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RUSSIA DECLARES STATE OF WAR AT A LIEB; ORDERS DEMOBILIZATION OF ALL HER FORCES

NO FORMAL TREATY BUT RUSSIA STOPS FIGHTING

Concludes Peace Arrangement With Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey And Bulgaria—Frontiers To Be Left Unguarded—Will Exchange Civilian Prisoners At Once—To Discuss Economic Questions

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 today. It was declared at Brest-Litovsk on Sunday.

The despatch follows:—"The president of the Russian delegation at today's (Sunday) 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."

Amsterdam, Feb. 11.—A despatch from Vienna says that negotiations between Austro-Hungarian and Russian commissions at Petrograd resulted on January 31, in an agreement to the effect that Austro-Hungarian civilians detained in Russia, and Russian civilians detained in Austro-Hungary on specified categories shall, as far as they desire, be repatriated as speedily as possible. The specified classes include girls, women and males under sixteen, or over forty-five, and males between the ages of sixteen and forty-five, who are unfit for military service; doctors and clergy, regardless of age, also are included in the agreement.

Amsterdam, Feb. 11.—The Berlin Vossische Zeitung says that three official representatives of Austrian agricultural societies have gone to Kiev to discuss economic questions.

London, Feb. 10.—Polish forces, which recently revolted from the Russian army, under the leadership of General Dobror Mousnitsky, have captured Smolensk from the Bolsheviks, according to advices from Vienna forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph Company correspondent at Copenhagen.

Smolensk is the capital of the Russian province of that name, and is some eighty-five miles northeast of Mohilev, which they were declared in advance for Berlin on Feb. 5 to have occupied, arresting Ensign Krylenko, the commander-in-chief of the Bolshevik forces and his staff.

HAVE ALLIES RECOGNIZED THE NEW REPUBLIC?

Remarkable Statement In Official Dispatch FROM PETROGRAD

Diplomatic Representatives of Great Britain and France Said To Have Been Accredited To The Ukraine

London, Feb. 11.—The remarkable statement that France and Great Britain have recognized the Ukraine republic and sent diplomatic representatives there, is contained in an official statement sent out by the Russian wireless news agency and issued here through a press bureau. The statement occurs in the course of a report of the proceedings at the Brest-Litovsk conference of Feb. 1, at which M. Sevrulsk, who apparently is the new chairman of the Ukrainian delegation, is represented as saying that by an act of the Ukrainian Rada on November 7, the Ukrainian republic declared that these diplomatic representatives had been appointed.

M. Sevrulsk is reported to have quoted from the act passed by the Rada as follows: "By this act (the Ukrainian) international position is recognized by the council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates, as well as by the representatives of the four allied states, and also by the French republic and the British government, which have appointed and sent diplomatic representatives to the government of the Ukrainian people's republic."

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—The government has been advised that the imperial government has passed an order-in-council providing that proclamations in force relating to the trading with the enemy shall apply to persons of enemy nationality, removed from Canada and at present interned in a neutral country.

ABDUL HAMID FORMER SULTAN DIES IN PRISON

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

Abdul Hamid was for thirty-three years Sultan of Ottoman Empire, sprawling upon three continents of Europe, Asia and Africa, and at the same time was commander of the faithful army of Moslems. He was paid homage by nearly a hundred million subjects. Shorn of power, he died a prisoner, pined in a cell, he lived in constant dread of death. He was born in 1848.

DIED OF SHOCK WHEN CLOTHES CAUGHT FIRE

Tragic Death of Mrs. H. H. Cairns of Ottawa, Mother of Well Known St. John Business Man

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—Mrs. Hugh H. Cairns, 409 Rideau street, died of shock yesterday when her clothing caught fire from the stove. She was sixty-three years of age. Edward H. Cairns, of St. John, N. B., is a son.

AMERICAN COLONY IN PETROGRAD ALL SAFE

Washington, Feb. 11.—Ambassador Francis, telegraphing from Petrograd under date of Feb. 6, reported all at the embassy and in the American colony safe and well. This is regarded as disposing finally of the rumor that diplomats of the co-belligerents were being sent out of Russia.

TO IMPERIAL CONFERENCE

Melbourne, Feb. 10.—(via Reuter's Ottawa agency)—It is confidently stated in federal circles that Premier Hughes has received and is accepting an invitation to the imperial conference.

MUST CONSIDER PROBLEMS OF WAR AS A WHOLE

Statement Of General Cadorna, Italy's Representative

ALLIED WAR AIMS

"Union of All The Belligerents Must Be Made Even Closer—Artillery Active on The Western Front"

Paris, Feb. 11.—"It is becoming more and more indispensable that the problems of the war be considered as a whole, and that plans be decided upon at a central point," said General Cadorna who has just been replaced as Italian delegate to the supreme war council by Marshal Foch. "The plans of all the belligerents must be made even closer."

Paris, Feb. 11.—Promoters on the boulevard, the Avenue des Champs Elysees and other prominent thoroughfares were confronted today with thousands of posters and bulletin boards on the walls calling upon the French for voluntary rationing. The posters, which were issued by the Civil League for Artillery Activity.

Paris, Feb. 11.—(Bulletin)—Active artillery fighting on the Aisne and Verdun fronts is reported in today's official communication. The statement follows:—"There was intermittent activity of the artillery on both sides during the night on the front from the Aisne to the Meuse, in the sector between Combray and Reims, and more spirited firing on the front of the Meuse, in the region of Bezonvaux."

"Patrol encounters occurred in Upper Alsace—The French took prisoners. Successful Raid."

London, Feb. 11.—"A successful raid was carried out last night by Australian troops in the sector between the east of Meuse," says today's official report. "In addition to other casualties one machine gun was captured, twenty-eight prisoners were captured."

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

Aerial Operations

London, Feb. 10.—An official statement on the aerial operations of the successful reconnaissance on Saturday and the bombing of enemy targets. One enemy machine was disabled, and one British machine is missing.

The statement follows:—"A successful raid was carried out Saturday night. Nearly ten tons of bombs were dropped on an important railway station on the sidings at Courcelles-Les-Metz, southeast of Metz. One of our bombing machines is missing."

German Treachery

With the American Army in France, Feb. 10.—(By the Associated Press)—One American artilleryman was killed and five artillerymen were wounded Saturday night by shell fire.

The American sprinkled the enemy trenches with shrapnel all during today. There was considerable patrol activity. No further clashes were reported by way of Vienna. A state funeral will be held.

Must End War in 1918

Amsterdam, Jan. 11.—General Von Liebert, writing in the Tagliche Rundschau of Berlin, praises the achievement of German arms and accomplishments of German generals and then points out that the German battle line in the west is now occupied by the latest classes. He concludes by saying: "Every German soldier is now certain that an end must be made in 1918."

Arrest Prominent Poles

Amsterdam, Feb. 11.—According to the Cologne Volks Zeitung, the Bolshevik authorities have arrested a number of prominent Poles at Petrograd as a reprisal for the imprisonment of Ensign Krylenko, the commander-in-chief of the Russian army. Those arrested include the newly appointed Archbishop of Mohilev, Von Tupp.

Transferring Troops

London, Feb. 11.—A British official communication calls attention to the German-Russian armistice stipulations signed on December 16, that no German troops should be transferred to the west front, save movements already begun. It has been definitely ascertained from prisoners captured on the west front, says the statement, that seven named divisions of the German army, including the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 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A MILLION FOOTBALLS

Paris, Feb. 11.—The French government has ordered one million footballs for the army, to be delivered within seven months.

SAVING RUSSIA FROM CHAOS



Revolution—Carte in Philadelphia Press.

J. FRED BELVEA WANTS HIS LOTS

At a committee meeting this morning, J. Fred Belvea was present to find out what action the commissioners intend to take regarding the lease of lot No. 5 and the deeds to lots Nos. 2 and 3. Some time ago the council agreed to sell Mr. Belvea lots 2 and 3 for \$800 each and to lease him No. 5. Owing to protracted delay by owners of a weir above Mr. Belvea's lots there has been a hold-up in the matter which could then be dealt with by the council.

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Commissioner Russell Explained That He Had Written to Mr. Belvea and Instructed Him to Hand Over the Three Leases Which He Has of the Lots, But That He Had Refused to Do So Until He Receives the Deeds for Them

Mr. Belvea said he could not understand why the city had coupled up the transfer of the lots and the lease. It looked to him as if they had done so in order to use one as a lever to force him to yield to their proposition. He said that if he could not get a lease of No. 5 that he would have to make less improvements on Nos. 2 and 3 and might be forced to erect a weir on lot 5. He contended that this was within his rights as he holds a lease of the three lots. If the owners of lot No. 5 withdraw their objections and he was given the deed and the new lease of No. 5 they would not be hurt so far as fishing is concerned.

Commissioner Wigmore said he did not know what bearing the two inner lots had on No. 5.

Commissioner Russell said that if Mr. Belvea would hand over the three leases of the matter could then be dealt with by the council.

Mr. Belvea asked for Commissioner Fisher's views on the matter. The latter said that he had been opposed to the lease of No. 5 lot in the first place and if it was possible to regain control of it he thought that it should be done.

The matter will be taken up again at the regular council meeting tomorrow afternoon.

Commissioner Russell asked consideration of a lease of property off British street to Mr. Lewis, but Commissioner Fisher said that he thought Commissioner McLeellan should be present at such a discussion as he had a lock-up on the property and would be interested in the transaction.

Commissioner Russell then asked that the council consider leasing telephones in the sheds at West St. John. He explained that the telephones are leased by steamship companies and that there has been a lot of trouble among different companies regarding their use. He said that if the city took over the telephones and had the steamship companies pay for them it would facilitate matters.

Commissioner Wigmore said that the city rate for a telephone is \$30, whereas the rate charged against the steamship companies was \$40. He asked Commissioner Russell some questions regarding the rates.

Mayor Hayes said that if the matter was gone into and agreements made which would be sanctioned by the city solicitor there was no doubt the council would consider it.

Commissioner Wigmore said that if the city was properly protected he was not opposed to such a change.

On motion Commissioner Russell was

PREMIERS WILL CONFER ON FRIDAY

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—The conference of prime ministers on Friday will be the event of importance at the capital this week. The deliberations will have a far-reaching effect on Canada's exertions to aid the war efforts of Great Britain and her Allies by increasing food production. The chief purpose of the gathering will be to make plans whereby provincial machinery will co-operate to the fullest extent in carrying out the plans of the dominion government. A number of questions will be considered on Friday and a decision likely reached as the lines on which to proceed.

The announcement that the position of food controller has been abolished and a Canada food board established is but the preliminary to the adoption of a dominion-wide appeal, calling for the greatest possible exertion on the part of the provinces and provincial governments.

Subsequent to the gathering, a comprehensive announcement of government policy will be forthcoming.

The Canada food board will constitute a sub-department of agriculture and will be under the personal direction of Hon. T. A. Cressy. It will co-ordinate with problems of food production and food conservation and remove the possibility of friction which would exist had the control of food remained under a separate organization.

LIEUT.-GOV. OF QUEBEC ILL IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Feb. 11.—Officials at the University Hospital said early today that Sir Evariste Philippe, lieutenant-governor of Quebec, was resting comfortably. They declined to state the nature of his illness, but said he was in no immediate danger.

Phelix and Pherdand WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service

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.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Milder with some light local snow; Tuesday, colder again. Lower St. Lawrence—Light snow, milder today and on Tuesday; fair and cold today; milder tonight and on Tuesday with strong winds and light snow.

Milder Tomorrow. Maritime—Fair and cold; Tuesday, strong winds, or moderate gales with some light snow or rain, higher temperature.

New England—Generally fair and slightly warmer tonight and Tuesday; increasing south winds.

authorized to prepare such an agreement. Mayor Hayes then brought up the matter regarding the report of the harbor and