

## RUSSIA ASKS FOR GERMAN PEACE

### Nation is Helpless Beneath Heel of Invading Teutons Germany Has Not Yet Replied to Peace Offer

#### Bolshevik Leaders Offer to Accept Enforced Peace; Huns May Refuse to Treat, and Continue to Advance on Petrograd--Renewal of War Unpopular With Public.

Germany has not yet replied to the Bolshevik offer to accept an enforced peace. Her armies, having occupied Dvinsk and Lutsk, continue the invasion of Great Russia on a front of more than 400 miles from the Gulf of Riga to Lutsk.

Menaced by the power of German militarism, the Bolshevik Government, unprepared for warfare and its armies partly demobilized, agreed to accept the hard terms refused but a few days ago at Brest-Litovsk. It is uncertain whether the backdown on the part of Great Russia will halt the onward march of the Germans, who may intend the capture of a great portion of Russia, torn as it is by internal strife.

#### POWER DEPENDS ON PEACE

Bolshevik power depends greatly upon making peace, the cry for which has caused the overthrow of three other Russian governments within a year. In agreeing to a German peace, the Bolsheviks protest against the invasion. Russian army units have been ordered to propose to the invading German troops that they refrain from fighting. Should the Germans decline, the Russians are to offer resistance.

#### TEUTON PRESS IN OPPOSITION

German and Austrian newspapers are alarmed over the renewal of the German war against Russia, which apparently is not popular with the peoples of the two countries, especially the Austrians. Vienna papers say Austria has no cause to make war on Russia and the Socialist organ there calls on the government to announce that hostilities with Russia are over. They say nothing, however, against the German terms to Russia, which include the surrender of Poland, Lithuania, Riga and Monis and payment of a tribute of \$4,000,000,000.

Although quite prepared to advance against defenceless Russia the Germans have made no offensive movement on the western front. Activity on the British and French fronts has been confined almost wholly to artillery bombardments, particularly on the Arras-St. Quentin sector, in Champagne and northeast of Verdun. Raiding and artillery operations are becoming more active on the Italian front.

**An Agreement.**  
Basel, Switzerland, Feb. 20.—Dr. von Zeydler, the Austrian Premier, has announced to the Reichsrath representative, that the Ukraine Rada and the Austro-Hungarian Government have signed an agreement supplementing the Ukraine peace treaty by which the province of Cholm will revert to the Ukraine republic. A mixed commission will be appointed to decide its fate on race principles and with regard to the wishes of the population. The announcement is said to have been applauded heartily.

Much feeling has been aroused among the Poles through the fact that the old province of Cholm, a part of Poland, had been given to the Ukraine by the peace treaty signed at Brest-Litovsk. The attitude of Polish deputies in the Austrian Parliament also threatened the stability of the von Zeydler Government, whose resignation was refused by Emperor Charles, February 9th.

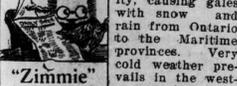
Strikes of protest against the ceding of Cholm have been held in both Russian and Austrian Polish cities.

Article 2 of the treaty of peace with the Ukraine gives the frontier of the new country as including Cholm. It adds, however, that the frontier will be fixed in detail by a mixed commission according to ethnographical conditions and with regard to the desires of the population. The population of Cholm is made up of various races and formerly was included in Poland. A great part of

#### Weather Bulletin

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 28.—The disturbance which was over the Great Lakes yesterday has moved quickly eastward to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, with increasing intensity, causing gales with snow and rain from Ontario to the Maritime provinces. Very cold weather prevails in the western provinces.

Forecasts  
Strong northwest winds; fair and very cold to-day and on Thursday.



"Zimmie"  
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#### MEMORIAL SERVICE IN SOUTH AFRICA

##### Battle of Delville Wood is Commemorated by Survivors of Fight

By Courier Leased Wire  
London, Feb. 20.—(via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—A despatch from British headquarters says that an impressive commemoration service was held on the morning of February 17, when the South African contingent re-entered Delville wood. The men bivouacked on the ground of their historic battle and recounted narratives of the famous fighting. Afterwards the contingent lined up and participated in a memorial service to their comrades who had fallen here. At the conclusion of the service a letter from General Haig was read, which was full of praise for the splendid service the South Africans had rendered by their magnificent clinging to Delville wood.

#### Lloyd George Successful In Weathering Storm

**Crisis Past For British Government; Parliamentary Waters Run Smoothly Once More, After the Disturbances of Last Week--Robertson's Retirement is a Grave Issue**

By Courier Leased Wire.  
London, Feb. 20.—Premier Lloyd George and his government have surmounted another "crisis" and the parliamentary waters at Westminster appear to run smoothly once more after a week's turmoil stirred up by the retirement of General Robertson, chief of the imperial general staff.

In the House of Commons yesterday the Premier explained and defended the recent re-organization of the Versailles Council with the added powers given to it and his dealings with the famous British chief of staff. There was no proposal for a vote of want of confidence, but H. H. Asquith, the former premier, expressed regret that the explanations had not been given a week ago, when the premier declared he could not go into the subject without giving information to the enemy. Mr. Asquith supported the right of parliamentary criticism in such matters.

The occasion was not as stirring a one as have been several other appearances of the Welsh premier before the house when his administration has been under attack. His speech was a detailed, but guarded recital of the proposals by which the four powers at Versailles had arrived at the principles of their latest form of co-operation. There were no oratorical passages except a few sentences at the close, when Premier Lloyd George appealed to the country to get together in the face of a common danger.

The plan finally agreed upon by the council, he said, was due largely to the strong logical representations which the American delegates had submitted in the form of a memorandum. He paid warm tribute to General Robertson and expressed the regret of the government that it had been unable to induce him to take a position in which his abilities would be most useful. He declared that their personal relations always had been cordial.

Mr. Asquith asserted the country regarded with deep concern the recent enforced retirement of the government's chief naval and military advisers, Admiral Jellicoe and General Robertson. The public and their own professions had the utmost confidence in these men. Mr. Asquith added that the country had noted that both retirements were preceded by a hostile press campaign. The public questioned whether these losses were compensated by the retention of the Earl of Derby in the war ministry and appointment as director of foreign press propaganda—referring to Viscount Northcliffe, although he did not mention his name—ones whose newspapers had conducted the press campaign.

There was a little altercation between the Premier and ex-Premier over the question of General Robertson's failure to approve the Versailles plan. Finally, Mr. Asquith said he did not quarrel in the least with the decisions of the Versailles council in respect to its functions. He took the view that the question at issue was a domestic matter and supported the view that the military representative at Versailles should be a representative of the general staff.

The general result is that the crisis which a few days ago seemed the most serious the Lloyd George Government has encountered, cannot be estimated in the absence of any test votes by the House of Commons. It was noticeable to those who witnessed Mr. Lloyd George's crucial speeches in the House that the cheering which greeted his entrance was comparatively subdued and that the hearty applause which followed his speech was a cold demonstration beside others of its kind.

Mr. Asquith was interrupted impatiently at times by the members as he interjected remarks and was interrupted with cries of "Get on with the war."

The leader of the opposition confronted the Premier across the table like a cross-examining lawyer when trying to make a point that the Premier had given the House to understand a week ago that the Government and the generals were in harmony at the Versailles conference, whereas General Robertson's opposition was then being considered, some members shouted to the Premier:

- 1.—"Tell the truth."
- 2.—"On the main point at issue the Premier submitted that the Govern-
- 1.—Thou shalt not in any way boast, brag, bray, or bluster, or the wise man will hold thee in low esteem.
- 2.—Thou shalt not permit thy wife to be living at the rate of \$1,000 a year, when thy business is not yielding more than \$999; and shalt thou withhold from her the business information which, as her helpmate, she is entitled to receive.
- 3.—Thou shalt not mock the unsuccessful man, for he may be richer in his poverty than thou art in thy boasted abundance.
- 4.—Thou shalt not carry the counting house into the domestic circle, nor in any wise spoil the children's hour.
- 5.—Thou shalt not hobnob with idle persons nor smoke with them, nor encourage them, nor approve their evil life.
- 6.—Thou shalt not keep company with an unpunctual man, for he will certainly lead thee to carelessness and ruin.
- 7.—Thou shalt not forget that a servant who can tell lies for thee may one day tell lies to thee.
- 8.—As to hours of slumber and sleep, remember the good old rule: Nature requires six, custom gives seven; laziness takes nine, and wickedness eleven.
- 9.—Neither a borrower nor a lender be, but give where well bestowed right cheerfully.
- 10.—Be honest in copper, and if gold thy honesty will be sure.

#### RIVER HIGH, BUT DANGER OF FLOOD IS AVERTED

##### Ice Went Out at an Early Hour This Morning, and Low Lying Positions of City Were in Danger For a Time

At noon to-day, the river, although still high, had gone down a foot in fifteen minutes, and, unless a blocking-up should occur farther down, danger of flooding was practically past, stated Chief Lewis of the Central fire department. The river broke up between two and three o'clock this morning, and rose rapidly until it was soon almost level with the banks, and threatening low lying land in different parts of the city. An alarm was turned in to the central fire department by ex-Ald. R. J. Welsh, when several homes at the lower end of Gilkison street, beyond the dyke, appeared in danger, and the life-boat was rushed to the scene but by the time of its arrival the water had ceased to rise, and the danger was over.

Earliest on Record  
A bitter wind blew from the southwest all day, despite which fact, spectators gathered at various points along the banks of the river watching its progress. If the stream remains open, this will be the earliest breaking-up on record. In 1859 the ice went down on Feb. 27, and in 1891 on Feb. 25.

#### THREE ROYAL PALACES FOR THE NATION



The King's Offer. Buckingham Palace, which is one of the three Royal homes offered by the King for national use, is shown at the top. It and Kensington Palace, the middle picture, are both in London. Balmoral Castle seen in the circle is the famous Scottish Highland residence of the Royal family, especially beloved of the late Queen Victoria.

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