

RUSSIAN SITUATION IS CRITICAL

Intense Artillery Battle Raging on Russian Front; Enemy Repulsed

Germany Takes Fresh Step Against Neutrals in Her Submarine Campaign

Conflict With Finland Appears to be Inevitable

Premier Lvoff Resigns Office Following Stormy Session of Cabinet at Petrograd; Censure Passed by Kerensky Upon Authorities--Crisis Impending Over Finnish Independence

By Courier Leased Wire.

Petrograd, July 21.—The cabinet meeting leading to the announced resignation of Premier Lvoff sat until dawn yesterday and was somewhat stormy.

M. Kerensky was particularly severe towards General Polovtseff, governor of the Petrograd military district whom he had proposed to remove from the Petrograd command, but reconsidered the decision after the ministers had assumed the responsibility of changing the original orders of General Polovtseff which they considered were fraught with danger.

Finnish Crisis

Helsingfors, Thursday, July 19.—A conflict with Russia is regarded as inevitable because of the action of the Finnish diet in adopting a bill granting independence to Finland.

Before the adoption of the bill a decision was taken on the question whether the measure should be treated as urgent or postponed until the next session, the decision in favor of urgency required a five-sixths majority under article sixty of the constitution, which the Socialist majority had agreed to respect.

The announcement of the vote was received by prolonged cheering and cries of "long live Finland" and "Russian connection." The diet thereafter rejected, 104 against 87, a proposal by M. Talas, member of the Young Finnish party, that the law, as prescribed by the constitution be submitted for Russia's approval or veto.

A final vote was taken on a resolution of M. Hornberg, member of the Swedish party, the import of which was that the diet reserve the right to break the last bonds with Russia.

After the vote on the bill, the Senate prepared a statement to be read by Premier Tokoi announcing its resignation. The motive was that the Senate was appointed by the Russian provisional government as the inheritor of the grand duke of Finland's prerogatives, but as the provisional government's power in Finland was now abolished, the Senate lost local standing.

The president of the diet refused to accept the statement on the ground that it was out of order. The statement will be made later. The general expectation is that M. Tokoi will be reappointed by the diet with a cabinet consisting of representatives of the parties, pro rata as heretofore.

Bill Adopted Helsingfors, July 21.—The bill whereby Finland seeks to wrest complete independence from Russia was

WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, July 21.—Local thunderstorms have occurred in Ontario and Quebec, while in the west the weather has been fair and warm.



Sunday.



TRUE HOMAGE.

"You may well say, what a price madam. Why, when this ere beast was going into the slaughterhouse, I couldn't help taking my hat off to him."—Passing Show, London.

FEMININE SECTION GROWING DAILY IN THE BRITISH ARMY

Girls Work Their Way Gradually Into Many Departments of Military Life at the Front; Women Employed as Carpenters, Clerks, Chauffeurs—Food Situation at the Front Much Improved

By Courier Leased Wire.

British headquarters in France, June 30.—(By mail)—The feminine section of the British army is growing larger day by day. Khaki clad young women, at first confined to the Red Cross section of the field army, are rapidly pushing into many departments of army activity, displacing men who in turn are passed along to work nearer the front line trenches.

Every boat coming from England brings new companies of women workers. At first the women were mostly at the remote bases, but now they may be found working further and further ahead, sometimes indeed within hearing distance of the guns.

In the clerical departments at the chief bases, women have very largely displaced men. As chauffeurs they are being employed by hundreds, not only on ambulances and light supply wagons, but also on heavy transport lorries and with entire success.

Six hundred young women carpenters are at work building army huts. They have only six weeks of instructions and preparation in England before crossing the channel. Their work here is practically "shop work." The huts are of the semi-cylindrical Canadian type, which is being turned out by the thousands in knockdown form, every hut exactly alike.

The housing of the women workers has been accomplished without particular difficulty. Some units are in huts, others billeted in hotels. Each unit has its own supervisory officers and chaplains. While at work it is under command of young women lieutenants, who act their part as smartly as any British subaltern with the actual fighting forces.

Foodstuffs Reduced. British headquarters in France, June 30.—(By mail)—The British army in the field is consuming about fifteen per cent less of foodstuffs per capita than it did eighteen months ago.

This is not due to any studied diminution of rations, but to a more careful distribution and the prevention of waste. It is very easy for a generous commissariat to supply an army with more than it can use.

In the early days of the war this practiced generosity was well nigh universal because it was regarded as wiser to provide too much than too little, and the reaching of the exact mean is not a simple matter.

The policy of over-supply was well enough when foodstuffs were fairly plentiful, but nowadays, when the result of the war may depend upon the solution of food problems, no thing is being left undone to prevent waste.

The British soldier is still the best fed soldier in Europe, but the supply departments are gradually rescuing him from the stigma of being at the same time the most wasteful. Stocks of meat and bread are closely watched and unused allowances must be held over and added to the store for the next meal or the next day.

The private soldier takes more kindly to the "Don't-waste-food" campaign than was expected for at heart the British Tommy has an aversion to seeing good food going into the waste box—he never did it at home and it looks like bad business to be doing it in France.

It requires no knowledge of high er strategy to see the good sense of the "don't-waste-food" idea and he has taken on the anti-waste regulations with more cheerfulness and less argument than marked the adoption of the steel helmet or the gas mask.

ORDER AGAIN IS RESTORED IN BARCELONA

Situation Completely Normal—Once More After Disturbances

MARTIAL LAW DENIED

Six Men Wounded During Demonstrations Which Were Put Down

By Courier Leased Wire.

Madrid, July 20.—Premier Dato said to-day that the situation in Barcelona, brought about by the attempt of members of parliament to hold an unauthorized session there, was completely normal.

Two civil guardsmen and four manifestants were wounded during yesterday's incidents. It was said that the agitation continued in Valencia, where groups of strikers sought to prevent a train from leaving and attacked the fireman, who defended himself with a revolver.

The strikers also took possession of the station, but were driven out by the captain general and civilian governor.

Official denial was made that martial law had been proclaimed in Valencia. Sanchez Guerra, the minister of the interior, said there had been neither a meeting nor arrests in Barcelona. Everyone concerned, he said, had shown good sense and the government had made its authority respected. The cabinet met this afternoon.

FURTHER PIRACY BY ENEMY

Germany Will Treat As Enemies Neutral Ships Aiding Allies

FURTHER HYPROCRISY

British Seizure of Teutonic Merchantmen Denounced By Huns

ROUSE HOLLAND

Enemy Instigates Netherlands To Demand Apology From Britain

By Courier Leased Wire.

Copenhagen, July 21.—A Berlin dispatch says a German Imperial order, which has just been issued, states that as a further measure of retaliation for regulations made by Great Britain and its allies in regard to Maritime warfare, the following amendments are made to the prize regulations:

"Neutral ships shall be treated as enemy ships when totally or in greater part owned by subjects of an enemy state, when chartered by an enemy government, or when sailing in the interest of enemy warfare."

Copenhagen, July 21.—British seizure of German ships was denounced as a "brutal assault on defenseless merchantmen" and "a profligate act" by Dr. Krieger, director of the judicial department of the German foreign office, in replying to a question in the reichstag. Dr. Krieger added that Germany had urged Holland to demand an apology for this unheard of violation in Dutch waters and a precise assurance that it would not recur.

Dr. Krieger said Germany was entitled to and would expect immediate restoration of the captured ships and compensation for the cargoes of those sunk, also for the wounded seamen and their dependents. Holland, he said, had already expressed regret at the occurrence and declared it would demand the fullest satisfaction. Holland further promised that the Dutch fleet would do its utmost to prevent a repetition and replying to the German representations, said it was prepared to employ the utmost energy to obtain satisfaction of the German demands.

The German Government, Dr. Krieger said, was confident Holland would act accordingly.

Spain Protests

Madrid, July 21.—A statement by Lord Cecil, British Minister of Blockade, that twenty belligerent and neutral ships had been submarine in Spanish territorial waters caused the Spanish Government to publish a semi-official note affirming that only one vessel had been submarine in Spanish waters, and that the government had made a vigorous protest to the German Government to prevent a recurrence of such an act.

Belgian Relief

New York, July 21.—In the negotiations with the Belgian relief commission in regard to supplying sufficient Dutch ships to take over the entire Belgian relief work, the Dutch Government has offered to provide one fourth of the necessary tonnage accompanying the offer with conditions in regard to guarantees of food supplies from the United States. These conditions are not acceptable to the Allied governments, and therefore shipments will be stopped until the conditions are abandoned or modified. Press dispatches from Holland this morning announced that the Dutch Government and ship owners had completed an arrangement, but this is denied emphatically.

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