

## TROTSKI SEES PEACE BY REDS ON CHRISTMAS

Declares Soviets Are Making  
No Preparations for Future Fighting.

### CONSTRUCTION IS BEGUN

MOSCOW (By Wireless to Berlin), Dec. 21.—Soviet Russia will have its first peace Christmas this year since the creation of the soviet form of government. This was the message sent to the outside world today by Leon Trotsky, people's commissar of war. Trotsky has just returned from South Russia, where he directed military operations on the Crimean front. He says that Russia is not making any preparations for future fighting. All the energies of the soviet, he said, are now being turned toward the economic upbuilding of the country.

(Note.—According to press dispatches from Constantinople, soviet Russia has embarked on a new war in Persia, using troops that crushed General Wrangel's anti-Bolshevik army. Constantinople reported that the Russian Reds had invaded northwestern Persia and were advancing on Teheran, overcoming all opposition.)

**ENEMY ROUTED ON ALL SIDES.**  
Seated in his office in the building of the Supreme Revolution War Council, Trotsky dictated the following statement:

"As to the situation on the fronts I may say that at this moment we have no active fronts. In the South we have eliminated Wrangel. In the West and Southwest we have eliminated Petlura and Balachovitch. In the Far East we have routed the legions of Semanoff. This is the first occasion in the last three years that the military situation in Russia has given way to tranquility. There is no fighting anywhere at present.

"The military reports from the fronts deal only with the reorganization, with the newly liberated districts and with the enumeration of booty captured by our armies."

"How long do you expect this period to last?" Trotsky was asked. He replied:

"In this regard you ought to look for enlightenment beyond boundaries of soviet Russia; in those official headquarters where all plots and attacks and campaigns against soviet Russia are being manufactured."

**DECLARES SOVIET WISHES LASTING PEACE.**  
"We wish lasting peace. We wished peace before the Polish war broke out last spring. We should think that the contents would grant concessions, now that we have offered amnesty to the Wrangel crowd, and in view of the utter hopelessness of their undertaking."

"Russian peace, however, was not wished in Paris and London. The result has been that after a bitter struggle and immeasurable losses Poland got less than we had been offering her. Wrangel's adventure in south Russia swallowed up some tens of thousands of lives and a few billions of francs. The result is that Wrangel's forces were annihilated."

"What do you regard as the chief problem of the moment?" Trotsky was asked. He responded:

"The economic problem. You know

## Chicago Detective, Doing Guard Duty, Held Up by 4 Men

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—In an effort to combat the crime wave which has swept Chicago since the advent of cold weather, wealthy citizens have employed private detectives to guard their homes.

Roger Gale, Pinkerton detective, while patrolling the street in front of the home of Cyrus H. McCormick, harvester king, last night, was held up by four men. Gale, firing from his pocket, wounded and captured one, who gave the name of John Johnson. The others escaped.

"I recently returned from the Donetz basin, where I, together with a commission sent by the council people's commissars, studied conditions in the coal and iron field. We learned that the metal industries and the coal mines in the Donetz basin are now beyond danger either from Armenia or the Caucasus. It is quite possible to double or even treble the production of coal within the next few months. I am convinced that the measures taken by the government guarantee satisfactory results."

**RAILWAY TRANSPORT IS IMPROVING.**  
"We are restarting the big metal factories in the south. Railway transport is improving. The attention of the country is being directed from questions of politics and war to economic construction. We are very much interested in international trade. Still more we would like to be left in peace. In this condition we could pledge ourselves not to unsheathe the sword in the future."

"What are your purely military problems?" Trotsky was asked.

He replied: "We wish to decrease considerably the numbers of men in the army, but at the same time increase the fighting ability of the army. The capitalist press has fed its readers on fancy stories about the reputed disintegration of the Red army, about Comrade Budenny's betrayal and so on. There still may be in Europe some nimbusts who believe such tales as these. As a matter of fact during the operations against Wrangel the Reds reached a new level of efficiency and strategy, as well as in heroism. The Russians showed themselves good fighters. Our infantry in particular scored a great success. Among the many trophies captured from the Wrangel forces, we did not find anything that we did not already possess."

**LOYD GEORGE TERMED AS UNLUCKY PROPHECY.**  
"What about the Caucasus and the Near East?" Trotsky was asked.

Trotsky replied: "Our policy there is the same as on the Dnieper and the Narova—the districts where the Red Russians fought Wrangel and the Poles a policy of fighting for peace. Statelessness of the capitalist countries regardless of their (thousand pardons) blockheadedness in questions of revolution and Socialism ought to understand that our profoundest interests—political, economic and cultural—demand a policy of peace and intense work."

"What about the predictions of the early collapse of the soviet regime?" Trotsky was asked. He replied:

"I remind you that Premier Lloyd

George expressed his belief early in the year that the collapse of the soviet regime would soon come. He said such a regime could not possibly last.

**UNABLE TO DEFEND REDS' MAD REGIME.**

"Permit me to call your attention to the persistence of some statements in their role of unlucky prophets. As to our mad regime, I am really at a loss to say anything in its defense. To be sure, we have no hereditary kings at the head of our State, as is the case in well conducted countries. We miss thereby the court life and its ennobling influence on the people. We have no dukes, no marshals, no viscounts, no peers, no generals, nor any excited sharpers clad in solemn judicial robes. We also lack sadly a House of Lords, to whom Lloyd George referred in 1918 as 'parasitical successors of miscreants and parasites, but who, nevertheless, even now continue to decorate certain civilized countries.'

**RUSSIA WITHOUT WAR PROTEGERS.**

"We have no bankers in Russia, no capitalists, no usurers, who, in strict conformity with all the rules of modern civilization, feverishly enrich themselves during war at the expense of others. We have no professional parliamentarians, who once in five years make the exploited masses vote for one or the other of the existing bourgeois parties. All legislation and executive organs of our republic are subjected to the Congress of Workers and Peasants which meets every December in the person of thousands

of real workers and peasants. Our task is to raise the prosperity and culture of the people on the basis of equality. We hold that all are equal as to duties as well as privileges."

"We wish peace but we are going to hit back if we are attacked. It is quite natural that our order of things in the opinion of certain gentlemen is a mad regime."—Copyright, 1920, by International News Service.

## Noblesville Woman's Body Found in Cistern

Special to The Times.  
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Elzina Billhmer, 63, wife of John Billhmer, committed suicide by drowning herself in a cistern at her home northeast of this city. She was absent from her bedroom when her husband arose and he found her body in the cistern.

Despondency over illness is thought to be the cause of the suicide.

## 14-Year-Old Poker Player Is Arrested

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A 14-year-old boy was arraigned in the Children's Court in Brooklyn yesterday, charged with having shot another boy during a game of poker. He is William Termino. The boy he shot, according to the police, is Salvatore Campisi, 15 years old.



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