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## EARLY MESSAGES

### THE BOLSHIEVILK

LONDON, Jan. 21. Despatches filed in Petrograd yesterday say that the Bolsheviks are now hunting out the supporters of the Constituent Assembly. The correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Co. reports the suppression of all non-Socialist newspapers while Red guards are scouring Petrograd for editors containing reports of the first session of the Assembly, which are being destroyed. Search is also being made for Boris Salnikoff, member of the Kornisky Government, who is believed to be in Petrograd. According to one report the Bolsheviks intend to arrest M. Tchernoff who was elected chairman of the Constituent Assembly. On the other hand some of the Red guards have resigned stating they were misled into the belief that by joining the organization they would assist in furthering the cause of the revolution whereas they considered the action of the Bolsheviks toward the Constituent Assembly to be opposed to the principles of liberty. Apparently there is little chance of countering the measures taken against the Constituent Assembly.

LONDON, Jan. 21. The Daily Mail editorial endorses the writer of this article blaming the Earl of Derby, Secretary for war, and General Sir Wm. Robertson, Chief of General Staff whose removal it suggests is desirable. It declares the public would like to see a man of the type of Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty at the war office.

### GERMAN MILITARISTS WIN.

LONDON, Jan. 21. The latest German reports which have come through Amsterdam to which city they were forwarded by the semi-official Wolff Bureau daily assert that the military party has gained the victory in the territorial policy of Germany, and show what face that country proposes to put on annexations in the east. The guise in which these are presented are that the peoples in these countries already have determined their future status through existing representative bodies and that this determination is irrevocable. Whether the German newspapers from which these reports have been taken represent general feeling or are merely called by the censorship for circulation abroad remains to be seen.

### NOTHING TO REPORT.

PARIS, Jan. 21. Aside from the usual military fire there is nothing to report, says today's war office communication.

**MUST MAKE CHOICE.**  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 21. The Holland-American liner Amsterdam, now being detained at Rotterdam with 2,000 passengers, including the Dutch Minister to the United States, is held because Germany has warned Holland she will not permit the liner to sail unless Holland agrees that the ship at once returns to Holland. At the same time the United States is insisting upon its condition that the liner come directly back from Holland after making one trip over. It was with this express understanding that the American authorities allowed the ship to sail, and now they are insisting that the condition be observed, while at the same time Germany is making the same demand of the Netherlands Government.

### U. S. TERMS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 21. A Christiania despatch to the National Tidende says that all political parties agree that the terms offered by the United States to Norway regarding food supplies and shipping can't be accepted. Norway will propose a new basis for an agreement.

### TO PREVENT DISORDER.

BOSTON, Jan. 21. In accordance with orders from Washington, extra guards were placed on duty along the waterfront, at railway terminals and around all Government property here to-day. Gov-

ernment officers said there had been no local developments to indicate any concerted plan to damage property of interest to the movement of freight, but that orders were general and were being rigidly enforced.

### CRITICISM IN THE REICHSTAG.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 21. Criticism of the censorship by the Germans was revived at a meeting on Friday of the Reichstag main committee. Friedrich Ebert, Socialist leader, and Herr Von Graaf, Conservative, made sharp speeches. Herr Ebert declared that the annexationists were favored unduly at a time when General Von Ludendorff was reported to have threatened to resign, unless Germany's terms to Russia were framed in accordance with the ideas of the militarists. Certain papers were permitted to write what they pleased, according to Herr Ebert, while others were not. The name of Admiral Von Tirpitz must not be mentioned in connection with the criticism of the submarine campaign, he asserted. He said the pan-German propaganda against the Reichstag was unparalleled, and that calm replies representing the views of the Reichstag were suppressed.

### GERMAN REPORT.

BERLIN, Jan. 21. A German reconnoitering expedition scored a success yesterday along the French front to the northwest of Rheims and in the Argonne, the Army Headquarters announced to-day. There has been somewhat active artillery fighting in Flanders and below Lens, and at points in the Champagne and Verdun regions. A British thrust south of Verdunville was beaten off, and some prisoners taken by the Germans.

### ITALIAN OFFICIAL.

ROME, Jan. 21. Increased artillery between the Brenna and the Piave, is reported in to-day's war office report. Some reconnoitering operations were carried out on both sides.

### GOVERNING RUSSIA.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 21. The decree issued by the Central Executive Committee of the Congress of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates dissolving the Constituent Assembly, says that the revolution created the Workmen's and Soldiers' Council as the only organization able to direct the struggle for complete political and economic liberation. During the first period of the revolution the Workmen's and Soldiers' Congress, it is added, perceived the illusion of an understanding with the Bourgeoisie and its deceptive parliamentary organization, and realized that the liberation of the oppressed classes was impossible without a rupture with the Bourgeoisie, therefore, the revolution of November arose giving all authority to the Congress of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates. The decree says: The Constituent Assembly being elected from the old election lists was the expression of the old regime when authority belonged to the Bourgeoisie. The people who voted for the Social Revolutionists were unable to distinguish these of the right who were partisans of the Bourgeoisie, from those of the left who were partisans of Socialism, therefore the Constituent Assembly necessarily became the authority of the Bourgeoisie Republic, setting itself against the revolution of November and the authority of the Workmen's and Soldiers' Councils. The revolution of November, the decree continues, has shown the workers that the old Bourgeoisie Parliamentarism has had its day, and that only such institutions as the Workmen's and Soldiers' Councils were to overcome the oppression of the rich classes and create a Socialist state. Every refusal, it adds, to recognize the authority of the Republican Workmen's and Soldiers' Councils and to place in the hands of the Constituent Assembly and the Bourgeoisie the liberty which has been won would be a step back-

wards and toward the bankruptcy of the Workmen's and Peasants' revolution. The Constituent Assembly opened on January 18th and for known reasons gave a majority to the Social Revolutionists of the right; the party of Kerensky, Tchernoff and Avksneff. It is comprehensible that this faction refused to debate the just and clear programs of its Central Executive Committee of the Congress of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates and to recognize a declaration of rights of the exploited working classes, as well as the revolution of November and the authority of the Workmen's and Soldiers' Councils. This, the decree says, made a breach in the Assembly and the departure of the Bolsheviks and Social Revolutionists of the left inevitable. The Social Revolutionists of the right, it says, are fighting openly against the authority of the Workmen's and Soldiers' Councils and supporting the exploiters of labor, and if this party only remained it might play the role of leading a Bourgeoisie counter-revolution. The decree, concludes the Central Executive Committee, therefore orders the Constituent Assembly dissolved.

### GUARDS CALLED OUT.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Jan. 21. Military guards to-day were placed about the Federal building in which are located virtually all the offices of the United States Insular Government, after the officials had received information considered important. Guards also were placed on bridges near the city and at other important points.

### TO TAKE PART IN CONFERENCE.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 21. The Ukrainian Rada of Khorork controlled by the Bolsheviks and a rival of the Rada of Kiev, has designated three delegates to go to the conference at Brest-Litovsk. The delegates came to Petrograd to-day and conferred with Bolshevik authorities who extended them recognition and sent them to Brest-Litovsk with instructions to confer with the other Ukrainian delegates and determine who actually represents the Ukrainians. Only fifteen Ukrainian members out of a possible one hundred attended the opening of the short lived Constituent Assembly.

### NEW YORK WITHOUT HEAT.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. Almost deserted streets in the downtown business section and shipping districts gave evidence to-day that industrial New York generally observed the first of the heaviest Mondays decreed by the National Fuel Administration. The sky scraper office buildings virtually were untenanted and great departmental stores closed their doors. Hundreds of factories and small business houses were idle. All the transportation lines in the city and commuting services were run on holiday schedules. Feed stores were open as were specially exempted industries, but many of them operated on a restricted basis. Theatres were allowed to remain open, but they must close to-morrow. The New York Stock Exchange opened for business, but without heat and banks did business as usual.

### SUNDAY'S NAVAL BATTLE.

LONDON, Jan. 21. One hundred and seventy-two members of the crew of the Turkish cruiser Midulla, formerly the German Breslau, were rescued after an action between British and Turkish forces at the entrance to the Dardanelles, in which the Midulla was sunk. It was officially announced to-night that of a total of 810 on the British monitor Raglan and the small monitor M-23 lost in action, there are at present reported 132 survivors. The announcement states that both the Breslau and cruiser Sultan Selim, formerly the German Goeben, and other Turkish ships engaged were mined. The statement adds that the Goeben is now being continuously bombed by British airplanes in the Narrows of the Straits, where she is stranded after she hit the mine. The Goeben and Breslau, the statement says, had emerged from the Dardanelles on Sunday morning to attack the British naval forces north of the island of Imbros. After the Raglan and the small monitor had been sunk, the Breslau was forced into a British

mine field. The Goeben headed at full speed towards the Dardanelles, striking a mine near the entrance. Turkish destroyers coming to the assistance of the Breslau were engaged by the British destroyers and driven off.

### THE AUSTRIAN CRISIS.

LONDON, Jan. 21. The strike movement is spreading throughout Austria-Hungary, and it is associated with a demand for immediate peace. According to despatches received here from Swiss and Dutch sources a general strike was declared at Budapest on Friday, when the entire transport system came to a standstill, while from all parts of the dual empire strikes and demonstrations are reported. The food situation and the question of peace were the sole subjects under discussion at the sitting of the Budget Committee of the Austrian Chamber of Deputies on Friday, and the socialists, according to the despatches, described the situation as extremely serious, and declared that peace couldn't be postponed.

### REPORTED AGREEMENT.

BERLIN, Jan. 21. The envoys of the German and Ukrainian Governments at Brest-Litovsk have reached an agreement on peace, it is officially announced. The arrangement will form a basis for a treaty of peace.

### GUARDING AGAINST SPIES.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. Definite information is said to have been obtained by the Government that German agents have been instructed to use all means to paralyze the effort to move freight and clear ships. This is understood here to be responsible for the doubling of guards to-day at all the piers, shipyards and terminals.

### ONLY GERMAN TERMS.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 21. The Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin, says unless Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, accepts the demands of the Central Powers when he returns to Brest-Litovsk, Jan. 29, the Central Powers will break off peace negotiations.

### AFTER THE GENERAL STAFF.

LONDON, Jan. 21. The Daily Mail published a two-column contributed article vehemently attacking the Government at home for attacking the Government at Brest-Litovsk. The article says that the Government under pressure of the General Staff, is hushing up the incident while the Germans claim to have captured or destroyed 132 tanks, and to have taken 9,000 prisoners and 100 guns. The writer adds: A particular army clique has had supreme military control for two years and has repeatedly failed to fulfill its own expectations and promises.

### THE SUBMARINE STILL BUSY.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. News of the sinking at midnight of three steamers, one of them an American freighter, while a convoy, of which they were a part, was passing the lighthouse on the Mediterranean-Spanish coast last month, was received in shipping circles here to-day from Spain. The three ships were sunk in rapid succession by the one submarine, but owing to their proximity to the shore and calm sea no lives were lost. The names of the ships are withheld. The American ship was second in the convoy. As the leading ship came late into the line between the lighthouse and the spot where the submarine lurked, obliterating probably the beams from the light, the torpedo which sank her was fired. Before the American vessel could shift her course, she, too, crossed the beams from the light and was in turn first on the torpedo, which sent down the ship immediately astern of them. So near the shore did the sinking occur that the inhabitants of the Spanish village near the lighthouse were awakened by the explosions. They hurried to the beach and gave aid to the crews when they landed from their lifeboats.

### NEGOTIATIONS WILL CONTINUE.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 21. Foreign Minister Trotsky before leaving Brest told the Russian Foreign Minister, according to a telegram from Berlin, that he was going to Petrograd for a week to report to the Congress of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates. He is quoted as having added that his departure in no manner indicated the discontinuance of negotiations which would continue during his absence.

### A QUIET NIGHT.

LONDON, Jan. 21. The night passed quietly, the war office reports. We captured a few prisoners in patrol encounters.

### CHURCH DIGNITARY DEAD.

TORONTO, Jan. 21. Rev. James Carmichael, D.D., Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, died on Saturday, aged 91 years.

### A WEEK'S CASUALTIES.

LONDON, Jan. 21. British casualties in the week ending to-day were 17,045, divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds, 6,079; wounded, 2,277; missing, 2,277; missing, 2,277; missing, 2,277. These figures represent a decrease of nearly 8,000 from last week's total of 24,979 casualties were reported, an unusually high total for this time of the year. Two weeks ago the figures were 19,998 and three weeks ago they were 19,951.

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The S. S. Portia, Capt. Joe Kean, reached port at 8 o'clock last night from the Westward after a unusually long trip. The weather was so bad that the ship had to remain in port many nights throughout the trip, but fortunately the temperature did not register below freezing. She brought a large quantity of fish and herring and the following first class passengers:—Rev. Fr. Maher, Messrs. Geo. Lee, G. R. Fudge, J. J. Noah, G. Williams, Sgt. Spencer, R. J. Turpin, L. Pike, C. Butler, R. Roberts, Flynn, Hayward, Rohen, J. Gorman, Pte. Brown, Pte. Stodley, Misses Evans, Pike, McCrowe, Mahoney, Piercey, Mrs. Hayward.

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### Fads and Fashions.

Paris sends new helmet hats, but most fetchingly adorned with a feather or a bow. A very smart little hat is of black patent leather faced with duvetyne matching the costume. The Sam Browne belt will probably be a part of the spring suit in most of its modifications. Shoes with patent leather vamp and gray or beige garter top are most proper for afternoon wear. Handbags grew larger and larger until apparently they realized the limit of the ability of the women to carry them; so now they are growing smaller.

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