

CZERNIN SAYS HE LOOKED FOR PEACE IN 1917

Former Austrian Foreign Minister Hands Out Letter He Gave to the Emperor.

MAN-POWER WAS THEN EXHAUSTED

And Troops Were so Underfed That War Could no Longer be Borne by Them.

MIGHT HOLD OUT FEW MONTHS MORE

Longer Delay in Seeking Peace Would Certainly Mean Harsher Terms from the Entente.

Vienna, Wednesday, Dec. 11.—Count Czernin, former Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, gave the correspondent an opportunity to read a copy of the letter which he sent to the Emperor Charles in April, 1917, in which the minister declared that the condition of Austria was growing desperate.

In the letter Czernin told the Emperor that he did not think another winter campaign was possible, and asserted it was necessary that peace negotiations should be begun.

The letter, which was returned to the correspondent last week, follows: "Your Majesty, it is evident our military power is on the verge of exhaustion. I need but instance the complete drying up of the resources of the man power and the despair which has taken hold of all portions of the population who are so underfed that the misery of war can no longer be borne by them.

"Though I hope we may succeed in holding out during the next few months and in maintaining a successful defensive, I am quite convinced that another winter campaign is thoroughly impossible. At all costs the war must be brought to a close by the summer or the early part of the autumn. It is essential that peace negotiations should be started before the winter of our strength is appreciably weakened.

"Should we succeed in the winter, when conditions in the interior of the empire become so desperate, I believe that the Entente would grant conditions unless they were equivalent to the complete annihilation of the imperial power."

MADE THEM EAT

Experiments on a Hundred Men Near Boston Developed Nothing But Increased Appetites.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 13.—Experiments undertaken by the navy department at the navy public service on Galesburg Island to ascertain the cause and spread of influenza have had merely negative results, according to a report given out today. One hundred volunteers who have been under observation for several weeks have had influenza germs placed in their nostrils and throats, have eaten them with their food, and some have even been inoculated with serum, but no cases of the disease have developed thus far. Increased appetites and more vigorous health have been the only noticeable results of the experiment, according to the physicians.

FACING DEFICIT, MONTREAL LOOKS FOR NEW TAXATION

City Fathers Spend Strenuous Hours Considering the Adviseability of Resurrecting the Old Improvement Tax Which Was Not a Success Some Few Years Ago.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—City Hall has been the centre of more than ordinary activity today, with the negotiations between the police and the city fathers concerning the proposed improvement tax. It was also a busy week, a matter of more than usual interest this year because of the problem it involves. Cutting the cost to the city is not so easy as it seems, and with the police and firemen demanding increased salaries which mean an additional cost of over half a million to the city, the city fathers are having more than an ordinary share of trouble.

A statement circulated to the effect that the Administration Commission has been giving attention to the question of raising the local improvement tax is also stirring the city fathers. The plan will likely meet with opposition from a number of the members of the city council. Those who favor the improvement tax is also stirring the city fathers. The plan will likely meet with opposition from a number of the members of the city council. Those who favor the improvement tax is also stirring the city fathers.

NOW SEEMS SETTLED THAT THE SESSION WILL BE CALLED DURING LAST TWO WEEKS OF JANUARY

RESTRICTIONS ON SUGAR ARE ALL REMOVED

Now We Can Have Icing on Cakes and Use Two Spoonfuls Anytime.

RESTRAINT IS STILL ADVISED

Stocks Are More Plentiful, But Great Quantities Are Required.

LID STILL DOWN ON BEEF AND FATS

Some Weeks Must Elope Before Conditions of Distribution Are Back to the Old Basis.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 13.—The ban on the use of sugar for making pastry, loaves of bread, for candy for private consumption, as well as in the manufacture of sugar, has been removed. The war-time restrictions on the method of serving sugar in public eating places are also withdrawn. On and after January 1st, white or granulated sugar may be used in making bread, etc., so too the restrictions on the use of sugar in the manufacture of canned goods, biscuits, cakes, dough products, candies, chocolate, fudge syrups and the like, pharmaceutical and medicinal preparations, beers and soft drinks, desert and jelly powders, ice cream and even on chewing gum, will not be in force. For the manufacture of sugar, sugar may be purchased without the regular permit, but it must be noted that the restrictions in public eating places on the use of beef, butter and lard, and for the use of animal stock by manufacturers, still remains in force.

The cancellation of so many rules which had imposed on the Canadian use of sugar, has been made possible through the intervention of the public still to be reasonably restrained, and to avoid anything like extravagant use of any of these articles, because it will still be some weeks before supplies and distribution can be at all compared to pre-war conditions.

ONE KILLED, TWO HURT BY AUTO BANDITS

A Brooklyn Savings Bank Held up and Robbed of Ten Thousand Dollars.

New York, Dec. 13.—One man was shot and killed and two others wounded by automobile bandits, who held up the East Brooklyn savings bank today and looted it of \$10,000.

Dewitt Peal, the paying teller who reached for a revolver when the two highwaymen entered the institution just before closing hour, was immediately shot dead. Harry Coons, assistant treasurer of the bank, was shot in the abdomen, and a detective was injured in the arm in attempting to capture the men. Although the robbers had left a taxi with its motor running before the bank, they passed it by and escaped on foot, lugging bags of money through a busy street.

FOUR KILLED, MANY HURT IN CAR SMASH

Street Car Ran Away in Kansas City and Smashed Into Freight Shed.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 13.—Two persons killed, four persons sustained serious injuries and twelve others were slightly injured, when a street car ran wild down the Twelfth St. Viaduct here late afternoon, left the tracks at the lower approach to the structure, and crashed into the steel on Pacific freight depot. Limited street car service, each car guarded by two policemen, was resumed this morning after a strike had completely held up all lines here since Wednesday morning.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 13.—A schedule of 164 games for the American Association this season was agreed upon at a meeting of club owners tonight. The season will start on May 1st and end late in September. A commission to draw up a schedule will be appointed later.

MONTREAL'S STRIKE HAS BEEN SETTLED

(Specialist) Montreal, Dec. 13.—The striking police, firemen and employees of the city's incineration and water works departments came back to work tonight, the strike trouble having been adjusted.

THREE DAYS FROM LONDON TO CAPETOWN

This is the Speed Now Possible With Modern Commercial Airships.

MAXIMUM RANGE EIGHT THOUSAND MILES

Could Make Return Trip Across the Atlantic Without Stopping.

FITTED WITH ALL THE COMFORTS OF HOME

Including Saloons, Staterooms, Elevator and Roof Garden for Voyage of a Week or More.

London, Dec. 13.—The civil aviation committee states that in the immediate future the commercial airship will offer advantage over the airplane, particularly concerning passengers, where comfort and ease of navigation, safety and a high ratio of displacement are vital considerations. Airships now exist with a range of over four thousand miles, and which can travel at a speed of seventy-eight miles an hour. By running their engines slower a maximum range of 8,000 miles can be attained.

On first speed, Capetown is today only a little over three days from Southampton, while this ship could fly across the Atlantic, and return without stopping. The committee points out that in the future the airship will soon develop a speed of 100 miles per hour with ample saloons, staterooms, with an elevator to a roof garden, and will be able to remain in the air for over a week.

WORRYING OVER BRITAIN'S AFFAIRS

U. S. Congress Seems Greatly Troubled About Relations Between Ireland and the Empire.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Hearings continued today in the House foreign relations committee on the resolution of "representative Gallinger of New Hampshire" providing that American delegates to the peace conference be required to accept from the United States the independence and self-determination for Ireland.

George L. Fox, New Haven, Conn., testified in opposition to the resolution. "The United States has no right to ask that Great Britain give up Ireland until the government has given up the Philippine Islands, Porto Rico and Hawaii," he said.

The issue which has been forced by Mr. Motherwell, it is believed, will greatly strengthen the position of Union government in the west. It is regarded as significant that in Alberta Hon. Charles Cross, the minister in charge of the province, was also forced to retire from the Stewart government. Those politicians who are predicting that there will be an alignment of the parties and that the Liberal Unionists and the active Unionists will be united to form a permanent new party are encouraged in their belief by these recent western developments.

TO PRESERVE ORDER ON ELECTION DAY

Toronto, Dec. 13.—A Belfast cable to the Telegram today says: Troops will be confined to barracks in Ireland on Saturday in readiness to deal with any outbreak of hostile factions. The Unionists are confident everywhere. Sir Edward Carson is holding three meetings daily in Belfast, Antrim and Down, meeting with great enthusiasm everywhere. There was a tremendous demonstration in Ulster Hall last night during the address by him and the Unionist candidates. He was again given never to submit to a home rule.

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Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—The resignation of Hon. W. R. Motherwell, minister of agriculture from the Saskatchewan government has deeply interested Ottawa political circles, and is regarded as having considerable significance. Mr. Motherwell has been minister of agriculture since 1906, and is the last of the original bunch of the young men who were the backbone of the Union government on every possible occasion, and as minister has done everything he could to embarrass the government. The provincial food board resigned last spring and it was generally felt here it was due to the influence of Mr. Motherwell. His constant opposition and obstructionist tactics in Ottawa was a constant annoyance to the Union supporters with the opposition leader. It is stated on good authority that Mr. Motherwell was a member of the "Scotty" club in Ottawa was a strong supporter of the Union government and was a member of the "Scotty" club in Ottawa was a strong supporter of the Union government and was a member of the "Scotty" club in Ottawa.

HALIFAX IS TRYING HARD TO BE BRIGHT

But Has Its Own Troubles Between the Two Power Companies.

FUTURE OUTLOOK REMAINS DARK

Olympic Engineer to be Given a Tea Service and Silver Salver.

WOOD ALCOHOL A POPULAR DRINK

Bootleggers on the Waterfront Find it Meets With Ready Sale, But Doctors Say it is Bad.

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, Dec. 13.—The Board of Trade has purchased a silver and tea service which will be presented to Chief Engineer Ferguson of the steamship Olympic on the same occasion as the presentation of the loving cup to Captain Hayes. This will be at noon on Monday. It is fitting that the man whose work is below in the very bowels of the ship should thus be recognized as well as that the captain should be recognized. In case of a torpedo it was the engineers and the stokers below who had the poorest chance of escape.

GREEKS ASK PUNISHMENT OF CRIMINALS

Deputies in Turkish Parliament Present Scathing Indictment.

LONG LIST OF CRIMES RECITED

Charged That a Million Innocent Armenians Have Been Killed and Their Property Stolen.

QUARTER MILLION GREEKS DESTROYED

The Nation Robbed by Favored Turks and Hundreds of Thousands Driven Out of the Country.

Saloniki, Thursday, Dec. 12.—A dispatch from Constantinople to the semi-official press bureau here, reports that prior to the arrival of the Allied fleet at Constantinople, Greek deputies in the Turkish parliament demanded to know what the Turkish parliament would do against the authors of the cruel treatment of non-Turks during the past five years. The Greek deputies declared the foreign act has been committed. "The extermination of 1,000,000 Armenians, innocent women and children, and the confiscation of their property. "The expulsion beyond the limits of the state of 250,000 Greeks, and the confiscation of their property. The extermination, after declaration of war, of 250,000 other Greeks in the regions of the Black Sea, the Marmara, the Aegean Sea and elsewhere. "The organization, under the pretext of mobilization, of battalions of 250,000 Greek soldiers, the extermination of 250,000 Greek soldiers by hunger and hardship. "Abolition of freedom of commerce and the despoiling of the nation by the forcible seizure of the property of favored Turks. "Severe treatment of the Arabs."

WANT EXHIBITION TRAINS TO ADVERTISE IN FRANCE

Montreal Chamber of Commerce Has an Idea for Displaying to European Cities the Products of Canada's Shops, and in This Way Boosting Business.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—The project of having exhibition trains touring France carrying exhibits of Canada's products, raw and manufactured, is to be urged on the federal government by the Montreal Chamber of Commerce.

The matter was discussed at length at a meeting of the chamber today and a resolution passed recommending that the government put the project into execution at the earliest possible moment. In justification of the plan it was pointed out that great advantage would accrue from having Canada's products made known to France at a time when that country is to become a purchaser on a large scale of materials needed for her industrial rehabilitation and for reconstruction of the vast areas devastated by the ravages of war.

Another recommendation which was felt would go far in promoting Canada's export trade was that urging upon the government the advisability of increasing the number of Canadian trade commissioners abroad. It was pointed out that while commissioners had already been named to act in leading cities of the United Kingdom and such places as Rotterdam, Vladivostok, Yokohama, Shanghai, Cape Town and Melbourne, information as to other important trade centres had to come indirectly, that is through the British consuls. As was impossible for a British consul to keep himself acquainted year by year with Canadian trade information, and as it was even against the interests of those he represented to push Canadian trade, it was recommended that in order to carry out the recently expressed desire of the minister of marine as to supporting Canada's new merchant marine, Canadian trade representatives should be appointed to La Havre, Marseilles, Genoa, Amsterdam, Lisbon, Moscow, Petrograd, Odessa, Barcelona, Stockholm, Geneva, Alessandria, Calcutta, Mexico and Rio Janeiro.

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LIFE SENTENCE FOR DESERTER

Unmentionable Westerner Has Gone to Stony Mountain by Order of Court Martial.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 13.—For the first time in the west, if not in Canada, a soldier has been sentenced to life imprisonment for desertion.

Private Dmitry Goleznik, number 3,343,378, is the man. He is now serving his term at Stony Mountain Penitentiary, it was learned today. He was sent there upon the conclusion of the court martial, but it was only on Thursday that his sentence was officially confirmed by the Ottawa authorities.

R. S. SIME IS VICE-PRESIDENT

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 13.—The Maritime Commercial Travellers' Association held its annual meeting tonight. The membership is 1,295, of which 730 are registered in Halifax and 565 at St. John.

The funds have increased \$16,199 and the association's resources are now \$151,835.

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