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## PRESIDENT WILSON SPEAKS ON WAR AIMS

### ALLIES EXPECTANT OF GERMANY'S REPLY--NO NEWS FROM THE BRITISH FRONT

#### ALLIES AWAIT REPLY FROM GERMANY ABOUT WAR AIMS

IF GERMANS ARE SINCERE, THEY MUST MAKE SOME SORT OF STATEMENT--BOLSHEVIKI SITUATION THROWS BERLIN INTO POLITICAL TURMOIL--HINDENBURG THREATENS TO RESIGN

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Jan. 9.—A reply from the Central Powers to the statement of the British war aims made by Premier Lloyd George is awaited with great interest. It is believed that Germany and her allies cannot decline to reply in some form so as to make her reply more straightforward and definite than any previous statement of her war aims.

If the German newspapers correctly mirror the situation existing there, the test which the Bolsheviki government of Russia has made of Germany's attitude toward the principle of no annexations has thrown Germany into a political turmoil. Advice from the capitals of the neutral countries bordering upon Germany show that the opinion prevalent there is that one of the most severe national crises in the history of Germany has arisen, developing from the result of the differences in the views between the militarist and the non-militarist leaders regarding the government's attitude towards Russia. It is reported that both Ludendorff and Hindenburg have threatened the Kaiser with their resignations if further countenance be given to such views as those advanced by Kuehlmann, the German foreign secretary, and Count Czernin, of Austria-Hungary.

#### "NARBETHONG" CEASES TO RUN TO STEWART

Captain Freeman of the "Narbethong" is no longer carrying the mails and other traffic to Stewart, on account of his boat being tied up in the harbor here, by order. Being the only means of communication with Stewart, passengers often wanted to travel with Captain Freeman, although the "Narbethong" has no licence to carry passengers. According to the regulations, the boat would require to carry a regular lifeboat, 16 feet long of 125 feet cubic capacity.

Captain Freeman says this is impossible for the "Narbethong" to carry, as it would weigh something like 1,500 lbs. and would stand four feet above his deck. Still, such is the regulation, and until the regulation is complied with, which is impossible, or the regulation is altered to suit the conditions, there is no communication with Stewart. Meantime, the "Narbethong" cannot leave Prince Rupert harbor, Captain Freeman says.

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#### TRADES AND LABOR AND CIVIC AFFAIRS

An open meeting of the Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council was held last evening in the Carpenters' Hall. The meeting was well attended, and a lot of business was got through. The matter of a slate for the city council was dealt with. At a previous meeting, six aldermanic candidates had been endorsed, being Alderman Casey, Mr. W. G. Barrie, Mr. John Rank, Mr. Fred Shaw, Capt. Rorvik, and Mrs. W. J. Kirkpatrick. Capt. Rorvik had intimated that he was not properly qualified, so last evening to make up the slate, the names of Mr. E. H. Shockley, Mr. Arthur Silverides and Mr. Geo. Kerr were endorsed, as having the confidence of the Trades and Labor Council. For school trustee, the name of Mr. G. W. Nickerson was also commended, and that of Captain Rorvik for police commissioner.

##### The Platform.

The question of the platform of the Trades and Labor Council was dealt with, and several things were discussed. Alderman Casey brought up the question of the hospital, which he considered in some degree unsatisfactory, both for the staff and for the patients; the electric light question and the matter of meters and flat rates, and the day's labor problem, together with Alderman Montgomery's platform, in his mayoralty candidature. Ald. Casey had a slight difference with Ald. Montgomery regarding Cow Bay and the Falls river project, but otherwise he was in complete accord with him.

If Prince Rupert is ever going to be anything of a city, it must have the power available to attract industries. If Falls river was the most economical power contiguous to the city, he urged the fullest consideration of the matter before it was turned down. There was considerable discussion on the matter and finally it was decided by a vote that the platform as put forward by Alderman Montgomery be adopted.

Ald. Montgomery dealt at some length with his platform and discussed each item seriatim. He explained the position he had taken up with regard to both of the burning questions of Cow Bay and of Falls river power at some length, and had many questions to answer, which showed the interest taken in these two matters by the meeting.

The necessity for more power for the development of industrial Prince Rupert was insisted upon by Ald. Casey, and he gave some weighty reasons for his stand on the matter.

##### The Campaign.

There were several other matters of business dealt with regarding the electoral campaign, and always another question being fired at Ald. Montgomery. The police commission came in for its share, and the enforcement of the law, both provincial and civic, in regard to prohibition and to early closing, after which the meeting adjourned at a late hour.

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#### BRITISH LABOR WOULD RETAIN GOVT. CONTROL

For After War Period Basic Industries Must Remain Under People's Control For Their Benefit.

London, Jan. 8.—Universal enforcement of a national minimum, domestic control of industry, a revolution in national finance, and the surplus wealth for the common good—these are the four cardinal points of the labor reconstruction policy after the war as submitted in a draft report of the British Labor party prepared by a sub-committee of the Executive Committee for submission at the party conference next June, or before, should a general election render it necessary. The title of the draft report is "Labor and the New Social Order," and the report declares that what has to be reconstructed after the war is not this or that Government department, or social machinery, but "society itself."

"If," continues the report, "we are to escape the delay of civilization itself, which the Japanese statesman, Count Okuma (former Premier) foresees we must ensure the building up of a new social order."

##### No Demobilization Plan.

Regarding domestic control of industry, the report complains that neither the Government nor either of the great political parties has yet formulated any plan for dealing with the demobilization of the millions of soldiers, and says:

"Any Government allowing discharged soldiers or munition workers to fall into the clutches of charity or the poor law would have to be instantly driven from office by an outburst of popular indignation. The Labor party has refused absolutely to believe that the British people will permanently tolerate any reconstruction or the perpetuation of the disorganization, waste and inefficiency involved in their abandonment to a jostling crowd of separate private employers, with mind bent not on the service of the community, but by the very law of being, only on the utmost possible profiteering."

"The Labor party holds that, whatever may have been the shortcomings of Government importation and control, it has demonstrably prevented a lot of profiteering. Nor can it end immediately on the declaration of peace."

"The people will be extremely foolish if they ever allow indispensable industries to slip back into the unfettered control of private capitalists, who are actively, at the instance of the Government itself, now rapidly combining, trade by trade, into monopolistic trusts."

After definitely repudiating all proposals for a protective tariff, the Labor party program calls for more warmth in politics and much less apathetic acquiescence in existing miseries.

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#### QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S ARE NOW HUMMING

Great Development in the Lumber Industry on Masset Inlet—Getting Out Spruce for Aeroplanes.

"The eyes of the whole country are on Queen Charlotte Islands these days," said Mr. A. R. Mallory yesterday, who is over in Prince Rupert for a day or two on business, from Port Clements. "The Islands are busier than they have been for a long time, getting out spruce lumber for the government's demands for aeroplanes."

"Do you know that on Masset Inlet alone a first-class cruise gives to that district half of the available supply of spruce in British Columbia?"

"There are three mills operating now on the Inlet," continued Mr. Mallory, "and the fourth mill, the new one, is rapidly nearing completion. It is a thoroughly up-to-date one, and built on the most modern principles. Yes, that's the one Bill Lynch is connected with."

In the neighborhood of Port Clements, every available building is occupied and building operations are in progress to take care of the increasing population. Indeed, at times it is a hard job for a visitor to find accommodation, but that state of affairs is fast being remedied.

In the southern part of the Island the mill at Queen Charlotte City is expected to start up again this spring as well. Labor, while not too plentiful, can hardly be said to be really scarce so far as the present operations, both in the mills and in the woods, are concerned.

Further arrangements are under way whereby the quality of logs brought to the mills will be increased to a very appreciable extent, and while Mr. Mallory was properly reticent regarding the details of such arrangements in the meantime, when asked about them, still enough is known of the contemplated development in the logging industry on the islands to justify the belief that the present output will be trebled and quadrupled in a very short space of time.

The brig "Benecia" which put in to Prince Rupert early in December, sailed about the end of the year for Australia with a cargo of over a million feet of merchantable deals, from Port Clements, and this is said to be only the first of many such cargoes from northern British Columbia for the Antipodes.

Altogether, the situation of the Islands looks particularly bright for the immediate future.

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#### GENERAL HAIG OPTIMISTIC IN LATEST REPORT

Situation on Western Front Summed up as Most Satisfactory—Destruction of Enemy Forces Nearer.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Jan. 9.—The official report of Field Marshal Haig, covering the operations since the spring, has been made public. The report is most optimistic in summing up the situation on the western front. The fighting which has been in progress since the early months of this last year right down to November, has shown the steady continuation of British successes. The Germans have been consistently beaten, and since July, twenty-four thousand of the enemy forces have been made prisoner. A vigorous offensive has been maintained by the British throughout the whole period. General Haig concludes his report with the remark that the destruction of the enemy's field forces is appreciably nearer.

##### French Front.

Paris, Jan. 9.—After bombing the village of Bethincourt, the enemy attacked in force but were thrown back with heavy losses. Conspicuous gallantry was displayed by several regiments of African troops, who were for a time cut off from the main position of the French forces. They maintained themselves, although suffering losses, and were ultimately rescued by counter attack. Severe artillery actions are reported from Mons in the Champagne sector.

##### Italian Front.

Rome, January 9.—Good work has been done by the British aviators operating on the Piave sector. Eight of the enemy aeroplanes have been brought down by the British airmen.

##### Huns Held Up.

Geneva, Jan. 9.—Snow continues to fall heavily along the frontiers. A telegram from Chiasso, which is confirmed by the Swiss soldiers on duty on the Italian frontier heights, states that the Austro-German troops are held up on the Tyrol frontier.

Many convoys of food and Red Cross are stalled in the mountain passes and regiments of Central Empire troops have been isolated without food for several days.

Military trains from Trent, which are depended upon to provision the Austrian front are blocked. A large army under General Conrad is trying to clear the railway, but unless it succeeds serious difficulties will hamper the operations against the Italians.

##### French General Dead.

Paris, Jan. 9.—Gen. Crossetti, the famous French general, who executed the flanking movement against the Germans at the battle of the Marne, is dead.

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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.

#### UNITED STATES' AIMS OUTLINED BY PRESIDENT

Agrees with Premier Lloyd George—Demands Open Covenants of Peace and no Side Understandings.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, Jan. 9.—President Wilson has outlined the war aims of the United States in a speech to Congress. He said that the moral climax and the culminating and final war for liberty had now come, and the people of the United States were ready to put their integrity and devotion to the test. He pointed out the fourteen elements necessary to the return to normal conditions, and agreed with Premier Lloyd George in his latest speech on the same subject.

The president demands open covenants of peace, without any private international understandings, whereby the rights of little nations will be fully protected. The reduction of armaments, the president avers, will have to be brought about to the lowest point consistent with safety.

#### BAVARIAN MADNESS COMES OUT AGAIN

(Special to The Daily News.)

Amsterdam, January 9.—King Ludwig of Bavaria said yesterday at the Birthday reception, that the terms of Germany's enemies were exorbitant. Not one inch of German territory would be given up in his opinion. Asserting that the Bavarians, like the Prussians, were victorious everywhere, the King added: "May we succeed in defeating also our latest enemies, the Americans."

##### Another Delegate.

Count von Tarnowski, the unreceived ambassador to the United States from Austria, has been appointed as Austrian delegate to the peace conference at Brest Litovsk.

#### MINISTRY RESIGNS IN AUSTRALIA

(Special to The Daily News.)

Melbourne, Jan. 9.—The Hughes ministry has resigned as a result of the defeat of the conscription issue. Mr. Frank G. Tudor, former minister of trade, and leader of the Labor party, has been asked to form a new ministry. Mr. Tudor's ministry, however, may have a short life, as the Tudor party is in the minority in Parliament.

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