles north of Beit Unia.

General Allenby's report says: The Irish troops met with considerable opposition, which they overcame despite the difficulties of the ground. Although the enemy is falling back, the rough ground and the mountainous nature of the country makes pursuit slow and difficult. Our aeroplanes bombed the enemy's troops and transport on the Naballa road for a whole day with great effect.

CHASING THE TURK  
IN THE HOLY LAND

Some very interesting letters have been received from the boys under General Allenby in Palestine. One of our friends, writing from "somewhere in Syria" long before Jerusalem had been taken, knew then that they had brother Turk on the run. "We are now having a 'blow' after some very hard work," he says. "Everybody is anxiously waiting for a shift to somewhere, where we can get cleaned up. We have not had any opportunity for a wash since Oct. 22. I think that was the last day we went down to the sea. You can pretty well guess we are in a fine pickle. Everything is dirty and worn, and we look more like a lot of tramps than the smart British soldiers we once were."

"A 'shaving brush wash' is a face wash with the brush and water used for shaving. This is rather refreshing, if it is not very cleansing. It is quite surprising when you consider that we have been over the same ground as the Turk that we are not verminised. We are really lucky, as the Turk is not altogether a clean reptile in his person. Although our time has been rough, we have not done any worse than other troops. All have had it very rough, with shortages of water and food and rough conditions, so the sooner we can get settled and get some good food inside us, the sooner we shall be physically fit to carry on again. Only once have we been really short of drinking water, and that was a day not to be readily forgotten, and never to be experienced again, I hope.

"Well, all these hard times are past for a few days. I only wish they were gone for good, and that we could experience some of the hard times of civil life, which are easy. Cheer oh. Everything will come right in the end."

Notwithstanding all the hardships, he is optimistic to the last.

Shoes at less than can be purchased at factory, at Scheinman's sale of Peck's Shoe Store tomorrow.

EXPLOSION IN  
PETROGRAD IS  
DISASTROUS

Eleven Hundred Airplane Machine Guns and Ammunition Destroyed and Many are Killed.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Petrograd, Jan. 4.—Eleven hundred aeroplane machine guns and a large quantity of ammunition, and approximately twenty persons killed is the result of a mysterious fire and explosion today in the military depot in Gutuyevsk basin in Petrograd.

This is looked upon as the work of German agents, who are scattered throughout the whole country. With the disorganization of the armies, and the weakness of the central authority in police matters, German prisoners of war and spies have been allowed free movement, and it is feared that this explosion which has crippled any possibility of the development of the Russian air service, may only be the precursor of further outrages, now that Germany sees in Russia the possibilities of further warfare.

ROUMANIAN MONARCH  
HAS NOT ABDICATED

(Special to The Daily News.)

Petrograd, Jan. 4.—There has been no confirmation of the rumors of the abdication of King Ferdinand of Roumania, in favor of his son, the Crown Prince Charles. Communication with Roumania is difficult in the meantime, owing to the conditions of the telegraph system. It was understood at the Brest Litovsk conference, according to information received here, that this was one of the proposals of Austria, although the matter had not been discussed. Now that the peace negotiations have been broken off, it is not expected that the sacrifice of his throne will be demanded of King Ferdinand.

THE WORKING OF THE  
MILITARY SERVICE ACT

(Special to The Daily News.)

Montreal, Jan. 4.—The first draft has been called upon to join Canada's army. The Military Service Act is working without a hitch in all parts of the Dominion. Montreal's quota was quickly supplied. Over twenty thousand men is said to be the total of the first draft called from Quebec city.

PORTUGUESE GET THE  
GERMAN EAST AFRICANS

London, Jan. 4.—Dispatches received from Mozambique in Portuguese East Africa tell of fighting between the Portuguese troops and the two thousand German troops who fled across the border before the joint British and Belgian forces operating in German East Africa. With the alternative of surrender, the demoralized force of Germans, who, including black native troops, numbered in all nearly two thousand, escaped over the border into the territory of Portugal. The country is difficult for military operations, but Portuguese troops cut off their retreat further south, and some stiff actions have taken place. Word of the surrender of this remnant of Germany's African army is expected any time.

CANDIDATES ENDORSED  
BY TRADES AND LABOR

Names of Seven Aspirants to the Council Chamber Put Forward and Agreed to.

An open meeting of union card men was held last evening in the Carpenters' Hall to discuss municipal matters chiefly. In the matter of the forthcoming municipal election, the names of Alderman Geo. Casey, Mr. W. G. Barrie, Mr. John Rank, Mr. Fred Shaw, Capt. Rorvik, and Mrs. W. J. Kirkpatrick were brought up for endorsement by the meeting as councillors, and were considered worthy of the support of Labor.

With regard to the mayoralty, Alderman Montgomery's candidature received the approbation of the meeting by a majority of only two votes. Mr. S. D. Macdonald was unanimously endorsed as police commissioner. The meeting was not a very large one, although the discussion was long, and matters were well threshed out.

## The Drydock.

Among the other things which received the attention of the gathering was an article appearing in the B. C. Federationist, which dealt with the idle Prince Rupert drydock. It was thought that as many of the things said about the drydock were misleading, it might be as well to have it so that the Federationist publish the corrections to its story. The secretary was instructed accordingly.

The recent statement of General Mewburn wherein he advocated the conscription of wages won by aliens above \$1.10 per day was also discussed insofar as it affected Organized Labor. The danger of the disruption of labor, should this recommendation be put into practice, was shown. A resolution protesting against it was passed, which will be forwarded to other Trades and Labor Councils, asking their co-operation.

BRITISH PRISONERS  
OF WAR EXCHANGED

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—A Reuter dispatch from Zurich, received at the Ottawa agency, states that a party of British war prisoners, consisting of eighty-four officers and five hundred and fifty-four men, has arrived there from Germany. The officers, including Brig.-Gen. Victor Williams, of the Canadian Expeditionary force, are going to Montreaux and Vevey. The men will be interned at Chateau Doex. The party on the whole looked well, the dispatch said, those interned in north Germany appearing to have had a much worse time than those in south Germany.

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

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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-home Orchestra will provide the music. Tickets: Gents, \$1.00; Ladies 50c.

HUNS BOMBING  
HOSPITALS ON  
ITALIAN FRONT

Favorite Pastime of German Aviators is Continued on New Ground—Geneva Cross No Protection.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Rome, Jan. 4.—The Teuton aviators have begun to drop bombs upon the Italian hospitals. Bombs were dropped yesterday upon one hospital killing eighteen of the patients. The hospital premises were well marked with the Geneva Cross, so that there could be no mistake upon the part of the airmen, either by day or night. In this particular instance the bombing must have been done deliberately, and with the intention of killing the patients. Frightfulness as practiced in Flanders and on the western front is what the Germans apparently intend to continue upon the Italian Front.

## On the Piave.

Except for a few outpost positions near the Delta at the mouth of the Piave, the whole of the western bank of the river is clear of the Austro-Germans. With the capturing of the Zenson bridgehead by the Italians, where a large and strong force of Germans were established, the last of the German forces who had crossed the river, were driven across again. Fighting has been local in character, and wherever the Germans have attempted to get across the river, they have been frustrated in their design by the watchful Italian troops.

## In Flanders.

London, Jan. 4.—A hostile raiding party was repulsed last night south and southwest of La Bassée. East of Epehy, the enemy artillery has been active. In the neighborhood of the Ypres-Comines canal artillery on both sides has also been active. There has been a heavy fall of snow along the whole front, and the weather is very changeable. Alternately freezing and thawing, and occasional further falls of snow, have rendered the ground very difficult for any infantry operations on a large scale. Indeed infantry operations of any kind are hardly possible.

## SHIPPING LOSSES

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Jan. 4.—Twenty-one British merchantmen were sunk last week.

## NOTICE

A special meeting of the Prince Rupert Cadet Corps will be held at the Borden Street School on Friday evening, January 4th, at 7 o'clock.

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