Take Allied Terms Or Fight On, British Labor's Word To Enemy HOOKED AT LAST!

WILSON SAYS THAT UNDER PRESENT ORGANIZATION U.S. TROOPS OVERSEAS BY JUNE WILL DOUBLE FIRST PLANS Embargo Put On All Other

THE WAR SITUATION

With more than 1,000,000 workers on

strike and widespread reports of disor-

ders In Austria and Hungary, the situ-

peace adherents.

sions to democratic principles.

President Expects Country to Support Him in Opposing the Legislation to Create War Cabinet and Munitions Director.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—Conferences today between senate administration leaders handling President Wilson's fight against the military committee bills to create a war cabinet and munitions director, practically decided that reference of the war cabinet measure to the military committee will not be opposed. Thus the initial clash has been averted.

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This plan was decided upon, administration spokesmen said, to avoid broadening the schism with the White House and to follow usual procedure of legislation. Vigorous debate, however, is expected tomorrow if Chairman Chamberlain carries out his intention to reply to the President told a number of Democratic senators at the White House last night that he believed the country would support him in his opposition to legislation which would abandon a machine carefully developed since the war began in favor of a new and untried organization taking over many of his own constitutional powers under the proposed war cabinet bill. He advised his visitors that under the present organization the war record of the Government has been one of the great accomplishments, and would result in placing abroad by next June twice the number of Americans originally planned.

Mistakes in such a gigantic task, he

FOE NOW DEMANDS SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR OFFICERS HELD CAPTIVE IN RUSSIA

Threatens to Recall Delegates occupied territories is emphasized in a From Petrograd.

VIENNA MORE CAUTIOUS The statement speculates on the attitude of the Germans during the nego.

Not So Sure of Settlement With Ukrainians as Previously.

London, Jan. 23.—Under penalty of recalling the delegations now in Petrograd for discussion of the question of prisoners of war, the Central Powers are demanding preferential treatment for officer prisoners, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from The British Labor party opens its annual conference at Nottingham today.

Petrograd.
In the name of the Central Empires, the correspondent states, General Hoxsman of the German delegation and at Brest-Litovsk the threat of withdrawal unless the Russians retrained from insisting upon the same two meatless days a week by the food control of the same controller is avacated to be the stablest. as for private soldiers.

VIENNA MORE CAUTIOUS. VIENNA MCRE CAUTIOUS.
London, Jan. 23.—A much more cautious account of the result of the negotiations between the Central Powers and the Ukraine at Brest-Litovsk than was given in the recent German semi-official statement, which reported what appeared to be a virtual settlement, is contained in an official statement from Vienna received through Amsterdam today. The Vienna statement speaks of the "well-founded hope of the negotiations leading to an agreement on the basis of a peace treaty.

agreement on the basis of a peace treaty.

A German reflection of this view is found in the Bernan Tageblatt, which says the Vienna account of the result of the negotiations with the Ukrainians must be regarded as the final one. The previous semi-official announcement of an agreement having been reached, the newspaper points out, does not correspond with the text is. not correspond with the text issued for publication. COMMISSION CONTINUES.

Amsterdam, Jan. 23.—At Brest-tovsk on Monday the Russo-German discussions, and yesterday work preliminary to further deliberations was referred to a sub-committee, which began its sittings in the afternoon.

The first official deliberations of the Russo-German law commission were held on Monday. This commission considered restoration of diplomatic and consular relations at the ending of the war, settlement of questions relating to indemnification and measures for giving effect to treaties which existed before the war, as they concern matters of state. Restoration of treaty rights relating to individuals is now being dealt with.

RRITISH ENCOUNTER FOE RAIDING PARTIES

odon, Jan. 23 .- "There were coun's during the night southwest of St. Centin, between our troops and hostile aiding parties and patrols," the war ofte reports. "Three of our men are miang.

SOME RAILWAYS TO CARRY ONLY FOOD, FUEL AND **MUNITIONS NOW**

Kinds of Freight Temporarily.

McADOO TAKES ACTION

Shortage of Fuel Still Acute and Snows Hold Up Traffic.

Washington, Jan. 23.—An embargo on all freight except food, fuel and war munitions, on the Pennsylvania lines east of Pittsburg, Baltimore and Ohio, east of the Ohio River, and the Philadelphia and Reading, was authorized today by Director General ilchibited German newspapers from telling Adoo

The German censorship also has prohibited German newspapers from telling of the situation in Austria.

Efforts of Austrian statesmen to quiet the hungry people in their demand for a peace apparently failed of their purpose, and the censorship, which permitted the promises of the Government's spokesmen to reach the outside world, again has resumed its vigor. The trouble is said to be deep-seated and le a mixture of war weariness, hunger and anti-Germanism. Seemingly the one strong hope of Austrian leaders in quieting the tumult is in the success of the negotiations at Brest-Litovsk with Russia and the Ukraine. The German attitude on occupied territories has baiked the conclusion of peace with Russia and the central powers have been unable to agree to a treaty with the Ukraine. A peace with the Ukraine would open the food-producing territory of Little Russia to the Austrians, who have been refused food by Hungary.

Little news has come from Germany on the political situation there, but it is indicated that the Austrian emperor is not unmindful that the trouble in lis own land may force Emperor William to change his attitude toward the peace

The action was taken on the recommendation of A. H. Smith, assistant director general in charge of transportation in the east. No reference was made to the recommendation of A. H. Smith, assistant director general in charge of transportation in the east. No reference was made to the recommendation of A. H. Smith, assistant director general in charge of transportation in the east. No reference was made to the recommendation of A. H. Smith, assistant director general in charge of transportation in the east. No reference was made to the recommendation of A. H. Smith, assistant director general in charge of transportation in the east. No reference was made to the recommendation of A. H. Smith, assistant director general in charge of transportation in the east. No reference was made to the recommendation of A. H. Smith, assistant director general in charge of tallon in the east. N

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of the pour parlers is that it stripped the imperialists of their false preter On the fighting fronts the situation is unchanged. Small raids and snirited ar. tillery actions are various points are the only activities on the western and Ital-Bulgarian attacks in Macedonia, but in Albania the French have repulsed enemy reconnaissances in the Skumbi Val-

Sherorooke, Jan. 28.—Chas. D. White, K. C., has been elected mayor of Sher-brooke by acclamation. Referring to Mr. White's election at a meeting of the Sherbrooke city coun-cil last night. Ald. Edwards pointed out

AN ENEMY DEAD

Herr Mercedes Suspected of Heading

Teuton Spy System on Riviera.

Parls, Jan. 23.—The death is announced at Geneva of Jellinek Mercedes,

nual conference at Nottingham today. controller, is expected to be the subject

WATER FAMINE IS LATEST DIFFICULTY OF FUEL SITUATION

people.

Anthracite Collieries in Pennsylvania Tied Up.

Pettsville, Pa., Jan. 23.—Overshadowing the inability of the railroads dowing the inability of the railroads to move coal quickly from mine to market, a water famine has tied up several big collieries in Pennsylvania's anthracite field. About a Jozen other collieries are on the verge of a shutdown for the same reason. The scarcity of water has crippled the production of coal seriously since the vere cold weather began. Thousanus of loaded coal cars still remain in railroad classificars still remain in rallroad classification yards, and on sidings. The congestion, however, is being gradually cleared.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW-COLD; SNOWFALLS. Forecasts.
Today—Northwest winds; fair and

cold.
Thursday—Southeast winds; moderately cold, with light local snowfalls.
Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
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"A ry attempted by the enemy against r posts south of La Bassee was driv off."

LOC TEMPERATURES.
Following re the highest and lowest temperature recorded in London during inght: Highest; lowest, 8.
The official reperatures for the 12 hours previous p 8 a.m. teday were: Highest, 17; lott, zero.

Montreal ... 16 8 Clear Quebec ... 12 4 Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.
The disturbance which was on the middle Atlantic coast yesterday has moved quickly northeastward and is now centred near Sable Island. The weather continues cold everywhere east of Saskatchewan, and mild to the westward in Alberta, where a warm chinook is blowing. A light but general snow-itall has occurred in the Maritime Provinces.

CLARE DELEGATE TO

IRISH CONVENTION NO LONGER IS MEMBER

In Resignation.

WHAT IS CARSON'S PLAN? RESCUE EFFORT FAILS

Irish question, says his place in the war cabinet is not likely to be filled for the present, and adds: By leaving the seat vacant there is cil last night. Ald. Edwards pointed out that this was a case where an English-speaking candidate and a Unionist had been chosen by a community three-parts French and Liberal, an indication belief in an Irish settlement."

been chosen by a community three-parts French and Liberal, an indication of the broad-minded nature of the OTTAWA'S CABINET COUNCIL MEETINGS THREE EVERY WEEK

former Austrian consul at Nice, who was charged by the French press with having been the centre of the Austro-German spy system on the Riviera, where he entertained lavishly. He went Ottawa, Jan 23 .- Under arrangements now completed, the cabinet to Switzerland at the outbreak of the council meets regularly on Monday, war, sending his magnificent yacht to Monaco.

Mercedes was arrested in Switz-erland last October on a charge of espionage for the central powers, but was released on ball owing to ill-health. He possessed a large fortune, much of it in the form of property at Nice, which was sequestrated by the French Government.

Council meets regularly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons, with additional meetings called when necessary. Previously, every meeting of the cabinet was called together by special notice. The war committee of the cabinet, generally known as the war cabinet, meets practically every day. The war cabinet is empowered to report to the full cabinet, and to make recommendations as to any -articular course of action.



WOMAN AND CHILD BURNED TO DEATH: HUSBAND SEES THEM

Edward Lysaght Has Handed Tragedy at Ford City Occurred This Morning.

future was given by B. F. Haanel, chief of the division of fuels and testing, department of mines, in a paper read today at the annual convention of the Canadian Society of Civil Enthe Canadian Society of Civil Engineers. He pointed out the possibility of a situation arising which may cause the United States to keep her fuel BRANTFORD PEOPLE of a situation arising which may cause within her own country and such an emergency might come before long, he said.
Mr. Haanel explained the belief that Canada need not be dependent upon the United States for its fuel, as there

large peat reserves in this which can be developed satisfactorily. the dominion are bituminous and an-He said the principal fuel resources of the dominion are bituminous and antifuractice coal, lignites and peat. The coals are in the extreme east and west, and large fields of lignite and peat are in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

He claimed that peat could be economically converted into fuel, and seven bogs conveniently situated to Toronto and seven near Montreal, could be made to supply 23,000,000 to 26,000,000 tons of fuel.

It was agreed that a committee of engineers should study the development of Canada's water power.

BRITISH LABOR PREPARED TO FIGHT ON IF GERMANY DOES NOT ACCEPT ALLIES' TERMS

OVER 700 LIVES LOST BY SINKING OF TWO VESSELS BY ENEMY CRAFT

Announcement of Disaster Is Announced in House of Commons Today.

HAPPENED 3 WEEKS AGO

Mediterranean Was Scene of This Loss Involving So Many Lives.

London, Jan. 23.—By the sinking of two steamers by the enemy in the Mediterranean about three weeks ago, 718 lives were lost, it was announced officially today.

The announcement was made in the Commons by Thomas J. McNamara, financial secretary of the admiralty.

Mr. McNamara's announcement gave the first news received here of any heavy loss of life in recent sinkings in the Mediterranean. A dispatch from Tokio on January 4 showed that an attempt had been made by hostile submarines to attack British transports convoyed by Japanese warships in the Mediterranean on December 30. The terranean on December 30. The Japanese admiralty announcement stated that the submarines were re-pulsed and that the warships were not damaged.

AUSTRIAN SITUATION MOST SERIOUS, SAY ADVICES TO ITALY

Some Believe He Will Work Fred Priestman Tries to Carry Latter Has Reason to Believe Addies."

"We appreciate the lofty ideals which induced the United States to John the

days.
The Berlin Vorwaerts, which recent-

in Bins.

and Grenville yesterday

President Purdy Makes Declaration at Opening of Nottingham Conference - Peace With Germans Occupying Foreign Territory Would Be Victory For Foe.

RUSSIAN REVOLUTION IS WELCOMED

And British Government Censured for Failing to Realize Its Real Meaning and to Greet It More Warmly and Enthusiastically.

Nottingham, England, Jan. 23 .- At the opening today of the annual Labor conference, Frank Purdy, the president, said that if Germany would not accept the terms President Wilson, Premier Lloyd George and the Labor party had laid down as the minimum, "we must fight on." President Purdy said that, in view of the declara-

tions of Premier Lloyd George and President Wilson, Germany could claim no longer that she was fighting a de-'We see no signs yet,' he added, "that Germany and

her allies are willing to accept the principles enunciated by Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Wilson and the Labor party.' Other Peace, Defeat. Mr. Purdy said peace by negotiation hille Germany was occupying territor other countries would be a victor

The conference is larger in point of the conference is larger in point of the model by 800 delegates representing carly 2,500,000 members of trades nions. The atmosphere was somewhat

Peace Must Be Lasting.

WESTERNERS DECIDE GOVERNMENT SHOULD OPERATE RAILWAYS

electrical, as it was realized that the ssues to be raised would have fareaching effect on the future of the party. The change was expected to be reached on a vote as to whether the alter members results to the change of the same was to be the control of the co Will Urge This Upon Cabinet Thursday.

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FOE GAINS FOOTING

IN FRENCH POSITION

Paris, Jan. 22.—"As a result of an independent raid which the Germans made in Belgium, after an interse bombard.

London, Jan. 23.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from The Hague says it is reported that some of the passengers on board the Holland-Amerika line-Nieuw Amsterdam have received anonymous warnings not to sail for the United States on her. The correspondent adds that the warnings are similar to those issued before the Cunard Line steamer Lusitania was sunk. STORM COAL OFFICE

In Belgium, after an intense bombardment, they gained a footing in an advanced position of our first line east of the town of Nieuport," the war office announces. "There were office announces. "There were office announces. "There were prized artillery actions in the vicinity of Avocourt. Elsewhere the night was calm."

Advices received from Amsterdams saying that the Nieuw Amsterdams was still lying at Rotterdam because the German Government had declined, to give a guarantee for her safe cross-ling of the Atlantic to the United. States. The steamer had been lying in the harbor at Rotterdam since Ian RAILWAY REVENUES DROP.

Montreal, Jan. 22—The American railroads' net revenue from operations in November was \$94,280,000 or \$21,000,000 less than in the same month of 1916, according to final monthly tabulations issued yesterday by the interstate commerce commission.

States. The steamer had been lying in the harbor at Rotterdam, since January 16 with 2,000 passengers on board, among them thirty Americans. Augustus Phillips, the new Netherlands minister to the United States, intended to make the trip on the liner.

HOTEL BILBALE.

tions issued yesterday by the interstate commerce commission.

WARDEN ELECTED.

Brockville, Jan. 23.—David Dempster, reeve of Front, of Leeds and Lansdowne, was elected warden of Leeds

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