

MOVE TO CRUSH BOLSHEVIKI SOCIAL REVOLUTIONARIES PLAN COALITION GOVERNMENT Would Reject Teuton Peace; Trotzky Resigns

TROTZKY, VIRTUAL RULER OF RUSSIA, RESIGNS POST OF FOREIGN MINISTER

Was Most Important Member of the Bolsheviki Government, and an Active Worker to Bring About Russo-German Peace

LENINE ALONE

Petrograd, Friday, March 8.—Leon Trotzky, in an address at a meeting of the Maximalist party to-day, announced that he had resigned as commissary for foreign affairs.

As the Bolsheviki foreign minister, Leon Trotzky, whose real name is Leber Braunstein, was the most important member of the revolutionary government formed after the overthrow of Kerensky last November. Although Nikolai Lenine, as premier, was the nominal head of the government, Trotzky virtually controlled Russia's destiny up to the second peace conference at Brest-Litovsk. It was Trotzky who made public the text of secret documents exchanged between former Russian Governments and it was he who proposed the armistice to the Central Powers early in December which eventually led to the abortive conference at Brest-Litovsk. The negotiations were disrupted in mid-February and hostilities were renewed. The Germans then submitted peace terms, but Trotzky took no part in the conferences.

Trotzky's resignation is the second among the Russian leaders forecast by Berlin. On February 25 Berlin reported that Ensign Krylenko, commander of the Russian armies had been superseded. A despatch received in London Thursday said Krylenko had resigned owing to differences with the Council of People's Commissaries. Trotzky's resignation was forecast by Berlin last Tuesday. The withdrawals of Trotzky and Krylenko leave Lenine as the

Weather Bulletin

Toronto, Mar. 9.—A very energetic disturbance is centred in Iowa, while a pronounced cold wave covers the northern portion of the continent. The weather has been fair over Canada with the exception of a few light local snow falls. Forecasts. Winds, increasing to gales north-easterly with snow, turning locally to sleet or rain, Sunday.—Strong winds and gales, occasional sleet or snow.

ATTACKING TEUTONS REPULSED WITH LOSSES

Germans Stormed British Lines on Front of Over a Mile, But Were Driven Back Beyond Their Own Lines; U. S. Forces Active.

By Courier Leased Wire

Western Flanders, for the first time this year, has been the scene of serious fighting between the British and the enemy, who were forced to retire behind the positions from which they attacked. After a heavy artillery bombardment, the Germans stormed the British lines on a front of more than a mile south of the Houtholst forest, north-northeast of Ypres. At one point the enemy broke through, but on most of the front he was thrown back with loss. The British counter-attacked and drove the Germans back to their own line and then occupied three hundred yards of it. The Cambrai and Ypres areas continue the scenes of spirited artillery actions. Weather has brought increased aerial activity on the British front, and 20 enemy airplanes are reported to have been put out of action, including ten destroyed.

fronts, the German raiding parties and batteries are busy, but there has been no determined attacks. The artillery firing is especially heavy along the front from Rheims to the German border. With the American army in France, Thursday, March 7.—(By the Associated Press).—There was comparatively lively artillery firing last night and to-day on the section of the Lorraine front where American troops are now in training. Late this evening the enemy bombarded American positions heavily, but without result. On the Lorraine sector as on the front northwest of Toul, the American artillery is showing effectiveness and accuracy. Its shells are registering well on points back of the enemy lines, especially on cross roads, batteries and working parties. Because of a new but probably temporary rule, it is not permitted to discuss American

TAX RATE TO BE 30 1/2

EVEN HIGHER ASSESSMENT WAS CONSIDERED BY THE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

The city's 1918 tax rate was virtually fixed at 30 1/2 mills on the dollar, when the estimates committee yesterday afternoon decided to recommend that rate to the city council on Monday night. While the obligation of retrenchment in every department was felt, additional requirements had come to the knowledge of the committee since the financial conferences in Victoria Hall, and as a result a 31 1/2 rate seemed probable for a time. It is expected, however, that 30 1/2 will prove sufficient to see the city

casualties, no matter where they occur. With the American army in France, Thursday, March 7.—A lone American sentry this morning attacked an enemy sally of about 40 men, some of whom had stealthily entered an advanced American trench. He drove them off, killing the leader and wounding others. Assessment troops in the sector northwest of Toul have been subjected for the first time to an attack with liquid fire. Enemy troops carrying flames produced by the opening of the attack when a patrol which happened to be nearby fired on them. The Germans fell precipitately pursued by the Americans. They dropped four projectors, two of which were flaming. No damage was done by the flames. The projectiles in the air were seen for three days. Early this morning they were brought in by an American patrol.

SOCIAL REVOLUTIONARIES PLAN TO OVERTHROW BOLSHEVIK GOVERNMENT

ALL PARTIES UNITE TO HONOR JOHN REDMOND

Body of Dead Irish Leader Taken To Ireland for Interment; Leading Men of Britain Attended Funeral Service in Westminster Cathedral

By Courier Leased Wire

London, March 9.—The body of John Redmond was taken to Ireland last night. Interment probably will be made Sunday in the family vault at Wexford. Messages of sympathy from Queen Mary and Queen Alexandra were among those received by Mrs. Redmond yesterday. Queen Alexandra, in referring to the death of Mr. Redmond, said it was an "irreparable loss which we all share." Some two thousand persons, representing all political parties, societies and organizations, attended a solemn requiem mass in Westminster Cathedral Friday morning for Mr. Redmond. Premier Lloyd George, Andrew Bonar Law, Sir Edward Carson, Viscount Bryce, Attorney-General Smith, Sir George Cave, home secretary, and many political colleagues of the Nationalist leader attended in person, while the King and Queen sent their representatives, and

the general public filled the great cathedral. Mrs. Redmond, her son and daughter were the chief mourners. Cardinal Bourne, assisted by High church dignitaries, celebrated mass, after which the cardinal delivered a short address. The casket, covered with an Irish flag was placed on a bier surrounded by floral tributes. At the entrance to the cathedral, the Union Jack and papal flag flew at half mast. TROUBLE IN DUBLIN Dublin, Friday, March 8.—Military authorities have posted throughout the city a proclamation prohibiting the holding of meetings and processions between March 16 and March 27. London, March 9.—Diarmid Lynch, Sinn Fein "food controller" was arrested Thursday in connection with the recent commandeering of pigs in Ireland, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Dublin.

Cossacks Will Support Movement, to Make Russia Republic and to Reject German Peace Offer

GAINS FORCE

By Courier Leased Wire

London, March 9.—The Social Revolutionaries have decided to organize a national guard to overthrow the Bolsheviki regime in Russia, according to Dr. Bleff of Moscow University, who is quoted in a Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph as saying that the decision was reached at a recent conference in Moscow. A great army is now being organized in the Don district supported by Cossacks, the despatch adds, and it is also planned to introduce a republic in Russia with a coalition government which would not accept the German-Bolsheviki peace. Prof. Bleff asserted that the news of the new movement had been suppressed by the Petrograd Bolsheviki News Agency. WARNING. London, Friday, March 8.—Premier Lenine and Foreign Minister Trotzky are the signers of a message sent out by the Russian Government yesterday ordering the Bolsheviki representative in Sweden to have no dealings with the "German Socialist imperialists." The message adds: "We cannot negotiate with strike-breakers such as the partisans of Scheidemann (the German Majority Socialist leader), who are traitors to the working classes." SEA FIGHT. London, March 9.—Two Russian transports were attacked and sunk by German destroyers after a fight south of the Aland Islands on Thursday, according to a Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. JAP LANDING. London, Friday, March 8.—Details of an alleged landing of Japanese troops at Vladivostok in January are given in the Petrograd newspaper, Novaya Zhizn, of January 19, which has just been received here. The paper says that the Japanese cruiser Mikado arrived on

Hydro Extension and Nationalized Railways Demanded by Sir Adam Beck

Champion of the Hydro Electric System Spoke in Victoria Hall Last Evening; Use of Hydro Would Entail Saving of \$60,000,000 in Coal Annually—Prolong Lives of American Mines

"Nationalize the Railways" and "Hands off the Hydro," were the clarion slogans sounded by Sir Adam Beck in Victoria Hall last evening, with a ringing appeal for support from the citizens of Brantford in common with those of all parts of the Dominion.

"The day of subsidies, of land grants, of pledging this great dominion in the interests of speculators and land grabbers, is gone. Next to the war, Canada's greatest problem is that of her railways. There is only one solution to this iniquitous muddle. There is no magic in the words 'public ownership,' but at least we can do no worse than have the private owners. National electric power system in Canada and the United States will mean the prolonging of the lives of American coal mines for generations beyond present prospects."

Such were a few of the dominant notes sounded by Sir Adam, in the course of his remarks. His was not the fan-fare of rhetoric nor the outpouring of oratorical eloquence, but rather the frank outspokenness of one far sighted for the interests of his country and confident in her prospects for future greatness. For almost two hours, the speaker held his hearers, carrying them by the compelling force of his logic, and drawing salvo after salvo of applause in the course of his promulgation of the doctrines of nationally owned railroads and the extension of the hydro electric system.

It was not an overcrowded gathering which assembled in Victoria Hall, but whatever lacked in numbers was more than atoned for in enthusiasm. General disappointment was evident at the non-arrival of Mayor Tom Church, of Toronto, heralded as one of the main speakers of the evening.

MAYOR MACBRIDE. "We are assembled to consider three very important public questions," declared Mayor MacBride, chairman, in his opening remarks; first, was the nationalization of Canadian railways, which must take second place only to the winning of the war; second was the policy, "Hands off the Hydro," which the speaker considered would be reached by ninety-nine per cent. of the public; thirdly, was the question of giving municipalities greater control over their streets, in order to counteract the acquisition of too great powers by large corporations, such as the telephone and telegraph companies. AID, KELLY. Brantford in the past had been behind the times in Hydro matters, according to Aid. J. J. Kelley. He had attended the recent Hydro convention in Toronto, and was gratified to know what could be accomplished by a union of municipalities such as the Hydro-Electric Association. In such a union there must of necessity be strength. The nationalization of Canadian railways and the electrification of all branch lines, would mean the saving of 3,500,000 tons of coal annually. Control of a city's streets by that city would overcome dam-

age too frequently by privately owned utilities. Favorable representation in the Senate at Ottawa was essential, and in this regard Sir Adam Beck, an active Hydro worker, had been recommended for a seat in the Upper House.

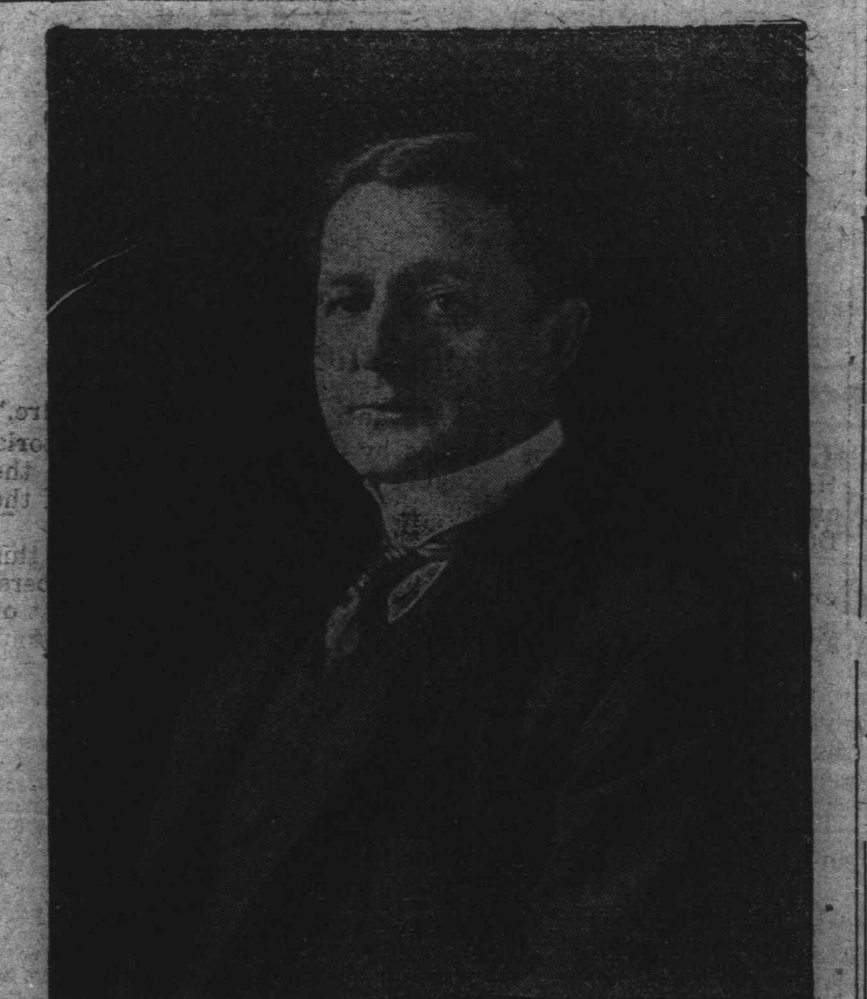
"We have been living in a fool's paradise so far as railways are concerned in this country," declared the speaker, "and it is time we united and said, 'Hands off the Hydro.' Total subsidies to privately owned railways reach the figure of \$60,000,000. We must be in this Hydro movement, and in it to the finish."

ALD. SYMONS. "The greatest exponent of collective ownership in North America to-day," was the tribute of Aid. H. A. Symons to Sir Adam Beck. "History is being made fast to-day," declared Aid. Symons. "Things yesterday termed Utopian are to-day achieved. Such a course would save a great deal of duplication, and the attendant expense."

He told of the Hydro convention at Toronto, declaring that the public opinion was moving onward and upward. Sir Adam Beck was a man who had early seen the possibilities of Hydro power, and his belief had by to-day become that of the great mass of the people. The speaker deplored the hesitation evinced by too many with regard to Hydro development and railway nationalization, and hoped to see soon the dawning of a better understanding.

Canada was a country peculiarly different from almost any other; its most widely populated portion was a lone, narrow strip from the Atlantic Ocean past the Great Lakes. In order to unite east and west together, government owned railways would be a powerful aid to the country. Such a course would save a great deal of duplication, and the attendant expense.

R. J. STEVENSON. Sir Adam Beck, next called upon by Mayor MacBride. A quarter of a century ago, he stated, he had been one of the few labor men in Canada advocating public railway ownership, a project to-day favored by all classes of society. "In 1914," declared Mr. Stevenson, "the Empire made upon you the greatest request that could be made; a request that was repeated and repeated, and answered as often as it was repeated. You gave your men, you gave your money, and to-night I am going to ask you to give your enthusiasm to a demand which will meet with the approval of all."



HON. ADAM BECK. With inimitable wit, the speaker touched, upon the increase in the cost of living; the price of every commodity household use had soared beyond the normal, except that of Hydro power. "Why not Hydroize the Province, the Dominion?" he demanded. "It is yours, it will never be more than you create it." Sir Adam Beck, Mr. Stevenson declared, one of the few public men of the Dominion with whom labor men were willing to associate upon a public platform. Scored Private Ownership. The speaker criticized methods by which private railroad companies had gained privileges and subsidies from the government. "Your children and your grandchildren will have a railway tax on their backs that will bend them double," he declared. "Who helped to create this burden? Who, but the grafters—to call them by their right-

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