

PEACE TERMS NOT YET SIGNED

SPLIT IN COUNCIL OF RUSS COMMISSARIES BRINGS DELAY

Social Revolutionists Refuse to Ratify Treaty

Russia Has Not Yet Been Finally Committed to German Terms; Lenine Government Split by Opposition From Several Socialist Factions--Bolsheviki Rule At Moscow Maintains Order

Final action on the German peace treaty apparently has not yet been taken by the All-Russian Congress of Soviets at Moscow. While despatches dated Thursday from Petrograd, reported the Congress had decided overwhelmingly to ratify the treaty, advices from Moscow Friday say that there has been a split in the Council of People's Commissaries and indicate that Russia has not yet been committed to the German terms.

Bolsheviki approval of the treaty seemingly has aroused the members of the government belonging to the party of the Social Revolutionists of the Left, who refuse to ratify it. The Social Revolutionists are said to have resolved to resign from the council should the Congress approve the treaty. This probably means that decisive action has not been taken by the congress as a whole.

Several ministers in the Lenine Government are members of the Social Revolutionist Party of the Left. They were admitted late last December when the Bolsheviki were threatened with loss of power unless the revolutionists were recognized. The Socialist Revolutionists of the Right have been opposed continuously to the Bolsheviki, who broke up the Constituent Assembly when the party of the Right elected the chairman.

CONDEMN GERMAN TERMS.

Moscow, Thursday, March 14.—(By the Associated Press)—A caucus of the Bolsheviki, while favoring a signing of the German peace treaty, has resolved to approve the course of the peace delegation of the Council of People's Commissaries. The caucus also condemns the German peace terms and declared it was necessary to restore order and organize for defense.

President Wilson's message of sympathy to the Russian people was received with marked applause when it was read to-night at the opening session of the All-Russian Congress of Soviets. The Congress immediately adopted a resolution of appreciation. The resolution reads:

"The All-Russian Congress of Soviets expresses its appreciation to the American people and first of all the laboring and exploited classes in the United States, for the message sent by President Wilson to the Congress of Soviets in this time when Russian Socialist Soviet republic is living through most difficult trials.

"The Russian republic uses the occasion of the message from President Wilson to express to all peoples who are dying and suffering from the horrors of this imperialistic war, its warm sympathy and firm conviction that the happy time is near when the laboring masses in all bourgeois countries will throw off the capitalist yoke and establish a Socialist state of society which is the only one capable of assuring a permanent and just peace as well as the culture and well being of all who toil."

Premier Lenine made the principal speech and received a great ovation. He reviewed the history of the revolution and emphasized the necessity of signing a peace treaty. M. Tchitcherin, the acting foreign minister, read the peace terms. It was decided that peace should be considered first and after that the permanent removal of the capital from Petrograd and the election of a new central executive committee.

Strong forces of guards were about the hall, but there were no attempts at disorder. Moscow is quiet. Bolsheviki control apparently being absolute.

TURKS ADVANCE.

Petrograd, Thursday, March 14.—Turkish troops are reported to have occupied the entire Baku region in the Caucasus. It is also reported that German and Ukrainian troops are continuing operations in southern Russia, particularly in the direction of Orsha and Mohilev. An important enemy column is said to have occupied Tcherntog.

JAIS MURDERED.

London, March 16.—Maximalists in Siberia have murdered 150 Japanese at Blagoveshchensk, capital of the Amur province, according to a report printed in the newspaper Hochi.

Weather Bulletin

EVERY SOLDIER WHO ENDS SOFT SOLDY EGGS IS LAYING HIMSELF LIABLE TO SHELL SHOCK. Toronto, March 16.—The weather is fair throughout the Dominion and very mild in the West. The heavy gale which has been blowing in the Maritime Provinces is now subsiding. Forecasts. Fresh west to south winds; fair and milder to-day and on Sunday.

Shimbuu Friday, and forwarded by Reuter's Limited. A despatch from Tien Tsin, China, to The Daily Mail, says that the Japanese embassy at Peking has been informed that during recent disturbances at Blagoveshchensk three Japanese were killed and several wounded while defending their property against Bolsheviki.



BOLO'S TWO WIVES

Bolo, the Frenchman, who has been convicted of treason, had two wives, and both appeared in court to watch his trial. The upper face in the picture is that of his second wife, Mrs. Bolo-Muller, and the other is known as Mme. Bolo-Soumillies.

CONCERT AT KING EDWARD SCHOOL

Enjoyable Entertainment Held Under Auspices of School League

A very successful concert was held in the main hall of the King Edward School under the auspices of the School League. The hall was tastefully decorated in white and green, and presented a very cheerful appearance. Mr. Shepperson, chairman of the Board of Education, acted as chairman.

The program was given by five young ladies from the O. S. B. under the direction of Mr. Andrews. Those who did not attend this concert missed a great treat. The following excellent program was given: Piano solo, Katherine Sells; chairman's address, Mr. Shepperson; vocal solo, Gladys Day; reading, Gladys Bickerton; piano solo, Muriel Stephenson; vocal duet, Gladys Bickerton and Gladys Slay; violin solo, Greta Lammie; piano solo, Gladys Bickerton; reading, Greta Lammie; Piano solo, Katherine Sells; vocal solo, Gladys Slay; violin solo, Greta Lammie; piano solo, Muriel Stephenson.

During the program, short addresses were given by Mr. Andrews and Principal Baldwin, also Rev. Martin and Alexander expressed their pleasure at the excellent entertainment furnished. Light refreshments were served by the ladies in charge of the direction of the social committee. The object of the gathering was to secure members for the league. A large number was secured and a good sum of money realized.



DECORATED BY THE KING AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE. The picture shows two of the English women who were invested recently by the King for services during the war. In nurses uniform is Mrs. Rupert Anderson, and with her is sub-commander Miss Mary Allen.

CONCERT AND TALENT TEA

Annual Entertainment Was Given by Alexandra School League

The Alexandra School League held their annual St. Patrick's concert and Talent Tea last evening. The sale of home-made cooking proved very successful, all selling very quickly. A new feature was the table of cooking done by girls of the school, which showed much talent among our girls.

The concert, which drew a large number, was as follows: Piano solo R. Sisson and E. Scott; recitation, Garnet Prowse; song, Ruth Stecker; flag drill, eight girls; song, Leone Clement; recitation, Kate Atford; song, Jr. III girls; club swinging, Jr. IV girls; Fitz James and Roderick Dhu; Jack Frank and Gordon Hutton; song, St. IV girls; Peasant's Drill, eight Third Book girls; debate, Alf Lavelle Joyce, Betty Bridge; neg., Reg. Cox, Connie Babcock; song, six small girls, God Save the King. The subject of the debate was: "Resolved that a good-natured, kindly woman is more desirable as a wife, than an ill-tempered, fussy woman, and the debaters were pupils of the entrance class. All four did exceedingly well, showing marked oratorical ability. However, the judge, Mr. G. A. Cole, of the O. S. B., gave his decision in favour of the affirmative. The success of the programme is due to Miss Gothorpe, who trained the children for the drills and to Miss Vanstone, who played for the singing.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SCHOOL LEAGUE

Mrs. J. A. Marquis President of Victoria School League—Other Officers.

The annual meeting of Victoria School League was held Friday afternoon and was very largely attended by parents and friends of the pupils. After reports of work done during the year and serving of afternoon tea, the teachers were in their respective rooms to receive the parents and to exhibit the work done by their pupils in the different branches of the school work.

Among other interesting items in the report of work done was the fact that \$190.78 had been contributed to patriotic purposes during the year. This, the pioneer school league of the city, has been particularly fortunate in its officers, all of whom have been untiring in their efforts to further the interests of the school. Mrs. G. Buck, the first president and now honorary president, has as a worthy successor, Mrs. J. A. Marquis, who has most ably filled the office for four years, giving generously of her time and sympathy to the work. She was unanimously elected to the presidency for another year. The election of officers resulted as follows: Hon. president, Mrs. G. P. Buck; president, Mrs. Marquis; first vice-president, Mrs. W. Watt; second vice-president, Mrs. Turpin; secretary, Miss Potbury; treasurer, Mrs. R. Byerson; executive, Miss Cotter, Mesdames Hoyd, B. Duncau, Standing, Palmer, Parker, Hagey, Kerr, Reid, Rouse, Dugdale, Meggitt, Willis, Loring, J. W. Harris, Andrews, Squire, Nichol, Hart, Walsh, and the teachers of the school.

TOTAL OF WAR PRISONERS

By Courier Lensed Wire. London Feb. 26 (By mail)—Lord Newton announced in the House of Lords the other day that there were 49,817 combatant prisoners of war in England, and that 4,000 more are expected shortly. Of these 28,050 are permanently employed, and the remainder are unfit for work. In addition, 25,000 German civilians and 4,000 Austrians are interned. Between 1,500 and 2,000 of these are out on license for various forms of work and the rest are "a useless and expensive incubus."

WELCOME VETERANS

Mayor MacBride is arranging with the Soldiers' Aid Commission and the Great War Veterans' Association for a fitting reception to Brantford's heroes of the first contingent, who are expected home on Friday next week. "We'll get a band if there is one to be had, and welcome them properly," said His Worship to the Courier to-day.

CANADIANS MADE SUCCESSFUL RAID

Attack Teutons in the Lens Region and Bring Back Fourteen Prisoners. London, March 15.—Canadian troops in the region of Lens again have attacked enemy trenches with success and taken prisoners, according to the British official communication issued last evening. On the other hand, attempted enemy raids near Passchendaele and south of the Meuzin road were repulsed by the British.

MOST CRITICAL STAGE OF THE WAR IS REACHED

Arthur Henderson Secretary of British Labor Party, Foresees German Willingness to Cede Alsace-Lorraine

By Courier Lensed Wire. LONDON, THURSDAY, MARCH 14.—(DELAYED)—THE MOST CRITICAL STAGE OF THE WHOLE HISTORY OF THE WAR HAS BEEN REACHED IN THE OPINION OF ARTHUR HENDERSON, SECRETARY OF THE LABOR PARTY. SPEAKING IN LONDON AT A WOMAN SUFFRAGIST CELEBRATION TO-DAY, MR. HENDERSON ADDED: "I HAVE BEEN IMAGINING DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS, HAVING REGARD TO WHAT HAS TAKEN PLACE IN RUSSIA THAT SOME GERMAN EMBASSY MIGHT COME ALONG AND SAY: 'WHY DO WE FIGHT: WHY CANNOT WE SETTLE IT? WE ARE PREPARED TO COME TO A COMPROMISE WITH YOU REGARDING COLONIES AND WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE CONSIDERABLE CONCESSIONS TO FRANCE WITH REGARD TO ALSACE-LORRAINE.' THAT WOULD NOT BE A CLEAN PEACE AND THE NATION SHOULD HAVE NONE OF IT."

ALLIES ARE DETERMINED

In Their Course Towards Holland And Also With Regard to Northern Neutral Powers

Washington, March 15.—The War Trade Board to-day made public the details of its negotiations with Holland. While the document was couched in the most conciliatory terms, it was made evident that the Government is firmly committed to the policy of being to it that the Central powers do not benefit through any of the northern neutral countries of Europe.

GRAND MASTER PAID VISIT TO DORIC LODGE

Irish Night Was Observed by Local and Visiting Masons

Last night was "Irish Night" with Doric Lodge, A.F. and A.M., on the occasion of the official visit of District Deputy Grand Master Dr. W. Logie of Paris, accompanied by a large delegation from that place. In all more than two hundred lodgemen were in attendance for the conferring of the first degree. The banquet which followed, in view of the proximity of the seventeenth of March, took the form of an Irish evening, the decoration and luncheon following out this scheme. The toast to the Grand Lodge was replied to by Dr. Logie; that to St. Patrick's Day, by the Rev. C. F. Logan; the Absent Brethren, proposed by the Rev. J. A. Woods; "Our Guests" was replied to by W. Bro. J. Broadbent, and Bro. Stonebaugh of Lynden, Rutherford and Smiley of Paris, and others. The musical program was in charge of the Masonic Choral Society, under the direction of Bro. J. T. Schofield, and solos were given, in addition, by E. Moulou and Walter Carpenter.

FORMER RESIDENT DEAD

Word received in the city, yesterday announced the death in Easton, Penn., of Mrs. Wm. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Sanders, whose home was in Durham, came to Brantford some nine years ago. Mr. Sanders occupied a position as yard foreman at the Grand Trunk. Four years ago the family moved to Easton, where Mr. Sanders engaged in the manufacture of automobile tires. Mrs. Sanders leaves her husband, one daughter, Etta, and two sons, Byron at home, and Eldon, with the American overseas forces. The sympathy of many Brantford citizens will go out to the bereaved family.

THE MERCHANTS CORNER

- SPEAKING OF "I AM" I AM the Myrtles of the Henrykank product. I AM the Gatos Ajar, welcoming to everlasting repose the hair of eggs "Announcement to the Public." I AM Charon, who pilots dead literature into Stygian darkness. I AM the light of the paper-maker's eye. I AM the darling of the printing-ink manufacturer's heart. I AM the referee's Final Decision from White (Emancipation) Hopes can stage no comebacks. I AM the ruseless in pace of the booklet produced at the "Jaws east figger." I AM filled with sappy stuff to feed the evening fire. I AM clogged with bromidic brochures and full of fancy folders. I AM indigestion itself. I AM the WASTE BASKET.



CAPT. GEORGE T. BAILEY. Canadian officer who was sentenced in Toronto police court to three months on jail farm for libelling Canadian soldiers in France.

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VES
Silk Gloves, in grey, black and or self stitched 1.25 \$1.75
Gloves 59c
Towel 25c
Carpets
SQUARES
Saturday \$17.50
SUNDAY \$19.75
SQUARES
Saturday \$28.75
SUNDAY \$36.75
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