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PEACE IS EXPECTED AT EASTER

LENINE AND THE ALLIES

Wants Little Wars Stopped and the Blocade Lifted

IS NOT ASKING FOR RECOGNITION

PARIS, Apr. 3.—(By Red Ferguson, Copyright Apr. 3 By the United Press)—The Russian soviet government is not asking for recognition by the associated powers, it was learned from authoritative sources today.

The proposition recently submitted to the Peace conference by Premier Lenin summed up as follows substantially: "Make peace with us, enabling us to end the numerous little wars that are being waged on Russian territory." "Lift the blockade so as to permit us to get food and materials. Then we will make good and you can recognize us if you care to."

The Russians, it is understood are willing to make a separate peace with the Associated powers, that is, without including the new Hungarian Soviet government in the pact. By making peace with the Russians is naturally meant the withdrawal of allied forces from Russia and a

cessation of participation in such campaigns as that in the Odessa district. Lenin agrees to cease fighting, it is declared, and stop propaganda work in other countries, applying his governmental machinery to purely national affairs, in which a rich man cannot get anything merely because he is rich. The Russians attitude is now carrying on are in self-defense. It is known that the Peace conference is giving extensive consideration to the latest reports from Russia and is becoming more impressed with accumulating evidence that violence and bloodshed are not stopping bolshevism. In view of the reports of serious food conditions, as well as the spread of typhus in Russia, coupled with the danger of a Russo-German alliance, the Peace conference is said to be considering whether the associated powers can afford to ignore the present opportunity to affect an immediate agreement with the Lenin government.

Martial Law Has Been Proclaimed in the Rhineland District of Germany.

SYRIKERS DEMAND RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA

BASLE, April 3.—Martial law has been proclaimed throughout the Rhineland, a dispatch from Stuttgart reported. The strikers are said to have demanded that Germany immediately resume diplomatic relations with Russia.

The militia and police attacked demonstrators in Essen with hand grenades, inflicting numerous casualties, it was reported.

COBLENZ TROOPS SENT TO STUTTGART

COBLENZ, April 3.—German troops opposite the Coblenz bridgehead began moving early Thursday toward Frankfurt, where a Spanish revolt has been causing disorder.

BOLSHEVIKI OFFENSIVE IN EAST PRUSSIA

BERLIN, April 3.—A Bolshevik offensive was reported to have been started to-day in East Prussia. The German troops are said to be making a successful resistance.

150,000 STRIKERS IN BERLIN

BERLIN, April 2, (Night). (By Frank J. Taylor).—More than 150,000 workers went on strike in Berlin late yesterday. Metal workers, technicians and other skilled craftsmen were the first to walk out. They were quickly followed by several other trades unions.

While the strike had been anticipated for several days, it was believed it might be postponed until next week, and the sudden walk-out caught the government forces unprepared. There was no violence however and the city was quiet to-night.

MANY DISTURBANCES IN STUTTGART

Reports reaching here to-night indicated that disturbances have been renewed in Stuttgart and Frankfurt with greater violence than before. More than 20 persons have been killed and fifty wounded in Stuttgart. Business is completely at a standstill. Crowds swarm through the streets storming army food wagons.

Government troops are maintaining the upper hand by means of machine guns, bristling from buildings and armored motor cars. A battery of tanks is assisting in patrolling the streets.

In Frankfurt, hundreds of persons have been arrested. Loss from plundering is estimated at more than a million dollars.

T. & L. Congress and Industrial Relations

PRESIDENT MOORE'S EXPOSITION ON IT

OTTAWA, April 3.—The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada is not yet committed to support of the Robertson Commission on industrial relations, says Tom Moore, President of the congress. "There are still one or two points under discussion between the congress officials and the department of labor," said Mr. Moore. "And until they are settled, we cannot commit ourselves."

Mrs. Esther Jolly is the new mayor of South Range, Minn.

Allies May Send Food to Soviet Countries

TO CHECK SPREAD OF BOLSHEVISM

PARIS, April 3, (By Carl D. Gross).—Important economic concessions to the soviet government in Russia and Hungary were being considered by the Big Four to-day. The Allies, it was understood, are practically convinced that the situation in these two countries demand immediate attention and that some sort of understanding with their governments is as urgent as peace with Germany.

Food shipments to Russia and Hungary and coal exportation to the latter country, will probably constitute the Allies' initial move to check the westward spread of bolshevism.

Allied Peoples Are Growing Impatient

OVER DELAY IN MAKING PEACE

PARIS, April 3.—Continued failure of the "big four" to accomplish any apparent progress, together with increasing unrest surrounding the peace conference to-day, there was talk in some high quarters that it may be necessary to make peace along general lines, if the settlement is to be effected before a crisis is reached in Germany.

The recent bitter debate in the British Parliament over peace delay is regarded as significant.

Recognition May Have To Be Given Lenin

BOLSHEVIKI HAVE PARTLY ORGANIZED RUSSIA

NEW YORK, April 3, (By J. W. T. Mason).—Recognition of the Bolshevik administration at Moscow as the de facto government of Russia is rapidly becoming inevitable, according to accumulative indications of the new point of view of the Russian situation being taken by the Peace conference.

The Paris delegates are putting personal sentiment and national resentment aside. They are beginning to examine the accomplishments of the Bolsheviks from the standpoint of international law, which governs the recognition of sovereignty in a revolutionary regime. While the Bolsheviks have been in power they have established sufficient domestic order to permit successful military operations to be conducted simultaneously in the extreme northern and southern areas of their military. In the north American and British troops are on the defensive and intend to retire to their transports for return home as soon as the ice breaks.

British Labor Registers Views on Peace Acts

SUGGEST AMENDMENTS TO LEAGUE COVENANT

LONDON, April 3.—British organized labor today officially registered its views concerning the peace settlement and the league of nations. Nearly 10,000 delegates, representing between eight and nine million workers throughout the country, met in a central hall at the invitation of the Labor party and the trades union congress, for the purpose of articulating their peace policy.

They were called upon to ratify a program drawn by a joint committee of the two organizations, closely paralleling that formulated at the International Labor and Socialist congress in Bern. The delegates were expected



GREETINGS, COMRADE.—Dallas, Texas, News.

Gratefulness to Returned Men Expressed at Entertainment

Event Followed Banquet in Masonic Hall. Gen. Gunn Urges Business Men to Get Behind all Who Have Returned.

"If I know the spirit of the business men of Kitchener I think you'll have a citizen for every soldier," General Gunn, Toronto, Officer Commanding of Military District Number Two, remarked at the entertainment for the great war veterans in the Roma theatre last evening.

General Gunn was one of the speakers at the event which was provided by the Daughters of the Empire following the banquet. He was among those who spoke outlining the needs of the hour in this day of readjustment, referring especially to bringing the returned men back into civilian life and the necessity of giving them opportunities. He outlined what had been accomplished in Toronto, where the Citizens' Repatriation League had been formed, who number tens of thousands and whose object will be to see that every returned man "is in the place he should be. The whole work includes recognition to returning men by a special committee employment and the relief of those who have been maintained in the war and of those who have been benefit of dear ones. Emphasizing the need of giving all returned men opportunities he stated that the League had secured the services of a lawyer, a returned soldier, who would be at court everyday just to watch for possible cases where the defendant might happen to be a returned soldier. This man would immediately investigate his troubles and see that the man was given every chance. Assistance and advice to soldiers' wives, adjustment of pension difficulties besides employment were other matters that were taken up by the Toronto citizens repatriation league.

Concluding his remarks General Gunn urged that the business men here get behind the returned men and assist in organizing as the Toronto citizens did. "It would mean a great deal to the city for what we want is unity in peace as in war," he concluded.

Message From Chairman.

Capt. (Rev.) W. A. Cameron of

Toronto, who accompanied General Gunn, also spoke. He is a humorous and witty speaker, whose remarks are always interspersed with flashes of oratory.

Capt. Cameron briefly expressed admiration for the spirit of the men over yonder on all occasions, not referring so much to the fighting spirit, for this was generally known. It was a tribute to that other spirit of tenacity, which permeated the whole nation and which has always been a characteristic of the British people.

As to the future Captain Cameron said the greatest question is service to Canada in the future. It was absolutely essential that Canada have citizens who are self sacrificing and unselfish. Conditions after and before the war cannot be the same.

Presentation of Medal

At this juncture the presentation of the military medal to Spr. H. Lindsay took place. General Shannon had the honor of affixing the medal on the hero who distinguished himself by bravery on the field, while looking after the wounded. Preceding the presentation, General Shannon said he felt honored by being given the opportunity to be present and to speak. He remarked that he was not one of those who had the privilege of going overseas. But he has felt that while he could not go overseas there was important work here for him and he found pleasure in having command of military district number one. He paid a tribute to the 50,000 men that were raised in this district.

Ontario President Speaks

Capt. (Rev.) C. E. Jaquin, of Bradford, president of the Ontario branch of the Great War Veterans' Association, also briefly spoke. "As to the men I need not say anything. We all know they were as splendid

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Respite For Debs Asked From Wilson

PLEA WILL BE FORWARDED TO PARIS

WASHINGTON, April 3.—President Wilson has been formally asked to grant respite to Eugene V. Debs, found guilty and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment under the espionage law, it was announced at the White House to-day.

The application is now in the hands of the Attorney General and his recommendation is expected to be forwarded to the President in Paris.

TWO DELEGATIONS TO GO TO WEIMAR

BASLE, April 3.—Two delegations, representing strikers in the Ruhr industrial region, were at Weimar yesterday to discuss the situation with Herr Bauer, the German Minister of Labor. After the conference the delegation went to Berlin to see other members of the German cabinet.

Dispatches received here place the number of strikers in the Dortmund district at 56,000.

Three Lives Lost in a Hull Fire

EARLY THIS MORNING

OTTAWA, April 3.—Three lives were lost and property damage estimated at between \$35,000 and \$40,000 was caused by an early morning fire at Hull, which gutted what is known as Dorion Block, on the corner of Main and Leduc Streets, consisting of the Social Club and three stories in the heart of the business section of the city.

The dead are: the Misses Marie Dorion, aged 40, Grace aged 32, and Blanche, aged 10. The two former are daughters and the latter the granddaughter of Mrs. L. N. Dorion, part owner of burned block. The girls lived alone in top flat of the building and it is surmised were overcome by dense smoke, which suffocated them, as the bodies when recovered were not touched by flames.

Although the firemen knew the girls were in building and made valiant attempts to rescue them, they were unable to enter the apartment where they were known to be, owing to the intensity of the fire.

Pinchon Says Peace Coming at Easter

STATEMENT MADE AT BANQUET

PARIS, April 3.—"I have always thought, and think more than ever today that the peace preliminaries to be imposed upon Germany will be ready before Easter, unless something unexpected arises," said Stephen Pinchon foreign minister, yesterday in reply to questioners at a banquet given by French Republican journalists, according to the Matin.

Left Bank of Rhine

TO BE NEUTRALIZED FOR SOME YEARS

PARIS, April 3.—The Council of Four has virtually decided, according to information from French sources, that the left bank of Rhine will be neutralized until Germany has paid the in emities fixed by the peace conference.

It is understood that French and Belgian troops will hold this territory, the United States claiming it to be impossible to leave American troops in Europe after the signature of the peace treaty; and Great Britain, having insufficient effective troops to maintain garrisons along the Rhine.

Budapest Soviet and Outside World

COMMUNISATION OF WOMEN

BUDAPEST, (Via Vienna), April 3.—Communist Budapest is orderly and the government is putting forth every effort to stabilize conditions. There are pessimists, however, who declare the government will endure less than a month.

It being pointed out that its success will be partially dependent upon the success of the Russian Bolshevik army to establish a corridor from Kiev to Budapest by way of Bessarabia and Bukovina.

Bela Kun, foreign minister, receives hundreds of telegrams of an official nature every day, among them being messages from Nikolai Lenin, Russian Bolshevik premier. He receives newspaper—men freely but has ordered that their dispatches be censored for the purpose of cutting down the material to be sent over all government wires, so as to eliminate objectionable features.

Kun, who was formerly secretary to Lenin, is most anxious to deny reports relative to the communisation of women in Hungary, which he declares to be "propaganda." He also denies rumors of assassinations and disorders.

Twenty-four members of the government are Jews.

London's Application Was Turned Down

Desired to Get Commission Government

HON. I. B. LUCAS WAS UNFRIENDLY

TORONTO, April 3.—London's application for a commission form of municipal government was rejected by the Private Bills Committee of the legislature this morning and permission for the erection of a new city hall was granted only on condition that the project be ratified by the ratepayers of that city.

G. Meredith, city solicitor of London, presented the municipality's case, assisted by former Mayor Stevenson. The opposition to the erection of the new city hall was taken by Colonel Coles.

Mr. Meredith explained that the principle underlying the bill was to give 20 commissioners control over all city expenditure. In reply to I. F. Hilliard, of Dundas, he admitted that the educational commission would be in a minority in the council. The feeling prevailed in London, he continued, that the present form of municipal government was not the best. It was felt necessary that the city should have control of the expenditure of the board of education, the largest independent spending body.

"This is the most radical legislation affecting municipal government that we have considered for some time," observed Hon. I. B. Lucas, Chairman of the Committee. He pointed out

SPANISH INFLUENZA IS NOW BEING OVERCOME

It Caused 10,000 Deaths in Ontario

IN MARCH THERE WERE 798 DEATHS DUE TO IT

PARLIAMENT BUILDING S. Toronto April 3.—Spanish influenza is disappearing from the province, as indicated by the decrease in deaths shown in the Provincial Board of Health statistics for the month of March.

Since the first of October the disease has been either the primary contributor cause of nearly 10,000 deaths in the province.

Deaths by months were October 3015, November 2608; December, 1568; January 1512; February 812; March, influenza, 285, pneumonia 516, total 793.

Cities and towns reporting the most

at this for March were Toronto 50; Hamilton 29; London 4; Soo 10; Ottawa 8; St. Catharines 7; Woodstock 5; Fort Williams 17.

The reports of secretaries of local Boards of Health for the month of March show scarlet fever and diphtheria prevails to a much greater extent than in the corresponding month of 1918. The cities where the increase for the last few months in diphtheria was most noticeable were, Ottawa, Toronto, and Windsor, scarlet fever has also been prevalent in Fort William for some weeks. The provincial board of health has distributed free of charge, where diphtheria prevails, 25,946,000 units of antitoxin, at cost of \$3891.

that a measure to give Toronto council control over the board of education, had been defeated a year ago.

Hungarian Basis of National Representation

SYSTEM ANNOUNCED TODAY

COPENHAGEN April 3.—The new Government in Hungary has definitely promulgated a system of government by village, town, district and county councils, and a national assembly of councils, so a dispatch from Budapest says.

Representatives to national assembly will be elected by town and county councils. The last day on which elections can be held for council has been fixed for April 14.

All men and women who have reached the age of eighteen will be permitted to vote, with the exception of those who employ wage earners for profit or who live on unearned income or are merchants, common criminals or lunatics.

Bela Kun Seeks An Alliance With Others

SAID TO BE NOW IN MUNICH

BERLIN, April 3, (By J. Frank Taylor).—Foreign Minister Bela Kun, of the Soviet government, has arrived in Munich for the purpose of forming an alliance between the Hungarian, Austrian and Bavarian soviets, so the Deutsche Zeitung declared to-day. The report could not be verified.

The general strike is growing throughout Germany. More than 100,000 men are now out in the Ruhr industrial district, and half the miners in the Rhineland are not working.

Parents Take Daughter From Husband's Home

CLAIM SHE HAD NOT THEIR CONSENT TO MARRY

HAMILTON, April 3.—A few days ago Daniel L. Reid, fireman, married Violet Rutherford, daughter of Alexander and Mrs. Rutherford of Toronto. A few hours after the wedding, the young bride's parents arrived by motor and insisted on taking her back, stating that the marriage had been performed without their consent.

Mr. Reid this morning retained M. J. O'Reilly to take legal steps to recover his wife, who he claims is old enough to marry without parental consent.

ROYAL BANK CLOSES OPTION

Purchases Former Economical Block

The Royal Bank has closed its option on the Economical Block at the corner of West King and South Front Streets. It was intimated some time ago that the option would probably be taken up by this bank and the intelligence that the deal went through was not unexpected. The option was for \$70,000.

The property is valuable one. The location and the building both are favorable. The property has a frontage of 54 feet on King Street, and includes the quarters occupied by the Bank of Montreal and the hardware store of J. Fennell and Son. The former's lease does not expire for two years, after which time they have the option of renewing it for another five years.

The sale of the property will be ratified at a meeting of the Economical Board of Directors this evening. As to when the Royal Bank will

open a branch here and as to their location with the present lease on the corner property unexpired is not presently known. Of interest it is to note that the bank will open a branch in Waterloo, having leased the former Lewis House property at the corner of King and Erb Streets.

HOUSES SCARCE? WELL, READ THIS!

How One Little Advt. Upset Order of Things.

Does it pay to advertise in the Record?

Is there an acute scarcity of houses in the city?

That is a story, which leaves no doubt. Mr. L. Sattler afforded the proof. Anybody that has four to five hundred calls on him inside of six hours as the result of advertising in the Record a house to let will convince one that these questions must be answered in the affirmative. In yesterday's issue of the Record Mr. Sattler had an advertisement for a house to let on St. George Street. It was the first insertion. The paper was out at the usual hour, four o'clock. So far, so good. It was only about five o'clock when Mr. Sattler, who was out of his harness shop on South Queen street, returned. "Why, what a fire! Or somebody hurt?" were his thoughts as he entered. So big was the rush that farmer customers in the harness trade had got squeezed back into the shop by the hurrying crowd of enquirers. And the advertisement was the cause of the whole trouble. Then came the worst of it. Waiting on a new kind of customer. And each and every one wanted the same goods. And they could not all get the one article.

And six o'clock came. Shop was locked. There was relief for Mr. Sattler and Mr. Sattler, Jr. But not yet. There was the same story at the home. Rings and rings, on the phone and on the doorbell galore! It was an exciting business. Then came the evening hour at the shop. The same rush and it continued until late in the evening. And as to St. George street. Well, they were lined up on the sidewalk and curb and gutter. The lady finally concluded no one reflecting on her task would censure her if she hung out the sign "No admittance." So the episode at the much desired residence was closed.

And there are disappointments. There must be, unless all the anxious house hunters had agreed to go under the same roof and live in a hive like busy bees. Friends and no friends, all dropped by the wayside. There was no other way. And one lucky applicant there was. He is a young King street business man. After a coming June adventure he will be able to take up his abode in a natty home, looking out with complacency on the envying passersby who were among the unsuccessful applicants for a little palace in this city where available houses are everything but existent.

After the experience Mr. Sattler is dubious whether he should remain in the harness business. "I think I should be in the real estate business after this experience. I apparently am fitted for it," he remarked.

And judging by the way he handled the trade and the responses to his notice he apparently would be highly successful.

By way of interest it might be said that rents are still soaring. The fact that the owner could have secured five dollars a month more than at what he rented the house is proof of this. More houses, more houses and still more! This is the battle cry of the hour in the city!

Wishes to Gather Them In

Liberals Seeking Alliance With Other Important Bodies.

INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED.

OTTAWA, April 3.—To the Liberal convention it was announced today will be invited representatives of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, the Great War Veterans Association and the Canadian Railroad Brotherhood.

Aircraft are to be used for forest patrol in the U.S.