

DEMOCRATIC PACT OR NONE, SAYS TROTSKY

Declares Dealings Will End if Teutons Refuse Such Peace ... F E A R S REVOLUTION ... Hertling's Plans for Russian Agreement Approved by Kaiser's Council

FRANCIS TO MEET TROTSKY IN CHARGE

U. S. Ambassador Preparing Explanation of Red Cross Activities ... RELATIONS STRAINED ... American Envoy Accused of Giving Aid to Kaledines's Counter Revolution

PETROGRAD, Dec. 24. American Ambassador Francis announced today he was preparing for publication throughout Russia a full and complete explanation of the incidents in connection with Red Cross efforts to send supplies into regions occupied by enemies of the Bolsheviks.

The incident has brought tense relations between the Trotsky-Lenin Government and the American Embassy. Colonel Kolesnikov, a Russian army officer in charge of Bolshevik troops and attached to the American mission in Rumania, has been arrested, charged by the Bolsheviks with attempting to get the Red Cross supplies through to General Kaledines's revolting forces.

In a speech before a revolutionary gathering Trotsky formally charged that the American Government was seeking to aid the American Red Cross mission and threatened the United States with "the heavy hand of the revolution," Trotsky said.

We found that American agents in Russia were being brought to a fine line movement. We arrested Colonel Kolesnikov, attached to the American mission in Rumania, who was trying to get a trainload of automobiles, clothing and supplies to Kaledines.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24. The German Federal Council has approved Chancellor von Hertling's Russian peace program, according to a Berlin dispatch today.

LONDON, Dec. 24. Russia's Bolsheviks are dreaming the fantastic nightmare of peace at Brest-Litovsk while fighting desperately at home to retain dispatches today.

Petrograd was reported in almost a reign of terror. Soldiers from the garrison, drunk with wine from looted shops, indulged in the wildest orgies in the streets. Firing of machine guns and rifles was incessant.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 24. Camille Hoymans, the Belgian Socialist leader who has been a prime mover in efforts to hold an international Socialist peace gathering, said today the Bolshevik peace endeavor seemed likely to postpone indefinitely the prospect of a people's movement for real peace.

"I do not believe the Lenin regime in Russia is favorable to a democratic peace," the speaker said. "The Leninites cannot accept German proposals without a surrender, and the German Government cannot accept the Leninite conceptions without revolutionizing itself."

BRAMBURGH FILLS POSTS HARRISBURG, Dec. 24.—Governor Brambrugh today appointed Henry C. Washburn in Lehigh County and promoted Emerson Collins, Willamport to post of Deputy Attorney General, formerly filled by Horace W. Davis, Sharon, at \$1000.

THE WEATHER FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight, with moderate temperature; Tuesday unsettled, with probably rain or snow, followed by colder at night; fresh south and east winds, becoming westerly Tuesday night.

"Iron Fist" to Bring Peace to World, Kaiser's Threat

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24. "IF THE enemy does not want peace, then we must bring peace to the world by the battering of our iron fist and our shining sword," Kaiser Wilhelm declared in a speech to the Second Army.

FULL QUOTA IS RED CROSS GIFT

End of Christmas Campaign Will See 540,000 New Members ... LIST RESULTS TONIGHT

The big Red Cross drive will end today, and it is virtually assured that when the books are balanced tonight Philadelphia and the surrounding territory will have enrolled more than the 540,000 members apportioned to the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter.

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MAN POWER OF NATION ALL READY FOR TEST

Secretary Wilson Assures President Unrest of Labor No Longer Is a Menace ... WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The man power of the nation is fully mobilized to meet the war emergency, Secretary of Labor Wilson brought this Christmas message to the President today when he returned to Washington after a three month tour of the country as the head of the President's industrial commission.

TURKEY PRICES ORDERED DOWN

Food Administrator Sets Market Figure at 37 to 47 Cents Per Pound ... NEW SHIPMENTS ARRIVE

The food administrator's new price of from thirty-seven to forty-seven cents a pound for turkey, a reduction of three to five cents on various grades, due to the arrival of a few carloads last night and today, came too late to help most householders in the city.

CARROLS BY CORNETISTS The silvery notes of the cornet this afternoon will call to mind the approach of the natal day. Four cornetists, engaged by an unnamed benefactor, will stand at the four corners of Independence Square at 4 p. m. and play "America," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Silent Night" and "I Came Upon the Midnight Clear."

JOHNNY COMES MARCHING HOME

25,000 of Him From Camp Meade and Dix Here Today ... MANY SPECIAL TRAINS

HIS CHRISTMAS WILL BE HAPPY

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WAR COUNCIL LIMITS GARFIELD COAL PLAN ... Contends State Boards Have Interfered With Munition Industries

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. Broad powers given by Doctor Garfield to State fuel administrators must be limited, the super war council decided at its weekly meeting today.

LONDON, Dec. 24. Repulse of hostile raids from several sections of the British line was reported by Field Marshal Haig today.

HAI G BEATS BACK GERMAN RAIDERS ... Repulse of Hostile Parties at Several Points on British Line Reported

PARIS, Dec. 24. From December 21 to 23 French air fighters brought down eighteen German aircraft in aerial encounters behind the German lines.

Sixth Fire in One Place in Year ... About 1500 worth of damage was done to the food store of Max Kramer, 545-57 Market street, this morning by fire.

ITALIANS CHECK NEW HUN DRIVE

Invaders Cut Front Line, But Wilt Before Fire of Big Guns ... KAISER'S BOAST FAILS

WAR SECRETARY'S CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO U. S. SOLDIERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. Christmas greetings to American soldiers were voiced today by Secretary of War Baker in the following message to the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER:

Let me extend through your columns to the men of our forces the greetings of the War Department and my own well wishes. Ours is a nation which has greater love for the Prince of Peace than the God of War, and only to the attainment of a permanent, liberalized peace may our martial efforts be directed. NEWTON D. BAKER.

FOOD TRUST PROBE TO BE VIGOROUSLY PUSHED ... WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Vigorous prosecution of the food trust investigation was declared by the Federal Trade Commission at a conference with Special Prober Francis J. Heney today.

JERSEY SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS ROAD TAX LAW ... TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 24.—The Supreme Court today unanimously upheld the constitutionality of the State road tax law.

ITALIAN MINISTRY WINS BIG VOTE OF CONFIDENCE ... ROME, Dec. 24.—The Italian Ministry, headed by Premier Orlando, received an overwhelming vote of confidence in the chamber of deputies today.

ITALY TO TRAIN AVIATORS IN U. S. ... WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 24.—Italy is planning to send a number of skilled airplane pilots and aviation students to the United States for training purposes next year.

PRESIDENT REMEMBERS EMPLOYES AND CHILDREN ... WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—One hundred and twenty-five turkeys went to employees of the White House today—each a gift from the President.

ALLIES PREPARE OFFENSIVE IN BALKANS ... PARIS, Dec. 24.—Intimation that the Allies are planning an offensive campaign in the Balkans was contained today in the official announcement that General Sarrail, allied commander-in-chief on the Macedonian front, has been succeeded by General Guillaumat.

BAKER SEES DANGER IN PEACE SCHEMING ... Secretary Warns American People Against Germany's Insidious Propaganda

U. S. MUST KEEP PLEDGE ... WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. German insidious Christmas peace propaganda should be resisted by a momentary respite to slacken our preparations for war.

RAINBOW BOYS WELL AND HAPPY IN FRANCE ... Not Yet Under Fire, but Ready for Call of Battle

MEN WELL SUPPLIED ... WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. "Over there" where hate and horror dwell, Americans of the Rainbow Division are anxious for battle.