

HUNS TO RENEW WAR ON RUSSIA?

Hostilities May be Resumed by the Central Powers Teutons Doubtful of Policy of Bolsheviki Leaders

RENEWAL OF MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST RUSSIA BY FOE A PROBABILITY; HUNS LACK CONFIDENCE IN TROTZKY

Uneasiness Over Situation Felt in Austro-German Military Circles; Disatisfaction and Suspicion Roused by Latest Move of Bolsheviki Foreign Minister

Uneasiness over the Russian situation in German and Austrian official circles is indicated in reports in the German press. The Central Powers are said to be uncertain concerning the future attitude of Foreign Minister Trozky and the Bolsheviki Government and one Berlin newspaper says that the German leaders are said to have held conferences as to the best course to pursue. One report is to the effect that the military operations against the Bolsheviki might be resumed, but both Berlin and Vienna appear to be anxious over the probable fate of the many thousands of Austro-German prisoners in Russian hands.

Circulation of the message ordering the demobilization of the Russian army, the German papers say, was halted three hours after the order was sent out. Concerning the situation in Petrograd there have been no press reports since early last Tuesday. Dispatches last Thursday reported rioting in Petrograd in which 120 persons were killed.

present Russian Government signs a regular peace treaty. As however, it must be reckoned, for the present at any rate, that Trozky does not think of signing any formulated peace declaration, a situation is created which makes necessary a thorough discussion between the supreme army commands.

The correspondent in an apparently insipid passage declares: "The chancellor is resolved upon no circumstances to conduct further negotiations in any neutral centre, and it will be the affair of the Central Powers to determine where such negotiations may best be held." The recall of the economic commission from Petrograd is under consideration.

"On the other hand it is evident," he realized that the question of the big army of Austro-German prisoners of war in Russian territory still controlled by Petrograd, cannot be overlooked.

A telegram from Vienna to the Tagliche Rundschau says: "It is pointed out in well-informed quarters that the confusion and uncertainty of internal conditions in Russia demand that the Central Powers adopt a cautious and waiting attitude and that in spite of the absence of a formal conclusion of peace there be no hindrance to the exchange of prisoners."

All German newspapers note the fact that three hours after a message was sent out announcing the issuance of a demobilization order to the Russian army, another Russian message was issued ordering that circulation of this communication be stopped. It is suggested that this

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PACIFIST MOTION WAS DEFEATED

British Government Overcame First Obstacle to its Continued Life

STORMY SESSION ON Col. Repington to be Prosecuted for Military Disclosures

By Courier Leased Wire London, Feb. 13.—The Government to-night successfully overcame the first obstacle threatening its existence when an amendment proposed by Richard Holt, which the ministers had made a question of confidence was rejected in the House of Commons by the substantial majority of 131.

The Holt amendment expressed regret that continued military effort is to be the only immediate task of the Government. It was supported mainly by pacifists.

The event shows that however dissatisfied Parliamentarians may be with the Government's conduct of the war, the House of Commons is in no mood yet to force a change in the Government.

It was in a highly charged atmosphere that the House met to-day. First came the sensational announcement of Col. Repington, military correspondent of the Morning Post, was to be prosecuted in connection with disclosures concerning the Versailles conference.

Col. Repington has been a stout champion of Field Marshal Haig and General Robertson against all ministerial endeavors to discredit or shelve these officers. An article by Col. Repington, early in the war revealed a shortage of high explosives and indirectly aided in remedying that shortage. Should his trial be held in public, it should prove of intense interest, but it is believed it will be held in secret.

Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Arthur J. Balfour, Foreign Secretary, came to the assistance of the hardly-pressed Premier. Mr. Bonar Law produced statistics with the view of disposing of charges against the Government of failing to carry out promises regarding to the shipbuilding, food and other matters. Like the Premier yesterday, he challenged the Premier to change the Government if it no longer had confidence in its policy.

Secretary Balfour supported strongly the Premier's view concerning the speeches of Emperor William, Chancellor von Hertling and Count Czernin, saying they gave not the slightest indication of an approach to the allies' war aims, but rather gave the impression that three years of war had produced no change in Germany's military policy.

His speech undoubtedly had a great influence on the House and, although the debate continued a great many members left the chamber at the conclusion of his speech. The vote was taken in a comparatively thin House.

The debate in the House was closed by Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of Education.

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The late Sir Cecil had been unwell for some time and his last public appearance as British ambassador to the United States was made at the Ottawa Canadian Club when he delivered an inspiring address on the diplomatic side of the struggle.

When the former ambassador complained of not feeling well, shortly after midnight, Dr. Thomas Gibson was summoned, but the patient expired shortly after he arrived. Lady Spring-Rice and children are guests at Rideau Hall, coming here from Washington. Lady Spring-Rice is a cousin of the Duke of Devonshire. Sir Cecil was the possessor of many decorations from the King, among which were: K.C.M.G., 1915; G.C.V.O., 1908; G.C.M.G., 1916.

In 1904 he married a daughter of the Right Hon. Sir Frank Lascelles, who survives him. He is also survived by one son and one daughter.

An Honored Career Washington, Feb. 14.—Diplomatic Washington was shocked to-day by the news of the sudden death in Ottawa of Sir Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice, who retired after nearly five years service as British ambassador to the United States early last month in favor of Lord Reading. Although it had been known that Sir Cecil had desired for a long time before his retirement was announced, to be relieved of his heavy duties in charge of the embassy, no intimation was given when he left Washington that he was in ill-health. However, officials here pointed out that he had been under tremendous strain from the responsibilities devolving on him, especially during the negotiations on the operation of the allied blockades before the United States entered the war. It was known that Sir Cecil tendered his resignation during the visit here of A. J. Balfour, to take effect at the convenience of the foreign office. His retirement was announced from London, January 2, in connection with a re-organization of personnel of the British diplomatic service which also re-

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Weather Bulletin

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Forecast: Strong winds with occasional rain to-night and part of Friday; colder by Friday night.

GIVES PALACES.

By Courier Leased Wire London, Feb. 14.—King George, The Daily News says, has offered three royal palaces for national use. They are Balmoral Castle for wounded soldiers and Buckingham Palace and Kensington Palace for public offices. The government has not yet taken any action on the offer.

Balmoral Castle is near Perth, Scotland, and is the Scottish highland residence of the British royal family. Buckingham Palace and Kensington Palace are in London. Since 1837 Buckingham Palace has been the London residence of the sovereign. It is at the western end of St. James Park. Kensington Palace, on the west side of Kensington Gardens, was erected in 1689-91. The late Queen Victoria and Queen Mary were both born in Kensington Palace.

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RETAIN POSTS.

By Courier Leased Wire London, Feb. 14.—Major-General William R. Robertson, The Daily Chronicle declares on its own information, will remain chief of the imperial staff with full approval and confidence of the war cabinet. Major-General Wilson, the sub-chief will continue to be the principal British representative at Versailles.

Issue Summonses.

London, Feb. 14.—It is understood that the summonses for Col. Repington, military correspondent of The Morning Post, and H. A. Gwynne, editor of The Post, who are to be prosecuted under the Defence of the Realm Act for an article by Col. Repington, which appeared in The Post on Monday, are returnable in the Bow street police court on Saturday morning.

RIVAL FORCES ON WEST FRONT GIRD FOR FRAY

Prepare To Resume Death Struggle as Soon as Winter Lifts

KNOW Foe'S STRENGTH

By Courier Leased Wire French Front, Friday, Feb. 1.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Like two buzzards seated in opposite corners, taking deep breaths and being sponged down while awaiting the next round, the German and Franco-British armies on the frontiers of France and Belgium at the present moment in their opposition positions are preparing for the re-opening of the gigantic struggle which went on throughout 1915, and ceased only temporarily while "time" was called by winter.

Each army has probably a fairly accurate idea of the other's strength. The French and British know they have facing them one hundred and fifty-five German divisions, eighty-five of which are in front of the French and seventy in front of the British lines. (Since this despatch was written there had been a considerable increase in the German strength on the western front. A cable last night from this same correspondent said the Germans now had on the western front 175 divisions, or about 2,100,000 men.)

To give the total forces on the Allies side might possibly afford some indication to the enemy.

When the initiative may come when weather conditions permit a resumption of fighting on a large scale, cannot for the time being be predicted, but appears probable that these millions of soldiers must again

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PATRIOTIC FUND TOTAL IS SOARING

Approximately \$57,800.00 Collected in Two Days' Canvassing

\$33,000 YESTERDAY

Capt. W. J. Magwood, of Toronto, Told of Democracy of the Army

\$37,800.00 and still going strong!

Such was the message which cheered the workers and which the workers cheered at last night's supper in the Patriotic Fund headquarters, where the spirit of good fellowship reigns supreme during the campaign.

The Union Jack has made another advance in its march on \$57,800, but more generous giving is yet necessary before the objective is finally attained.

Last night's gathering was enlivened by the usual music and songs, reports of team captains and a forceful address by Capt. J. W. Magwood of Toronto, formerly captain of the 216th Battalion, who defended the Canadian troops from charges reflecting on their character, and appealed to his hearers for an adoption of the same spirit of co-operation and democracy which exists in the trenches and the training camps to-day.

"Yaaka Hula," sung as never before, opened the ball, and the early stages of the meal had passed. Mr. Towers and Mr. George Watt evinced considerable hesitation when called upon for a duet, "Sister Susie," and the point was not argued. "Sweet Genevieve" and "My Wild Irish Rose," "Mary" and "Mother MacInnes" followed, Reg. Scarle taking a solo part in the last named. The songs were called by number, and the evening's singing with "41-27" it sounded like the Varity fugal squad signalling for a buck.

J. H. Spence

"We received this morning a message from Mr. Geo. Mulrhead, now of Toronto, a subscription of \$150," announced Mr. J. H. Spence, telling also of two soldiers' wives who had voluntarily relinquished their Patriotic Fund allowance of \$5 per month, as the best means of doing their bit for the cause. The speaker contrasted such sacrifices with the unwillingness of some who could well afford a greater sum. He wondered what crimes expected of soldiers' wives, when they took objection to the latter as much as visiting a theatre. The old cry of "grat" had again been raised, but Mr. Spence gave assurance that not one dollar collected was irregularly disposed of.

Dealing with charges of misconduct on the part of soldiers' wives, the speaker declared ninety-five per cent. of the latter class the finest

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"IF YE BREAK FAITH WITH US WHO DIE" A Last Appeal on Behalf of the Patriotic Fund---Have You Done Your Duty?--

AN APPEAL To The Citizen of Brantford:

Our soldiers are fighting in France; we are looking to them this year for great things. The Germans are preparing for the greatest drive of the war, which they will launch in the Spring on the western front.

We expect our boys to stand true to us and Canada. They are looking to us at home to "Carry On" as they "Carry On" at the front.

We, as citizens, pledged ourselves to them when they left for overseas, to care for their wives and families.

Last year Brantford subscribed to the Canadian Patriotic Fund over \$150,000. This money has been all paid over to the soldiers' wives and families, and the Patriotic Fund needs another \$150,000 this year.

Less than \$60,000 has been subscribed in the first two days of the campaign now on.

Brantford must not fail at this hour of the testing of the strength of our Canadian army at the front.

We appeal to all who have not given

to make their contribution as quickly as possible to headquarters.

Those who have given, give more--give again.

The National Canadian Patriotic Fund will get the amount of money they need this year. If Brantford does not reach the required amount, some other town or city will have to make up the difference for Brantford to the National Fund.

What will YOU say on Friday night, on Saturday and all the days to come, to the soldiers' wives and families of Brantford, if our people fail to give the amount necessary?

What will YOU say to the soldiers who have gone from Brantford upon their return if we fail now?

Let every individual citizen of Brantford give all he or she can, and maintain the high standard which Brantford has in the ranks of the cities of Canada.

(Signed) M. MacBRIDE, Mayor City of Brantford.

Brantford Branch Canadian Patriotic Fund: J. H. SPENCE, Pres. H. T. WATT, Sec.

NOTICE!

The Annual Meeting of the Conservative Association of the Riding of Brantford will take place on

Sat., Feb. 16th.

at 8 p.m.

in the headquarters, corner of Dalhousie and King Sts. for the election of officers and transaction of other business.

All concerned are requested to attend.

N. D. NEILL Sec.

THE MERCHANTS CORNER

THIS IS WHO'S STRAIGHT WHO CATCHES ON.

He wrote an ad of half a stick, it told the truth and caught on quick--the goods he sold became the rage and now he's taking half a page.

Through honesty, and not through luck, he soon will take a double truck. The people now are wise and "con--tis he who's straight who catches on--Editor and Publisher.

Exaggerated advertising even if only 10 per cent. misleading, is the poorest sort of an investment. If a store misrepresents just one particular point how is one to know where the lie stops?

IT IS YOUR DUTY -- GIVE TO THE PATRIOTIC FUND -- IT IS YOUR DUTY

ays... Told That... competent author... id that... causes more than all other... Patent... and headaches... not relieve this... ntrary, they tend... it. If you are... sufferer, I would... you visit our... and allow us... what a differ... little intelligent... understanding... Optical Co. Optician. Phone 1478 Open Tuesday and... MOKE... Havana Cigars... 25 cents... Bouquet Cigar... straight... factured by... & CO., Ltd.,... ORD, ONT. DOD SALE... Hard Wood... Lengths... ER CORD... IVERED... ort Garage... NE 2305... I-CAB... Day Service... SAY & CO. sic Street... Machine 45... ANADIAN ROBER... REGULATIONS... a family, or any male... who was at the com... present war, and has... be a British subject... lled or neutral coun... a quarter-section of... Land in Manitoba... not. Applicant must... at Dominion Lands... for District. Entry... on certain condi... months residence upon... in each of three... a homesteader may... quarter-sections as... \$300 per acre. Duties... in each of three... homestead patent and... far. May obtain pre... as a homestead pat... Being homestead pat... a pre-emption... homestead in cer... \$500 per acre. Must... each of three years... erect a house worth... may count time of... labourers in Canada... licence duties under... and are advertised... returned soldiers who... and have been hon... receive one day prior... at local Agents (Agency). Discharge... W. COY... of the Interior... publication of this... be said for. 1386... ILL'S... FOOD... EARNING... BRANTFORD... MEN Restores Vital... and Vitality... cases "grey matter"... \$3 a box, or two for... on receipt of check... Cathartes Osmia.