

OTTAWA LEARNS OF CONDITIONS IN CENT. EUROPE

Gov't Informed That Dire Misery Exists Because of Food Shortage, Diminished Production and Other Causes.

CHILDREN SUBJECT TO MANY HARDSHIPS

United States and Great Britain Looked To As Saviours of the Situation and Must Act Promptly.

Special to The Standard Ottawa, Jan. 19.—Late advice, received by the Government, show that the food situation in Central Europe is no less grave than was reported. Diminished production, shortage of food and fuel, collapse of transportation, the depreciation of currency and complete collapse of exchange have combined to reduce the population of Austria to a state of dire misery. Vienna, the population of which has increased from two to two and a half millions, has had its milk supply reduced from nine hundred thousand to thirty thousand litres daily. Children are dying like flies. The normal bread ration has been reduced in the same proportion. The fuel ration has been reduced from 45 to seven kilos per week (about fifteen pounds). The present meat ration is about one-fifth of a pound per week and about the same of fats. Milk is supplied only to young children, and then only in minute quantities. During 1918, 19,000 children were born in Vienna and 51,000 died. The situation at present is much more grave.

At the beginning of 1919, a permanent Inter Allied Commission was appointed to investigate the needs of the Austrian Empire and provide for its relief, and later the dispatch of foodstuffs was arranged for. Up to October this commission provided 390,000 tons of food stuffs to the Austrians and also for the import of food from neighboring states.

In 1919 Great Britain appropriated twelve and a half million pounds for relief in Central Europe of which over one third has been spent on Austria. A further remittance has been suggested of releasing all liquid assets of the Austrian state from reparation obligations.

The Allies have waived their lien on the tobacco monopoly and have authorized the Austrian Government to raise a loan on that security for the purchase of foodstuffs and fuel. The Allies have also arranged to release all foreign securities held by Austria, which were earmarked as security for the United States, and to substitute as security the great paintings in Austria. It is hoped that arrangements for a loan, based on the tobacco monopoly already mentioned, will enable the Austrian Government to carry on until April, thereafter the real crisis will arise.

The real solution of the question lies in the economic reconstruction of these countries. For this the co-operation of the United States is necessary. The sub-committee of the reparations commission in Vienna has drawn up a scheme for the provision of credits for the reconstruction of Austria on a large scale, and this is now being discussed between Great Britain and the United States at Washington. About forty million dollars are required for raw materials to restore the industries of the country, one hundred millions for food and an additional sum for coal to carry on until next harvest.

LIGHT VOTE IN WOODSTOCK ELECTION

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, Jan. 19.—A light vote was polled in the aldermanic election today owing to the intense cold. Aldermen Gallagher, Brown and Smith were elected defeating John Flemming. The question of a town manager did not enter into the contest. The new board is constituted as follows: T. H. Nodden, Mayor; Jas. W. Gallagher, J. Rankin Brown, W. M. Smith, C. M. Aughterson, A. H. L. Bell, George Truss, aldermen.

Hon. Mackenzie King Still Casts Loving Glances Towards Farmers

Montreal, Que., Jan. 19.—(By Canadian Press.)—Hon. Wm. Lyon Mackenzie King paid his first visit to Montreal as Liberal leader, today, when he addressed members of the Montreal Reform Club at a special luncheon. Mr. King devoted much of his address to an account of his recent tour of the Maritime Provinces and to a consideration of the Farmers' movement throughout the Dominion, which he regarded as a species of Liberalism. He declared that there was no danger of a Farmers' political movement in the Maritime Provinces, giving as his view that the farmers there were quite content with the political programme of the Liberal party. As to Ontario and the West, it was his opinion that the movement there would, in the end, harmonize with the Liberal doctrine of lower tariff and reciprocity with the United States. He stated that, owing to pressure of work and the approach of another parliamentary session, he has been compelled to postpone his original intention of making a tour of the West until after the conclusion of the next session.

British Suffer Severely In Clash On India Frontier

London, Jan. 19.—News reached London, today, of a heavy engagement last week on the northwestern frontier of India in which the British suffered severely. The engagement was fought by the Deraa Jat column, which while advancing last Wednesday into the Mahsud country, met with strong opposition north of Anpal Dargah and engaged in fighting at close quarters. The British suffered 385 casualties, including eight British officers killed and twelve wounded or missing, while a large number of Indian officers were killed or wounded. The Mahsuds lost 150 killed and more than 200 wounded.

Influenza Breaks Out In Chicago

Chicago's Health Department Swamped With Applications for Nurses to Handle the Disease.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 19.—Chicago's health department was swamped with appeals for nurses, today, to combat the spread of influenza and pneumonia, of which more than two thousand cases have been reported in the last forty-eight hours, with fifty deaths. Health department officials declared the city needed at least ten thousand nurses to handle the situation properly.

Since 9 o'clock this morning 500 cases were reported to the Board of Health, with ten deaths, and new pneumonia cases number one hundred, with sixteen deaths. Health department officials pointed out that the death rate had been extremely small as compared with last year's epidemic and with the number of cases reported.

Health Commissioner John Dill Robertson today started a campaign against "cold" owners, when 105 complaints were received. An inquiry will be made into each complaint, and where sickness is found, action to bring about a proper heat supply will be taken, Dr. Robertson said.

The Health Commissioner of Evansville reported that flu cases today increased thirty per cent, and that three neighboring towns reported slight increases.

The epidemic has been checked at Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois, and at Great Lake naval training station. Sixty new cases were reported today as compared with a previous daily average of 150.

U. S. Federal Agents Prompt To Begin Acts of Seizure

Swoop Down Upon Whiskey, Wines and Cordials Valued at \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 in Value.

London, Jan. 19.—The military successes of the Soviet forces were the cause of the action of the Allies in deciding to permit the re-opening of trade with Russia, according to a wireless statement from Moscow, picked up here, in which industrial Russia is urged to apply itself to its tasks. The message says: "The blockade ring has been broken by the victories of the Red army. The army of labor has started its campaign. The workers defeated the enemy when thousands of faithful hands took up the matter. To your lathes, machines and hammers and shovels. There is work for horny hands."

Tenjoki, Finnish Russian Border, Jan. 19.—(By the Canadian Press.)—The undesirable aliens headed by Berkman and Emma Goldman, deported from the United States entered Soviet Russia at two o'clock this afternoon. They received an enthusiastic welcome.

SECY DANIELS GETTING LOOK FROM ALL SIDES

U. S. Senate Sub Committee Authorized to Investigate Fully, Adm. Sims' Charges Against Secretary of Navy.

PROVIDENCE EDITOR LAYS SERIOUS CHARGE

Says Condition of Affairs in U. S. Navy is Rotten Beyond Conception and That Hon. Josephus Knows It.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 19.—Charges of Rear-Admiral Sims that the navy department failed to co-operate fully with the Allies during the great war will be investigated by the Senate committee before which they were made. This was decided today by the full naval committee, which also authorized appointment of another sub-committee to determine whether there should be an inquiry into charges made by John R. Rathem, editor of the Providence (R. I.) Journal, that with the knowledge of Secretary Daniels, many seamen in the navy "have been used in most vile and nameless practices in order to entrap innocent men."

While the Senate committee was in session Secretary Daniels announced that Admiral Sims would be called on to make good his charges either before the Senate or a naval board. Sims' statement, Chairman Butler of the house naval committee, announced that Major General Leonard Wood will be called before that committee to explain statements attributed to him that American naval vessels were "floating death traps." General Wood explained at Portland, Maine, today what he said was that naval ships manned by untrained crews would be death traps in battle.

Daniels Confident. "When the smoke blows away," the secretary continued, "I am confident that the people will see that the naval administration has been efficient."

Serious Charge. Washington, Jan. 19.—Appointment of a sub-committee to determine the necessity of investigating charges of immoral conditions in the navy by John R. Rathem, editor of the Providence (R. I.) Journal, was authorized today by the Senate naval committee.

Mr. Rathem, in telegrams to members of the committee, charged that "a condition of affairs in the navy department is rotten beyond conception and that with the knowledge of Secretary Daniels 'many seamen in the navy have been used for the most vile and nameless practices in order to entrap innocent men.'"

The telegrams also charged that a number of young men in the naval service, entirely innocent of any crime or misdemeanor, were held as prisoners in Newport since April 1919 without trial, and that every effort to bring them to trial had been thwarted by Mr. Daniels. That other men, dragged out of hospitals in serious physical condition, have been compelled, after hours of the third degree, to perjure themselves in order to convict innocent men; that the morale of the navy department is being rapidly destroyed, and that the entire blame for the situation stands at the door of Mr. Daniels and nobody else.

LIFTING EMBARGO GIVES BOOST TO RUSSIAN SECURITIES

London, Jan. 19.—The decision of the Supreme Council at Paris regarding the partial lifting of the trade embargo against Russia caused an upward movement in virtually all the Russian securities quoted on the stock exchange today. Russian five per cent. bonds rose four points, four and one-half per cents, improved three points; while four per cents, advanced five points. Mine and oil shares also appreciated considerably, but the movements were out of proportion to the business done, holders now seeing a possible return of some of the spoken capital, were just as anxious to retain their stock as they were to sell them a few weeks ago.

GETS WRONG BAG ALSO BABY AND TWO BOTTLES OF MILK

Bridgesport, Conn., Jan. 19.—After bringing home a black leather bag not his own, Robert F. Rohland, arriving from New York City today, found in it an eight weeks' old infant, two bottles of milk, and a package of talcum powder. As Mr. Rohland read in a newspaper that he believed that the exchange of black bags were made, The infant suffered no ill effects from the trip.

Betrayer of Edith Cavell Again Up For Trial

Paris, Jan. 19.—Georges Gaston Quisen, convicted and condemned to death, in a September last on charges of having had treasonable dealings with the Germans and having betrayed to them Edith Cavell, the English nurse, appeared before a court martial for trial for the second time today. The Court of Appeals set aside Quisen's conviction last October, and a new trial was ordered. The ground taken by counsel for Quisen in appealing against the verdict was the vote of the Court Martial was not unanimous. It should have been five to two.

Many Ships In Distress On Atlantic

Storms and Gales Which Have Swept the Atlantic During Last 48 Hours Caused Many Hardships.

New York, N. Y., Jan. 19.—Wireless messages telling of more than a half dozen ships in distress off the Atlantic coast, received here last night and today, told the story of gales which have swept the eastern seaboard during the past 48 hours.

The Army transport Powhattan, disabled 300 miles southeast of Halifax, and the freighters Yarmouth, Independence, Wilhelm J. Eason, Lake Harney and Wakula were among the ships which were either laboring in heavy seas with flooded holds, or were stranded in shoal waters, indicating the distress to which the coastguard service has been put, it was said here today that there was no cutter available when the Lake Harney called for help, and the aid of private craft had to be secured.

Nantucket Island is reported cut off by ice, and a wireless message from the Holland American liner Nordam states that she is putting into Halifax, her coal supply almost exhausted in her battle with the stormy Atlantic.

New York Harbor, for the first time this winter, was filled with floating ice. Snow, accompanied by mist, made navigation hazardous, and nearly every vessel that came in had her bows encrusted with ice from flying spray.

TO COMMERCIALIZE SOLDIER DEAD

Overseas Mortuary Association Formed to Bring Back Remains of Heroic Canadian Dead from England, France and Belgium.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 19.—Robert U. Stone, an undertaker of this city, says there is a movement on foot and arrangements have been well advanced by an organization known as the Overseas Mortuary Association, "to bring back the remains of the heroic Canadian dead from England, France and Belgium, to bury them in their own country." Mr. Stone says it is a private enterprise, with no Government connection, and is the result of an increasing demand on the part of relatives of the dead soldiers to have their loved ones laid to rest in Canada. E. Toysezo, an undertaker in Paris, official undertaker to the English and United States embassies, is associated with him in the work. Mr. Stone, the United States Government is bringing all the United States dead soldiers to the United States.

Prince of Wales To Leave March 15 For Australia

London, Jan. 19.—(By the Canadian Press.)—It is definitely announced that the Prince of Wales will leave for Australia on March 15. He will not go to India this year but will return from Australia by way of Canada to visit his ranch in Alberta.

Powhattan Passengers Taken Off By Cedric

Boston, Mass., Jan. 19.—The White Star liner Cedric reported by radio tonight that she had taken off the passengers from the army transport Powhattan, disabled two hundred miles southeast of Halifax, and was "bringing them in." The Cedric is bound from Liverpool for New York.

GERMAN HOPS GO UP IN SMOKE

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 19.—Sixty thousand pounds of German hops valued at a dollar a pound were destroyed in a fire which damaged the main building of the American Brewery here this afternoon. The total loss will probably reach \$100,000.

IRISH LABOR IS TO BE RECKONED WITH IN FUTURE

The Results of the Irish Elections Are Still Incomplete, But Sufficient is Known to Place Labor at the Front.

SINN FEIN STRONG IN SOUTH PROVINCES

Proportional Representation Experiment Has Been Justified as it Has Secured Some Representation of Minorities.

London, Jan. 19.—(By Canadian Press cable.)—The results of the Irish local elections are still incomplete and will not be fully known till Tuesday night, but some newspaper comment is available, though opinion is not unanimous. The view, generally expressed, is that the proportional representation experiment has been justified, as it has secured some representation of minorities, which otherwise would have been overwhelmed.

The Sinn Fein has been secured big majorities in the southern provinces, but its success in Ulster is greatly qualified and the Times says its ultimate significance is tempered by the remarkable demonstration of power and growth of Irish labor which the election results disclose. The Times does not think the intense nationalism of the Sinn Fein will ever permanently coalesce with Irish labor, which must necessarily enjoy wider sympathies and another ideal, but an immediate result of the elections may be to place another obstacle in the path of the present methods of Irish administration and create an impasse that has not been foreseen. It is believed, however, says the paper, that the government is no longer blind to the necessity for change, and that preparatory steps are in contemplation.

Anti-British. The Daily Chronicle regards the introduction of proportional representation as vindicated, but notes, respecting the results, that the authorities in power are pledged to an anti-British policy and republicanism so that the administration will be confronted with fresh opportunities for obstruction and friction which will add yet another to the urgency of an early settlement of the Irish problem.

The Daily Graphic is satisfied with the working of the proportional system and adds: "Now that the Irish local authorities have been elected on a thoroughly democratic, and at the same time equitable system, it will be interesting to see what use they make of this precious form of home rule."

SOVIET RUSSIA RAISES OBJECTION TO U. S. RADICALS

Soviet Ark Consignment Safely Across Border When Authorities Say Only Three Will Be Admitted.

Tenjoki, Jan. 19.—(By The Associated Press.)—The band of Bolsheviks in charge of the expedition to the United States, are safely across the Russian frontier tonight, but whether all the members of the party will remain safe in Soviet Russia is a question to be determined by the Bolshevik authorities.

Hardly had the last of them passed over the border than a belated telegram reached Finnish military officials in charge of the transfer, announcing that the Soviet Government had decided to permit only three of the deported to enter. Their names have not been made public, but those thus favored are believed to be Emma Goldman, Alexander Berkman, and Peter Blansky (Blansky).

The telegram is incomprehensible in view of the fact that the delegation including the wife of Maxim Gorky came out to receive the exiles and elaborate preparations had been made by the frontier Bolsheviks to welcome them.

CHARLOTTE CO. L. O. L. ELECT THEIR OFFICERS

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, Jan. 19.—The Charlotte county L. O. L. in session here tonight elected the following officers: A. S. Mundie, County Master; Henry Laby, Deputy County Master; A. G. Lewis, Chaplain; M. E. Baldwin, Secretary; F. N. Thomas, Treasurer; George Boyd, Frank McLaughlin, Lecturers; Walter Grompton, Director of Ceremonies.

The plans for holding a July 12th celebration will be determined at the next meeting.

Predict Renewal Of The Epidemic Of Influenza

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 19.—A renewal of the epidemic of influenza is predicted by the medical health authorities if reports that Chicago is now nursing twelve hundred cases are correct. Dr. E. Hastings, M. O. P., said, this morning, that, since it was not a reportable disease, an increase in the number of cases would not be known until deaths had occurred. He repeats his advice given last year "not to attempt to fight the disease with drugs or otherwise, but at the first symptoms to take a hot bath, laxatives and go to bed."

Premier Is Influenced By Agents

Lloyd George Had Straight Tips From Commissioners Which Prompted Raising of Russian Blockade.

London, Jan. 19.—One of the influences which prompted Premier Lloyd George to put forward a plan to raise the Russian blockade, it is learned, was a private letter from the Food Controller, George H. Roberts, who pointed out that if arrangements could be made to get foodstuffs from Russia, the prices in England, which primarily depended so largely on Russia for food, would rapidly decrease.

Another influence was a long telegram from James O'Grady, representing the British Government in the negotiations at Copenhagen, stating that his negotiations with Litvinoff, the Russian Soviet representative, which were subject to several hitched, could be made much easier if the blockade were lifted. That message was delivered to the premier on Friday last.

If Mr. O'Grady has rightly interpreted Litvinoff's desires, it shows that both the Bolshevik and the anti-Bolshevik sections want the blockade off. Just what foodstuffs are in Russia, where they are and who controls them is somewhat vague, the food ministry announces, but the best information in the hands of the Ministry shows that there must be an enormous amount.

Controller Roberts' statement that there are three million tons of wheat in Russia, was declared to be based on reports which the Ministry had received from time to time.

U. F. O. Candidates Do Not Know Where They Fit In

Three Ridings Must Soon Be Opened for Cabinet Ministers Without Seats in Legislature.

Toronto, Jan. 19.—It was stated at U. F. O. headquarters here tonight that contrary to the expectations there will be no announcement before Wednesday of the three ridings to be opened for the three cabinet ministers without seats in the legislature. Hon. H. Grant, Minister of Education, earlier in the day, said a statement would be forthcoming tomorrow. Mr. Grant said twelve seats had been offered, but there had been some difficulty in deciding on the ones where there would be little likelihood of defeat in the by-elections.

Hon. Mr. Grant, as well as Premier Drury, denied that there was a crisis in the cabinet over the question of seats.

FIRE RENDERERS 600 HOMELESS

New York, Jan. 19.—One hundred and thirty-four families comprising more than six hundred men, women, children and babies, were driven from six apartment buildings in the bitter cold early today by a \$75,000 fire alarm fire at the northwest corner of Lenox avenue and 116th street.

Acting Premier Outspoken In His Condemnation of Senseless Kickers

Montreal, Que., Jan. 19.—Acting Premier George Foster startled members of the Canadian Club of Montreal, at the Windsor Hotel today, by repeating swear words. "Damn the Government," or "Damn the capitalists," were the ejaculations of many people, he said, in regard to the prevailing unrest and the high cost of living. But, said Sir George, to throw a Government out and put in another, or to abolish the capitalist system and try another economic method would not mend matters. There were no short cuts to reconstruction. The world was short of necessities. Fifty million men had been engaged for five years in destruction, and another one hundred million men had been withdrawn from ordinary production to supply them with instruments of destruction. The work of reconstruction must come from within, and neither strikes, acts of Parliament nor the overthrow of the present economic system could effect it, was Sir George's conclusion.

ALLIES' DEMAND CAUSES ANXIETY AMONG GERMANS

Pan-Germans Had Hoped to the End That Allied Powers Would Not Ask for William's Extradition.

KING LUDWIG FLIES INTO PASSION

Switzerland Greatly Interested in Outcome of Allies' Demand as That Country is the Home of Many Political Refugees.

Geneva, Jan. 19.—A state of profound anxiety and astonishment reigns in pan-German circles over the official demand of the Allies for the extradition from Holland of the former German emperor, according to a dispatch from Basel, which is confirmed by Munich advices. The pan-Germans had hoped to the end that such a final step, which affects the whole case, would not be taken, the dispatch says. They argue that if their former chief is extradited nobody will be safe, because the government's hand will be forced.

It is reported from Lezaro that former King Ludwig of Bavaria on hearing of the demand for William Hohenzollern's extradition broke out in a furious temper, condemning the act of the Allies as impertinent and impudent. Former Emperor Charles of Austria, who is at present at Angenies, has refused to express any opinion.

Switzerland Watching. Meantime the federal authorities and Swiss jurists are watching the negotiations carefully, and several former royal foreign ministers and politicians in Switzerland are anxiously awaiting the Dutch decision.

The demand of the Allies upon Holland for the extradition of former Emperor William is being given great attention in official circles, as it is believed the result of the demand will determine the status of political refugees in Switzerland, of whom there are many. Former Emperor Charles of Austria and former King Ludwig of Bavaria both are in Switzerland.

It is reported that there is also hiding in this country a number of persons who expected to be demanded by the Allies from Germany.

BISHOP OF CHATHAM DIED YESTERDAY

Distinguished and Highly Esteemed Member of the Clergy Succumbed to Pneumonia—Beloved by All.

Chatham, Jan. 19.—The Right Rev. Thomas Frances Barry, D. D., Bishop of Chatham, died here today at 1.30 p.m. following an illness with pneumonia. His Lordship was born at Polemonk, Pennsylvania and was born at Polemonk, N. B., March 2nd, 1841. In 1866 he was ordained to the Priesthood, and in 1899 was consecrated Bishop. He became Bishop of Chatham on August 2, 1902.

For many years Bishop Barry was a resident of Bathurst, where he erected a handsome church and presbytery while vicar general.

He was held in high regard by all and his demise is received with sincere regret. To his closing days His Lordship displayed untiring zeal and unflagging earnestness in the performance of his sacred duties.

GOV'T SETTLES WITH SIR ROSS

Quebec, Jan. 19.—News reached here from Ottawa tonight that the claim made by Sir Charles Ross, relative to the expropriation of the Ross Rifle factory by the Government, has been settled out of court. The Government has agreed to pay Sir Charles Ross a sum of two million dollars in cash over and above all sums which he has already received. The report further states that an Order in Council will be passed tomorrow confirming the settlement as agreed upon.