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CONFUSION IN RUSSIA AS INVADERS ADVANCE

SOLDIERS SIEZE TRAINS TO CARRY TROOPS TO MOSCOW

Bolsheviks Perturbed and Depressed—Germans Taking No Prisoners—Merely Disarming Russians and Liberating Them—Entente Allies' Attitude

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 removal of hostilities and is unable to attend meetings of the council of people's commissars, which are being held constantly.

The Times correspondent reports some anxiety in the British colony in Petrograd and the consulate there being crowded with persons wishing to get away. A British military order 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.

London, Feb. 23—Austrian and Ukrainian troops are nearing Kiev, the Ukrainian capital now held by the Bolsheviks, according to despatches from Petrograd in the late editions of the morning newspapers. It is said that Polish legationaries 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. The Germans are taking no prisoners, merely disarming the Russians and liberating them.

Tired of Present Conditions. The inhabitants of Petrograd await coming events with an outward calm, according to the latest despatches received here, and continue to pursue their ordinary business life seemingly unconcerned over the great interests at stake.

The Daily Mail Petrograd correspondent in a despatch sent Thursday reports a statement that the majority would welcome the arrival of the Germans, fearing an outbreak of anarchy, with riot and murder. The Bolsheviks, with riot and murder, the correspondent says, is tired of revolution, tired of hunger and disorder, and tired of the uncertainty perpetually overhanging them, declaring that they are experiencing all the disadvantages of the Czar's regime without any of its advantages.

No Resistance to Him. London, Feb. 23.—In the last two days the Germans have not met with a single case of resistance, a Petrograd despatch says. Evacuation of the port of the Exchange Telegraph Company (Continued on page 2, seventh column.)

Employees Strike in Protest Against Punishment of Members—Citizens Walk in Blinding Snow Storm

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 23.—The people of Halifax were forced to walk through a blinding snow storm to work this morning, because the motormen and conductors in the employ of the Nova Scotia Tramway Company went out on strike this morning.

The company had suspended Conductor Zinn and dismissed Motorman Lowe for a violation of the rules. Their brother employees did not consider the action of the company justified, and several conferences were held with the management, but no satisfactory agreement was reached.

The employees held a mass meeting, which was in session all night, and this morning they decided to strike. The company made no attempt to operate cars on any of its lines.

CELEBRATED BIRTHDAY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

Local Suffrage Association Honors Memory of American Leader—Wanted Women on Municipal Home Board

February 22, being the natal day of George Washington, the father of his country, the St. John Woman Suffrage Association celebrated the occasion last evening by a birthday party at the home of the American consul, H. S. Culver.

BRITISH AIRMEN CONTINUE THEIR BOMBING RAIDS

Accounted For Nine German Airplanes On Thursday

DESTROY ENEMY BULLETS

Scottish Troops Carry Out Successful Raid—Enemy Continues Intense Bombardment on American Sector

London, Feb. 23.—(Delayed)—British airmen on the western front continue their extensive bombing raids and in air fighting on Thursday accounted for nine German airplanes. The official statement on aerial activities issued tonight follows:

"The weather improved Thursday and more than three hundred bombs were dropped on the enemy's billets and railway sidings at Courcel and Ledeghem and southeast of Douai. In air fighting seven hostile machines were brought down and two others were driven out of control. Three of our machines are missing.

"During the night our airplanes dropped 978 bombs, of which three hundred were on the airfields southeast of Lebecqeu used by the enemy's night bombing squadrons. The other bombs were dropped on airfields in the neighborhood of Ghent and Tournai and on billets. One of our machines did not return."

Scotts' Successful Raid. London, Feb. 23.—A successful raid was carried out last night by Scottish troops in the neighborhood of Monchy Le Preux, says Thursday's war office statement.

"We captured a few prisoners. Prisoners were also brought in by our patrols east of Wytschaete.

"The hostile artillery was active during the night in the neighborhood of the road and south of Esplanade Forest. Intense Bombardment. With the American Army in France, Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press).—Today the American comment was still more intense on the American sector northwest of Toul. Night and day enemy projectiles are falling in tons and have been directed at a number of strategic points. The damage done has been unimportant.

Raid Repulsed. With the American Army in France, Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press).—Early today a small enemy party attempted to raid the railway post office, which is defended by a machine gun and which artillery fire chased them back to their lines.

A trench mortar projectile fell on one of our trenches today killing three and wounding four. It has prevented aerial activity, and the trenches and dugouts are flooded.

Shipping Losses Nil. Paris, Feb. 23.—No French merchantmen and no fishing vessels were sunk by German submarines or mines during week ending Feb. 16. Three merchantmen successfully escaped submarine attacks. Steamers entering French ports totalled 619 and departures 376.

NEW DOMINION RAILWAY POLICY

Grand Trunk and C. T. Pacific to be Nationalized and Operated With I. C. R.—Increased Railway Rates

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—The Morning Journal-Press thinks, so far as the deliberations of the sub-committee of the cabinet named to consider the railway problem, the plan of government action has been determined, but that the report of the sub-committee is still to be reviewed by the cabinet as a whole.

While nothing official has been given out, it is understood that the recommendations are as follows: (1)—That the Canadian Pacific Railway be 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 with the Grand Trunk stockholders in England in regard to terms for the disposal of their stock.

THE GERMAN SNAKE IN IRELAND



"Sure a Little Bit of Heaven Came from the Sky One Day."—Evans in Baltimore American.

Germans Cannot Invade England Says Naval Expert

London, Feb. 23.—(Montreal Gazette Cable).—An attempt by the Germans to invade England would present an interesting problem to the navy, said an eminent naval authority to your correspondent today as he discussed Col. Repington's recent suggestion that the Germans might be long to try to force a landing. He added: "We have been looking for some time for a landing."

The British military expert approved that the British fleet could not get out to sea for some time, and that the Germans might find it difficult to land. He added: "We have been looking for some time for a landing."

NO WORD YET OF MISSING SEAMEN IN THE CAUCASUS ON OFFENSIVE

Halifax, Feb. 23.—Up to 1 o'clock this afternoon no further word had been received of the steamer Acadia, whose captain, D. A. Scott, and nine of his crew are reported to have been lost on their ship. J. A. Farquhar & Co., Ltd., who yesterday received word to this effect from Burn, Mfld., said today that they had had no further message. How the men were lost is still a mystery, although it is presumed that the ship was seen to founder after some of her crew had been taken off by the steamer Ethio, which went to her rescue.

Mrs. Harris, whose husband, G. Harris, was steward on the Acadia, has received a telegram from him from Barkin, who was landed, supposedly by the steamer Ethio. Steward Harris' telegram was as follows: "Acadia lost, six saved up to now."

This message indicates that there was a possibility of some of her crew being rescued, but of this there has been no word.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. P. Stewart, part director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—The weather has moderated from Ontario eastward and continues quite mild in the western provinces. A moderate disturbance is centered southeast of Nova Scotia moving north-eastward.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Becoming milder, generally fair today and on Sunday. Lower St. Lawrence—Light local snow, but mostly fair today and on Sunday, and becoming milder. Gulf and North Shore—Local snowfalls, but mostly fair today and on Sunday and somewhat milder.

Fair and Mild. Maritime—Strong winds or moderate gales from northeast with snow; Sunday, southwest winds, generally fair and mild.

New England—Fair and continued cold tonight; Sunday, fair and warmer; moderate south winds.

COMMAND OF RIVER JORDAN IS IMPORTANT TO BRITISH

Completes Front Line Across Palestine And Makes Possible Junction With Arab Allies—Captured Country Affords Better Conditions For Invading Army

London, Feb. 23.—Much importance is attached to the arrival of the British on the banks of the Jordan, Reuters, Ltd., learns from an authoritative source. General Allenby's advance from Jerusalem was carried out under great difficulties. It was made during heavy rains, when the British had to march over hills comparable only to masses of slippery soap.

Possession of Jericho is an important step toward establishing touch between the British and their Arab allies. The British will be in direct contact with the Arabs for the first time, which should be of great encouragement to them as they have fought a long and hard contest against superior enemy numbers.

"The advance," the writer adds, "should result in the clearing out of the enemy from west of the Dead Sea, since that gives the British a line right across Palestine. It endangers the enemy's motor boat flotilla, which has had its base at the mouth of the Jordan, and cuts off from any Turkish now left west of the Dead Sea, as well as from those on the east, where they are exposed to the bold raids of the Bedouin Arabs, their masses of support from this source.

It must not be forgotten that the Arabs are working their way up the Peledar railway and already have been in action directly east of the Dead Sea. Turkish forces acting in Peledar and Southern Arabia already actually are cut off from the outside world, General Allenby having cut the Turkish forces concentrated west of Jericho, is now free to choose a line for an advance northward by whatever route seems best."

London, Feb. 22.—(Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency).—In connection with the capture of Jericho a noteworthy fact is that the whole of the newly captured district was the private property of the Sultan.

DEATHS OF ST. JOHN MEN APPEAR IN OFFICIAL LIST

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—Casualties: INFANTRY. Killed in Action. Lieut. J. A. Cameron, D. S. O., Col. de la Force, N. B. E. C. Himmelman, La Have Islands, J. O. Connor, Hatley Township, Que. J. Gilpin, address not stated.

Wounded. J. H. Humphreys, St. John, N. B. H. T. Goodwin, Clark's Harbor, N. S. J. V. Kelly, St. John, N. B.

Medals. D. W. Cameron, Mahone Bay, N. S. MOUNTED RIFLES. Killed in Action. J. J. Emdury, Halifax.

MEDICAL CORPS. Wounded. Captain F. W. Tidmarsh, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

ARRIVED TOO LATE FOR HIM

Officer Acknowledges Receipt of Parcel For The Late Private J. H. Hamilton

Mrs. E. A. Young, president of the West St. John Field Comforts Circle, has received the following letter from H. G. Ashford, officer commanding "C" company of the 96th battalion, thanking her on behalf of the parcel sent to Private J. H. Hamilton, runner for the battalion, who had died of wounds prior to the arrival of the parcel.

"The parcel arrived tonight from your circle for Private J. H. Hamilton. I am very sorry to tell you that this man died of wounds received at Passchendaele. Under these circumstances I took the liberty of dividing the contents among the other runners. Hamilton was a splendid fellow and the officers under whom he served have told me that they couldn't have a better or more reliable man for the position he held.

"I would like to take this opportunity of thanking, through you, the kind people who have been sending parcels to the boys. Could you see the men when parcels and letters arrive you would all be amply repaid for your trouble and I should say that this applies to all ranks. "Believe me, "Yours truly, (Sgd.) "H. G. ASHFORD, "O. C. 'C' Co., 26th Batt."

SENATE APPROVES OF CONTINUED CONTROL

Washington, Feb. 23.—The administration bill, providing for government control of railroads until eighteen months after the war, including many "short lines" and appropriating a revolving fund of \$500,000,000 for federal operation, was passed tonight by the senate without a roll call, and now awaits action in the house, where it is under debate.

Major Seath Dead. Montreal, Feb. 23.—Major David Seath, for nineteen years secretary-treasurer of the Montreal Harbor Commission, died this morning.

TO MAKE FRENCH COMPULSORY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Is Aim in Ontario, Says University Professor

ALREADY WIDELY TAUGHT

Bar Association, at Annual Dinner Hears Various Phases of Race Problem—International Tributes

Toronto, Feb. 23.—(Montreal Gazette).—"We are teaching more people in Ontario the French language today than we ever taught before. It is almost compulsory in the university and practically compulsory in the secondary schools, and just so soon as we educate the educational authorities up to it the French language will become compulsory in the elementary schools also."

This statement by Prof. George M. Wrong, of the University of Toronto, at the annual dinner of the Ontario Bar Association tonight at the Ontario Club was representative of the spirit of cordiality which was expressed by the legal profession of this province toward the sister province of Quebec.

Toronto, Feb. 23.—Prominent legal men from different parts of the province attended the dinner of the Ontario Bar Association at the Ontario Club last night, which concluded the annual meeting of that organization. Guests were in attendance representing the bar of Quebec and of the United States, and the tenor of the several addresses emphasized the cordiality that exists between these two branches of the Anglo-Saxon race. Dr. Geo. C. Campbell, retiring president, occupied the chair. Attention was drawn by Walter G. Smith, president of the American Bar Association, to the anniversary of that illustrious American, George Washington, who, he said, never lost touch with British ideals. While Canada has only one-tenth of the population of the United States, he said, this country is a most magnificent empire. He commended his hearers to turn to the United States and improve upon her experiments. Then this country will be a nation in the twentieth century, whereas the United States was a nation in the nineteenth century.

John T. Hackett, of the Montreal bar, quoted a statement of Mr. Smith to the effect that men of vision could not countenance divisions which are provincial, meaning, "to which I say amen." He said he was not there to tell them that French-Canadians had joined the ranks of the Canadian army in a large number of the war, including many "short lines" and appropriating a revolving fund of \$500,000,000 for federal operation, was passed tonight by the senate without a roll call, and now awaits action in the house, where it is under debate.

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GERMAN SOLDIERS IN BRIEF REVOLT

London, Feb. 23.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam, dated Thursday, says that according to frontier reports at Beverloo, in Belgium, where German recruits are trained for the front, officers announced Feb. 12 that the men would leave for Flanders the 18th and ordered them to sing "Die Wacht an Rhein" and other German national songs.

The soldiers, according to the despatch, declined to comply, whereupon an officer drew his sword and attacked a recruit. The officer was shot, and afterwards all the soldiers suspected of having participated in the revolt were court-martialed, sentenced to death and shot the same day.

PRINCESS PATRICIA IS HONORARY COLONEL

London, Feb. 23.—(Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency).—The appointment of H. H. the Princess Patricia, as honorary colonel in chief of the famous "Princess Patricia" Canadian Light Infantry, is gazetted.