

TROTSKY DESTROYS ANGLO-RUSSIAN PACT ON PERSIA'S AFFAIRS

Says Agreement Was Directed
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WANTS NEW RELATIONS

Will Try and Force Evacuation
by Turkish and British
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Petrograd, Jan. 30.—Foreign Minister Trotsky, according to the semi-official news agency, has sent a letter to the Persian minister at Petrograd, whom he addresses as "Citizen Ambassador," informing him that the Government of the Russian Republic makes this declaration:

"The Anglo-Russian agreement of 1907 was directed against the liberty and independence of the Persian people, and is null and void for all time. Moreover, the Government denounces all agreements preceding and following the said agreement which may restrict the rights of the Persian people to a free and independent existence."

The Bolshevik foreign minister assures the Persian minister that any inconvenience caused the Persian people by the Russian troops in Persia is contrary to the intentions of the Russian Government, which is taking every step to remove from Persia the former agents of Czarism and the Imperialist bourgeoisie, who are the enemies of both the Russian and Persian peoples.

Trotsky promises to punish any Russians convicted of irregular and brutal conduct in Persia, to do everything in his power to insure a complete evacuation of Persia by Turkish and British troops, and says he looks forward to the time when the Persian people will be free to develop their own resources and enter into relations with Persia based exclusively on mutual esteem between the two peoples.

WORKMEN OF FINLAND FOR RED GOVERNMENT OF FIVE MINISTERS

Central Committee Decides in
Favor of Provincial Cabinet.

Petrograd, Jan. 31.—The semi-official news agency says the central committee of workmen in Finland has decided to form a provisional revolutionary government, which will be appointed by the committee of workmen and soldiers' deputies. The new administration will consist of five representatives. The Red Guard will be incorporated in the new Government and the Finnish Senate will be abolished.

11,000 ARMY OFFICERS READY TO GRADUATE

Total of 56,000 Turned Out in U. S.
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MARKED ARTILLERY ACTIVITY, SAYS PARIS

Paris, Jan. 30.—The war office amendment issued tonight reads:

There was quite marked activity on the part of both artillery in the region of Meuse, on the front of Courmieu Wood and in the Vosges. In the last mentioned region an enemy raid north of Zicheprey was without result.

"On January 29, two German airplanes were brought down and three fell inside their own lines, seriously damaged, after engagements."

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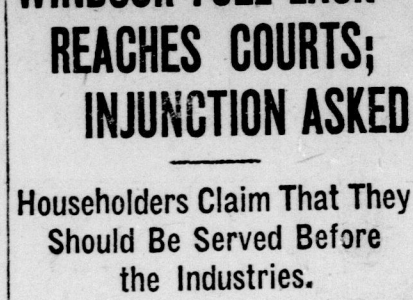
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