

RUSSIA DROPS OUT OF THE WAR

Orders the Demobilization of All the Fighting Forces State of War is Officially Declared at an End

HUN DRIVE EXPECTED VERY SOON No Formal Peace Treaty Signed, But Bolshevik Government Orders Cessation of all Hostilities Toward Central Powers-Result Inevitable

By Courier Leased Wire.

Amsterdam, Feb. 11.--Russia has declared the state of war to be at an end and has ordered demobilization of Russian forces on all fronts, according to a despatch received here to-day, dated Brest-Litovsk on Sunday. The despatch follows:

SIGN NO FOR MAL TREATY

"The president of the Russian delegation at to-day's sitting stated that while Russia was desisting from signing a formal peace treaty, it declared the state of war to be ended with Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria, simultaneously giving orders for complete demobilization of Russian forces on all fronts."

IS OUT OF WAR

Russia has declared herself out of the war. Without formally signing a peace treaty she has through her representatives at Brest-Litovsk declared the state of war with the Central Powers at an end and ordered her troops on all fronts demobilized. This news coming through Berlin to-day follows quickly the announcement of the signing of a peace with the Ukraine. With Roumania isolated and helpless, the war on the entire eastern front may now be said to be at an end.

A CHECKERED COURSE

Peace negotiations between the Central Powers and the Bolshevik Government, which seized power in Petrograd in November, were opened on December 23 last, after the way had been paved by the signing of an armistice on December 4. Many times reported broken off, the negotiations have been in progress with brief intervals, ever since, culminating in the announcement to-day.

CONCLUSION INEVITABLE

It has been recognized quite generally that some such conclusion as that now reached was probably inevitable, as Russia, through interior disorganization had virtually put it out of her power to continue fighting. The Bolsheviks moreover, have held up to their people the idea that the peoples of the Central Powers would not permit further attacks by their armies upon the Russian proletariat and that these powers, and in fact the entire world, would soon be in the throes of a revolution similar to that of the proletariat in Russia, in which the established order would be overthrown and what they call democratic peoples government set up.

DEATH FOR PACIFISTS DEMANDED

Workers of Great Britain and America Pledge Loyalty to Allies

TO DEFEAT GERMANY

Pacifists and Agitators Pilloried by Several Speakers

By Courier Leased Wire

New York, Feb. 11.--The workers of Great Britain and America through their spokesmen at a great loyalty mass meeting at the Century Theatre last night, pledged their united and unswerving effort to the defeat of Germany. The workers of America spoke through Secretary of Labor William E. Wilson and officials of the American Federation of Labor. The workers of Great Britain spoke through Charles Duncan, M.P., head of the British Labor mission, which arrived in this country yesterday. Pacifists were pilloried by the speakers and when Hugh Frayne, representative of labor on the war industries board, asked that firing squads be called to deal with the Kaiser-branded speaker after the war, he was cheered to the echo.

Secretary Wilson made special answer to those labor factions which revel in calling this a war of capitalists. He said it was a war for the common people, and not for capitalists. He compared the war to a labor struggle, saying that the United States was on strike against the Government of Germany. Mr. Duncan drew great applause when he told how the speeches of President Wilson had keyed up the people of England. In a dramatic way he also told of the effect the coming of American troops had in England. "Surely it is not necessary to say that more than 5,000,000 men volunteered of their own free will to lay down their lives for the state," said Mr. Duncan. The nation since this world began to spin, has never accomplished anything of such stupendous character. England was put to the test and she met the test.

Referring to the pacifists, he said: "It will be time enough to talk about peace when those who started the war ask for peace."

In concluding, Mr. Duncan said: "The people of Germany are dominated by a military dictatorship. There are good people in Germany, the same as there are good people in every country. There are men in the German Reichstag who have rebelled against this war, many of them they are now in prison; at any rate they indicate, even to the German Reichstag itself in Berlin, that they are right, and that Germany is wrong; and surely under these circumstances what other course could honorable men and women have?" (Continued on Page 4).

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Long Heralded German Offensive May Materialize At Short Notice

WARNING FROM BAKER Thurst Has Already Been Delayed Beyond Expectation

By Courier Leased Wire

Washington, Feb. 11.--Secretary Baker's review of the military situation in Europe, issued last night, contains statements which are interpreted as meaning that the long-heralded and widely advertised "German drive" on the western battle front may soon materialize.

After pointing out that Germany has added to the strength of the Boche front by bringing up new divisions from Austria and from the Russian front, Secretary Baker points out that there was heavy fighting along the entire front during the past week, including continued activity along the Lorraine sector occupied by American troops.

"Though no action more than local character were recorded," he says, "it would appear that the long deferred offensive may develop simultaneously at different points of the line as an outcome of these engagements."

Secretary Baker expresses profound appreciation of the gallant work of the British navy in saving the lives of American soldiers on the Transport Tuscania.

Source of Speculation London, Feb. 11.--(Montreal Gazette cable) Delay in the much advertised German giant offensive, considering the highly favorable weather conditions, is a source of much speculation.

The Manchester Guardian, one of the best informed and ablest military authorities in discussing the subject says:

"If the Germans are minded to attack in the orthodox manner, they are already late by the weather, though early enough by the calendar. The delay means either that the advertisement of their offensive on the west was meant to be a bluff, or else that they have some devilment in mind which waxes clear skies or favorable wind. Anyhow, we have had pretty long notice, and should be able to make our counter preparations."

British Official London, Feb. 11.--A successful raid was carried out last night by Australian troops against German positions southeast of Messines," says to-day's official report. "In addition to other casualties inflicted upon the enemy, 228 prisoners have been captured."

"On Saturday night a Belgian patrol successfully attacked a hostile post in the Merckem sector, killing the garrison and capturing a machine gun."

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Weather Bulletin

Toronto, Feb. 11.--The weather is fair and cold from the Ottawa valley eastward, and mild in the lake region and the western provinces. There are some indications that colder weather conditions will set in over Manitoba. Forecasts Fresh south-west winds, fair and mild. Tuesday Fresh west to northwest winds, mild at first, then turning colder.

"Zimmie"

PEACE WAS SIGNED ON SATURDAY

Ukraine Asserts Its Independence by Dropping Out of the War

By Courier Leased Wire

Amsterdam, Feb. 11.--A dispatch from Brest-Litovsk, via Berlin, giving the details of the conference at which the peace treaty between the Central Powers and the new Ukrainian republic was signed, has been received here. The dispatch follows:

"It was possible to announce at the beginning of the last pause in the negotiations that the basis for the conclusion of peace between the quadruple alliance and the Ukrainian peoples republic had been found. After the return of the delegation to Brest-Litovsk negotiations on this basis were continued. Thanks to the energetic and untiring work of all commissions and thanks to the spirit of conciliation inspiring all parties, agreement on all points was established so that the final drafting of the treaties and their signature could be carried out. Overcoming the technical difficulties connected with the five treaty texts it was not possible to hold a formal patch received here from Constantinople by way of Vienna. A state funeral will be held."

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He lived in constant dread of death. He had often escaped it only by good luck or unusual precautions against plots. Yet in his later years he had sought death by his own hands, so melancholy had his existence become. He gained ascendancy under circumstances nearly as tragic as those which ended his career. Born September 22, 1847, the second son of Sultan Abdul-Mejid, he became sovereign when his elder brother, Murad V, was deposed because of mental incapacity in 1876. It was a time when Turkey was in a state of extreme depression almost succumbing to the tremendous blows of Russia. Out of this slough the new Sultan saved the remnants of Turkish prestige. Many critics give him credit for having stubbornly though he had fought outside forces to prevent disintegration

UKRAINIANS BOUGHT BY FOE

Peace Terms Include Cession of Part of Galicia, and Large Loan

By Courier Leased Wire

London, Feb. 11.--Information which is apparently authoritative has been received in Stockholm, according to The Times correspondent there, that the peace terms agreed to by the Central Powers with Ukraine provide for granting to Ukraine a considerable part of eastern Galicia, whether in reversion or immediate possession, is not clear. The Rada also is to receive immediately a large loan to be secured

ABDUL HAMID, EX-SULTAN OF TURKEY, DEAD IN SALONICA

Once Powerful Ruler of Ottoman Empire, Who Was Hurlled From His Throne in Revolution of Young Turks in 1909, Called by Death; Once Lord of Millions, He Died in Abject Misery

By Courier Leased Wire

Amsterdam, Feb. 11.--The death yesterday of Abdul Hamid, former Sultan of Turkey, from inflammation of the lungs, is announced in a dispatch received here from Constantinople by way of Vienna. A state funeral will be held.

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