

CERMANY MUZZLES THE PRESS

State of War Practically Existing Now Between Greece and Central Powers

Offensive Renewed by British Upon Wide Front Last Night; Objectives Carried

Momentous Action by Reichstag Looked For

SUNDAY TO SEE CRISIS IN RUSSIA

Demonstration in Honor of Victims of Revolution May Cause Uprising REVOLUTION FEARED Anarchists and Others Now Supporting the Cause of Reaction AGITATORS ARRESTED Appeal Made for Demonstration Against Lvoff and Government

By Courier Leased Wire. Petrograd, June 28.—In connection with the great demonstration which has been arranged for next Sunday by the congress of Councils of Deputies in honor of the victims of the revolution, all the moderate law-abiding citizens supporting for the defence of the provisional government during the last few days, evidence has been accumulating that the members of the extreme right have combined with the anarchists and members of the Bolshevik faction to utilize the demonstration for the purpose of a counter-revolution in the cause of reaction.

At a meeting of the Petrograd council of deputies to-day, a report was presented which stated that the Durnovo Palace, which is the headquarters of the anarchist authors of last Saturday's unsuccessful attempt to overthrow the government, also is being used for conferences of the reactionaries. The report added that the council daily was in receipt of fresh facts proving that an attempt will be made to convert Sunday's demonstration into a counter-revolutionary outbreak.

Similar statements have been made to the executive of the regimental committees of the Petrograd garrison—that the agitation is being pursued by the reactionary black hundred among the more ignorant soldiers, the representatives of whom openly declared that the plan is to massacre the middle classes of the population. This representative is reported to have added, "It is all the same to us who rules Russia, even if it is Kaiser William."

Newspaper comment indicates that the reactionary plus the anarchist agitation is being taken seriously, but that it is likely only to have the effect of emphasizing that Sunday's demonstration will be of a pro-government and pro-revolutionary character and against the fanatics of both camps.

Rigid Restrictions Placed Upon Newspapers Through German Empire Give Rise to Belief That Startling Events of Some Sort are Impending--Teuton Press Bureau Has Long Mised Public by False News and Much-Distorted Reports

By Courier Leased Wire

London, June 29.—Special despatches from Rotterdam say it is inferred there, in view of the gagging of the German press, that something dramatic has happened or is about to happen in Germany. They quote the Frankfurter Zeitung, complaining that it was compelled to issue its political section until further notice without an independent expression of opinion, and say the censorship now far exceeds anything previous. The press is declared to be completely muzzled. It is said the real secret of the paper shortage is a government move to compel newspapers to print such bare news allowed, excluding commentary matter. The belief is expressed in Holland that next week's meeting of the Reichstag may produce startling developments.

German Made News

Copenhagen, June 29.—The manipulation of the German press by the authorities, the employment of the vast apparatus of the war press office for filling the newspapers with special despatches and semi-official accounts and comments on military events, the plain and fancy distortions of truth by the admiralty press bureau, working in the spirit instilled by von Tirpitz, and the glaringly inaccurate announcements of brilliant crop prospects put forth regularly at and before harvest time, have repeatedly been referred to in despatches, together with descriptions of the working of the censorship to prevent any free discussion of public problems in Germany.

It is now possible to cite the testimony of German newspapers, which, writing under the government, cuts in their paper supply, speak their minds freely on the conditions in the profession. The Deutsche Volks Zeitung, for example, writing of the government efforts to control and direct sentiment, says that the contents of the German papers are almost word for word the same in all the papers, as these are fed from the same source and are not permitted by reason of the censorship restrictions to take any independent line in news or views.

"The Government's whole effort," says the paper, "is towards the creation of a standardized newspaper, and it insists upon the unchanged publication of a mass of articles and despatches furnished." Parenthetically, it may be remarked that it is an offence punishable by martial law, for an editor to omit a comma or a word from a communication issued by a news agency and designated as official.

The Volks Zeitung declares that the German newspapers are losing the confidence of their readers, who are taking their information from neutral newspapers. It says that the just complaint is now frequently heard: "The papers are all alike. We desire to know only what is set before us, and what these above us do not want is not printed."

has been able, though often by the scantiest of margins, to avoid the humiliating acknowledgement that the growth passed entirely. This weeks decrease is attributed semi-officially to heavy purchases abroad. The increase of the gold reserve has long since ceased to keep pace with the increase in note circulation. The bank several months ago was compelled to abandon the old legal basis of gold and silver covering for paper circulation and supplement metallic covering by reckoning commercial paper to make up the prescribed one-third cover.

With the gold supply falling despite utmost efforts, financial authorities of late devoted their chief energies to a campaign to restrain an increase in note circulation by promoting the use of checks and bank transfers instead of cash.

London, June 29.—According to a despatch to the Times, from Amsterdam, German specie from the Imperial Bank of Germany has been received there. This German gold has been consigned to several Dutch banks. The correspondent says it is a small part payment of the German debt to Holland, chiefly for foodstuffs and is the only practicable method of preventing further serious damage to the reputation of the German mark.

Germany, currency, it is said, cannot be further buttressed by such devices as raising of the prices of coal and steel. The writer quotes a statement in the Handelsblad that important disbursements took place recently between German and Dutch financiers with a view to re-establishing German exchange which is now somewhat improved. The Handelsblad, expects gold consignments of greater amount shortly. The morning newspapers comment on the significance of the decrease in the returns of the Imperial Bank of Germany, saying they are falsified throughout. They say that although returns are never admitted the fact is that gold has been sent out of the country from time to time.

The Times says the real difficulty for Germany is whether the gold she sends abroad will ever come back.

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ENEMY IS FORCED TO QUIT LENS

Evacuation of Town and Mining Basin Has Been Decided on FRESH WITHDRAWAL Huns Hemmed in at Lens, and Menaced With Utter Annihilation THE PREMIER SPEAKS Peace Before Aims of Allies Are Achieved Would be Diastrous

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"British aeroplanes have dropped nearly four thousand bombs between the German lines within ten weeks and have taken three hundred photographs daily."

"Andre Tudes, the Journal's correspondent telegraphs: "Lens is surrounded on three sides, and its outskirts have been invaded by strong British patrols. The town is swept by an infernal bombardment and shrouded in clouds of asphyxiating gas, which has overwhelmed the enemy, who is quitting the town, leaving his wrecked defences and shelters to be shelled by shells to slip away in successive waves to fresh quarters in the Droocourt-Queant line.

"The encirclement was preceded by five weeks of intensive bombardment and was assured on Monday morning, when the British were easily able to chase the enemy from untenable positions on both banks of the Souchez. German lines stating that the British are suffering probable losses, are refuted by the fact that this important success was obtained with only two killed and a few wounded."

No Premature Peace. Glasgow, June 29.—In discussing the question of peace to-day Premier Lloyd George said that if the war should be concluded a single hour before the allied powers reached the end they set out to attain at the beginning of the war, it would be the greatest disaster that ever befell mankind.

"In my judgment" said the Premier, "this war will come to an end when the allied powers have reached the end they set out to attain when they accepted the challenge thrown down by Germany to civilization. Then this war ought to come to an end, but if it comes to an end a single hour before, it will be the greatest disaster that ever befell mankind."

"I hear people say that Germany is ready to give us a satisfactory peace. No doubt, you can have peace now at a certain price, for no doubt, Germany wants peace, but it is a peace which would give her economic and other control over the countries which she has invaded.

Infants Sandals, Strap Slippers, etc., at Coles' Shoe Co., Dress the little one's feet comfortably these hot days.

BRITISH ADVANCE UPON WIDE FRONT

Entire Objective Gained by Haig's Men in Offensive Launched Last Night in Arras Sector--Teuton Positions on Front of 2000 Yards Taken

London, June 29.—British troops last night, in an offensive, gained their whole objective, says a telegram from their headquarters in France. The British captured German forward positions on a 2,000 yard front south and west of Oppy, in the Arras sector.

The statement follows: Early last night we attacked and captured the enemy's forward position on a front of about 2,000 yards south and west of Oppy. The whole of our objectives were gained and a number of prisoners and machine guns were taken by us.

"Our troops continue to gain ground on a wide front south of the Souchez River and have entered Avion.

"A further number of prisoners and six machine guns have been captured in this area. "A hostile raiding party was repulsed during the night north of Chesley. We successfully raided the enemy's trenches southeast of Loos."

Shipping and cargoes are well and quickly handled and hospital arrangements are very good. Everything is efficiently organized.

REDUCTION IN PRICE OF COAL COMING IN U.S.

Cost of Soft Coal to be Lowered One to Five Dollars to Consumer AGREEMENT REACHED Between Government Officials and Coal Magnates at Washington

Washington, June 29.—Both the American consumer and the Government are to get relief from the high cost of coal. Beginning July 1, the price of soft coal at all mines east of the Mississippi is to be reduced one to five dollars, alone to the consumer, with still further cut of fifty cents to the government, has been reached between representatives of the coal interests and government officials, following several days of conferences here. It was also agreed further to postpone the question of lower prices on hard coal until after July 1. Anthracite operators indicated willingness, however, to meet the government in the same spirit shown by soft coal men.

Weather Bulletin Toronto, June 29.—The depression which was in Iowa yesterday is now centered over Lake Ontario. It has caused heavy rains and local thunderstorms in Ontario. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fine with the exception of a few scattered thunder showers in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Fresh west to north west winds, fair and moderately warm. Saturday—Moderate winds, fine and warm.

PLAN TO SPEND DOMINION DAY IN BRANTFORD

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