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## INDICATIONS THAT GERMANY WILL SEND TROOPS TO UKRAINE

### American Observer Finds Bolsheviki Power Waning As Armies Disperse—Looks For Uprising By Opponents of Present Regime —Atrocities by Red Guards in Southern Finland—Rioters Kill Hundred Persons in Petrograd

Berne, Feb. 17.—The latest despatches received here indicate that Germany intends sending troops to the Ukraine, there to occupy important points under pretext of establishing order. The German Reichstag probably will meet Wednesday to consider the peace treaty with the Ukraine. An important statement from the imperial chancery is expected at this session of the lower house.

### ANOTHER UPHEAVAL COMING

Stockholm, Feb. 17.—(By the Associated Press).—That the power of the Bolsheviki in Russia steadily is waning is the conclusion of an American who reached Stockholm today from Petrograd, where he had resided for eighteen months. This man left Petrograd February 7. "So long as there were masses of soldiers in Petrograd and Moscow," said this man, "the Bolsheviki opponents have felt that any attempt to establish an ordered government was impossible. As a matter of fact, many of the soldiers are not Bolsheviki, but their mere presence was a deterrent. Now they are gradually departing for farms and villages and it is impossible to recall them.

"This is especially true of Moscow, where the opponents of Nikolai Lenin and Leon Trotsky are beginning to pick up courage. Another factor against the Bolsheviki in this campaign against the church. The recent procession in Petrograd headed by priests was an imposing affair, and the Bolsheviki did not think it prudent to attempt by force to prevent it. Probably a majority of the educated Russians favor separation of church and state, but do not like the idea of confiscating of the church properties by such people as those composing the present government."

The American, continuing, said that the principal grave situation with regard to the food was in respect to bread, which contains straw and is almost unpalatable. He said it was feared that the peace between Ukraine and the Central Powers would make still worse the food situation.

### GERMAN SOCIALISTS VIEWS

Stockholm, Feb. 18.—The German majority Socialists are dissociated from any connection or sympathy with the Bolsheviki, says an article in the Socialist organ Vorwarts, of Berlin, written by Otto Braun. He charges that the Russian delegates at Brest-Litovsk did not intend to utilize the truce to arrange peace, but rather to extend the revolution to the territory of the Central Powers.

"The hope of the Bolsheviki for a speedy revolution in Germany is an insane delusion," Herr Braun continues. "They apply Russian patterns to German conditions, which are about a century more advanced in economic, political and cultural matters. There is no soil in Germany in which the revolutionary methods of the Bolsheviki can take root."

German Socialists, says Herr Braun, sharply condemn the violent methods of the Bolsheviki. He adds:

The article is the more significant in view of the fact that previously the Vorwarts has shown a disposition to coquette with the Bolsheviki. Its Stockholm despatches for a long time have been colored in favor of the Russian radicals.

### Communication Restored.

Stockholm, Feb. 17.—Telegraphic communication with Russia was re-established today after ten days interruption due to the destruction of the cable terminus at Nizhny, Finland, by the Red Guard. Nizhny is still in the hands of the Red Guard, but the cable company has been allowed to make repairs. There is still no communication with Helsinki.

### More Atrocities.

Stockholm, Feb. 17.—Grim stories of atrocities committed by the Red Guard in Southern Finland were told today by 500 refugees who reached Stockholm here. Eleven men were taken from a large estate near Bjorneborg, stripped of their clothing and thrown into a well. The Red Guard makes a specialty of mutilating victims faces, so that relatives cannot identify the bodies.

Six wounded members of the government forces were killed with knives when the Red Guard captured Kotka. Murders are of daily occurrence in Helsinki.

The refugees declared that the reign of the Red Guard would be short if the thousands men volunteered to defend the city of Lovisa, but only four hundred by the Red Guards and a reign of terror ensued.

### Riots in Petrograd.

Petrograd, Monday, Feb. 11.—(By the Associated Press).—In an all night battle during which jewelry stores and wine cellars in the capital were pillaged by marauding soldiers, about one hundred persons were killed. Forty thousand German and Austrian prisoners, who were freed by the councils of workmen and soldiers' delegates in smaller Russian towns, are being sent to Petrograd home as a result of starvation as a result of the riots.

### HOPE THIS WILL BE LAST HEATLESS MONDAY

Boston, Feb. 18.—New England today observed what business people hoped would be the last heatless Monday holiday.

After the national fuel administration rescinded its Monday closing order, the question of further restrictions in sections where the coal shortage was still acute was left to state fuel administrators for determination and because of the crying demand for fuel all industries in this district were suspended today.

### TRAINS AGAIN LATE

The Montreal and Boston trains are reported late today. The cause of the delay is due to heavy roads. The Montreal is three hours late, and the Boston two hours and thirty minutes.

### MRS. MARY STANTON

Many will learn with respect of the death of Mrs. Mary Stanton, widow of James Stanton, West St. John, which occurred this morning at the Mater Misericordiae Home, Sydney street. She was ninety-three years old. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

## SHIPYARD STRIKE WILL END TONIGHT

### Men Return to Work in Response to President Wilson's Appeal— Confident He Will Adjust Matters

New York, Feb. 18.—The strike of shipyard carpenters in various yards along the Atlantic seaboard will be at an end by tonight, according to statements here today by officials of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, who added that they believed the majority of workmen would be at their accustomed tasks by noon.

"The president has spoken back," said William L. Hutcheson, president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

New York, Feb. 18.—The strike of carpenters in the Atlantic seaboard shipyards engaged on government contracts is over, John Rice, national organizer of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, said today. Several thousand men who are still idle are expected to be at work tomorrow morning. About 3,000 of the strikers returned to work this morning, Mr. Rice estimated. "The men are going back because they have every confidence that President Wilson will adjust the matter to their satisfaction," he said.

Philadelphia, Baltimore, Jersey City, Elizabethport and New York about 6,000 carpenters quit work this morning, Mr. Rice announced, because they were unaware of the fact that W. L. Hutcheson, president of the brotherhood, had responded to President Wilson's letter of last night by announcing he would endeavor to influence the strikers to resume work pending the question of their grievance by the wage adjustment board.

Many of the 6,000 were later informed of this situation and returned to work, Mr. Rice said, and during the day every effort would be made to get in touch with the others.

## SIXTEEN KILLED IN LATEST AIR RAIDS

London, Feb. 18.—Sixteen persons were killed and four seriously injured in the aerial attack on London on Saturday night. It is officially announced.

Six German bombers attempted to attack London on Saturday night, but only one of them succeeded in reaching the capital. This raid dropped one incendiary bomb on the east side of the city, in the southwestern district. One of the German airplanes fell into the sea. On Sunday night London was again attacked by a number of bombs being dropped in the city.

Six seven airplanes took part in the raid on Sunday night. The first flew over London dropping bombs in various districts. All the others were turned back.

The following official report was issued today:

"Last night's air raid appears to have been carried out by six or seven enemy airplanes, of whom only one penetrated into London. The first raid passed the Isle of Thanet at about 9:45 p. m. and proceeded up the Thames estuary into London, crossing the capital from south-east to north-west. Bombs were dropped in various districts between 10:40 and 10:50 o'clock.

"The remaining raiders, who attempted to reach London from the northeast across Essex or from the east along the banks of the River Thames, were all turned back.

"Reports of casualties and damage have not yet been received."

The casualties in Sunday night's air raid were 16 killed and 37 injured. It is officially announced this afternoon.

Reports on Saturday night's casualties:

"The total casualties caused by the airplane raid Saturday night were: Killed, 16 men, women and children. Injured, 1 man and 3 children."

## BETTER TREATMENT FOR THE SOLDIERS

### New System Will Remedy Conditions on Shipboard; Experienced Officers To Be in Charge

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—In regard to the complaints that have been made as to improper treatment on shipboard of returning soldiers, the statement is authorized by the militia department today that a new system is about to be adopted that should lead to improvement in the condition. In future conducting parties of experienced officers will accompany parties of draftees. On their return trip they will have charge of parties of home coming soldiers. The return of the fact that the draftees under the Military Act being sent to England with very little training it is necessary that they should be put in charge of officers of exceptional ability and experience. The utilization of these officers in looking after the care of soldiers en route to Canada after service at the front is expected to lead to greatly improved conditions on shipboard and a lessening of complaints on the part of the men in the future. The officials of the headquarters staff say they are extremely anxious to remove all cause of complaint on the part of the men.

### Famous Teacher of Deaf

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Zeena P. Westervelt, superintendent of the Westervelt School for the deaf, died of heart failure in this city yesterday, aged sixty-nine years. Mr. Westervelt was known to instructors of the deaf nearly all over the world for his advanced methods.



## ROUMANIAN NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACE WITH THE CENTRAL POWERS

### Amsterdam, Feb. 16.—A despatch from Vienna to the Handelsblat says it has been learned that Roumania intends to enter into negotiations with the Central Powers, provided they give her previous assurance that they will not assail the sovereignty of Roumania, but will leave a solution of dynastic questions to the Roumanians themselves.

The Roumanians, the despatch adds, will then declare their readiness to cede Dobruja to Bulgaria, provided the Central Powers grant Roumania benevolent support in the Bessarabian question. The correspondent adds that the cabinet of M. Avessut has not yet been formed, but that it is said the first point in his programme is peace by agreement with the Central Powers.

## U. S. CAMPAIGN OF PROPAGANDA

### To Carry Truth to German People, Instruct Russians in American Democracy And Teach Them The Allies

New York, Feb. 18.—A campaign of American propaganda in foreign countries, to be carried out by the United States during the administration of Mayor Mitchell, while Mr. Woods declined to discuss the task confronting him, it was declared he planned to go to Washington within a day or two to confer with government officials.

Under Mr. Woods direction the truth about America's role in the war will be spread among the German people and among non-belligerents, and efforts will be made to beat the people of the Entente Allies with fuller knowledge of what the United States will do in war work, and to combat such insidious German propaganda as is said to have caused Italian military reverses. To Russia will be conveyed the principles of American democracy.

## WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—Pressure is high over the northwestern and eastern portions of the continent and low over the southwestern states. The weather is cold from Ontario eastward and decidedly cold in the western provinces.

Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fair and moderating. Tuesday, comparatively mild with local falls of snow or rain. Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence Valleys—Fair today; Tuesday, higher temperature with local snowfalls or rain. Lower St. Lawrence—Fair and moderately cold today; higher temperature on Tuesday.

Gulf and North Shore—Fresh westerly winds, fair and cold today and Tuesday.

Milder on Tuesday. Maritime—Moderate westerly winds, fair and quite cold today; not quite so cold on Tuesday. Fair today, local snowfalls tonight and on Tuesday. Anticosti—Local snowfalls, but mostly fair and cold today and Tuesday. Saskatchewan and Alberta—Fair and decidedly cold today and on Tuesday.

## POLITICAL STORM FOLLOWS CHANGES IN HIGH COMMAND

### Retirement of Sir William Robertson Brings To A Head Trouble Which Has Been Developing Since Parliament Opened— Strongly Worded Comment By Some London Newspapers.

London, Feb. 17.—The official announcement of the resignation of Sir William Robertson as head of the British general staff, being to a head the storm that for some time has been brewing in the political world in regard to the relations between the war cabinet and the high command of the army, which have been the subject of embittered controversy in the press and among the public.

The forces ranged against the government have taken a stand in protest against what was described as the "newspaper government," and they openly accuse the premier of having conducted, with the assistance of a certain newspaper group, a cabal against General Robertson and Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig. The manifestations in the House of Commons last week, which were almost of an unprecedented character so early in a new session, were the expressions of strong feeling this controversy has evoked, and it seems certain that they will be revived in still more acute form during the present week.

The public and the army have been quite devoted in their belief in General Robertson and Field Marshal Haig, while to the general public General Sir Henry Wilson, the new chief of staff, is almost unknown. The cleavage in the parliamentary ranks in this contest by no means follows party lines. Not only were Liberals and Radicals warm in their support of Mr. Asquith's sentiments on the question, but also a large number of influential Unionists. The division taken late Wednesday night, which gave the government a vote of confidence, could hardly be taken as a criterion of the actual feeling of the House of Commons as the bulk of the members already had left the house, probably not dealing at that juncture to embarrass the government.

Had the members been in full support, it is impossible to say what would have been the result. Hence exciting scenes may be anticipated early in the week, especially as General Robertson denies that he resigned his post. The attacks are certain to be renewed and it is again expected that the government will demand a vote of confidence.

### Press Comment.

London, Feb. 18.—The idea that the public is attempting to dictate to the government what their military policy shall be, or who shall be employed to carry it out is deprecated by the Daily Chronicle, in an editorial on the situation brought by the announcement that General Robertson had been retired as chief of the imperial staff.

"The task is one for the responsible ministers," it says, "and while it is open to parliament to change the ministers, circumstances have been disclosed by the present intestine which warrants such an upheaval."

"The Times, remarking that the premier's recent speech in the House of Commons failed to carry complete conviction, says the result has been a storm of exaggeration and political intrigue over what seems to have been a most natural and commonplace arrangement. It declares that a full explanation of events obviously is overdue.

"The government seems to have done its best to mishandle an overwhelming case," it adds. "Whatever may have been the reasons behind the scenes their alternate bursts of confidence and reticence have given the impression of sheer hollowness. It is surprising that it is satisfactory, that the Allies' military organization has emerged with its principles unimpaired."

"News of General Robertson's removal," the Morning Post says, "will be received with consternation by the public and the army." It echoes the opinion of Robertson, not only as the greatest British soldier of the day, but as the highest military genius the world has produced. "It is impossible to exaggerate," it says, "the amount of confidence and success the British army owe to General Robertson."

Declaring that it is evident that General Robertson has been dismissed, and that those who dismissed him find it inconvenient to confess the truth, the Post says that parliament will insist on knowing why the distinguished soldier is treated so severely. It continues: "If the summary dismissal of General Robertson were not enough to shatter our confidence in Premier Lloyd George and the government, the circumstances of the dismissal would do it. We have had enough of the premier who surrounds himself with journalists of the press, ready at the lift of his eyebrow to throw a whole weight into the prosecution of the war."

The need of the hour is a premier, while knowing where to forbear interference with what he does not understand, will know also how to throw his whole weight into the prosecution of the war."

### ADVANCES CONTINUE.

New York, Feb. 18.—(Wall Street)—Last week's rise in shipments and various equipments was resumed at the opening of today's stock market, advances extending from large fractions to two and a half points. The strongest features included United Fruit, Marine preferred, Atlantic Gulf, Central Leather and active steels. A two point decline in General Motors was offset by a gain of six and a half points in Chandler Motors. Rails and coppers were firm. Liberty bonds were again prominent at higher levels.

### SUSPEND CIVIL COURTS TO CARRY OUT M. S. A.

Montreal, Feb. 18.—Acting Chief Justice J. S. Archibald has decided, as the result of a conference with Hon. C. Doherty, minister of justice, to suspend until the end of March the whole of the work of the civil courts here, including the court of review, in both divisions, in order that the work of the judges of appeals under the M.S.A. may proceed without interruption.

### \$100,000 FIRE

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Fire at the Ell street market today caused a loss of \$100,000.



SIR WM. ROBERTSON

The question of the government's stability is mentioned by other news papers, but mostly with expressions of hope and expectation that the parliament will support the ministers.

It still seems probable that Premier Lloyd George will make his promised statement on Tuesday, although it is regarded as possible that circumstances may impel him to speak today, notwithstanding the cold from which he is suffering.

### MILITARY MERGE WITH GOVT APPROVAL

London, Feb. 18.—It had been rumored that the government was arranging to take complete control of the distribution of meat from the Smithfield market. The report is inaccurate, inquires show, but apparently the food ministry has urged the reduction of meat from a minimum with a view to facilitate distribution. Consequently, a number of large firms are combining, virtually, although unofficially, under government aegis. The situation is similar to that in 1903, when the so-called American merger was formed at Smithfield, but the present amalgamation is on a much larger scale.

### STEPS TOWARDS REPEAL OF C. T. A. IN KING COUNTY.

Rev. H. C. Archer of Fredericton was in the city today on his way to Hampton on business in reference to the repeal of the Canada Temperance Act in King County. He says that the petitions in connection with this matter will be forwarded to Ottawa this week.

CLOSED ON 23RD.  
New York, Feb. 18.—The cotton exchange here will be closed Feb. 23, this Saturday after Washington's birthday.

## Four Thousand Killed When Bolsheviki Captured Kiev

Petrograd, Saturday, Feb. 9.—(By the Associated Press).—Kiev, one of the principal cities of Ukraine, was captured by the Bolsheviki on Friday after sanguinary fighting. The streets were filled with dead or wounded. While the fighting was at its height on Thursday the city was bombarded by Bolsheviki aviators. Polish troops have defeated the Bolsheviki at Bobruisk, eighty-five miles southeast of Minsk. Other Poles are advancing toward Smolensk. Roumanians control the Akerman district of Bessarabia, and are threatening Odessa. The casualties at Kiev are estimated at 4,000 killed and 7,000 wounded. In a battle at Odessa on Monday between the Bolsheviki and the moderates hundreds were killed. The city was bombarded by warships.