

AUSTRO-GERMAN BREAK COMING

Relations Strained Between Two Leading Central Powers Fresh Reports of Disturbances in Germany

Pan-Germans Infuriated at Learning That Wilson Had Previous Knowledge of Czernin's Speech--German Financial Situation May Prevent Development of Offensive Operations

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Jan. 28--Reports of disturbances in Germany again are current and severe outbreaks are said to have occurred in the Rhenish industrial districts. Troops with machine guns have been summoned to Mulheim on the Rhine, opposite Cologne, but there are no details.

THREE THOUSAND IN FOOD RIOT.

Zurich, Jan. 28--Three thousand persons took part in a riot in a suburb of Prague on Friday against reduction of the flour rations, a Vienna dispatch says. Shop windows were smashed and the mob had begun to plunder the stocks when the police interfered. The rioters were dispersed with difficulty.

WERE OPINIONS EXCHANGED.

London, Jan. 27--Nothing has so angered the pan-Germans, according to reports in special dispatches from Holland, as the statement attributed to Count Czernin that his speech on peace previously had been communicated to President Wilson. The statement, it is said, was greeted with loud cheers by its hearers, but was received with an outburst of rage and contumely by the pan-Germans whose fury it brought to a climax. The idea of any exchange of opinions between Austria and America is criticized bitterly, and, according to Count Reventlow can only be regarded as "endangering life interests."

Allusions in pan-German newspapers that Count von Roedern, secretary of the treasury is one of the four men responsible for Germany's position is said to concern a financial memorandum he is said to have submitted to the emperor. One report of the incident declares that he warned the emperor that the financial situation of Germany was such that a further development of offensive operations was inadvisable. It is reported from Holland that the Pan-German Kreuze Zeitung of Berlin had been suspended for publishing a violent article under the heading "Austria must be abandoned."

CZERNIN GOES TO LITOVSK.

Amsterdam, Jan. 28--Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister left on Sunday for Brest-Litovsk, where the negotiations with the Russians are taking place, according to Vienna advices to-day. He was accompanied by numerous officials.

Count Czernin's policy in administering Austro-Hungary's foreign office has been endorsed by the foreign committee of the Reichsrath which has adopted a vote of confidence by 14 votes against 7.

BREAK IN AUSTRO-GERMAN ALLIANCE?

Pan-Germans Already Clamor for Abandonment of Austria

Count Czernin's speech on Austrian war aims, and his statement that it was sent in advance to President Wilson, has aroused the pan-Germans, and their newspapers are bitter in the denunciation of the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister. It is declared that the Count's action means a break in the Austro-German alliance, and one pan-German newspaper has been suppressed for suggesting that Germany abandon her foremost ally.

While the workmen in Austria apparently have returned to work, reports have been received in Holland of disturbances in the industrial district along the Rhine in Germany. Few details have been obtained, but it is said that troops with machine guns have been sent to Muelheim, a manufacturing town on the Rhine, opposite Cologne. Meanwhile, pan-German at-

tacks on the leading politicians, and even including the emperor, continue, and have spread to criticism of Count von Roedern, the imperial treasurer, who is said to have told the emperor that Germany is not in a financial condition for offensive operations. Dr. von Kuehlmann, the foreign minister, has defended his course in the Russian parleys by assuring the Bolshevik Government and its purpose. His efforts, however, failed to check Socialist attacks on the government's peace attitude toward Russia.

That German submarines will try to cut off communications with Europe simultaneously with the expected offensive on the western front, is the opinion expressed by Secretary of War Baker in his weekly review of the military situation. Strong efforts it is believed will be made to prevent all American aid from reaching the Anglo-French and American forces now on the battle line. The U-boats now are preparing for their part in the offensive at German bases. Activity on the western and Italian fronts is confined to small raids and intermittent ar-

tillery bombardments.

Give Flour

Amsterdam, Jan. 28--It is reported by The "Zeuving" Am Mittag, of Berlin, that negotiations have been completed between the German and Austro-Hungarian food boards in consequence of which Germany has placed 5,500 tons of flour at the disposal of Austria-Hungary on condition of its return by the middle of March. If the flour is not returned until later, Germany is to receive maize to the amount of four per cent of the flour shipment.

Are For Allies

Cleveland, O., Jan. 28--Declaring that the only hope of Hungarian independence lies in a victory for America in the war, Alexander Konta, of New York, chairman of the American Hungarian loyalty league,

last night pleaded with representatives of Hungarian societies throughout the country to be undivided in their sympathies as regards the great conflict.

The meeting followed the national convention of the American Hungarian federation, when resolutions pledging loyalty to the United States were passed.

The federation endorsed the formation of an American Hungarian loyalty league, and urged all Hungarians, whether naturalized citizens or not, to join it. The federation also passed a resolution urging the members to buy war savings stamps liberally.

speeches of President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George. He says that thoughtful and conscientious men should read the speeches quietly and without prejudice, and criticizes in an astonishingly outspoken fashion Austria's attitude toward Austria in the Russian negotiations.

Herr Harden virtually accuses Germany of forcing Austria-Hungary into the war and says that peace might have been obtained the first week at Brest-Litovsk if the Germans had not posed as conquerors and had not demanded territory.

Referring to President Wilson's speech, Herr Harden says: "Belief is still firm that peace is possible and that the cleavage between the two fighting groups no longer is so wide that it can be filled only by new heaps of corpses. It will however change into an unbridgeable gulf if the people again refuse to acknowledge a changed world."

HARDEN OUTSPOKEN IN HIS CRITICISM

Endorses Speeches of Wilson and George and Condemns Germany

By Courier Leased Wire--London, Jan. 28--Maximilian Harden devotes thirteen closely printed pages in the latest issue of Die Zukunft to re-producing the "real texts" of the recent

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CITY AGAIN IN GRIP OF BAD STORM

Dilatatory Blizzard Making Conditions Unpleasant To-day

TRAINS HAMPERED

Fuel Situation is Relieved By Arrival of Supply of Coal

Not yet fully recovered from the gale which two weeks ago swept the entire continent with disastrous effect, Brantford this morning awoke to face an incipient blizzard which gave promise of proving almost equal in devastating power. As a result, railway communication is almost at a standstill, and the city's traffic tied into knots innumerable. At noon to-day the G. T. R. train from Toronto, due here before seven o'clock, reached the city, and an arrival from London was expected this afternoon. The main lines only are open, and service here is hampered with Guelph or other points upon the other lines.

The Lake Erie & Northern continued their service both north and south, although the cars were running considerably late. The Hamilton radial cars continued unhampered. The municipal railway continued to give service, more or less regular, throughout the city, handicapped at times by power trouble, but this afternoon no cars had yet gone through to Paris, although it was hoped to make the run before evening.

"Everything all right; no trouble so far" is the optimistic report from the T. H. and B. station.

Lots of Coal Here

Mayor MacBride was a happy man this morning, he himself admitted to the Courier, following upon the arrival of an abundance of coal in the city over the week-end. Just what quantity has arrived His Worship did not divulge, but it is sufficient to meet the needs of all, and is estimated at well over twenty carloads.

"No person need be without coal now," stated the Mayor, "for it is obtainable from every dealer, in half ton lots. It has been a strenuous job, but the worst is over now, for there is more coal on the way. We are continuing the ticket system in conjunction with the civic depot, but any dealer is privileged to give coal in case of an emergency. Distribution is the biggest problem before us to-day."

When the city assumed control of the supply, there were 6,700 homes in Brantford, 3,000 of which were without coal. In all, over 2,600 orders have been delivered, and only 400 more are awaiting delivery.

Mrs. Oliver Twist

Thirty men from the Soldiers' Home are out on the coal canvass this morning in the Holmedale district.

On Saturday, a soldier went to a certain house where he was to examine the coal bins. Five-tons of hard coal and one ton of chestnut coal were found comfortably housed in the cellar. The lady of the house then asked the veteran "please to put in an order for one-half ton of soft coal so that the bath room might be heated."

Many Pipes Frozen

A considerable number of street pipes are frozen.

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THE MERCHANTS CORNER

Merchant ridiced Some advertisers say: "As soon as business picks up I'll advertise." Fancy a gardener saying: "I'll wait until harvest to sow my seed." The Caxton Magazine.

"The consumer lives everywhere--some are rich, some poor, and some in moderate circumstances, but all of them or any part of them may be reached all the time or part of the time by advertising."--Mr. Frank Van Camp, at St. Louis, U. S. A.

CHARGES AGAINST CAMPS IN OLD LAND

By Courier Leased Wire--New York, Jan. 28--An Associated Press despatch from Topeka, Kansas, says: Intoxicating liquor is sold freely to American soldiers in Great Britain, according to Dr. Charles M. Sheldon, who has just returned from England, where he has been assisting a prohibition movement. Sunday he made a report of his work to his congregation.

Dr. Sheldon charged that vice is prevalent in the vicinity of the concentrated camps and asserts that many Canadian soldiers have been sent home incapacitated for service by drink and vice. "It is the duty of every American citizen," Dr. Sheldon said, "to demand of his government that these conditions be eliminated."

U. S. AVIATORS TOOK PART IN RAID OVER GERMANY

By Courier Leased Wire--With the American army in France, Jan. 27--(By the Associated Press)--Four American aviators attached to a French squadron have participated in a daylight bombing raid over Germany. All returned safely. Because the weather was foggy, the aviators were unable to determine just what damage was done, but as they flew fairly low over the targets it is believed the results were good. After releasing the lines the bombers were fired upon vigorously by enemy anti-aircraft guns. They then ran into still heavier fog and some of the airmen were forced to land before reaching their hangars.

RUMORED PROPOSAL

To Close All Places of Amusement Three Days a Week

Protests Are Sent to Ottawa From Brantford

A wire received in the city to-day stated that it was understood the Union Government had in contemplation the closing of all theatres and places of amusement for three days each week and that action in this regard might be expected to-morrow.

Brantford managers of such places were busy today getting leading citizens to wire their protests. It is pointed out that in the case of the Brant buckshot, coal is used which cannot be utilized in grates or furnaces, unless specially fitted for the same and that the Grand and other places of amusement use soft coal.

In addition the Brantford theatres have always taken a generous part in behalf of aiding Patriotic work and sentiment and it is contended that in this period of self denial and stress healthy diversion is an excellent and needed tonic for the people. To practically close such places would be to disseminate gloom and foreboding and not prove to the national advantage.

This fact has been fully recognized in the Old Land where there has been no effort to curtail offerings calculated to help the people to more cheerfully bear the war burdens.

HEATLESS MONDAY IN U.S. AGAIN

Observance of Restrictions More General Today Than Last Week

WORKLESS, LIGHTLESS

Exemption From Regulation Granted in Very Few Cases

By Courier Leased Wire--New York, Jan. 28--Industry in New York City halted again to-day--the second of the ten workless, heatless and lightless Mondays decreed by the National Fuel Administration--and reports to local fuel administrators indicated that the observance was far more general than a week ago.

Confusion that existed last Monday over interpretations had been cleared up during the week and the administrators were prepared to prosecute all violators promptly. Hundreds of claims for exemption poured into the authorities even up to a late hour last night but only in rare cases were exceptions granted. The police and a largely augmented force of volunteer watchers kept a sharp lookout for possible delinquents of the order.

The New York Stock Exchange, which kept open a week ago, although without heat, was closed to-day as was the consolidated stock exchange and many of the great banking institutions in the financial districts. Theatres remained open, many of them giving double performances, but they must close to-morrow.

Estimates made by experts place the saving of coal in the city during the closed period at the rate of \$50,000 a day.

The return of colder weather has caused the administrators to again warn the public that the coal shortage is still acute.

New Home Card--Washington, Jan. 28--The new home card of the food administration has been issued and shortly will be distributed through the United States to aid housekeepers in observing the 1918 food conservation program of two wheatless, one meatless and two porkless days a week, as announced in President Wilson's proclamation.

The card, carrying an explanation of the weekly plan will go into effect to-day when the bakers begin the manufacture of the victory loaf a war bread containing a five per cent substitute for wheat flour. Bakers are to increase the substitutes for wheat flour until a twenty per cent substitution is reached February 24. At the same time grocers will sell householders wheat flour only when the purchaser buys an equal amount of some other cereal.

War on Moonshine--Washington, Jan. 28--The necessity of arousing state and county officials to their responsibilities in assisting the government to break up the manufacture of moonshine whiskey is urged upon the gray moon of prohibition states to-day in a letter from International Revenue Commissioner Roper.

The letter was made public as part of a nation-wide campaign against illicit distilling recently announced by Commissioner Roper, when it was discovered that the manufacture of

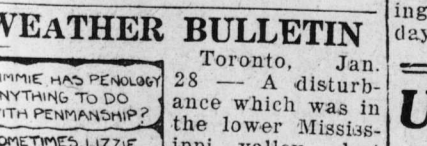
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WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Jan. 28--A disturbance which was in the lower Mississippi valley last night has moved quickly northeastward and is now causing snow in southern Ontario. The weather is extremely cold throughout the Dominion.

Forecasts--Strong north-easterly winds with snow, Tuesday--Continued very cold, snow flurries.

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