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STRIKING WORKMEN MAKE GERMAN PRESENT ULTIMATUM TO THEIR GOVERNMENT

Demand Peace, Better Food and Internal Reforms

Half a Million Workers on Strike and Movement is Spreading Rapidly—Munition Factories Involved—Several Cities Said to be in State of Siege—Workers Infuriated by Refusal of Minister of Interior to Grant Conference.

London, Jan. 31.—Strikes by half a million or more workers in Germany, and the presentation of an ultimatum to the government demanding immediate negotiations for a general peace on the basis of no annexations and no indemnities, better food, and a number of liberal demands, indicate clearly that the movement is of such importance as to cause the government disquietude.

According to some reports the strike involves a number of munition factories and some submarine wharves, but up to this time the railway and transportation services have not been involved.

A SCATHING REBUKE

The Vorwaerts, in a scathing article, asks whether the Germans ought to laugh or cry, that while hundreds of thousands of workers have left the factories, the Prussian Diet should be discussing such unimportant matters as to whether the crown prince and other princes should be life members of the upper house.

The German union of labor, an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Amsterdam says, has issued an anti-strike leaflet, declaring that Great Britain and America only await the moment when Germany is weakened by internal strife to fall upon Germany and ruin her trade and smash German competition.

"We want no hunger peace." Therefore, down with mass strikes. Our future is at stake.

CITIES IN STATE OF SIEGE

Copenhagen, Jan. 31.—A state of siege has been declared at Hamburg, Altona and Wandsbek, according to the Hamburg Echo, a Socialist newspaper.

Amsterdam, Jan. 31.—The number of strikers in Berlin is estimated at about 120,000 according to a semi-official statement issued in Berlin yesterday.

Both in Berlin and the provinces increases in the strike since Tuesday. There had been only an inconsiderable increase in the strike since Tuesday.

The Berlin newspapers, with few exceptions, have been published. The streets of the German capital, the statement adds, show no signs of a strike.

At a meeting of the Berlin strikers on Wednesday, the Tagblatt adds, a resolution was passed declaring that the strikers would oppose to the utmost of their power any reprisals against their leaders or representatives.

ALL WORK SUSPENDED IN HAMBURG. London, Jan. 31.—The cessation of work in Hamburg is now virtually complete, according to a Dutch Telegraph despatch from Rotterdam.

London, Jan. 31.—No one has been permitted to cross the Swiss frontier from Germany since Tuesday morning, according to the Daily News correspondent at Geneva.

Opinion in Geneva, the correspondent says, is that the strike movement will reach a crisis soon. It is felt that the movement either will collapse or take a turn which may force the German government to its knees.

The report of a strike in the works at Essen is not confirmed, but the Munich Post says that Dr. Krupp von Bohlen has issued a statement to the workmen in the Krupp works urging them to "keep steady nerves in this moment of crisis and to remember their brothers in the field."

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A GERMAN AIR RAID ON PARIS

The First Since July of Last Year—Twenty Persons Killed and Much Damage Done

Paris, Jan. 31.—German airplanes visited Paris last night. The alarm was given at 11:30 o'clock. Bombs were thrown at various points in Paris and the suburbs. Several persons were killed and material damage is reported.

German air raids on Paris have been infrequent during the past year. During the first two years of the war Zeppelins were in the habit of bombing the French capital, but since the summer of 1917 proved too much for them.

The last previous raid on Paris was made on the night of the 11th of March 1917, but the raiders did not reach the city. On Jan. 30, 1918, Paris was raided by Zeppelins, and probably was damaged.

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For What? Berlin, Jan. 31, via London.—"As a reprisal," says the official statement issued today by the war office, "we dropped fourteen tons of bombs on Paris."

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A RUSSIAN ATTACK ON VON HERTLING

Expresses Indignation That He Should Be Permitted to Dictate Peace Terms

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Decisive Battle Ends In Sweeping Successes For The Italians

After Taking Three Strategic Heights, Allied Troops Capture Important Position of Monte Di Val Bella—Fighting of Bloodiest Character at Close Grips

Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy, Jan. 30.—(By the Associated Press)—The battle in the mountains west of the Brenta river during the past two days has been one of the most decisive since the new battle lines were formed.

The enemy was driven far back from his former front with very heavy losses. The prisoners taken by the Italians exceed 2,500 men and more than one hundred officers, six cannon, one hundred machine guns and several thousand rifles were captured.

The fighting was of the bloodiest character with hand grenades, bayonets, and knives.

An enemy attempt to bring forward large reinforcements caused a debacle, in which the retreating forces got into extreme confusion with those being brought to the front.

BRITISH AIRMEN ATTACK. London, Jan. 30.—The following communication dealing with aviation was issued this evening:—

"Bombing attacks were carried out Tuesday vigorously against ammunition dumps and airfields all day long, while low flying machines engaged the enemy's troops with machine gun fire.

"Eight hostile machines were downed in air fights and four were driven down out of control. An observation balloon was downed in flames.

"Three of our machines are missing."

NEW WITNESSES TELL THRILLING STORY. (By the Associated Press)—

Witnesses of the Italian attack of the past few days on the Asiago plateau tell a story of thrilling interest. From their accounts it appears that the first Italian rush was in the darkness at 3 o'clock Monday morning.

The sleeping enemy forces were taken completely by surprise. The Alpine were in the thick of this fighting, and by daylight they had swept the first line trenches and had taken an old church which formed a strategic point in the enemy line of defence.

They were vigorously supported by the heroic Sassari brigade, which took and re-took the height of Col. Del. Rosso three times against the stubborn, desperate resistance of the enemy.

The early moments were a diversion to screen the main movement on the night, when a stroke was delivered for the dominating height of Monte Di Val Bella.

It was here that the most severe fighting occurred through Monday night and in the early hours of Tuesday. Italian storm troops took the eastern and western slopes, and by 11 o'clock the height of Col. Del. Rosso was in their hands.

Tuesday morning had cut through the summit and were establishing themselves firmly in definite control of the key position.

LABOR PARTY IN BRITISH COLUMBIA. Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 30.—The decision to organize a labor political party, and the holding of a conference immediately after the close of the present session, was decided on at the afternoon session of the British Columbia Federation of Labor convention, after a long discussion today.

The approval of the formation of the political party was not unanimous. Twelve voted against it, and eighty-four for it.

NEWS OF FREDERICTON. Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 31.—Miss Sadie Titus, daughter of Hugh C. Titus of Marysville, died last night following a short illness. She was forty-nine years old.

She is survived by her father, two brothers, George and Wallace, both of Marysville, and three sisters, Mrs. Frank J. Boone of South Devon, Mrs. Berton Denison of Marysville and Miss Minnie Titus of Marysville. The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon.

The hockey season in Fredericton will open tonight with the U. N. B. and Fredericton city playing. The U. N. B. team will be Defence, McAllister, Barnett, Captain Carey; forwards, Lindsay, Orlinham, Shea; substitutes, Ryan, McIntosh.

There is general satisfaction expressed on account of the restoration of the train service on the C. P. R., particularly the early morning train from St. John.

Elwood Burrill of Burrill's Corner, and Lorne Merrifield of this city, will leave here on Tuesday on a prolonged trip to the Pacific coast, including southern California and British Columbia.

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BERLIN, OHIO, WILL CHANGE ITS NAME

Canton, Ohio, Jan. 30.—Seven hundred and eighty-four adult citizens of New Berlin, Ohio—a majority of the village—recently signed petitions asking that the town be given the name of North Canton, because of the alleged attacks and hardships of the German army.

Robert Day, common pleas judge, after hearings today, directed issuance of an order permitting such action.

Atchery is reported in various parts of Finland.

Phelix and Pherinand WEATHER REPORT

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

Synopsis.—Pressure continues high over Canada to the northern states and southwest. The weather is fine and very cold throughout the dominion.

Lakes and Georgian Bay—Northerly winds, fine today and Friday with temperatures below zero in nearly all localities Friday morning.

Upper St. Lawrence and Ottawa Valley, Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Fair today and on Friday, becoming colder.

Deddedly Cold. Maritime—Fresh northwest and north-east winds, fair and decidedly cold today and on Friday.

Superior—Moderate winds, fine and very cold today and on Friday.

Western Provinces—Fine today and Friday, slowly moderating.

New England—Cloudy tonight; Friday, fair, cold; moderate shifting winds, becoming northwest.

URGE COMPULSORY FOOD SAVING

Regina, Sask., Jan. 30.—That the government of Canada, having taken the drastic action of conscripting men for active service, a measure endorsed by the people, should at once introduce legislation to force the people of Canada to conserve food rather than continue along a line of education, was the belief put forward this afternoon by members of the local women and other citizens at a large public meeting held at the parliament buildings here, and addressed by W. G. Rook, special representative of the National Committee on Food Conservation.

Further than this, the meeting went on to favor restriction in the manufacture of candies, prohibition of manufacture and sale of ice cream, prohibition of killing of calves, and various other steps, all of which had in view the conservation of food so that Britain and her allies can receive from Canada the supplies of food which, the meeting was told, is so necessary at the present time.

MUNITION WORKERS AND THE SERVICE ACT. Ottawa, Jan. 31.—In denying the exemption appeal of J. H. Rutter and R. C. Lusk, employees of the J. C. Wilson Company, Belleville, Ont., on the ground that their services were essential in carrying on the manufacture of munitions, and that exceptional hardship would ensue from a business point of view by reason of their withdrawal into military service, Hon. Justice Duff, central appeal judge, today emphasized strongly that in applications for the mechanics engaged in the manufacture of munitions "it is necessary that the character of the work should be specified with sufficient precision to enable a competent mechanical engineer of experience to decide whether a substitute can or cannot without unreasonable difficulty, or loss of time be trained or otherwise procured."

"The qualifications of the subject of the application, the wages he receives and the number of hours he usually works in each week, these should all be stated."

MORE RUSSIAN FREED FROM SERVICE IN ARMY. London, Jan. 31.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Express says: Demobilization of four more classes of the army has been ordered by the government. All men thirty-one years of age also are to be released by army duty.