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RUSSIA FORCED TO SIGN GERMAN PEACE

London, Feb. 19.—Russia is now forced to sign peace upon the conditions proposed by Germany, says an official Russian statement received here today.

Berne, Switzerland, Feb. 19.—According to Vienna dispatches Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, has forwarded a wireless message to Count Czernin, the Austrian foreign minister, reading: "The German Government having re-established a state of war with Russia without even giving the seven days' previous notice, I have the honor to ask you to inform me whether the Austro-Hungarian Government also considers itself in a state of war with Russia, and if not whether it believes it possible to reach a practical realization of the agreements worked out in Petrograd."

FAILURE TO PROVIDE POWER FOR LONDON ELECTRIC USERS MAY DRIVE INDUSTRIES AWAY

Firms Now Using Direct Current Declare They May Be Forced to Move.

GET LITTLE SATISFACTION Hydro Dept., They Say, Has Refused to Accept More d. c. Customers.

If provision is not made to secure a supply of power for London Electric customers when that company retires from the power field on March 31, as it has intimated, the city may lose a few of its valued industries.

The Regal Manufacturing Company, King street, employing from 30 to 150 hands, is one of the firms which is considering moving.

"We cannot wait until the last minute to make our arrangements," said the manager. "We have not been definitely refused power, but we have been told that we cannot get it, and we have been offered inducements to move."

It was reported that the firm is contemplating going to Toronto. This report was not denied by the manager. He refused to state whether the company would get power from the Toronto hydro-electric plant or from another source.

The Ontario Spring Bed and Mattress, employing 35 to 40 hands, would not leave the city, but would be forced, it was announced, to close down. This would be serious. Most of its employees are married men.

The company states if it cannot get direct current from hydro it would mean an expenditure of thousands of dollars for new motors.

Darch & Sons, harnessmakers, have taken no steps to secure a new supply. The firm at present employs twenty hands on new orders. Mr. Darch said that he felt that the hydro department would make some provision to take care of them. He expressed hope that it would.

J. W. Plewes uses 35 horsepower in his grist mill. He has not sought a new supply, as he is contemplating moving his mill from its present site. He thought it was up to the officials to take some action. If they do not he would not be surprised if a number of firms left the city.

The Canada Overall Company is looking about for new machinery that it may be able to use hydro energy. It employs 20 hands.

In all the London Electric has close to 60 power customers in the city using up to 30 horsepower each.

WHO'S GOING TO CATCH THIS GENT?



The Advertiser's Mysterious Mr. Dollar is going to be around Thursday, and some lucky Dollar Day purchaser is going to reap a nice reward if he's captured. Is it going to be you?

TEUTONS TAKE RUSS CITIES

Vienna, Feb. 19, via London.—The German army group commanded by Gen. Alexander von Linsingen, according to an official statement issued by Austrian war office, has occupied the Russian town of Lutsk, in Volhynia, without fighting.

Berlin, Feb. 19, via London.—German forces have entered Dvinsk, they were engaged in felling a tree, and as it crashed down it struck the dead limb of an adjoining tree. It snapped and swinging back struck Gilbert on the head, crushing his skull and badly disfiguring his face. Death was instantaneous.

The deceased was single, and lived in Canada seven years. Chief of Police Holmes and Coroner Cantfield investigated and decided an inquest was unnecessary.

Amsterdam, Feb. 19.—The Ukrainian delegation to the Brest-Litovsk conference has issued an appeal to the German people, according to a Berlin dispatch, protesting that the Russian Bolsheviks and hired bands of Red Guards from the north have united with deserters from the Russian army under command of former generals, and are burning and looting towns. The appeal declares that the Petrograd Government told an untruth when it described this movement as a rebellion of the Ukrainian people and the Central Rada as a bourgeois Rada.

London, Feb. 19.—Renewal of the German attack on Great Russia fulfills the expectation widely held since Germany consented to negotiate with the Bolsheviks at Brest-Litovsk. The view has been expressed that Germany had peace in mind that to secure possession of what was valuable in Russia, possibly after April 1, when prohibition is the rule of the country. The commissioner likely to drop out is Commissioner Ayscough, who has been ill some time. It is stated that he may be appointed chief of the provincial liquor detectives, as at present there is no head of this part of the department.

Used the Ukraine. The manner in which Germany played off the Ukraine against the Bolsheviks is regarded as a characteristic example of German diplomatic traditions. It is felt that the Ukrainian call for German help has been issued at Germany's instigation to give her a plausible pretext for taking advantage of the anarchy there in order to gain control of the natural resources of the Ukraine.

Doubt is expressed whether the move against Dvinsk is merely the turn of the screw expected to make the Bolsheviks grant subsidiously what Germany wants or will be followed by serious military operations. In any case, the action is denounced as mere sharp practice, though it also is regarded as the inevitable consequence of the anarchy there in which Russia has been reduced through the lack of a leader strong enough to guide the revolutionary outburst.

Amsterdam, Feb. 19.—Peace negotiations with Rumania, a telegram from Berlin says it is understood, have not yet begun. They will probably commence Friday.

SOLDIERS' VOTES LOADED TO MAKE ABSOLUTE CERTAIN DEFEAT OF GEO. S. GIBBONS

All Soldiers in World Have Been Voted in London, No Matter Where They Come From.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Feb. 19.—When the soldiers' vote is counted it will look as if George S. Gibbons, the Labor-Liberal candidate for London, would be defeated by many thousands. It is estimated here that Mr. Gibbons will be in a minority of 20,000, although these figures are too high. A defeat is a defeat so a few thousands more or less do not matter a very great deal.

It would seem from the present state of the count that every soldier it was possible to vote in London was voted in London. It mattered not where he lived nor where he enlisted, he was voted in London. Boxes upon boxes of votes for London have been counted to date, and the list is not yet closed.

This is altogether quite a compliment to Gibbons. The men had their ballots marked for him, and all they had to do was to deposit them in the boxes. Kindly looking over the shoulders of the soldiers was this. The ballots were marked for Mr. Gibbons, although the vast majority of the voters had never seen London, and many of them only vaguely knew that such a candidate existed.

Mr. Gibbons bids fair to have the largest majority ever polled against a candidate, due to the kindly solicitude of the Unionists. Liberals here are congratulating Mr. Gibbons. It means the calling and election of many Liberals who had a majority.

25,000 FILIPINOS ARE DRILLING TO ENTER WAR San Francisco, Feb. 19.—Twenty-five thousand Filipinos are under arms and are drilling in the hope of being called into the United States army for service in France, according to C. W. O'Brien, returned yesterday from Manila. Mr. O'Brien said the natives were anxious to show that an offer they had made of troops to the Government was not an idle one.

Ontario License Board Likely to Be Reduced Toronto, Feb. 19.—It is reported that the Ontario License Board will likely be cut down to three members before very long, possibly after April 1, when prohibition is the rule of the country. The commissioner likely to drop out is Commissioner Ayscough, who has been ill some time. It is stated that he may be appointed chief of the provincial liquor detectives, as at present there is no head of this part of the department.

Usual For Night Raid Driven Off by Tommy London, Feb. 19.—(Delayed)—The official statement from British headquarters in France and Belgium tonight reads: "During the night an enemy party attempted to raid one of our posts east of Eweby, but was driven off by our rifle and machine gun fire. Hostile artillery has been active southwest of Cambrai and in the neighborhood of Arras, and also southeast and north-west of Ypres."

BOLSHEVIK GOVT. HAS FALLEN AND THE LEADERS IN FLIGHT; SOCIAL REVOLUTIONISTS RULE?

KAISER DEPENDS ON SURPRISE TO DEFEAT ALLIES IN HUGE DRIVE

Will Make Last Gamble With Secrecy, Tanks and New Gas—Allies Ready for Big Blow.

British Army Headquarters in France, Feb. 19.—The German offensive on the western front may be expected to begin at any moment now, and as far as the British front is concerned the main thrust will be made on the sector between Arras and St. Quentin.

Tanks and "a new mysterious gas" will be employed by the enemy in the attempt to break through the allied line. Other attacks will be delivered further south. These facts have become known through captured German prisoners and information gleaned in other ways.

The Supreme Effort. The plans of the German high command are complete and after many weeks of intensive training of assaulting troops they are ready to make the supreme and final effort which has been advertised so widely in the past weeks.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg and Gen. von Ludendorff appear to have realized that the old methods of attack, in which a long bombardment is employed, are too well known to produce the results desired.

Accordingly the German troops are being told that surprise attacks, such as were used in Galicia last summer, at Riga, and again on the Isonzo, are to be tried against the Allies on the western front.

Tanks and Gas. Much stress has been laid on the fact that tanks and a new gas are to be used, leaving the infantry little to do but to follow up the main drive.

Germans Suffer Heavy Losses BY GREAT RAID

Sweeping British Foray on Flanders Front—Canadians Very Much In It

London, Feb. 19.—An extensive raid was carried out by British troops last night on the Flanders front, in the southern section of Houtholst wood, the war office announced today. There were two other successful raids, one in the region south of Lens, carried out by Canadian troops, and the other on the old Aras front in the neighborhood of Epehy. Prisoners were taken in all of these raids. The Flanders raid was a particularly important affair, resulting in heavy casualties to the Germans. The text of the statement reads: "Successful raids were carried out by us last night in three different sectors of the front."

"Southeast of Epehy, Irish troops entered the enemy trenches in the neighborhood of Guillemont farm, and brought back a few prisoners."

"Another successful raid, in which five prisoners were captured by us, was carried out by Canadian troops south of Lens."

Further north Lancashire Border and Yorkshire troops raided German positions in the southern portion of Houtholst forest on a wide front. A large number of the enemy were killed and twenty-seven prisoners and a machine gun were captured by us. Our casualties were slight."

Military Honors For Castle's Burial Service New York, Feb. 17.—Private military funeral services for Capt. Vernon Castle of the Royal Flying Corps, who was killed in an airplane accident at Fort Worth, Texas, last Friday, were held here today at the Church of the Transfiguration, better known as "The Little Church Around the Corner."

The rector of the church, the Rev. Dr. George D. Houghton, and the Rev. Dr. Herbert L. Shipman, chaplain of the 10th Field Artillery, U. S. A., officiated. A detachment of the Royal Flying Corps escorted the body to the church. The pallbearers were officers from the Flying Corps.

London Receives Word of Fresh Political Turn Over at Petrograd--Party Friendly to Allies Having Crushed Red Rule of Lenin and Trotsky--Latter Are Reported at Riga.

London, Feb. 18.—Rumors are current in Vaca that the Bolshevik Government in Petrograd has been overthrown by the Social Revolutionists under the leadership of M. Tchernoff, according to the correspondent there of the Politiken of Copenhagen, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. Nikolai Lenin and Leon Trotsky are said to have escaped to Riga.

Vaca, or Nikolaistadt, is in Finland, on the only railway line between Petrograd and Tornea, on the Swedish frontier.

M. Tchernoff is the leader of the Social Revolutionists and was chairman of the short-lived Constituent Assembly. He served as minister of agriculture in the Kerensky Government during last July and August. Tchernoff has been a strong advocate of land reform and has been aligned with the minimalists. When the Constituent Assembly met in Petrograd in January, Tchernoff was elected chairman over the Bolshevik candidates. The next day the assembly was broken up by force by the Bolsheviks and it was reported that the Bolsheviks intended to arrest Tchernoff.

Tchernoff with Allies. In an interview with the Associated Press correspondent in Petrograd on January 19, M. Tchernoff said that the Social Revolutionist party held that the Constituent Assembly should be dissolved and a conference of the Entente Allies to consider war aims. He and his party expected that the Allies would state that the Russian Revolutionists had accepted the Entente Allies' terms and would try to harmonize them with the democratic principles of the Russian revolution.

At Tchernoff admitted that the Russian army probably could not be expected to fight to any great extent, but he declared that Russia could act as a magnet to draw the German forces forward, and might be thrown to the western front, thus helping the Allies.

A GERMAN INVENTION. London, Feb. 19.—Denial is made in a statement issued by the official Russian news agency in Petrograd that Polish troops have captured Mohilev and seized Bialystok, the capital of Belorussia, and have been driven out of Tiraspol, on the Dniester, by Bolshevik forces.

The Rumanian cruiser squadron is reported to have sailed and joined the Russian Bolsheviks. A number of revolting Rumanians were executed at the order of Gen. Stecherbachoff.

Gen. Alexeev, commander at Rostov and Voronezh, has fled to Novo Tcherkassk in the Don territory.

During the recent bloody events in Kiev, the Metropolitan Vladimir and Gen. Trunoff, former commander of the Russian southwestern front, were killed.

THE WEATHER. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 26; lowest, 2 below.

The official temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 40; lowest, 22.

TOMORROW—DECIDEDLY COLD. Toronto, Feb. 19.—8 a.m. Forecasts.

Today—Occasional rain today, turning in some localities to snow tonight. Wednesday—Strong northwest wind, local snow flurries, but mostly fair and decidedly cold.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Weather Stations.

Victoria 35 26 Clear
Calgary 4 24 Cloudy
Winnipeg 4 22 Clear
Port Arthur 15 8 Cloudy
Port Stanley 25 22 Rain
Toronto 26 20 Fair
Kingston 22 20 Rain
Ottawa 21 12 Snow
Montreal 22 14 Cloudy
Quebec 15 10 Cloudy

Weather Notes. A moderate disturbance is moving eastward across the Great Lakes, accompanied by snow and rain, while a pronounced area of high pressure with very cold weather covers the western provinces.

HIST! HIST! THE ADVERTISER'S MYSTERIOUS MR. DOLLAR IS GETTING ON HIS GUM SHOES!