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## LOCAL NEWS PARAGRAPHS

### Items of Personal Interest From Hazelton and Surrounding District

D. M. Haynes, the mining man, is in town.

W. Goldbloom, the fur-buyer, is in town.

W J. Sweeney came up from the Rocher de Boule on Wednesday.

Road Superintendent T. T. Dunlop, arrived in Hazelton this week.

J. K. Frost, of the assessor's department, is spending a vacation in Victoria.

2nd.-Lieut A. E. Player sends from England the season's greetings to all the oldtimers of Hazelton.

Henry Bretzins left on the delayed Tuesday train for Calfornia, where he will spend the winter.

The Rocher de Boule mine has closed down until Jan. 5, in order that necessary repairs to machinery may be effected.

The Red Cross Committee in charge of the rummage sale held recently wishes to thank those aided with contributions and labor towards the great success of the affair.

Remember the Basket Social and Dance in the Northern Hotel, New Hazelton, on New Year's Eve. A hearty invitation is extended to all. Proceeds in aid of the Red Cross.

Among the victims of the Halifax disaster was Mrs. F. D. Rice, who, as Miss Hollingsworth, was a member of the Hazelton Hospital staff some ten years ago. Mrs. Rice's husband, a civil engineer, was recently invalided from the front.

The Soldiers Aid acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the sum of $141 from the W.A., and the sum of $17.50 from the junior W.A. These amounts were allotted by the ladies and girls out of the proceeds of the sale of work held last week.

A real honest-to-goodness chicken dinner was participated in on Sunday evening last by nearly all of the people of Hazelton, who as the guests of Henry Bretzins, were treated to as much chicken as they could eat and more besides. Many of the chickens in town are wondering what became of so many of their feathered relatives. Ask Henry!

### A Goodly Amount

The proceeds of the sale of work under the auspices of the W. A. held last week, after deducting expenses, totalled $282. Half of this sum, $141, has been handed to the Soldiers' Aid Committee and the other half banked for St. Peter's Church.

Melbourne, Dec. 22:—Conscription has secured half a million votes on the half of the returns already in, but 700,000 have registered against it. Premier Hughes of Australia says if the measure is defeated, parliament will make the men of Australia do their duty.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM SMITHERS

(From Our Special Correspondent)

Mrs. A. E. Campbell, of Barrier, B. C., was visiting friends in town this week. Mrs. Campbell is an oldtimer in the Bulkley Valley, and, like everyone else who has lived here, prefers this to any other portion of B.C.

Mrs. M. E. Lynch returned on Saturday from Prince Rupert, after a business trip to the city.

Miss Ethel Kilpatrick has returned from a week's visit to Prince Rupert.

Weather conditions have rendered it impossible for Mr. May to get the skating rink into shape.

Rev. W. M. Scott was assisted in last Sunday evening's service by his brother, Rev. R. C. Scott, of Hazelton. The special music was greatly appreciated by a large congregation.

Miss Margaret Kilpatrick will arrive home on Sunday from Edmonton, to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents.

Dr. and Mrs. Maclean expect to spend Christmas at Hazelton, as the guests of Dr. and Mrs Wrinch.

Miss E. Middleton and Mrs. M. E. Lynch left on Wednesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. J. O'Neill at Francois Lake.

W. S. Henry left on Tuesday's delayed train for Hazelton.

At Kennedy Hall on the day after Christmas, the Smithers Red Cross branch will give a big variety show. Enough said!

Smithers was the scene of much activity on Monday, owing to the election. Ranchers from the surrounding country were among those who spent the day in town.

George Finley, a Topley rancher, has been spending a few days in town, renewing old acquaintances.

Dr. Badgero, the dentist, has gone to Hazelton.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Thoman spent Wednesday in town on business.

A Pacific Port: Forty German embassy and consular officials from Japan, China, Honolulu, Manila and other Pacific Ocean ports have arrived from the Orient on their way to Germany. The party is guaranteed safe conduct by the Allies.

## BRITAIN IS FIRM AS TO HER AIMS

### Wants No Self Aggrandisement, But Will Secure Future Peace of World

London, Dec. 22:—Britain is in full accord with Wilson's outline of the war aims that fight for the world's democracies and not for the realization of selfish desires. Britain seeks no territorial extension except that which an international peace conference agrees as necessary to future security. Lloyd George's pledge given to the commons Thursday has the unanimous support of the government. It demands only the elimination of the standing menace of the German outposts in Africa, and supports the claims of France and Italy, and the settlement of the Balkans.

### GERMANS AND RU SIA DISAGREE

London, Dec. 22:—It is reported that the Germans have refused the Russian peace terms and the Bolsheviki delegates have been recalled to Petrograd. This decision does not mean the resumption of hostilities on the Russian front immediately, as a month's armistice has already been agreed upon.

### FAVOR MOVE BY JAPS IN SIBERIA

Washington, Dec. 22:—Japan is anxious to strike at Germany by occupying Siberia. Some Allied diplomats favor the move in view of the possibility of Teuton domination of all Russia, and even the East. The American consul at Vladivostok says troops are needed at that port.

Daniels announces that more U-boats are being bagged.

### ITALIANS REGAIN LOST POSITIONS

Rome, Dec. 22:—At Monte Asalone and east of the Brenta we deprived the enemy of a considerable portion of his Tuesday gain.

The German official statement today indicated the definite assumption of an offensive by the Italians. The Asalone position is one of the gateways to the Venetian plains.

### DEBAUCHERY REIGNS IN RUSSIAN CAPITAL

Petrograd, Dec. 22:—Incessant fighting has occurred in many parts of Petrograd in connection with efforts to check drunkenness and prevent the raiding of wine-cellars. A mob raided one distillery, where 15 soldiers drank themselves to death.

Quebec, Dec. 22:—The proposal that the province of Quebec secede from the Confederation is advanced in a motion introduced in the provincial legislature by J. N. Francœur, M.P.P. for Lotinbiere. The motion will come up for discussion on January 8.

## CHILDREN SHOW MUCH TALENT ENTERTAINING

A very pretty affair was staged at the schoolhouse last evening, when, as a "breaking-up" entertainment the pupils of the school performed before their assembled parents and friends. The rendition of the solos, duets, choruses and recitations was very delightful, reflecting great credit on the teacher, Miss Wentzel. "The Snow-Shovel Brigade", a three-act play, met with exceptional approval. "Santa Claus", in the person of "Uncle Jack" Newick, distributed well-earned parcels to the children.

As an appreciation of the past services of Miss Wentzel, a presentation was made to her from the grateful parents and children.

Dr. Wrinch concluded the evening with a few cordial remarks of appreciation of the entertainment and of the labor entailed in its production.

### A Christmas Cantata

'Santa's Santagrams,' a Christmas cantata, will be presented by the young people of New Hazelton, assisted by a number from Hazelton, in the Town Hall, New Hazelton, on Thursday, Dec. 27, 1917. This cantata contains a splendid collection of Christmas melodies, which, combined with a strikingly original plot, make it one of the best and most humorous cantata's ever written As the collection taken at the affair will, after deducting expenses, be devoted to the funds of the Navy League, for the relief of the families of sailors who have lost their lives in submarine attacks, your presence is most earnestly requested.

### Methodist Church

A special Christmas service will be held in the Methodist Church tomorrow evening, at 7:30. Rev. W. M. Scott, of Smithers, is expected to preach, and will also assist in the special music which will be rendered. All are welcome.

Lyster Mulvaney, of Burns Lake, is renewing acquaintances in town.

## UNION GETS GOOD MAJORITY

### But So Far Liberal Leads in Skeena ---Soldiers May Turn Vote, However

Appended herewith is a list of the returns from the points at which votes were cast in the Dominion election in Skeena district on Monday last. Owing to the remoteness of some of the towns and settlements their returns are not yet available. As will be seen, the face of the majorities favor Fred. Stork, the Liberal candidate, to the extent of nearly 500 votes, but there are considerably more than this number of soldiers votes, which when counted, are expected to elect Col. Peck by a handsome majority:

| | Peck | Stork |
|---|---|---|
| Alice Arm | 13 | 49 |
| Anyox | 233 | 321 |
| Bella Coola | 37 | 17 |
| Buras Lake | 8 | 21 |
| Cassiar | 6 | 17 |
| Claxton | 9 | 0 |
| Cedarvale | 10 | 1 |
| Endako | 20 | 16 |
| Hagensborg | 35 | 24 |
| Haysport | 7 | 5 |
| Hazelton | 74 | 66 |
| Hubert | 4 | 18 |
| Houston | 15 | 20 |
| Kitsumkalum | 19 | 15 |
| Kitwangar | 9 | 5 |
| Lakelse | 13 | 2 |
| Lawn Hill | 7 | 12 |
| Lorne Creek | 7 | 0 |
| New Hazelton | 39 | 20 |
| Ocean Falls | 82 | 134 |
| Pacific | 5 | 14 |
| Port Essington | 20 | 7 |
| Port Simpson | 21 | 13 |
| Prince Rupert | 478 | 783 |
| Refuge Bay | 3 | 12 |
| Remo | 2 | 2 |
| Rocher de Boule Mine | 7 | 24 |
| Skeena Crossing | 7 | 1 |
| Smithers | 50 | 99 |
| South Bulkley | 8 | 6 |
| Stewart | 6 | 26 |
| Swanson Bay | 33 | 59 |
| Telkwa | 45 | 44 |
| Terrace | 44 | 21 |
| Usk | 6 | 11 |

**Election Summary**

| | Lib. | Un. |
|---|---|---|
| Prince Edward Id. | 4 | 0 |
| Nova Scotia | 7 | 7 |
| New Brunswick | 5 | 6 |
| Quebec | 62 | 3 |
| Ontario | 11 | 71 |
| Manitoba | 1 | 13 |
| Saskatchewan | 0 | 16 |
| Alberta | 1 | 11 |
| British Columbia | 1 | 12 |

Total: Unionist, 139; Liberal, 92.

Four elections are deferred, two in Halifax, N.S., one in Nelson, Man., and one in Yukon. The government majority, therefore now stands at 47.

Athens: French destroyers have sunk two enemy submarines in the Gulf of Taranto.

The Miner wishes all its readers and patrons a sincere wish for a Merry Christmas.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1917.


There has been, since 1915, an estimated decrease in the world's supply of meat-producing animals of 115,005,000. Cattle have been decreased by 28,000,000, sheep by 54,000,000 and swine by 32,425,000.

Canadian herds have been diminishing since 1914. Milch cows have been lessened by 31,000, other cattle by 38,000, sheep by 49,000 and swine by 921,000. During the same period the U.S. increased its supply of cattle by over 7,000,000 and swine by over 6,000,000.

It is estimated that after the war Europe will need from sixteen to twenty million head of livestock. How much of this will Canada supply?

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The 1917 grain crop of Western Canada will net the farmers more than $600,000,000, according to figures given out in financial circles. The figures are based on the following estimates:

Wheat, $400,000,000; oats, $150,000,000; barley, $36,000,000; flax, $20,000,000.

In addition to the large amount of money farmers will get for their grain crops, everything the farmer has to sell is bringing a higher price this year than in any previous year.

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### O, To be in Berlin!

Increasing price and deteriorating quality are the characteristics of food in Berlin, as described by an American writer, recently a resident of the German capital, in the Atlantic Monthly. Here are some items in the Berliners' bill of fare: Mussel sausage—"a terrible concoction of ground mussels and spices"; dried sea lions' meat, made in a stew—"after one or two attacks of nausea people came to like the concoction—it filled a vacuum"; bread containing five per cent sawdust and five per cent flour ground from straw; crows and seagulls—"considered great delicacies"; horseflesh at 60 cents a pound; rancid Danish butter at $2 a pound; slightly tuberculous beef—"rigid inspection is a thing of the past"; barley, acorns and carrots for coffee—"there has been no coffee in the market for the past two years." Rice costs $2 a pound; toilet soap $2 a cake; and milk has been so scarce that "in the past year a cow has been an honored member of more than one palatial residence, leading a pampered existence in the courtyard."

## TELKWA

Titbits from the Bridge Town

(From Our Special Correspondent)

The ladies of the Red Cross held a very successful bazaar last week, netting for the fund $109.

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Mrs. Jenns and her sister are spending Christmas in Vancouver.

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Miss M. Campbell is visiting her sister, Mrs. B. Hoops.

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Owing to a shortage of ballots on election day, a few soreheads had a chance to get in a little of their usual kicking about "a put-up job", but before the day was over this difficulty was overcome and everybody entitled had a chance to vote.

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D. M. Haynes, of the Three Lakes property, is in town.

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The funeral of John Nicholson was held on Wednesday. Many old-timers turned out to pay their last respects to the deceased.

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The Santa Maria mine expects to be shipping ore shortly.

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Weather continues bright, and there is plenty of snow for good sleighing.

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Cap. Hood was in town for a few days.

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The new telegraph office is now under construction on the site of the old platform scale. Mr. Mitchell, the popular operator, is looking forward to its completion.

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George McColl left on Wednesday morning's train to take up a position in the store at Anyox.

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The provincial department of agriculture has received the information that at Kill Kare farm at West Summerland, the yield of cucumbers from 1 4-9 acres filled 5,445 peach boxes and weighed approximately 54 tons. The selling price of the produce netted the grower an average of 80 cents a box, or a total of $4,256.

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Fourteen British merchantmen of over 1600 tons were sunk last week and three smaller vessels.

### MINERAL ACT

**Certificate of Improvements**

**NOTICE**

QUEENA MINERAL CLAIM, situate in the Omineca Mining Division of Cassiar District.

Where located:—On the southwestern shore of Babine Lake, and near Silver Island.

TAKE NOTICE that I, F. P. Burden, acting as agent for M. J. Kolb, Free Miner's Certificate No. 7862C, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the MiningRecorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 85, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 20th day of December, A. D. 1917. 16-25


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### MINERAL ACT

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**NOTICE**

LITTLE HELEN, COPPER HILL, and SKEENA MINERAL CLAIMS, situate in the Omineca Mining Division of Cassiar District.

Where located:—On the west slope of Rocher de Boule Mountain.

TAKE NOTICE that Dalby B Morkill, of Hazelton, B.C., acting as agent for H. S. Lavery (Can. Exped. Force) and Andrew Fairbairn, of Telkwa, B.C., Free Miner's Certificate No. 2862C, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 85, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 24th day of September, A.D. 1917. 4-12 Dalby B. Morkill

### NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION for the issue of a fresh Certificate of Title for Lot 32, Block 3, Town of Telkwa, (Map 817).

Satisfactory evidence having been furnished as to the loss of the Cdrtificate of Title to the above lands, notice is hereby given that it is my intention to issue after the expiration of thirty days after the first publication hereof a fresh Certificate of Title to the above lots in the name of Pete Saari, which Certificate of Title is dated 8th September, 1914, and is numbered 6529-I.

Land Registry Office, Prince Rupert, B.C., 20th November, 1917.

H. F. MACLEOD,
14-18 District Registrar.

### Synopsis Of Coal Mining Regulations

COAL mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable cutput of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10.00 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

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## The Canadian Red Cross

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Chairman: Dr. H. C. Wrinch

Vice-Presidents: J. F. Maguire, Mrs. Chappell, V

Honorary Secretary: Miss W. Soal

Honorary Treasurer: H. H. Little, Manager Union Bank

Executive Committee:

Mesdames Wattie, Wrinch, Sealy, and Glassey; Rev. John Field, W. Wattie, John Newick

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## SOLDIERS' AID & EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

Endeavors to supply soldiers from Hazelton district with such comforts and necessities as cannot be readily obtained at the front, and will assist them to re-establish themselves in civil life when they return. The Committee is acting in co-operation with the Provincial Returned Soldiers' Commission and the Military Hospitals Commission

Contributions to the Soldiers' Aid Tobacco Fund are Welcome

Chairman: A. R. Macdonald

Honorary Secretary-Treasurer: J. K. Frost,

H. H. Little, R. E. Allen, F. B. Chettleburgh

H. B. Campbell, H. F. Glassey, G. W. McKay.

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## What the World
### Is Doing and Saying

Snappy Briefs from all Quarters

The food controller has fixed the price of bran and shorts.

Thirty steamers are ice-bound in Lake Erie off Colchester, Ont.

Felix Calonder has been elected president of Switzerland for the year 1918.

Canada will permit the import of cottonseed oil from the U.S. under license.

The deferred polls for the two Halifax seats in the federal house will be held on Jan. 28.

Bandits slugged a clerk and got away with $1,626 in a bank hold-up at McKay, Burnaby.

Contracts have been let in the U.S. for the construction of 4000 vessels, aggregating 8,000,000 tons.

The New York dress and waist industry is giving 100,000 dresses to the women and children of France.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell, former premier of Canada, who died last week, was buried at Belleville, Ont.

For fuel economy, the street lights of Washington, D. C., will be cut to a minimum on two nights a week.

Canada's trade receipts for 8 months of 1917 show an increase of over $82,000,000 over a like period in 1916.

On December 1 there were 11,342 returned Canadian soldiers on the rolls of the Military Hospitals commission.

Chief Justice Macdonald has been appointed administer of B. C. during the absence on leave of Lieut.-Governor Barnard.

The U.S. congress, the first national parliament to take such a step, has gone on record as favoring nation-wide prohibition.

From government reports, the average yield of potatoes in Saskatchewan this year was 102 bushels per acre from 67,000 acres under cultivation.

A special Christmas parcel containing one plum pudding, a special tin of beef, chocolate, chrystalized fruit, etc., has been despatched by the Canadian Red Cross Society in London to each of the 2600 Canadians in captivity in Germany.

### Addressing Soldiers' Mail

In order to facilitate the handling of mail at the front and to ensure prompt delivery, it is requested that all mail be addressed as follows:

(a) Regimental Number.
(b) Rank.
(c) Name.
(d) Squadron, Battery or Company.
(e) Battalion, Regiment (or other unit), Staff appointment or Department.
(f) CANADIAN CONTINGENT.
(g) British Expeditionary Force.
(h) Army Post Office, LONDON England.

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Arrive Prince Rupert from South 10:30 A.M. Wednesday and Saturday.

Passenger trains leave Hazelton Eastbound at 7:10 P.M. Monday, Wednesday, Saturday. Westbound 9:20 A.M. Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday.

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DOMINION DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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# THE MINER WAR NEWS SUMMARY

## MONDAY, DEC. 17

London: The Italian front remains the only major field of military operations in which there is more than local infantry activity. The Italian line, though almost ceaselessly assailed in the mountain regions, is still intact, and is holding well, except for a small recession here and there, forced at the cost of extremely heavy casualties upon the part of the Austro-Germans. Berlin claims the taking of over 3,000 prisoners in the past few days, and the repulse of Italian counter-attacks.

The Franco-Belgian front is inactive, except for local fighting mostly due to German thrusts here and there, delivered with the seeming intention of keeping the Anglo-French commanders guessing as to the enemy's intentions.

In Palestine the British have scored another success northeast of Jerusalem.

The escape of the former Czar was reported by the Bolsheviki, which statement, though later denied, has aroused considerable speculation. It is rumored that the return of the Czar is planned by the Bolsheviki, who will take this course when established, according to correspondents.

The army votes give the Bolsheviki a big majority.

Berlin: The protocol commission which will ratify the armistice between Germany and Russia is now sitting. At Saturday's session a full conference of representatives agreed as to the drafting of the armistice terms.

Washington: The government will supplement the making of explosives at its plants.

Charges made by President Spreckles of the Federal Sugar Refining Co. before the senate investigating committee that the food administration is responsible for the sugnr shortage drew from food controller Hoover a vigorous attack on Spreckles. Hoover says that Spreckles would like to see the food administration destroyed, and though Spreckles' balance sheet may not look so good, others were sacrificing more than money.

The U.S. war council has been appointed and consists of the secretary of war, the assistant war secretary, the chief of staff, and Generals Sharpe, Weaver, Crozier and Crowder. Col. House has returned from Europe.

## TUESDAY, DEC. 18

London: The British are advancing on the sacred places in Palestine, but are handicapped by their refusal to use their artillery. The Turks fight stubbornly to the last machine gun.

One British and five neutral merchantmen and one British destroyer and four mine sweepers were sunk in the North Sea by German naval forces. Tonnage lost approximates 8,000.

An explosion occurred at the zeppelin works at Frederichshaven resulting in the death of many. A second explosion near Kiel destroyed a bomb factory, with many casualties.

Rome: The Italian conflict in the Lagoons to save Venice is the strangest half-land-half-water conflict ever known. Attilla and his original Huns, centuries ago, reached exactly the same spot between the Piave and Sile rivers that the modern Hun has reached today. The enemy who attacked from San Marino was driven back in disorder.

Geneva: Prof. Wrangell, the well-known German pacifist, says he sees that Wilson, Lloyd George and Clemenceau are right, that there can be no durable peace in Europe until Germany, especially Prussian militarism, are crushed. This verdict should be a shock to the German authorities, with whom Wrangell has been on excellent terms since the beginning of the war.

The Bolsheviki forces have been defeated by Ukranians, and sailors from the Black Sea fleet aided in repelling the Maximalists' attack.

Trotsky insists that no transfer of troops be made, and armistice nagotiations are almost threatened with failure at this point. The foreign minister says Russia will not aid Imperialism.

Stockholm: Scheidemann, the German socialist leader, is here today conferring with Orlovsky, the Bolsheviki minister, on peace between Russia and Germany. Scheidemann, who is clothed with full powers from his masters in Beriin, has for four monts tried to arrange the meeting, and will not discuss his progress.

London: Newspapers here forecast that the Allies will have to recognize the de facto government of Russia in order to prevent Russia from passing under the political and economical heel of Germany.

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19

London: The successful attack by German warships on the convoy in the North Sea, resulting in the sinking of 11 vessels, added to by the raid off the Tyne last Wednesday by German warships, is expected to cause a revival of serious criticism of the admiralty.

There is nothing of special interest to report from the west front beyond the usual artillery activity.

"Our way in the west is clear," said the German chancellor, who is trying to play Wilson's game. An effort by him to separate the British people from Lloyd George has been made apparent.

Paris: Artillery is active along the Rhone-Rhine canal.

The official German statement announcing the capture of American forces on Nov. 3 near the Rhone-Rhine canal is contradicted by the Paris war office statement of that day, which said the only activity reported was the repulse of German raids south of Givencourt.

Copenhagen: Kerensky has appeared near Petrograd at the head of several thousand troops. The Bolsheviki has sent armed forces to meet this newest counter-revolution.

Stockholm: The Bolsheviki is fast riding to a fall. Even the Petrograd garrison no longer supports the Lenine-Trotsky ring. A monster demonstration was held in honor of the constitutional assembly. The Maximalists are trying to coax the old revolutionary leaders to their side. Notorious police agents of the old regime are in Lenine's employ.

Buenos Aires: A committee of notable citizens have adopted a formal resolution urging Argentina to declare war on Germany.

Ottawa: So clean cut was the Unionist victory on Monday that it is estimated that the government will have a majority of 60, and when the soldier vote is counted, it is believed there will be not more than six Laurier supporters west of the Ottawa river. Of the ten Ontario seats which went to Laurier all but one can be accounted for by French-Canadian or German influence. In New Brunswick the division was on racial lines, the French-Canadian ridings going Laurier and the English-speaking for the Union. Many candidates will lose their deposits. A record majority was made for Sir George Foster in North Toronto, who defeated his opponent by 15,000.

## THURSDAY, DEC. 20

London: A German raiding sqdadron of from 15 to 20 machines dropped bombs over Kent, Essex and London last night. One, possibly two, of the raiders were accounted for by British aircraft. Ten were killed and 70 injured.

The British have captured territory southeast of Jerusalem, with 117 Turks.

The successful bombing by the French naval aircraft of Engel airdrome, behind the German lines in Flanders is announced.

The serious view that is entertained here of the successful German double attack on shipping in the North Sea is reflected by the great prominence given to the incident in the morning papers.

General Sarrail, commander of the Allied armies at Saloniki, has been recalled, and is succeeded by General Guillemet.

Balfour has announced that President Wilson's war policy is identical with that of the leaders of Britain.

Paris: The old French cruiser Chateau Renault, employed as a transport, has been torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean on Dec. 14. Ten of the crew were lost.

Two attempts by the Germans to approach French positions in Argonne near Four de Paris were defeated with losses. There is the usual artillery activity on the remainder of the front.

Stockholm: The agitation for a separate peace is a peril to socialism, and delegates nave been sent to oppose a separate peace with Russia, as it is feared the German Imperialists would be strengthened by it and the crushing of socialism in Germany would ensue.

Petrograd: The Bolsheviki government today served an ultimatum on the Ukranians, demanding that they cease granting aid to the Cossack rebellion of General Kaledines within forty-eight hours or a state of war would be declared against them.

Heavy fighting is reported at Odessa, where the Maximalists still hold the port, which is being shelled by the Ukranians.

## FRIDAY, DEC. 21

Rome: The situation in the northern zone has assumed a more serious aspect with the enemy's occupation of Monte Azolone, whence there is a stretch of hills between him and a level plain. Monte Azolone is the last of the heights, with an altitude of more than 4000 feet, and is snowless except in severe winter.

Washington: What purports to be the Kaiser's "Christmas peace terms" have been received, and include: Britain is to pay Germany for her lost African colonies, and the money used for the rehabilitation of Serbia, Belgium, Roumania and northern France; the disposition of Alsace-Lorraine to be left to a plebiscite of the inhabitants; Russian provinces bordering the Black Sea, the Baltic and Prussia to become independent under German plan; Poland under Austrian suzerainty; disarmament and freedom of the seas to be left to a peace conference; Roumania, Serbia and Montenegro to retain their boundaries, with access to the sea being granted Serbia. Turkey is to remain intact.

London: Complete restoration of territories taken by the enemy, compensation for damage done, and security for the future peace of the world, the security to come from from destruction of Germany's military power and the democratization of her government are Britain's war aims as enunciated by Lloyd George in the House of Commons.

Portuguese troops north of Arras repulsed a German night raid. British artillery is active in the Ypres sector and Passchendaele.

The presence of British troops in Persia for the purpose of restoring order is not to be construed as a violation of our pledge of Persia's independence or as evidence of any desire for annexation, Law told the commons.

Haparanda: Kerensky with his army is now marching against Moscow, while the Grand Duke Nicholas has gathered a great army of royalists in the Caucasus.

Petrograd: Germany is determined to restore the throne and place a Romanoff on it. It is expected a German pronunciamento to this effect will be issued shortly in Petrograd. Germany in future is likely to control all Russia and utilize the vast power thus acquired to the defeating of the great democracies of the west.


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