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TROTZKY SAYS THAT RUSSIANS DECLINE THE GERMAN TERMS

Clean-cut Statement by The Bolsheviki Foreign Minister; In Petrograd Fighting Talk is Heard Again; The German Mask Removed

Petrograd, Jan. 3.—The Bolsheviki foreign minister, Leon Trotsky, declared today that the government of the Russian workers would not consent to the German peace proposals. M. Trotsky's declaration was made before the Central Committee of the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's delegates, during an address in which he denounced in scathing terms "Germany's hypocritical peace proposals." Asserting that the government of Russian workers would not consent to such conditions, he said that if the Central Powers did not agree to free disposal of the destiny of the Polish and Lettish nations, it would be urgently necessary to defend the Russian revolution. He said the needs of the front would be satisfied, whatever efforts might be necessary. Representatives from all the fronts who attended the meeting declared the troops would defend the revolution, but said bread and boots were necessary.

HITCH CAUSES A STIR FOR TELLONS

Kaiser in Conference With Chiefs—Reported Dissatisfaction Over Attitude Concerning Occupied Territory London, Jan. 3.—The situation created by the hitch in the Brest-Litovsk negotiations according to dispatches from Amsterdam reflecting news from Berlin, has aroused the activities of the rulers and politicians of Germany and Austria-Hungary. Kaiser Wilhelm yesterday received in joint audience Chancellor Von Hertling, Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, General Von Ludendorff, Finance Minister Von Rohden and Foreign Secretary Von Kuehlmann. The foreign affairs committee of the German Reichstag discussed the Russian situation at the chancellor's palace. Chancellor Von Hertling had a long conversation with Admiral Von Tirpitz, the former minister of marine, and Emperor Charles received in audience Prof. Kucharski, the Polish premier. Foreign Secretary Von Kuehlmann's return from Brest-Litovsk, after a hurried visit to Berlin, is said to have created surprise, as did his conference with Reichstag leaders who were summoned suddenly. Reichstag leaders are reported to have expressed dissatisfaction with the German attitude concerning occupied territory.

More U-Boats Sunk In December Than In Any Month of War

London, Jan. 3.—Although the sinkings of ships of large tonnage in the last week have been rather heavy, the total number is characterized as satisfactory, being only slightly larger than for November, which established a low record. The tonnage sunk during December was well below that of any month previous to September.

Men Reporting For Service Today Twenty-five At Barrack Green This Morning; Equal Number This Afternoon—Reports From Other Places

Once again the barracks green has taken on a martial air and this morning the agricultural hall had the appearance of days when the 118th battalion was being mobilized. This morning twenty-five men reported for duty under the military service act and it was expected that twenty-five more would report before noon. There were no local men among those reporting this morning, but it was expected that there would be a few from other parts of the province. Only those that have been notified are reporting. Fifty men are due each day for the next two weeks and before another three weeks there will be at least 1,000 men in barracks. The men will have no form of training until Monday morning, when they will line up for roll call for the first time. It will be impossible for the men to become N. C. O.'s while in Canada, yet they will be appointed acting N. C. O.'s and will on their arrival in England be appointed to the position for which they have been allotted while in Canada. The training sheet of the men who accompany them to England, and there be passed over to the commanding officer of the training battalion to which they are assigned. One of the military officials said this morning that these men will have the same opportunity for advancement as did the men under the volunteer system, and those who show signs of being interested in their work will be advanced. That qualified officers who desire to enlist under the Military Service Act may choose any fighting unit they desire and be taken on the strength thereof as gunners, etc., was the information contained in a telegram received from Ottawa at the office of military headquarters this morning. The telegram also stated that officers joining the colors in the ranks will be given special consideration should an officer be required in a depot battalion. Working Smoothly. Ottawa, Jan. 3.—The first draft of men under the military service act joined the ranks this morning. (Continued on page 2, second column)

HUNS FORCE 300,000 POLES AND LITHUANIANS TO GO TO GERMANY

Petrograd, Jan. 3.—The Germans are reported to have transferred 300,000 civilian Poles and Lithuanians forcibly to Germany. General Korniloff, former commander-in-chief, and one of the leaders in the movement against the Bolsheviki, has arrived in the district of the Don Cossack. (The death of General Korniloff was reported unofficially on Tuesday).

DEAD WORK BY FRENCH ON ITALIAN FRONT

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Jan. 3.—(By the Associated Press)—The French in their recent successful operation on Mont Tombe captured more prisoners than they had men engaged, according to a veteran officer who witnessed the fight. From the top of the nearly hill he saw the French attack and afterwards saw the prisoners, guns and booty brought in. The French also captured their first Austrian prisoners, which is another milestone for them, as heretofore they had captured only German.

IN PETROGRAD THEY AGAIN ARE TALKING OF FIGHT

Petrograd, Jan. 3.—(By the Associated Press)—The Russian peace delegation officially has suggested to the Central Powers that the meeting place of the peace delegates be transferred to neutral soil and has protested against certain articles in the Austro-German terms already submitted.

WAR NOTES

The American Red Cross mission to Italy has appropriated \$20,000 lire for victuals for the men of the Italian army. Air raids on Padua and other cities in Northern Italy. The British government has issued a statement that it is possible to organize and make effective a small army.

FRENCH IN IRKUTSK ALL HAVE BEEN KILLED

Petrograd, Jan. 3.—A despatch to the British embassy from the British consul at Irkutsk, Manchuria, says the British and French residents of Irkutsk, Siberia, "have been exterminated" in recent fighting against the Bolsheviki forces. It adds that Irkutsk was under heavy bombardment for two days and much property was destroyed.

SPANISH PALACE AND CHURCH BURNED; LOSS RUNS INTO MILLIONS

Madrid, Jan. 3.—Fire yesterday destroyed the Royal Palace at Lagranja and a number of the adjacent buildings. Very few of the valuable pictures and art objects in the palace were saved. The fire will aggregate several million dollars.

WASTAGE FAR GREATER THAN ENLISTMENTS

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Recruiting figures for infantry, artillery, railway construction and forestry units in Canada and the United States during the first half of December show a total of 10,581, as against a total wastage of 10,802.

SHUT DOWN BECAUSE OF LACK OF COAL

Orange, N. J., Jan. 3.—More than 5,000 employees of the Edison plant at West Orange are idle as a result of the closing down of the works for lack of coal.

URGES US TO USE MORE FROZEN FISH

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—The food controller, through the fish committee of his office, is starting a campaign to increase the use in Canada of frozen fish.

AMBASSADOR'S FAREWELL CALL ON THE PRESIDENT

Washington, Jan. 3.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, saw President Wilson today to say farewell.

DENIES ILLNESS AND INTENTION TO RETIRE

Toronto, Jan. 3.—Hon. T. W. McGarry, provincial treasurer, denied that he is about to resign on account of ill-health. He declared he was in the best of health.

STOCKS SHOOT UP AS SIGNS OF COLLAPSE OF PEACE PLANS MULTIPLY

New York, Jan. 3.—Stocks took another decided upward spurt today, the reason most generally advanced being the further signs of a collapse of the Russo-Turkish peace negotiations. Rails, which were sluggish at the opening, soon bounded forward, leading gains of 2 to 5 points. The pace was set by investment issues as Transcontinentals, Grangers and New York Central. Shares under load of Reading also were materially higher, presumably in anticipation of an early advance of the fuel problem. Steamship shares gained 1 1/2 to 3 points and numerous equipments including the university was 28 to 30 points higher, with 7 points for New York Air Brake.

QUEBEC'S PROTEST AGAINST DOMINION CONTROL OF BOND FLOTATIONS IN WAR

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—Only one protest has been received against the dominion government's control of bond issues in Canada during the war. This is from the Quebec government, which declares the Dominion government illegal and unconstitutional.

BANKERS' RATES IN LONDON LOWER TODAY

London, Jan. 3.—The stock market maintained a good undertone today. Long dated, high yielding investment securities were in the best request, but rubber stocks showed increased activity while Argentine rails and shipping shares were now on an equality with the decline in the metal. Money was in ample supply and discount rates were quiet.

CORN AND OATS

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Announcement that all priority orders on the railroads have been suspended and that all classes of freight were now on an equality had a bullish influence today in the corn market. Although such a policy in regard to freight was expected to help remove the traffic congestion as a whole the price seemed to incline to the view that the immediate effect would be to diminish the movement of corn to market.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Mrs. Annie Johnston took place this morning from the residence of her daughter, 27 Richmond street. Services were conducted by Rev. R. T. McKim. Interment was made in Lake View cemetery.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

The Senior Epworth League of Portland Methodist church took charge of the prayer meeting last evening. A choir composed of members, under the direction of Mrs. A. McInnis, sang several hymns. R. H. Maxwell presided. Prayers were offered by Chester Brown and Scriptures were read by Frank W. Merrill. The pastor, Rev. Neil L. McLaughlin, spoke briefly and his subject was both appropriate and interesting.

THOMAS E. FAIRWEATHER

The death of Thomas E. Fairweather, aged forty-one, occurred at Fort Williams, Ont., on December 26. Mr. Fairweather was the eldest son of the late Edward K. and Charlotte A. Fairweather, and was born in Lower Norfolk, Kings county. He leaves, besides his wife and four children, one brother, Kenneth E., on the mechanical staff of The Evening Times-Star.

WEATHER REPORT

Phelix and Pheridian. Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service. Synopsis—Another storm now developing near the middle Atlantic coast will probably cause gales with snow in the maritime provinces. The weather continues very cold from Ontario eastward and comparatively mild in the western provinces.

VERY COLD AGAIN TOMORROW IS THE WEATHER PREDICTION; IT WAS FOURTEEN BELOW TODAY

"Northeast gales with snow; Friday, northwest winds, clearing and very cold." That is the weather forecast of today, so the outlook for tomorrow is continued very cold weather. With the thermometer registering fourteen below zero and a steady northeasterly wind blowing, the cold this morning was very penetrating. To-morrow the mercury may rise several points and snow being to fall, causing many to hope that the weather would improve. This, however, is dispelled by the announcement of the probability of a severe cold wave from the coast of the United States.

SWISS FIRE ON GERMAN VESSEL

The Kaiser Wilhelm Had Invaded Territorial Waters But Soon Withdrew Geneva, Jan. 3.—Swiss troops on the shores of Lake Comance yesterday fired upon the German lake steamer Kaiser Wilhelm which entered Swiss territorial waters. The vessel was pierced in many places by rifle fire and withdrew rapidly. The incident is regarded as marking Switzerland's determination to protect her neutrality.

SAY THE DEATHS IN 'QUAKE NUMBER 2,500

San Salvador, Jan. 2.—Newspapers of this city declare that no fewer than 2,500 people lost their lives in the Guatemala earthquake.

NO MORE "BRITISH WAR" COATS OR PANTALOONS FOR GENERAL CANADIAN TROOPS

London, Jan. 3.—Without any reason being published, the authorities have decided that no further issue of British war overcoats or pantaloons will be made to Canadian troops except in certain categories. Mounted men and chancery transport drivers will continue to be supplied. The issue of Canadian pattern boots to the forces in England now restricted to one pair per man.

COAL AT PORTLAND FIXED AT \$10.56

Portland, Me., Jan. 3.—The cash price of anthracite coal in Portland and vicinity was fixed at \$10.56 a ton on Tuesday by State Fuel Administrator James C. Hamlen. This was an advance of sixty cents to \$10. Mr. Hamlen said an investigation had shown the advance was warranted, as many dealers have been losing money at the former price. The plan of inspection of household coal bins by the police went into full effect on Tuesday. Two cases of hoarding were reported.

SAYS GERMANY WOULD ANNEX ALL SHE HOLDS

Amsterdam, Jan. 3.—The Leipzig Volks-Zeitung, the chief independent socialist newspaper, commenting upon the Brest-Litovsk situation, and the activities of Von Kuehlmann and the government, says: "Germany now reveals her eastern policy. Everbody in Germany, Russia and Eastern countries now know that she is not aiming at a just peace without annexations and indemnities, such as Von Kuehlmann depicted, but at a peace providing for an enormous increase in Germany's military, political and economic strength. These intentions must strengthen the will of the Entente. Germany intends really to annex all territories she now holds. Her excuse that the populations of these territories have declared their willingness to be severed from Russia is untrue. Individuals may have done so, but they always have been irresponsible, acting on some German suggestion."

GRAND TRUNK STATION MEN SAY DOUBLE THEIR PRESENT PAY NEEDED

Montreal, Jan. 3.—An increase of fifty per cent in pay was decided yesterday as necessary to keep within hailing distance of the high cost of living by the general committee of the International Brotherhood of Railway Station Men, which began a two days session here. The committee represents all railway stations between Portland, Me., and Winnipeg and Sarnia, Ont., on the Grand Trunk Railway.

GUNS AND AMMUNITION ARE DESTROYED; 20 PEOPLE KILLED

Petrograd, Jan. 2.—Eleven hundred airplane machine guns and a quantity of ammunition were destroyed, and approximately twenty persons were killed as the result of a mysterious fire and explosion today in a military depot in the Gutayevsky Basin, in Petrograd.

HALIFAX BANK CLEARINGS

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 3.—Halifax bank clearings for the week ending today were \$8,016,890; for the same week last year, \$8,366,449; and for 1914, \$4,449,880.

SCOTT WORDEN

A very pretty wedding took place in the Cathedral yesterday morning when Rev. Wm. Duke, who was celebrant at nuptial mass, united in marriage Miss Madeline Worden, daughter of Gabriel Worden, 55 Carmarthen street, with Scott, of this city. The bride wore a becoming suit of tulle with hat to match and carried a bouquet of natural violets. Mr. and Mrs. Scott left last evening for a honeymoon trip to upper Canada. They will reside in this city.

MRS. REBECCA BROWN

The death of Mrs. Rebecca Brown, widow of Samuel Brown of St. Martins, occurred in Everett, Mass., recently. She was ninety-five years old, and leaves two sons, Elijah of St. John and Thomas H. of Sussex; one daughter, Mrs. Charles Harris of Greenwald, Mass.; also two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Howard and Mrs. Captain J. Howard, both of Gasperaux.

No Indoor Meet

New York, Jan. 3.—The annual indoor track and field meet of the Inter-Collegiate A. A. of America will not be held this winter. The outdoor meet will be held as usual, probably on May 31 and June 1.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 3.—Fire destroyed the breaker at the Williams' colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company at Durys last night, causing a loss estimated at more than \$100,000.

A Call to the Farmers

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—The necessity for greater production of food supplies during 1918 than ever before is being urged upon producers generally by the entomological branch of the department of agriculture.

Baseball and the War

New York, Jan. 3.—"No war cause," whereby the owners would be relieved of their contractual obligations in the event the baseball season is not finished, is contained in the contracts sent to players reserved by the New York National League Club.

POLICE COURT

One prisoner charged with drunkenness was before the police magistrate this morning and was sent below.