

CATEGORICALLY REJECTS ANY MOVE FOR SEPARATE PEACE

Congress of Workmen's and Soldiers' Deputies of All Russia Takes Firm Stand.

Petrograd, Cable.—A resolution categorically rejecting any move for a separate peace between Germany and Russia has been adopted by an overwhelming majority by the Congress of Workmen's and Soldiers' Deputies of all Russia.

The congress recognizes, consequently, that the struggle for more rapid ending of the war constitutes the most important problem for the revolutionary democracy.

NORWAY IS APPALLED

By the German Ship Wreckers' Plots. Ton of Explosives in Fake Coal Lumps.

Christiania, Norway, Cable says.—Discovery of the German plot to destroy Norwegian steamers by explosives was announced late last week.

In all, a ton of explosives has been discovered concealed in artificial lumps of coal, which presumably were to be placed in ships' bunkers and in bombs fitted with the most ingenious mechanism.

SPAIN IS CALM.

Premier Dato Explains His Recent Move.

Madrid Cable.—Premier Dato said to-day the Government believed its measures had been well received by the public.

"The Ministers had intended to govern as if in normal times," said the Premier.

CROP OUTLOOK STILL BRIGHT

Spring Grain Fields Are in Fine Condition.

Potatoes Doing Well—Live Stock Thriving.

Toronto Report.—A summary of the weekly crop reports by district representatives to the Ontario Department of Agriculture indicates that during the past week considerable corn, beans, potatoes, turnips, buckwheat and millet were put in.

Spring grain fields are looking in fine condition. Fall wheat continues to improve, and is beginning to head out.

Early roots look well, and those planted more recently are finding a good seed-bed.

Pastures are most inviting in appearance, and live stock on the grass are thriving.

Reports concerning orchards vary according to locality and care.

There is a steady demand reported for pure-bred sires and dams of both beef and milking breeds.

At the Lindsay Horse Fair on Thursday 11 horses were purchased by military buyers at prices ranging from \$190 to \$220.

Representatives are still placing men and boys on farms, but in some cases it is impossible to meet the requests.

A large delegation from New Jersey inspected the Toronto harbor improvements.

Flight Lieut. Paul Herrick Bigwood, of Toronto, was killed in action.

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GREEK AFFAIRS.

Probable Names of Venizelos' Ministers.

Athens, Cable.—The resignation of Premier Zaimis was occasioned by his decision that he could not assume responsibility for convocation of the Parliament of May 31, 1916.

In resigning, M. Zaimis announced that King Alexander was willing to comply with all demands of the Entente.

It is understood that Venizelos will be Premier, Nicholas Politis, Foreign Minister of the Provisional Government, set up at Saloniki by M. Venizelos, probably will have the Foreign portfolio in the Venizelos' Cabinet.

Proceedings have been instituted against the ringleaders in the recent demonstration.

HUN PRESS HIDES NEWS

Copenhagen Cable.—German newspapers generally refrain from giving their readers embarrassing details of the German bomb conspiracy at Christiania.

SHORT ITEMS OF THE NEWS OF THE DAY

P. & O. Liner Mongolia Sank Off Bombay—Mails Were Lost.

RECORD WOOL PRICE

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Military Writers in Doubt Where Blow Will Fall.

Recent Feints Cover Grouping and Surprise.

Copenhagen Cable.—Kerman military writers, with enlightenment furnished to them by the War Press Bureau, express the opinion that the British are preparing a new offensive.

General von Ardenne also declares a Russian offensive is entirely impossible at this time.

FIX FOOD PRICES.

British Food Controller Explains His Plan.

London Cable.—Baron Rhondda has decided that in order to limit any further rise in prices of the more important foodstuffs, and as far as possible to reduce the present level of prices it will be necessary to institute much stricter measures in the production of foodstuffs.

The first step is to determine the exact cost of production and handling. For that purpose steps have been taken to set up a costing department in the Ministry of Food.

GERMAN GALL.

Protested Opening Baggage of Bomb Platter.

London Cable.—Reports received here from Norway say that the German Legation at Christiania formally protested against the breaking of the German official seal on the baggage of Aaron Kauteniels, a German, who is among those arrested in connection with the conspiracy to blow up seized ships.

SUNKEN TREASURE.

\$1,000,000 Copper Cargo Located in Superior.

Alpena, Mich., Report.—Attired in novel diving armor of his own invention, Benjamin Leavitt, a Toledo man, descended 150 feet into the waters of Lake Superior late afternoon.

Half a dozen times attempts have been made to salvage the cargo of the Pewabic. Ten days ago the wreck of the vessel was located by soundings.

Hoax—Jones complains that he can't make both ends meet.

"Eye for Eye, Tooth for Tooth," for Air Raids, Repugnant to the Nation.

London Cable.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—In the House of Lords to-day Lord Derby, dealing with the question of reprisals for German air raids, emphasized the fact that our air craft were daily bombing positions in the enemy's rear.

Lord Derby emphasized that the reprisals must have definite military objectives, such as the blowing up of bridges and munition works.

Continuing the Minister of War said that the Government had given the military authorities an absolutely free hand in the use of their aircraft.

KUT DISASTER BLAME PLACED BY COMMISSION

Sir John Nixon Chiefly Responsible, in Opinion of That Body.

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The responsibility for this untoward advance, says the commission, lies with Sir John Nixon, whose confident optimism was the main cause of the disaster.

AS TO WAR AIMS.

Russia Desires a Conference of Allies.

London Cable.—Foreign Secretary Balfour said in the House of Commons to-day he understood Albert Thomas, member of the French Cabinet, who has just returned from a mission to Russia, had been informed by the Russian Government of its intention, as soon as circumstances permitted, to suggest the convocation of a conference of the allies to revise the agreements concerning their war aims.

The Premier asserted absolute calm reigned throughout the country.

in Mesopotamia. Their responsibility is grave. Sir John Nixon is found responsible for recommending the advances in 1916 with insufficient transport and equipment.

LAMENTABLE BREAKDOWN.

Dealing with the medical provision, the commissioners declare that this was insufficient from the beginning and ultimately resulted in a lamentable breakdown after the battles of 1915-16, and in the most lamentable and severe sufferings.

The commissioners find that Surgeon-General Hathaway showed unfitness for his office, while the Viceroy, Lord Hardinge, is held generally responsible by virtue of his position.

The commission in apportioning the blame upon the India Government for inefficiency in the management of the Mesopotamia campaign, recognize the Government's activities in other quarters.

In conclusion the report seriously censures the India Government for the lack of knowledge and foresight shown in the inadequacy of the preparations and for lack of readiness to recognize and supply deficiencies.

AIR BUTCHERS CAUGHT ALIVE

London Cable.—When the British recently brought down a Zeppelin on the East Anglian coast, they captured two members of the crew, who, in a miraculous manner, escaped death as the airship plunged to earth.

One of the prisoners is an officer and the other a private. The private sustained broken legs in the fall of the airship, but is recovering.

The above undoubtedly refers to the air raid on the east and southeast coast of England early Sunday morning, June 17, when one Zeppelin was brought down in flames.

U-BOAT VICTIMS.

Two Norwegian Steamers, One U. S. Sailer.

London Cable.—A Central News despatch from Copenhagen says the Norwegian steamship King Haakon has been sunk by a German submarine and that only six of the crew were saved.

The Norwegian steamship Maggie (1,178 tons gross) has been sunk in the Atlantic. The crew was saved.

The American sailing ship Galea, 951 tons, was sunk by a bomb on June 25. There were no casualties.

The Galena was sunk off Ushant Island (off the coast of France, 26 miles northwest of Brest). Fifteen survivors were taken to Brest.

Lincoln's Famous Phrases.

Truth is generally the best vindication against slander.—Remark made when requested to dismiss Montgomery Blair, Postmaster-General.

Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it.—Address, Cooper Union, New York City.

Why should there not be a patient confidence in the ultimate justice of the people? Is there any better or equal hope in the world?—First inaugural address.

It is not best to swap horses while crossing the river.—Reply to National Union League.

The Almighty has his own purposes.—Second inaugural address.

Men are not flattered by being shown that there has been a difference of purpose between the Almighty and them.—Letter to Thurston Weed.

With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.—Second inaugural address.

You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time.—Remark attributed to Lincoln.

Skating Advice.

Don't skate very heavily clothed, except in extremely cold weather.

Don't skate until exhausted and overworked and then stop to rest in the cold wind; that means a bad cold, sometimes pneumonia.

When an overcoat is found an embarrassment wear a paper or fiber vest; it will protect the back and chest from the wind.

Don't try to skate in low shoes or buttoned boots.

Don't wear extra high laced shoes and do without straps, if possible as both hinder the freedom of the ankle and stop circulation.

Always breathe through the nose. It may be difficult at first, but after a little practice it will be easy.

Cool Fashions.

Soft greens, Organdy's and Georgettes, Foulard's, voiles and batistes, Follie-trimmed millinery, usually flowery.