

DEADLOCK IN THE NEGOTIATIONS

Germany Refuses To Accept the Proposals of Russia Bolsheviki Upon Verge of War With Roumania

Relations Strained Between Premier Lenine and Leon Trotzky; Former Resents Assumption of Authority by the Foreign Secretary

By Courier Leased Wire. Stockholm, Jan. 18.—Relations between Premier Lenine and Foreign Minister Trotzky are growing more strained daily, the Petrograd correspondent of the Hel-singfors Huvud Stads Bladets reports. Lenine is said to be displeased both at the way Trotzky continuously occupies the public eye and at his foreign policy which Lenine believes is contrary to the best interests of the Russian revolution. Trotzky formulates his own foreign policies without regard to what Lenine advises and often without submitting questions to the premier.

Friends of Lenine, the correspondent adds, declare that he intends to submit his resignation to the Congress of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates in order to force a vote of confidence or lack of confidence.

Situation Agitated London, Jan. 18.—The political situation in Germany and the relations with Russia continue to be agitated in the German press, although there appear to have been no fresh developments of especial significance. An article, quoted from German newspapers, received by way of Switzerland, gives an idea of the trend of feeling in relation to these questions. The Frankfurter Zeitung warns its readers against undue optimism in regard to the negotiations with the Russians, whom it accuses of attempting to hinder the proceedings, both at Brest-Litovsk and at Petrograd, for their own interests.

The Volkstimme of Mannheim, a Socialist paper, says that serious popular demonstrations against the German annexationist policy occurred at Budapest and other towns in Hungary after Chancellor von Hertling made his statement in the Reichstag.

Situation Dark London, Jan. 18.—News from Russia in the morning newspapers adds nothing to yesterday's report of the Russo-Roumanian relations and the emperor's escape, nor does it make clear whether the Constituent Assembly would meet to-day as reported previously.

Despatches from Petrograd indicate that ferment in the city is likely if the Assembly meets. Large demonstrations are being prepared by the Alliance for the Defense of the Constituent Assembly, which is issuing appeals to the people in the streets and is carrying on agitation in the military barracks and among the crews of the warships in the Neva.

The correspondent of The Daily News says that trouble of some kind is almost certain. The feeling among the soldiers of the Petrograd garrison, a Petrograd despatch to The Daily Mail says, is becoming more divided and the government cannot place full reliance on them as it could a month ago.

Conditions of life in Petrograd as described by the various correspondents, suggest that the people are likely to seize any opportunity to express their discontent. Food is some time in the past and always difficult to procure, says The Daily News correspondent, who adds that Petrograd has forgotten the taste of milk, though it is possible now and then to obtain an inferior grade of butter at ten rubles a pound.

WEATHER BULLETIN Toronto, Jan. 18.—The general distribution of weather is much as it was yesterday with the low area almost stationary over the great lakes. The weather is fair and cold throughout the Dominion. Light snow has fallen in parts of Ontario and Alberta. Forecasts: Moderate winds, mostly fair and cold to-day and Saturday, local snow flurries.

BIGAMY GROWING By Courier Leased Wire. Geneva, Switzerland, Jan. 18.—Several south German newspapers, received here, raise a cry of alarm over the increase of bigamy in Germany during 1917. They say the many acquittals and lenient sentences imposed indicate that the authorities are condoning the offense. Among the excuses pleaded by the men accused, are loss of memory because of shell shock, departure of the wife without leaving an address, and infidelity on the part of the wife. Some have gone so far as to declare boldly that plural marriages are good for the nation's future. A coroner told a Munich court that he got married every time he obtained leave from the trenches and believed he had five wives. Eleven cases were tried in Berlin, seven in Cologne and five in Munich last December. The desecrated women usually are not willing to prosecute.

WAR'S GRIP FELT TODAY IN AMERICA Industries of Entire Nation Halted by One Man's Order 5 DAYS' SUSPENSION Order Signed by Fuel Controller Garfield Last Night Despite Protests MANY OUT OF WORK By Courier Leased Wire. Washington, Jan. 18.—It was stated officially early to-day that President Wilson is not even considering interfering with the fuel restriction order and feels that the country will be satisfied with its necessity. All the principal munition plants were permitted to work at full capacity under the fuel restriction order, as announced last night by the fuel administration only portions of the plants making munitions would have been permitted to operate. It was an official mistake. Dupont powder plants and the plants of other plants and the plants of other plants mentioned in last night's official announcement as being restricted, manufacture of condenser tubes are by the official modification to-day permitted to run full blast. From the flood of applications for exemptions piling in, it appeared that steel mills and woolen plants making cloth for soldiers' uniforms would receive favorable action, probably being added to the list.

Washington, Jan. 18.—America felt the pinch of war perhaps for the first time to-day with its industries hanging idle under the fuel administration's order, issued to relieve the coal shortage and release fuel for the American army and allies. In the face of protests predicting disastrous consequences and a formal request from the Senate to stay its execution temporarily, the order was signed last night by Administrator Garfield with approval of President Wilson. As sent out to State fuel administrators the order contained but few changes from the form abstracted last Wednesday, nor did it clear up to any great extent the confusion resulting from its lack of detailed interpretation. By its provisions manufacturing plants east of the Mississippi and in Louisiana and Minnesota, with rare exceptions, will be closed for five days, beginning to-day, and virtually all business activity will be stopped on every Monday for a period of ten weeks, beginning January 21. Through its application the fuel administration expects coal to move to essential consumers, including railroads, householders, public utilities and shipping interests and producers of food, in whose behalf the order is issued. A supplementary list of exemptions issued last night embraces various industries engaged in imperative war work. Shipyard workers on navy construction, plants filling contracts for army and navy uniforms, tent manufacturers and manufacturers of other products deemed necessary for the needs of the military forces were named in this list. In the original order, outlined by the five-day closing, but limited to holiday editions on heaviest Monday's. Industries were permitted to that plants requiring heat to maintain themselves would be permitted to burn coal for this purpose, but would not be permitted to operate. This was interpreted by many as applying to blast-furnaces. Protest from business interests throughout the country and the storm in Congress continued to-day. Continued on page six.

TYRWHITT ADMIRAL By Courier Leased Wire. London, Jan. 18.—Commodore Reginald V. Tyrwhitt has been appointed acting Rear Admiral. The Daily Mail in commending the promotion says it marks a great change for which the new admiralty is responsible. The newspaper calls attention to the fact that Commodore Tyrwhitt was promoted over the heads of nearly fifty other officers, ignoring the seniority. Commodore Tyrwhitt has been in command of the fleet destroyer flotilla of the first fleet since 1912. He was in command of the destroyers in the action in the Heligoland Bight in December 1914 and off the Doggerbank in 1915, in both of which battles the British fleet were victorious over the Germans. He was on board the British Cruiser Arethusa when that vessel was sunk by striking a mine off the East coast of England early in 1916.

Apparent Deadlock Has Been Reached in Negotiations at Brest-Litovsk; Arrest of the Roumanian King Ordered by Lenine

An apparent deadlock in the peace negotiations with the Central Powers, threatened war with Roumania and the hostility of the Ukraine are the difficulties faced by the Bolsheviki Government to which has been added the assembling in Petrograd of the delegates to the Constituent Assembly. There is also a report from a Swedish newspaper that the relations between Premier Lenine and Foreign Minister Trotzky daily become more strained.

Huns Refuse Russ Offer Germany has refused to accept Russia's attitude concerning the right of the occupied territories of Poland, Courland, Lithuania and Estonia to self-definition along lines advocated by the Bolsheviki. Until a general peace is declared, the Germans say they cannot evacuate the territories. The Bolsheviki stand is declared by the Germans to be one-sided and the Russian delegates are asked to agree to the German view. Foreign Minister Trotzky's answer to the German proposals is not yet known.

Reaching for the Moon Roumania not having replied to the Bolsheviki ultimatum to release Russian troops under arrest, Premier Lenine has ordered his soldiers to arrest King Ferdinand and bring him to Petrograd. The Bolsheviki are said to be serious in their intention to imprison the Roumanian king.

Ukrainian and Bolsheviki Battle Ukrainian and Bolsheviki troops have fought bloody battles in Odessa and near Poltava and the Bolsheviki are said to be destroying railways and bridges in an attempt to hamper the advance of Ukrainian soldiers northward. The Bolsheviki announce the capture by their troops of Irkutsk, Siberia, and Orenberg.

Is Replaced. Copenhagen, Jan. 18.—Rudolf von Valentini, who has been head of Emperor Wilhelm's civil cabinet since 1908, has been replaced by Herr von Berg, Governor of the Province of East Prussia, according to The Kreuz Zeitung of Berlin. As chief of the civil cabinet, von Valentini was private secretary to the Emperor and held an influential position as intimate adviser to the Emperor.

BUSINESS MEN'S CLUB Organization of "Get Together" Society Was Completed Last Night The business men's "get together" club was duly organized last night, at a meeting in the rooms of the Electrical Club, attended by some fifty-two merchants of the city. The business men present were welcomed by Mr. Wm. Lemon, on behalf of the Electrical Club. Mr. J. L. Powell then addressed the gathering, explaining the manner in which he had become interested in the project, through attending the Stockdale lectures in Hamilton. Mr. Powell gave an outline of the purpose which the club should serve. In what form the movement will take will have to be decided by yourselves. That the association of local merchants should be more than an ordinary business proposition seems to be the feeling of many with whom I have talked. There should be Continued on page six.

COAL SOLD ON MARKET Ninety Tons of Confiscated Fuel Disposed of Like Wild Fire Coal, coal, perfectly good coal, piled in abundance upon the market square, and with the certain prospect of more to come, until the contents of two cars, ninety tons in all were exhausted. Such was the state of affairs which prevailed in the city this morning by Mayor MacBride yesterday afternoon of two cars of coal which had broken down here, en route via G. T. R. The mayor was at work in the city hall until midnight last night, completing arrangements for the disposal of the fuel, and early this morning the work of hauling it to the market square was commenced. All the morning being taken from the various civic departments and pressed into service, together with military and private carters. The coal was hauled from the G.T.R. tracks, and Continued on page six.

ENEMY PRESSURE ON LOWER PIAVE BROKEN BY ITALIANS

Heavy Losses Sustained by Austro-Germans in Clash With Italian Bersaglieri—Teuton Treachery Fails

By Courier Leased Wire. Italian headquarters in northern Italy, Thursday, Jan. 17.—(By the Associated Press)—Italian troops have succeeded in breaking the pressure which the enemy has been exerting on the Lower Piave in the sector nearest Venice. This is a triangular sector, originally cleared of the enemy when the whole region was inundated by opening the canals. But recently low water has permitted the enemy to renew his incursions almost to Capo Sile and the Venetian lagoons. Enemy patrols had established dugouts and posts in the lagoons at Agenzia Sullana, just across the river from Capo Sile, which commands the canal running to Porto Grande and the region back of Venice. During the early days of the week, the Italian navy had bombarded the dugouts and destroyed the bridges on which the enemy was attempting to cross at Agenzia Trezza. The enemy made repeated attempts to enlarge his positions, but was uniformly repulsed. Stung by the repeated checks, the enemy brought his full force to bear yesterday morning. They were met by chosen Italian troops from the Grenadier and Bersaglieri brigades. The Italian defense was led by the Bersaglieri, who had asked that privilege in order to secure scurri-

INCREASING PROBLEMS FROM FOOD SITUATION IN OLD LAND

Popular Impatience Rises at Privation Which are Believed to be Avoidable—Crisis Appears Imminent

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Jan. 18.—Increasing attention is being given by the newspapers to food troubles and popular impatience with what is regarded widely as avoidable privations. The Times to-day prominently calls attention to the "persistence of the unequal distribution of food and its offspring, the queue system," which it says, is beginning to tell on the tempers of numbers of persons. It refers to numerous protests and to the demands for rationing which are finding an outlet in some instances in outbreaks of disorderliness. It writes sympathetically of people standing in long lines in the bitter weather prevalent in parts of England, including London, and says it would be folly to ignore the obvious symptoms of unrest. Numerous paragraphs appear in the newspapers recording demonstrations, unsatisfactory distribution, queues, suffering, shortages, prosecutions for hoarding and allegations of profiteering. The Labor correspondent of The Times, says it is evident that a serious situation is imminent, which will tax the food department to the utmost. He says here is no occasion for alarm, but a need of complete promptness and immediate action.

the assembly are said to be in Petrograd. On the Lower Piave, near Venice, the Italians have checked an Austrian attempt to dislodge them from their recently won positions, and to threaten defences of the Venetian lagoons. In a hand-to-hand conflict, which lasted four hours, the Italians inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and captured 150 prisoners and some guns and war material. There has been no activity on the western front except the usual artillery fire.

THE MERCHANTS CORNER When Wanamaker bought the old Taylor store, way down-town, in the wholesale district, at Ninth street and Broadway, while every other great retail store had moved uptown, everybody laughed—the business was bound to be a failure. Wise J. W. merely winked and ADVERTISED—and advertising enabled him to continue the greatest store in New York city way down-town. In December 1915 the directors of the General Roofing Manufacturing Company decided to increase its advertising—and business began to jump beyond the most sanguine expectations of the officers. The net profits of the General Roofing in 1917 were \$161,804. In 1915 the earnings jumped to \$450,265—the earnings being equal to 36.78 per cent. on the \$1,200,000 common stock after the payment of the 7 per cent. dividend on the \$900,000 preferred stock.

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