

TRUCE SIGNED FOR TEN DAYS, BERLIN SAYS

Declares Hostilities Suspended From Black Sea to Baltic

ASIA FRONT INCLUDED

BERLIN (via London), Dec. 6. Agreement for suspension of hostilities from the Black Sea to the Baltic, and also in the Turco-Russian war theatres in Asia, from noon tomorrow until December 17 was announced officially today.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 6. Germany made a formal effort to obtain peace last August through Spain, according to revelations in the latest chapter of "Secret Diplomacy" which made public today by Bolshevik Foreign Minister Trotsky.

The evidence consisted of a telegram from M. Nabokoff, Russian charge d'affaires at London, to Provisional Foreign Minister Terestehenko, dated in August, 1917, and notifying Russia that British Foreign Minister Balfour had called a special meeting of the Ambassadors of France, Italy, the United States and Japan.

Whether there was any reply from Germany to this noncommittal statement was not indicated in today's revelations.

A number of newspapers, under special permission from Trotsky, have been publishing "secret" documents covering all the period of the war. Trotsky made them public on the ground that the Bolshevik plan was to give the people all information of diplomatic dealings.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 6. Germany's negotiations for an extended armistice on the eastern front are preliminary to a separate peace with Russia and Rumania are meeting with obstacles.

A temporary truce is already under way on parts of the eastern front, according to an official announcement made by the German High Command today.

It is understood that the Germans are insisting upon terms which may be grouped in a general way as follows:

Germany to evacuate all territories which she has taken in 1914 and to return to her former frontiers.

Germany to acknowledge the right of the Allies to elect a "four big powers" to act as trustees for the European states.

The Petrograd outgiving was to the effect that in that month the German Government informed the Spanish Ambassador at Berlin that it would discuss peace with the Allies.

Secretary Lansing said that he remembered no such incident, and that obviously he would if there had been such an occurrence.

Contest of Vote to Begin Today

Continued From Page One. Putting Judges, gave Kendrick a majority of 5723, Sheehan a majority of 2057 and Shoyer a majority of 2993.

The petition alleges that more than 5000 phantom votes, that is, fraudulent votes, were cast in the city. It also alleges that 5000 or more persons voted fraudulently, in that they were obliged to vote for the Organization candidates and allowed the Organization representatives to mark their ballots for them.

WHOLESALE FRAUD ALLEGED. The petition alleges that in the division of the city into wards for the election of the Organization candidates, however, was made purely on the return and the recount of 125 of the 1235 ballot-boxes of the city.

"Five or more ballots were legally cast and voted for Walter George Smith, but which the electors fraudulently and unlawfully refused to count."

"Five or more votes should not have been counted because the voters casting them were induced to do so by bribery and intimidation."

"Five or more votes illegally returned and counted for Sheehan which were not properly marked."

"Five or more votes were marked by persons other than voters without the said voters having declared any disability, and asked the election officers for assistance."

"Five or more votes, the petition alleges, the election was conducted in a fraudulent manner and the voters were false and should be rejected since it is impossible to separate the legal from the illegal votes."

The Election Court could not open more boxes for a correction of the entire election owing to the limit of time due to the wording of the contest law that any election contest must be made within thirty days after election.

The petition to contest the election came before Judge Wessell, who is sitting in the Miscellaneous Criminal Division of the Court of Quarter Sessions.

A final conference between representatives of the Rapid Transit company and the Department of City Transit will be held this afternoon at the latter's office in the Bourse.

The new draft of the lease will be submitted to Council's Joint Committee on Finance and Street Railways at a public hearing tomorrow afternoon.

It is the hope of Mayor Smith, Transit Director Twining and others that the lease will pass during the present year.

WASHINGTON, ANXIOUS, VAINLY SEEKS DETAILS OF HALIFAX DISASTER. Following alarming reports concerning the extent of the disaster at Halifax, N. S., some reports putting the death toll in the hundreds, the Navy Department made desperate efforts today to secure from the fleet some definite word of the explosion.

The Shipping Board intimated that several American munition ships have recently left United States ports for Italy, France and England.

DUTCH LINER MAY BE EXPLOSION VICTIM; 750 PASSENGERS ABOARD. NEW YORK, Dec. 6. So far as could be learned here this afternoon, the Nieuw Amsterdam of the Holland-America Line was the only big mercantile ship from here in Halifax harbor at the time of the explosion.

BOSTON PLANS TO RUSH AID TO STRICKEN CITY. After sending a telegram to the Mayor of Halifax offering the assistance of Massachusetts, Governor McCall immediately called a meeting of the Public Safety Committee of 100 leading citizens of the state.

TRANSIT LEASE PUT IN FINAL SHAPE. New Draft Completed by Representatives of Company and City.

Italy, France and England. Until the name of the Halifax vessel is learned the board said it could not give details of crew, cargo and destination.

Rebel Cops Driven Away From Plaza. Dismissed from the force some days ago and who now says his dismissal came as the result of a "frame-up."

I TEUTONI INIZIANO LA NUOVA OFFENSIVA. Gli Italiani Infilgono Gravi Perdite al Nemico e Catturano Prigionieri.

ROMA, 6 Dicembre. Dalle notizie giunte dalla fronte di battaglia si apprende che la nuova offensiva teutonica in Italia e stata iniziata ed il nemico, dopo aver riordinato le sue forze e colmato i suoi gravissimi verificatosi durante i precedenti combattimenti, ha cominciato ad attaccare le posizioni italiane sull'altipiano di Asiago.

Le forze austro-tedesche dispongono di moltissima artiglieria, la quale con violenti fuochi distruttivi tenta di scovolgere le linee italiane e coprire l'avanzata delle fanterie nel supremo sforzo di conseguire qualche successo.

Il secondo attacco fu violentissimo e contro i Monte Tonduer degli Italiani. Gli austro-tedeschi riuscirono ad occupare alcune trincee avanzate e cio' consiglio gli italiani a ritirarsi da alcune linee non essere esposti ad un sacrificio inutile.

Stella Piave, e precisamente a Zenson, gli aviatori italiani avevano notato un movimento di truppe tedesche, ed il comando italiano ordino ad un riparo di operare una incursione, la quale fu bene sostenuta dall'artiglieria.

Adventures and Letters of Richard Harding Davis. Edited by His Brother Charles Belmont Davis.

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Fire Engine Catches Fire. A fire engine attached to Engine Company No. 25, of Fourth Street and Girard Avenue, caught fire while responding to an alarm of fire at the Gorgas-Pierie Manufacturing Company, 130 East...

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