

Russian Government Launching New Reforms

Report of Commission on Mesopotamian Expedition Exonerates all Now in Charge

British Reprisals For Hun Air Raids Take Form of Aerial Bombardment of Teuton Lines

Workmen and Soldiers Call Anew For Peace

Peace Upon Basis of No Annexations or Indemnities Urged by All Russian Congress of Workmen's and Soldier's Delegates-- Urge Peace Conference

By Courier Leased Wire

Petrograd, June 27.—Resolutions deprecating the attempted demonstrations of Friday and Saturday in Petrograd on the part of the Maximalists have been adopted by the All-Russian Congress of Workmen's and Soldiers' delegates. The resolutions declare that such demonstrations are fatal to the objects of the revolution and that no such manifestations should be undertaken without the sanction of the workmen's and soldiers' delegates.

The resolutions reiterate the urgency of an appeal to the democracies of all nations to influence their governments to adopt peace formulas based on no annexations or indemnities and to contribute in every way possible to the convocation of an international congress of Socialists with a view to the restoration of the International Solidarity of Workers and the elaboration of definitive conditions of peace and of measures to permit of them being put into practice.

The attention of the democracies of all the belligerent powers is drawn by the resolution to the lack of energy shown in these protests against recent items of their government regarding their usurpatory war aims, which it is asserted place the Russian revolution in an extremely difficult position and hampers an internal union of workers.

With a view to a solution of these problems the congress in the resolutions urges the absolute necessity of sending immediately deputations to allied and neutral countries and inviting to Russia Socialist delegations from these countries. The congress protests against the difficulties which Imperialist governments have placed in the way of sending such delegations.

The resolutions say that the congress consider it indispensable that the provisional government for them will take every measure to accelerate the revision of treaties with allied governments with a view to categorical denunciation of any usurpation policy and putting into practice the Foreign policy outlined by the democracy. They call for the speedy overhauling and democratization of the personnel of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the diplomatic body.

JUST ARRIVED a lot of new White Slippers and Pumps for ladies. Coler's Shoe Co., 122 Colborne Street.

Weather Bulletin Toronto, June 27. The shallow low pressure area was in Northern Ontario yesterday, has now passed to the lower St. Lawrence and the barometer is now rising over the great lakes. The weather is fairly warm throughout the Dominion. Showers and storms have been almost general in Ontario and Quebec.

Forecasts. Fresh west and north west winds, fair and moderately warm. Thursday, easterly winds, fair and warm at first, showers before night.

REPRISALS TAKEN ON GERMAN ARMY ALONE

Massacring of Women and Children in Atonement For Teuton Raids Repulsive to British Nation; Allied Airmen Wreak Vengeance on Huns

By Courier Leased Wire

London, June 26, via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.—In the House of Lords today Lord Derby dealing with the question of reprisals for German air raids, emphasized the fact that our aircraft were daily bombing positions in the enemy's rear. He declared on the authority of the head of our air craft service in France, that he would be well within the mark if he said that for every bomb the German dropped behind our lines we dropped a hundred behind the German lines. All that bombing was done with military object, but the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, of massacring women and children was absolutely repulsive to the British Nation.



Tommy: "Put your hands up, man, I don't want to have to dig the grave of a chap your size." London Opinion.

MESOPOTAMIAN EXPEDITION IS IN MORE CAPABLE HANDS NOW

Report of Investigating Commission Viewed in Various Lights, Kitchener, Asquith and Others Being Held Responsible; No One Now Associated With Force Is Blamed

By Courier Leased Wire

New York, June 27.—An Associated Press Cable from London this morning says: "The report of the Commission which has been investigating the Mesopotamia expedition is treated by the press today as a first class sensation. Editorials contain bitter reproaches of persons contained and de-manded their dismissal. 'Effete traditions, cheese-paring policy, and general dry rot and inefficiency' of the Indian command are condemned by the newspapers. The anti-Asquith Press largely blames the late government. One paper calls for former Premier Asquith's impeachment. On the other hand the Times says it is only fair to admit that his cabinet was led completely astray by military advisers. The Times thinks the culpability of J. Austen Chamberlain, Secretary for India almost wholly technical. 'The Times places a large share of the blame on the late Lord Kitchener's highly centralized control of the Indian army.' The paper says the report goes far to vindicate Lord Curzon's resignation as Viceroy of India twelve years ago, as the ground of disagreement with Kitchener's scheme. The general approval is voiced of the government's decision to publish the report and tell the country the truth. A comparison is drawn of Germany's attempts to explain Messines, and other reverses on the western front. Amid a flood of recrimination room is found for satisfaction that nobody who is chiefly blamed is now associated with the Mesopotamian force, that the blunders have been retrieved and to that extent they are less tragic than the irrevocable collapse of the general expedition.

The Report London, June 27.—The most scathing and outspoken official report of the investigation of any military operations since the war began, not even excluding the report on the ill-fated Dardanelles expedition, was made public in a blue book issued last night. This was the report of the commission which has been investigating the Mesopotamia expedition. Put briefly, the report finds that the expedition was a justifiable military enterprise, but was undertaken "with insufficient force and inadequate preparation," and that its initial failure, with the loss of Kut, was due to lack of foresight, mistakes and miscalculations. The report frankly declares that the shortcomings revealed, reflect discredit upon the organizing aptitude of all concerned and apportion the chief responsibility on Gen. Nixon, the former commander of the British forces in Mesopotamia, and upon the Viceroy of India, Lord Hardinge, and the commander-in-chief in India, Sir Gen. Beauchamp Duff. Many Censured J. Austen Chamberlain, secretary for India, and Gen. Barrow, military secretary of the India office in London, and the war-committee of the Cabinet itself also share the responsibility. With regard to the Government's military and naval advisers, the report says they approved the advance that the papers submitted suggested that their approval was reluctant. They appeared to have anticipated no difficulty in an advance on Baghdad, but only in holding it. The report largely attributes the shortcomings to the policy of indiscriminate retrenchment pursued for some years before the war by the Indian Government, under instructions from the home government. For "the lamentable breakdown" of the technical services, the responsibility is attributed to Surgeon-General H. G. Hathaway, who "showed similar unfitness for the high administrative office he held." Infants Sandals, Strap Slippers, etc., at Coles' Shoe Co., Dress the little one's feet comfortably these hot days. All kinds of Travelling Goods at Coles' Shoe Co., 122 Colborne St.

Freedom of Conscience Proclaimed, Giving Equal Civil and Political Rights to All Regardless of Sect or Religion--Protection of Children

By Courier Leased Wire

Petrograd, June 27.—The Ministry of the Interior has submitted to the provisional government a bill establishing Freedom of Conscience, in which it is proclaimed that possession of civil and political rights no longer depends on religion. For a change of religion official permission will not be needed.

Up to nine years ago a child's religion is determined by its parents, if there is disagreement, the child takes its mother. Over nine years of age, the religion cannot be changed without the consent of the child itself. Eleven years, religion can be changed without the parents' or guardians' consent.

Another important reform policy for courts of administration for the protection of children against illegalities of officials of the Central government or of local self-governing bodies. Every county will have at least one court of administration, to which the Central government can appeal against illegal actions of self-governing bodies; self-governing bodies can appeal from illegalities of the central government, and private citizens can appeal against either.

The minister of public instruction has submitted a bill proclaiming complete freedom of teaching. Heretofore the ministry determined who could and who could not teach in private families. Henceforth families may choose their own teachers. In view of the lack of teachers and professors the minister of war has agreed not to call to the colors any more teachers and to discharge teachers now at the front who are not in the fighting units.

BULGARIA AND U.S. MAY BREAK SOON

Germany Seeking to Induce Her Ally to Sever Relations With U.S.

STRONG PRESSURE

By Courier Leased Wire.

Copenhagen, June 27.—Germany is bringing strong pressure on Bulgaria to induce that country to break off relations with the United States, according to information received here. The population is much against this being done. The fear is expressed, however, that Premier Radislavoff may have been compelled to purchase concessions, for which he went to Berlin, by a sacrifice of American relations as part payment.

WHY WE ARE FIGHTING Paris, June 27.—General Foch, the French commander-in-chief, has written a series of articles entitled "Why We Are Fighting," the first of which appears today in the army bulletin. The general tells in clear and simple terms the objects of the war and why a premature peace must not be concluded. He then goes on to show at some length why and how Germany brought on the war, tracing the events of the summer of 1914.

Germany and Holland.

London, June 27.—A despatch from Amsterdam says that several Dutch newspapers approve the agreement between the Dutch and German governments with regard to the seven Dutch merchantmen which were torpedoed off the English coast last February. Holland is to pay Germany a sum equal to the total amount paid for insurance on the merchantmen while Germany undertakes to replace the lost vessels by the cession of a number of German ships now in the Dutch East Indies.

Question of Ukraine.

Petrograd, June 27.—The declaration of the Ukraine National Assembly claiming autonomy for Ukraine without separation from the rest of Russia, has been commended to the Ukraine military congress. The Workmen and Soldiers' Deputies will send a delegation to Sweden, France and England to prepare for the concentration of an international conference on the basis of the program adopted by the executive.

Decorate for Dominion Day. Big bargains in flags at Market Street Book Store, 72 Market Street.

PLAN TO SPEND DOMINION DAY IN BRANTFORD

ays IS FOR ONSCRIPTION Inland Revenue... Every Member to Go on Record... Children Cry FLETCHER'S STORIA