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RUSS-JAP SECRET TREATY OVER CHINA

ROMANIAN ADVANCING UKRAINE'S REVOLT AGAINST BOLSHIEVIKI

Commander of Russian Forces in Southwest
Rumania Is Leading Army to Co-operate
With Ukrainians and Cossacks.

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—The civil war situation steadily more complicated. The Ukrainians have also decided to adhere to the Bolsheviks. Consequently fighting is now to be more probable than that the Rumanians are in a state of bewilderment to take orders from the Petrograd Government, or the Ukrainian Rada. Numbers of small warships recently to help the Bolsheviks at Rostov, are now being drawn, leaving the town in the hands of the Cossack army. It is reported to be advancing on Voronezh, 300 miles south of Moscow.

London, Dec. 21.—The Rumanians on the southwestern Russian front have joined the Ukrainians, and Lieut.-Gen. D. G. St. Chercheff, commander of the Russian forces in Rumania, has been appointed commander-in-chief of the whole Ukrainian front, according to a report received in Petrograd, and Company. The Bolsheviks and Ukrainian troops are reported to be advancing on each other, being three versts apart.

A Petrograd dispatch to the Daily News says that the staff of the Russian army on the Ukrainian front has joined the Ukrainians which report is declared to be more probable than that the Rumanians have taken such action. The Daily News reports confirm the appointment of Gen. Chercheff as the Rumanian commander.

INCESSANT FIGHTING IN PETROGRAD STREETS.

Petrograd, Dec. 19.—Incessant fighting has occurred in many parts of Petrograd in connection with the efforts to check drunkenness and prevent the raiding of wine cellars. A mob raided one distillery where fifteen soldiers drank themselves to death. Fifteen persons were killed and wounded when an armored motor car attacked the distillery, which was set on fire. The fire department was prevented from extinguishing the blaze by rowdies and many persons were burned before the situation was brought under control. The streets are running with wine in many sections where the soldiers are pumping wine out of the cellars to prevent disorder.

A BOLSHIEVSKI SUCCESS.
London, Dec. 21.—A Bolshevik force commanded by Gen. G. St. Chercheff, and Austrian officer prisoners has defeated the anti-Bolsheviks at Tashkent, capital of Russian Turkestan, according to a Petrograd dispatch to the Morning Post. The dispatch also says that it is believed a force of released enemy prisoners equivalent to two army corps commanded by their own officers, is now within striking distance of Petrograd.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Pravda, the Bolshevik organ, according to a Petrograd dispatch to the Times, prints the text of a secret treaty between Russia and Japan signed in July, 1916, agreeing to co-operate against the interference of any third power in the affairs of China.

SERBIA WAR MISSION ENTERTAINED BY WILSON

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Serbia's military mission was received here today with much ceremony. Escorts of cavalry and a party of American officials, headed by Secretary Lansing, met the commissioners. Later the mission was received by President Wilson, and presented an autograph letter from King Peter.

Tonight the president will entertain the mission at a state dinner.

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, 36; lowest, 34.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 40; lowest, 35.

TOMORROW—FAIR; MODERATELY COLD.

FORECASTS.
Today—Fresh west to northwest winds, colder tonight, with local snowbursts.

Saturday—Fair and moderately cold.

Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	44	28	Cloudy
Port Arthur	43	28	Clear
Port Stanley	36	23	Cloudy
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The weather has been cloudy and mild with light local rains from the Great Lakes eastward, while in Northern Ontario it has become somewhat colder. There has been very little change in the western provinces.

RUSSIAN PEACE TERMS TURNED DOWN BY FOE, SAYS REPORT

Unofficially Declared that Offer
Has Been Rejected.

WAITING FOR "STRONG" PACT

German Foreign Secretary
Given Great Send-off When
Departs for Conference.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—It is reported unofficially that the Germans have rejected the Russian peace terms, the Petrograd correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company wires under date of Thursday.

WANT STRONG PEACE.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, the German foreign secretary, with an important staff of officials, left Berlin yesterday for Brest-Litovsk amid scenes of enthusiasm, the crowd singing the National Anthem and raising shouts of "Bring us a strong peace!"

It is said that the peace negotiations will be under the presidency of Ibrahim Hakki Pasha, the Turkish ambassador to Berlin and dean of the Berlin diplomatic corps. The Bulgarian delegates include Minister of Justice Popoff and M. Koshchev, chief of the foreign office. While the peace delegates are assembling the activity at Petrograd of a number of German and Austrian officers apparently is causing heartburnings. Circulars have been spread alleging that the council of soldiers and workmen's delegates is in negotiations with the officers. The Pravda, the Bolshevik organ prints an unqualified denial of this charge against the Constitutional Democrats, claiming that they are trying to undermine Trotsky and Lenin.

The Pravda further appeals to the workmen to defeat the attempt of the Constitutional Democrats to place Russia under the control of German imperialism. The Bolsheviks also accuse the Constitutional Democrats of being responsible for the looting of wine shops which caused serious riots in Petrograd, and claim the documentary evidence, which they threaten to publish later.

TO STUDY PEACE.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21.—A German Government bureau for "studying questions relating to peace" has been opened in Berlin. Dr. Karl Helfferich, former vice-chancellor, is at the head of the bureau with Privy Councillor Albert, the former commissioner to the Panama Pacific, as his assistant.

CONSULTS REICHSSTAG.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21.—Von Hertling, the imperial chancellor, yesterday received representatives of the Reichstag parties, with whom he had a confidential discussion on the situation caused by the opening of peace negotiations with Russia. The chancellor announced, according to a Berlin official dispatch, that the emperor had authorized him to conclude peace, and he had charged Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann to conduct the negotiations.

The German stock exchange future negotiations were reviewed by the chancellor and all the deputies are said to have approved the guiding lines laid down.

According to the newspapers, the Independent Socialists were represented at the meeting by Deputy Haas. This is the first time since the foundation of a party that it has had direct intercourse with the German Government.

S. GOVT. TO PROBE ALL MEAT BUSINESS OF UNITED STATES

Investigation Will Touch
Every Phase of Industry.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—The federal trade commission's investigation, to determine the ownership of the meat stock yards and railroad facilities in the United States, will touch every phase of the meat supply. The commission's investigations are expected to form the basis for legislation to remedy the situation.

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PROFIT-TEARS



BILLY SUNDAY WALLOPS A GERMAN WHO ATTACKS HIM ON PLATFORM

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 21.—Before a screaming, yelling audience of thousands of men and women at the Tabernacle last night, Billy Sunday, when nearing the close of his revival here, fought a fast and furious fist fight with a German sympathizer on the platform. While the exchange of blows was about even, Billy had decidedly the better of the argument before the crowd near the platform separated the contestants. His attack came just after the evangelist had begun a vigorous attack on the Germans and their allies in this war.

He had just said that he "didn't think God would be on the side of a dirty bunch that would stand aside and see a Turk outrage a woman."

At this point there came cries of "Look out and stop him!" and W. Reuterbach, a carpenter, of 113 South Prior street, pushed by Sunday workers who were trying to keep him off the platform, landed a glancing blow on the evangelist.

Turning to see the cause of the interruption, Sunday, crouched like a prize fighter and looking like a ring general, launched an attack on the intruder.

Billy led for the face and missed, and the stranger, who outweighed Billy fifty pounds at least, landed a glancing blow on the face. Then Billy crouched with heavy wallops to the chest, and the crowd was on the platform and tore the fighters apart.

Loomis warns against German intrigue here.

Enemy spreading false reports of own conditions to hamper the allies.

Gift bundles now ready in Masonic Hall.

ALL CAREFULLY CHOSEN

Advice taken from those in close touch with the poor.

The Shriners of London and Detroit are showing practical charity to the poor kiddies at this Christmas time, as a visit to the Masonic Hall today will show.

About 600 bundles are ready for distribution now and Monday, and many children will be made very happy.

At the last session of Mocha Temple, the members of Mocha Temple, Detroit, and the local members subscribed nearly \$1,000 for the youngsters of London.

Since then a local committee, including the officers, Potentate Dr. Harry Abbott, Past Potentate J. L. Richmond, W. H. Abbott, the recorder, Ben Noble, W. W. Gammon, C. W. McGuire, Dr. A. Roy Routledge, Thomas Rowe, Harry Hayman and a score of others have been busy preparing lists of poor youngsters.

A woman's advisory committee was selected composed of Mesdames A. A. Campbell, chairman, W. H. Abbott, secretary, C. W. McGuire, W. W. Gammon, A. Roy Routledge, J. L. Richmond, Thos. Rowe, H. C. McGuire, T. W. McFarlane, K. Hayman, W. D. McGregor, Geo. E. Logan and Ben Noble, and they have done practically all the work.

They consulted the school nurses, Misses Nash and Rowe, and Miss Hanson, the tuberculosis nurse, and the Victorian Order of Nurses, and thereby secured an authentic list of needy cases.

These numbered close to 600. The committee purchased shoes, rubbers, woolen underwear, socks, and other necessary articles. In addition, the parcels contain candles and fruits for the youngsters. The sizes of the shoes were secured in most of the cases, if it so happens that the shoes or rubbers are not the right size, W. H. Abbott can be communicated with, and change will be made.

BRUCE TRAIN SERVICE CUT IN HALF; INTERESTED LONDON MEN WILL PROTEST AGAINST G. T. R. ACTION

One Train Each Way on Branch Line Which Means So Much
to City Removed Because of Coal Shortage, Says Company,
But Shippers, Travelers and Public Generally Are
Demanding Their Retention.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The following statement was issued by the militia department today:
"It is urgently necessary that charitable individuals and organizations throughout Canada who are good enough to send shipments of Red Cross supplies of any kind to any unit of the Canadian Red Cross should clearly understand that if these supplies are not forwarded to the Red Cross committee in Canada, but sent direct by private individuals they should be sent either to the Red Cross committee, 14 and 16 Cockspur street, London, S. W. England, or direct to the hospital unit concerned. Many of these shipments are still being forwarded 'Canadian Medical Stores, Laidlaw sheds, Southampton.' This Canadian medical store has been closed for some time, and parcels thus addressed can scarcely do otherwise than go astray. Packages addressed to individual hospital units should be sent in larger quantities through the Red Cross committee in Canada, or to the Red Cross committee in Great Britain at the above address. There are no facilities at Southampton for handling them."

Train changes on the Grand Trunk, scheduled to go into effect on January 6, when 40 trains of the Ontario division are to be cut off, affect London vitally, and will be vigorously opposed in this city. The main objection here is to the removal of the morning Bruce train, which leaves here at 3:30 each morning, save Sunday, for Wingham and returns from there at 3:25 in the afternoon, reaching London at 6:15 p.m. The northern towns will back up London in its fight to have this train continued and every indication points to the fact that the Dominion Railway Commission will be flooded with protests against the removal of the Bruce train.

London travelers, shippers and wholesalers are combining in their efforts to retain this train. The board of trade at a special meeting this afternoon, called for 5 o'clock, will consider the question and official protest from the board is expected. Individual shippers are writing in their protests already.

Blame it on Coal.
The official notice has not yet been sent out of the cancellation of the morning Bruce, but all station agents and employees as well as the postoffice officials have been notified of the change. Lack of coal is given as the company's excuse for cutting off the train. Men interested in the situation point to the fact that some two months ago the Toronto Star editorially predicted just such a move. At that time the Star declared that the company was simply "stalling."

Many of the trains slated for removal according to the first draft of the new time card, in this district, will be cut off. The trains are to be removed; one reaching here from Toronto is cut off; one from Sarnia and another from Stratford are in the same class, while changes in running time will affect others. Branch lines, mostly local, are cut off, too.

End Us Here.
The Ontario Limited, now running from Sarnia tunnel to Toronto, will terminate its eastern run in this city. It is proposed, Train 23 from Toronto, due at 4:50 a.m., is cut off, while the Stratford local, due at 1:45, will no longer arrive. Train No. 32, the Toronto accommodation, via Stratford, due to leave at 12:30, will be cut off. The Sarnia train, slated to reach London at 6:25, has also been cut off in the first draft.

However, the protests will not centre around these changes, as it does around the Bruce.
Best Paying Branch.
The "Bruce" is asserted to be one of the best paying branches of the Grand Trunk in this or any other district of the system. On many nights the London-bound "Bruce" has standing room only. This is particularly true of Friday nights, when the travelers are coming in from their territories up and down the line. The London travelers are a unit in declaring that far from being a non-productive branch, the one leaving London at 6:25, has also been cut off in the first draft.

Not only does the elimination, or possible elimination, of the morning "Bruce" mean the wholesalers, manufacturers and shippers of London, but it also interferes with the retailers' prospects. This would be doubly true if the "Bruce" train, the one leaving Wingham in the morning and returning at night, were cut off.

High school students attending the Clinton Collegiate will also be affected. A number of these are taken into Clinton every morning. Mail service, express and baggage service to the northern towns will be more or less demoralized.

All Wholesalers Interested.
London is vitally interested in the cutting off of the "Bruce." Every wholesale house in the city has a man assigned to the "Bruce" territory. The majority of these leave in the morning on the train slated for removal and return at night on train No. 161, the southbound number of the same train. Grocery houses here particularly make weekly calls on their customers in the Bruce district. Cutting off of these trains will affect every wholesale and every traveler.

Travelers Get Busy.
As soon as word of the proposed removal of the "Bruce" was received by the local travelers' action was taken by the Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association. Travelers interviewed Superintendent Charles Forrester and were informed, they say, that the "Bruce" would likely be cut off. This statement was confirmed by the fact that all station agents had been advised of the removal of the train.

Every traveler in London is interested in the removal of the morning "Bruce" train, declared one of the executive officers of the O. C. T. A. today. There will be at least 1,000 men affected by the change. The whole system of the city is affected. The merchants of the northern towns will lose considerably, too, and mail service will be demoralized.

It would seem that London is also given it in the neck so far as the railways are concerned. The Grand Trunk railway, which has been in operation for over 100 years, has been put back on again as a result of the protests from Toronto. No such action was ever taken here.

What Company Says.
The statement issued by the Grand Trunk declares that the coal situation is responsible for the elimination of the trains. Superintendent Forrester is authority for the statement that the local reserve of coal is being used at the rate of some 400 tons per day, and will

SECRET TREATY BETWEEN RUSSIA AND JAPANESE

Condition of Pact To Unite
Against Third Power
Published.

SEEKING TO RULE CHINA

Russ Government Publishes a
Document Claimed To Be
Against Britain and U. S.

Petrograd, Thursday, Dec. 20.—Under the heading, "Secret Treaty Between Japan and Russia for Joint Armed Demonstration Against America and Great Britain in the Far East," the Ivestia publishes what it says is the text of a secret treaty drawn up last year, providing for joint action by Russia and Japan to prevent any third country from achieving political dominance in China.

The treaty, dated July 3, 1916, runs for five years, automatically extending itself until a year after one party expresses the desire to annul it. It is signed by Sergius Sazonov, then Russian foreign minister, and Viscount Motono, Japanese foreign minister. The treaty stipulates that "the agreement shall remain a deep secret for all except for the contracting parties." It opens with a statement that it is designed to supplement and strengthen the secret treaties of 1907, 1910 and 1912. Article one is given as follows:

Defense of China.
"The contracting parties recognize that the interests of either side demand the defense of China from political domination by any third power which is cherishing hostile intentions toward Russia and Japan, and therefore undertake, whenever circumstances necessitate, to enter into operations against such a third power in order to prevent the necessary steps to prevent the event in China of such a state of affairs."

Other articles are published as follows: "Article II: In the event that a consequence of any measure undertaken by mutual consent by Russia and Japan on the basis of preceding article, an armed third power, or a third power should declare war against Russia or Japan, the other contracting party shall, on first demand of its ally, come to its aid. Each contracting party binds itself not to make peace with the common enemy without obtaining the agreement of its ally."

Armed Assistance.
"Article III: The conditions on which either party shall give armed assistance, and the means by which such assistance shall be extended shall be fixed by the respective authorities of the contracting parties."

"Article IV: It must especially be kept in mind that neither party shall consider itself obligated in accordance with article 2 to give its ally armed assistance unless it gives its ally a guarantee from its ally to the effect that they will give it assistance to the extent necessitated by the seriousness of the possible conflict."

Says Quebec Willing
To Retire From the
Confederation Pact

Motion in Legislature Proposed That Rupture Be Accepted.

Quebec, Dec. 21.—The willingness of Quebec to retire from the confederation of Canadian provinces is expressed in a motion introduced in the Legislative Assembly today by J. N. Francoeur, deputy for L'Orignal. The motion will be debated on January 8.

The motion introduced by Mr. Francoeur is as follows: "That this House be of opinion that the Province of Quebec would be disposed to accept the rupture of the federation pact of 1867 if, in the opinion of the other provinces, it is an obstacle to the union and progress and development of Canada."

GETS LIEUTENANT'S RANK.
John V. Ross has been taken on the strength of the Canadian Army Dental Corps, with the rank of Army Dental