

FATAL CLASH OCCURS BETWEEN RUSSIANS AND JAPS IN SIBERIA GERMANY NOW REPORTED TO BE PREPARING WAY FOR NEW PEACE OFFER

RUSSIANS CONGRESS APPLAUDS MESSAGE OF U. S. PRESIDENT

Follows Its Reading by Adoption of Resolution of Appreciation.

A HOPEFUL REPLY.

Looks Toward Socialistic State of Society Sometime In Future.

Moscow, Thursday, March 14.—A caucus of the Bolsheviks, while favoring a signing of the German peace treaty, has resolved to approve the course of the peace delegation of the council of people's commissaries.

President Wilson's message of sympathy to the Russian people was received with marked applause when it was read tonight at the opening session of the All-Russian Congress of Soviets.

The Russian republic uses the occasion of the message from President Wilson to express to all peoples who are dying and suffering from the horrors of this imperialistic war its warm sympathies and firm conviction that the happy time is near when the laboring masses in all bourgeois countries will throw off the capitalist yoke and establish a socialist state of society, which is the only one capable of assuring a permanent and just peace as well as the culture and well-being of all who toil.

The congress is being held in the splendid banquet hall of the Noddy Club, where former emperors often were entertained. Soldiers, sailors and peasants form the majority of the 1,184 delegates present.

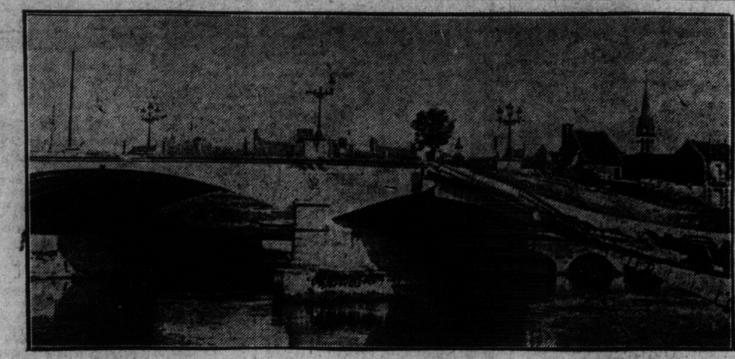
Strong forces of guards were about the hall, but there were no attempts at disorder. Moscow is quiet, Bolshevik control apparently being absolute.

CRITICAL STAGE OF WAR NOW HERE

British Labor Leader Tells Women Suffragists Situation is Serious.

London, Thursday, March 14.—(Delayed.)—The most critical stage of the whole history of the war has been reached, in the opinion of Arthur Henderson, secretary of the Labor party.

"That would be a cynical peace, for it would not be a honorable peace. It would be the desertion of Russia and the women of this country must stand against it like flint.



The Hun is determined to make it as difficult as possible for the allies to advance against them at any point on the western front. The destruction of bridges is a regular means of holding up attacks. This bridge is near Soissons and was destroyed in anticipation of a French drive against the German lines.

GERMANS CAPTURE SHIPS FOR AFTER WAR USE

London, March 16.—A number of large Swedish trawlers and one of the largest Gothenburg steamers have been captured by German submarines off the Skaw, the northern extremity of Jutland, Denmark, and forced to go to Germany, according to a report printed by the Gothenburg Shipping Gazette, and forwarded from Copenhagen by the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Sympathy for Comrades Quebec French-Canadians Sorrow Greatly for Troubles of Those in Ontario.

Montreal, March 16.—The sympathy and encouragement of the delegates to a convention of St. Jean Baptiste Societies for the French-Canadians in Ontario and the west was expressed in a resolution passed yesterday.

JOHN T. ROSS DEAD.

St. John, N.B., March 16.—John T. Ross, K.C., of Halifax, died here today after a long illness. He was formerly a law partner of Sir Robert Borden.

DUTCH SHIPS HELD IN ALLIED PORTS Will Be Confiscated Unless Holland Agrees to Turn Them Over.

Washington, March 16.—With the exception of two steamers the United States is holding all Dutch ships now in American ports to prevent their escape pending probable requisition Monday.

RESOLUTION NOT TIMELY.

Victoria, B. C., March 16.—W. J. Bowser, leader of the opposition in the legislature, yesterday argued that a resolution feeling rich Canadian Northern undertakings in British Columbia was not timely.

THE UNION CABINET

Is Preponderantly Made Up of Lawyers and Lawyers Have Been Proposed.

- Ottawa, March 16.—There is less talk of immediate reconstruction of the ministry. The one vacant seat is that of inland revenue, resigned by Mr. Sevin, who failed to carry his seat in Quebec.

JAPANESE MURDERED IN SIBERIAN TOWN BY RUSSIAN TROOPS

London, March 16.—Maximalists in Siberia have murdered 150 Japanese at Biagievichensk, capital of the Amur province, according to a report printed in the newspaper Hochi Shimbum, Friday, and forwarded by Reuter's Limited.

'TIS ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Was St. Patrick an Irishman? It matters little what he was born, but as he came to his senses he is known to have preferred Ireland to all other countries and spent the rest of his life there.

ALLIES PROTEST AGAINST ARRESTS

Demand Release of British and American Citizens Now Held.

Canada's Oldest Person Takes An Interest in War's Progress

Who is the oldest person in Canada? Mrs. Susan Maxwell, of Richmond Hill, claims the record, and no one has appeared to say her nay.

DUTCH GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS DEMAND OF THE ALLIES

Amsterdam, March 16.—The Associated Press hears on excellent authority that the Dutch Government has accepted the demand of the allied governments relating to the use of Dutch ships in the danger zone.

TWENTY LOSE LIVES WHEN LUMBER CAMP BURNS NEAR TRURO

Camp at Alvin Siding Was Owned By A. A. Sutherland.

OWNERS ESCAPE INJURY

Sleeping Apartments of Men Caught and Burned Quickly.

Truro, N.S., March 16.—Twenty people were burned to death when the lumber camp of A. A. Sutherland at Alvin Siding, N. S., was destroyed by fire last night.

AUSTRIANS QUARREL ON FLOOR OF HOUSE

Members of Lower House Get into Scuffle Over Matter of Food Control.

TROUBLE REPORTED IN GERMAN FLEET

Fresh Disorders Reported on Ships Lying Off Island.

Finnish Officials in Berlin

The Hague, March 16.—Judge Svinhufvud, president of the Finnish Government, arrived in Berlin yesterday, accompanied by eight cabinet members.

BROKE HIS ARM.

Leo Margina, aged thirteen years, of 12 East Dundas street, fell off the roof of his home Saturday afternoon and fractured his right arm.

A NEW PEACE OFFER TO ALLIED POWERS IS NOW TALKED OF

Washington Says Germany May Propose New Terms At Russia's Expense.

TO GIVE WAY IN WEST

Would Sacrifice Some of Her Claims In Alsace-Lorraine.

Washington, March 16.—Inferences that Germany may have made a new peace offer to the allies, proposing terms at the expense of Russia, coincide with an undercurrent of discussion which has been running in diplomatic circles here for some time, but which never has shown any evidence of tangible development.

BERLIN REPORTS BRITISH ATTACKS

Considerable Activity Reported All Along the Franco-Belgian Front.

EXPORTS CONTINUE TO SHOW INCREASE

Tremendous Quantities of Food Are Being Sent to Europe.

SCARCITY EXPLAINED

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