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TEUTONS MENACE THE UKRAINIAN CAPITAL

NATIONALIZE 'TRUNK' C.N.R., G. T. PACIFIC BUT NOT CAN. PACIFIC COMMITTEE ADVISES?

Unofficial Report From Ottawa Says Special Railway Committee Recommends That Govt. Take Over All Systems Save C. P. R. and That Railway Rates Be Increased.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—The Journal-Press says: The sub-committee of the Cabinet, which for the past month has been studying the railway problem, has completed its investigations and submitted its report to the Privy Council. It is now being considered by the Cabinet as a whole.

While nothing official has been given out, it is understood that in the main the recommendations are as follows:

"1.—That the Canadian Pacific Railway be not now nationalized, but retained as a privately owned and operated system.

"2.—That the Grand Trunk Pacific and Grand Trunk Railway be nationalized.

"3.—That negotiations be opened up with the Grand Trunk stockholders in England in regard to terms for the disposal of their stock.

"4.—That the Grand Trunk, Grand Trunk Pacific, Canadian Northern and Intercolonial be operated as one state-owned system.

"5.—That the railway rates be increased as a war measure, with a provision for the taxation of abnormal profits in order to prevent undue earnings from the increase."

HASN'T REPORTED, SAYS MEIGHEN.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—Hon. Mr. Meighen was asked today as to an account in a morning paper, purporting to be the representative of the sub-committee of the council on railways.

"The sub-committee has never reported," he said.

"Has it been decided to nationalize the Grand Trunk and not to nationalize the Canadian Pacific Railway?"

"No."

"What about railway rates?"

"The same answer. The parties have not even been heard—the hearing was postponed. I am sure no member of the Government has given the slightest intimation on the subject."

WAR-WEARY CAPITAL TO WELCOME COMING OF FOE'S SOLDIERS

Petrograd Is Tired of Hunger, Revolution and Disorder.

FEAR BLOODY OUTBREAK

Danger of Uncontrolled Riot and Anarchy at the Muscovite Metropolis.

London, Feb. 23.—The inhabitants of Petrograd are coming to realize that the war is not over, and that the danger of a bloody outbreak is still very real. The city is now a mass of suffering and despair, and the people are ready to welcome the coming of the enemy's soldiers.

Little News From Russia.

The London morning papers are, for the first time, without a single line of news from Russia. The only information of current date received here consists of official pronouncements from the Russian government, which are of little interest to the public.

KIEV IS NOW GOAL OF FOE; FALL COMING

Austrians and Ukrainians Rapidly Nearing Ukraine's Capital.

NO PRISONERS TAKEN

British Citizens Are Advised to Leave Russia Without Delay.

Washington, Feb. 23.—United States Ambassador Francis advised the state department today of the intention of the diplomatic corps in Petrograd to leave the city with the Bolshevik Government if the Germans menace the city.

The ambassador gave no details as to the plans of the diplomatic corps, but added that the Soviet government was planning to make a defence of the city if necessary.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Austrian and Ukrainian troops are rapidly nearing Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, now held by the Bolsheviks, according to dispatches from Petrograd in the late editions of the morning newspapers. It is said that the Polish legionaries aided the Germans in occupying Minsk.

Petrograd newspapers, it is added, report that Russian soldiers on the northern front, seized twenty-seven trains which are being used to carry 40,000 of the soldiers to Moscow.

Taking No Prisoners.

The Germans are taking no prisoners, merely despoiling the Russians and liberating them.

German airplanes, the Petrograd correspondent of the Times says, are distributing proclamations, calling on the Russian people to remain calm and keep order, as the Germans are coming to suppress anarchy and to bring food as soon as possible.

The Bolsheviks are greatly perturbed and depressed. Foreign Minister Trotsky is reported to be sick in consequence of the renewal of hostilities, and is unable to attend meetings of the Council of People's Commissaries, which are being held constantly.

British Colony Anxious.

The Times correspondent reports some anxiety in the British colony in Petrograd, and the colony is being evacuated. A British military officer directs all Englishmen of military age, who have been exempted from service up to this time to hold themselves ready to start home at six hours' notice.

British subjects, especially women and children, have been advised to leave Russia without delay.

NO RESISTANCE

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The last two days the Germans have not met with a single case of resistance, a Petrograd correspondent writes.

Company says. Evacuation of the port of Revel is proceeding slowly, the soldiers are being taken to the rear.

The headquarters of the Russian western army has been removed to Smolensk, and the army is being evacuated.

An armistice was made in haste that the staff lost touch with the various armies.

TROTSKY STARTS FOR DVINSK

LONDON, Feb. 23.—A dispatch to the Times from Petrograd, dated Thursday, says that Trotsky started yesterday for Dvinsk, to take command of the Russian forces in the north.

DEAL WITH RUMANIA FIRST

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 23.—A Russian correspondent writes that the Russian Government has arrived in Berlin, according to advice received here.

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GERMAN LABOR HARD HIT BY THE RECENT STRIKE

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 20.—(By mail.)—Details of the German military authorities' ruthless suppression of an attempt at a general strike in all the munition factories of Germany last August, no particulars of which were allowed out of the country at the time, are published in the Journal of the German metal workers.

In Brunswick, which is the only district particularly in the guard of the police, the strike was put into force, and both male and female strikers were taken to the workhouses. It was a long time before labor recovered from the wounds it has received, says the official inspired writer of the article.

GERMANY'S LAST HOPE FAILS



Little Von Tips has lost his sub, and can't tell where to find him. Leave them alone; they won't come home; They're leaving no tales behind them.

SMASH YOUR AUTOCRACY OR WE'LL SMASH IT, IS GOMPER'S WORD TO FOES

New York, Feb. 23.—In the name of American labor, Samuel Gompers declared yesterday, in reply to Germany's peace talk: "If say you can't talk peace with us now—you cannot talk international conferences. Either you smash your autocracy or we'll smash it for you. Get out of France, back from Belgium, back from Serbia, and back to Germany; then you can talk peace."

BRINGING IN EXPERTS TO BREAK KOMOKA JAM WHICH THREATENS WHOLE VALLEY OF THAMES RIVER

Dynamite Will Be Resorted to at Last to Relieve Water Pressure, Which Has Backed Up as Never Before, Being Nine Feet Above Normal on Western Side of Springbank Dam.

The ice jam at Komoka will be dynamited on Sunday. Two expert dynamiters are being brought here from Niagara Falls to do the work. The action is considered timely. The ice jam still holds. All the residents in the affected area have packed their worldly belongings, and are ready to move at a moment's notice. They are afraid that another rain or thaw would increase the danger of water running down their homes.

Today the backed-up water is within three feet of the top of the Springbank dam. This is nine feet higher than it would ordinarily be, and means that the water is under a pressure of five feet of water. The water is held up by the jam. The jam is a mass of ice, and is held up by the jam. The jam is a mass of ice, and is held up by the jam.

FEARED FOR VILLAGE

Public excitement is growing strong against the country and other officials because of what is claimed to be a failure of the dam. The dam is a failure, and the water is rising. The water is rising, and the dam is a failure.

SENDING MARELLO TO LONDON FOR TRIAL

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Kitchener, Feb. 23.—George Marello was found guilty on three charges today. He will be sent to London Monday for trial there.

FRENCH RAIDERS BRING BACK BOOTY, PRISONERS

PARIS, Feb. 23.—French troops last night raided the German positions north of the Ailette River and in the Champagne. They captured a few prisoners. Prisoners were also brought in by our patrols east of Wythebach.

SIXTEEN MEN KILLED

CRYSTAL FALLS, Mich., Feb. 23.—Revised figures on the loss of life in the Amos Porter mine accident Thursday show that sixteen men were killed when a big rock fell from the ceiling and crashed into the mine. As more water is threatening to pour into the mine it is not known when the bodies will be recovered.

ALLIED LABOR AGREES WITH WAR AIMS

Inter-Allied Conference Supports British Program.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The inter-Allied labor conference in session here reached an agreement today to support the British war aims program.

MAY AMEND ACT TO GET 45,000 MORE FOR ARMY

Would Secure Those Twenty Years Old Since M. S. A. Passed.

Toronto, Feb. 23.—The Star today, in its local news, says:

The coming session of the Dominion Parliament the Union Government will propose an amendment to the Military Service Act, bringing within its operation young men who have reached the age of 20 since the act passed. The present measure specifically exempts those who should reach 20 years after it became law. It is estimated that 45,000 additional troops will be secured. Toronto's share is estimated at about 2,500, or two and a half battalions at war strength.

TRAIN OF FOODSTUFFS DESTROYED BY FLAMES

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 23.—Foodstuffs and railroad property valued at more than \$250,000 were destroyed last night when a freight train on the Central Railroad of New Jersey got beyond control of the engineer on the Wilkesbarre Mountain and, after running four miles at terrific speed, crashed into two engines at Ashley, near here. An engineer was killed and six other railroad men were seriously injured.

ANOTHER SPANISH SHIP SUNK BY SUBMARINES

MADRID, Friday, Feb. 23.—The Spanish steamer Maria Caspio has been sunk by a submarine on her way to New York with a cargo of cork.

FORCING GIRLS INTO FLYING SERVICE OF TEUTONIC ARMIES?

Letter From a London Boy Records Such a Fact.

That the Germans are compelling their girls to fly machines over the British lines is the statement made by Sapper Hugh L. Smith, a Canadian boy, who is giving us additional valuable information. He is in the hospital at the London Hospital, and is recovering from his wounds.

CALLS ON CONTROLLER TO ORDER CONTINUANCE OF LONDON ELECTRIC CO.

General Manager of Utilities Commission Sends Appeal to Dominion Head as Ontario Commission Has No Jurisdiction or Available Power in the Local Situation.

FITTING WELCOME TO 'BOYS OF 1ST' WILL BE ACCORDED

Mayor Working Out Plans for Civic Reception.

The city council will take steps shortly to provide a fitting welcome to the men of the 1st Battalion who are coming back shortly on furlough.

ROYAL FLIER KILLED

PORT WORTH, TEXAS, Feb. 23.—James C. Ringland, aged 27, Royal Flying Corps, died today and another royal flier, whose name is not to be learned, was injured as a result of a collision between two airplanes near the town of Dover, England. The planes collided at an altitude of about 1,000 feet, both machines crashing to the ground.

MEN'S CHORUS

At the service in the First Methodist Church tomorrow night a men's chorus, among whom are some of the leading vocalists of the city, will give several choral numbers.

TURKS BREAK PACT WITH RUSSIANS AND CORNER ONE CORPS

Ottomans Start Offensive Before Expiration of Armistice and Occupy City of Platana; British Cut Off Turks.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The Turkish army in the Caucasus has begun an offensive, a correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company wires from the headquarters of the Russian western army. The attack was started before the expiration of the armistice. The Turks occupied Platana and cornered one Russian corps, which is now grouped along the coast.

TEUTONS CLOSE TO RIGA CITY

Berlin, Feb. 23.—In their new invasion of Russian territory, the German forces have reached Wolk, in Livonia, 98 miles north of Riga. It was announced today by the German general staff.

BOCHES UNABLE TO REACH LINE OF CANUCK BOYS

Launch Heavy Raid in Lens Sector, But Are Promptly Turned Back.

GARDENING AT THE FRONT

Dominion Soldiers Have 100 Acres Under Cultivation Close to Trenches.

NOT ONE VESSEL LOST BY FRENCH LAST WEEK

PARIS, Feb. 23.—No French merchantmen and no fishing vessels were sunk by German submarines or mines during the week ending February 18. Three merchantmen successfully escaped submarine attacks. Steamers entering French ports totaled 615, and departing 575.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 22; lowest, zero.

The official temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 33; lowest, 28.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD

Forecast.

Fresh southwest winds, generally fair, and mild today.

TEMPERATURES

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria . . . 28 . 25 . Clear

Calgary . . . 34 . 31 . Clear

Winnipeg . . . 34 . 31 . Clear

Edmonton . . . 34 . 31 . Clear

Regina . . . 34 . 31 . Clear

Saskatoon . . . 34 . 31 . Clear

Brandon . . . 34 . 31 . Clear

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WEATHER NOTES

The weather has moderated from Ontario eastward and continues quite mild in the western provinces. A moderate disturbance is centered some distance off Nova Scotia, moving northward.