

BOLSHEVICK DEFEATED IN FIRST PARLIAMENTARY CLASH

ITALIANS STOP GREAT FOE THRUST AT VENICE

ENEMY NIGHT RUSH TO SEIZE VENICE IS STOPPED BY DIAZ

Teutonic Drive on Wide Front Along Lower Piave, Thursday, Arrested By Determined Defence of the Italians.

Rome, Jan. 19.—The enemy attacked along a wide front on the Lower Piave on Thursday night. Today's official statement says he was arrested.

700 LONDONERS SECURED COAL DURING FRIDAY

1,000 More Will Benefit by Distribution of Big Shipments Today.

COAL HOGS UNCOVERED Some Who Got Coal Yesterday Clamor to Utilities Commission for More.

Seven hundred coal consumers in London yesterday got coal from dealers who shared the big shipments of Friday, when 48 cars of hard coal reached the city. One thousand more will get a supply today. All deliveries were in quarters or half ton lots. These deliveries are based on what the dealers estimate will last the consumer a week.

The dealers working with their office staffs until late Friday night, getting ready for a big drive today. It was not until the afternoon that the coal suppliers of egg and other dealers, who have been hoarding coal, began to appear on the way from Buffalo.

W. A. Martin, the Canadian sales manager of the big relief shipments which reached London, has several more cars on the way from Buffalo. "I don't know just how many," he said, today. "I ceased to worry after the shipments arrived yesterday. I know that the dealers have all they can handle for several days, but last night I had 56 cars either in London or on the way from Buffalo."

The utilities commission is being subjected to an even greater bombardment of pleas today than ever before. At 11 o'clock this morning there were fifteen people in the office at one time beseeching A. O. Hunt, assistant manager, to get them coal. He has hundreds of appeals, and is doing his best to deliver small supplies to tide over the needy. He has all the outlets at his disposal devoted to the task.

"Hogs" Still Discovered. In his investigations, however, he has discovered that the dealers are still hoarding coal in the city. With hundreds in dire need of coal, he discovered this morning that the dealers have been among the loudest clamorers for assistance. He got a good supply from the dealer yesterday and was trying to get more. In one case, one of the commission men was sent to deliver coal. The dealer found that the coal was not supplied already in. He refused to make a delivery.

It is a shame for people to act so," said Mr. Hunt.

The coal dealers' offices are besieged again today. They are being overrun with people. Some of them have locked their office doors. Others have signed up notifying callers that they will be ready to supply coal for sale.

First Meeting. The London District Holstein Breeders' Club is holding its first annual meeting this afternoon in the offices of the Middlesex Branch of the Department of Agriculture.

J. N. Howe of Mossley, the president, and Fred Rodkin of Wilton Grove, the secretary, both state, that although the club is young, it has a good start and the officers expect great results.

Arrangements are being made for a consignment sale of Holsteins at London on March 8. Selection of officers and other routine business is being disposed of.

GERMANS SEEK TO LAY BLAME ON RUSSIA FOR PARLEY BREAK

Manoeuvring To Force Rupture Over Some Minor Point.

London, Jan. 19.—The negotiations at Brest-Litovsk have been suspended temporarily, according to a Petrograd dispatch to the Daily Mail dated Thursday. The Russian delegation is returning to Petrograd. The Germans, it is added, appeared to be manoeuvring to force the Russians to break the parley over a minor point, so as to throw the blame on the Russian representatives in the eyes of the Russian people.

READY TO VOTE, BUT NOT TO EVACUATE.

London, Jan. 19.—Further dispatches from both the German and Russian sides regarding the negotiations at Brest-Litovsk indicate that the discussion on Wednesday turned largely on the question of the conditions to be recognized in disposing of Poland, Lithuania and Courland. Dr. von Kuehnemann, the German foreign secretary, said in effect that his Government was willing to recognize the future of the territories occupied by German and Austro-Hungarian troops to be in regard to their political future such vote to be taken not later than one year after the conclusion of a general peace.

DEPUTY STARTS ROW IN FRENCH CHAMBER; DUELS MAY FOLLOW.

Accuses Socialists of Using Foe Money, and Insults Fly Fast.

Paris, Jan. 19.—The Chamber of Deputies had a turbulent session today. It was provoked by an interpellation of the Government offered by Deputy Paul Poincaré, a Socialist, concerning a suspension of the law of 1917, as compared with the law of 1915, in the increased price of coal.

DECEMBER A BANNER MONTH FOR DISTRICT RED CROSS SHIPPING

November Appeal Brought Results, Says Lady Beck.

MEETING HERE TODAY

Mrs. Plumtree Tells of Work Carried On From Coast to Coast.

DEVONSHIRE AND PARTY ARRIVE AT TORONTO AND VISIT TWO HOSPITALS

Toronto, Jan. 19.—His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, who is to speak for the patriotic fund campaign on Monday evening at Massey Hall, arrived at Union station in the governor-general's state car this morning. During his visit here the governor-general is expected to visit the Red Cross Hospital and the Canadian War Convalescent Hospital.

JAPS LANDED TROOPS AT VLADIVOSTOCK PORT

Washington, Jan. 19.—Although two battalions, one British and one Japanese, are in the port of Vladivostok, reports to the state department do not indicate any condition ashore to warrant landing troops.

RESUMES SERVICE

Traction Passenger Schedules Restored When Coal Comes.

The passenger schedule on the London Railway and Transportation Company traction line was resumed Friday after having been cut off for some time on account of the lack of coal to heat the cars.

THE BOSTON CITY WAS BUILT AT BRISTOL

Council Grants Millions; But It Is To Be Last.



FIELD MARSHAL HAIG NAMES GENERAL SIR H. LAWRENCE AS STAFF HEAD IN FRANCE

London, Jan. 19.—Among the many drastic changes Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig is making at British headquarters in France, according to the Times, is the appointment of Lieutenant-General Sir Herbert A. Lawrence, as his chief of staff.

GET SEED SUPPLIES EARLY IS ADVICE OF FOOD CONTROLLER

Supply Available From U. S. Will Be Greatly Reduced This Year—Embargo Will Be Placed on Some Lines.

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—Seed for many varieties of field crops will be scarce during the coming season and farmers will be wise to make arrangements for their supplies well in advance of planting. Such is the conclusion of the food controller's office, in conjunction with the U. S. food administration, has been considering questions in regard to the supply of seed available for planting this year.

90 PER CENT WOUNDED READY FOR OLD JOBS WHEN OUT OF HOSPITAL

OTTAWA, Jan. 19.—The population of the military convalescent hospitals and sanatoria on January 8, according to the latest report of the Military Hospitals Commission, showed a decrease of 631 since the previous census. The population on that date totaled 11,550, with 9,357 patients in the convalescent hospitals, 1,350 in the sanatoria and 623 in other hospitals. The decrease is one of the largest recorded. The records show that more than 90 per cent of the men passing through the convalescent hospitals for treatment are fit when they are discharged to return to their old occupations.

NEW BRITISH STEAMER SUNK BY SUBMARINE

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—The British steamship Boston City, a new vessel of 2,711 tons gross register and owned by the Bristol City Line, is reported to have been sunk by a submarine. The ship was last in an American Atlantic port November 13. J. Arkell and Company, agents of the line, said they had received a report of the loss of the vessel, but not from an official source.

TORONTO IS FINISHED WITH PATRIOTIC FUND

Council Grants Millions; But It Is To Be Last.

TORONTO, Jan. 19.—One million dollars was granted by the city council this afternoon to the patriotic fund, on the understanding that it was the last amount to be made to the city for this fund. One-half the amount is to be put in the tax rate this year, and the other half next.

HYDRO MEN WANT LYON IN THE SENATE

TORONTO, Jan. 19.—The appointment of J. W. Lyon of Guelph to the Senate is being urged by the hydro-electrical municipalities of Ontario. J. H. Hamilton, a well-known hydro man, today called on Sir William Hearst and asked his support of the proposal.

OPENING OF RUSS PARLIAMENT BRINGS SET BACK FOR "REDS" AND BLOODY STREET FIGHTING

COAL MINING RECORDS BROKEN

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 19.—Pennsylvania's production of coal during 1917 reached the unprecedented total of 267,733,000 net tons, and if it had not been for abnormal conditions due to the war, would have gone to nearly 300,000,000 tons, according to a summary of reports of the production by districts, issued today by Frank Hall, deputy chief of the state department of mines. Mr. Hall says the production not only of anthracite and bituminous coal, but of coke was above all previous records.

GIRLS IN TEENS ARE CARRYING DYNAMITE TO INDUSTRIAL REDS OF AMERICAN WEST

Sixteen-Year-Old Miss Caught With Explosives and a Loaded Pistol.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—The 16-year-old girl, giving the name of "Linda Jones," who is in jail here today on a charge of transporting dynamite on a railroad train, is believed by the police to be a member of the Young Men's Christian Association of Youngstown, Ohio. She was arrested yesterday on a charge of carrying dynamite and a loaded pistol.

Taking Explosives West. A telegram from the police authorities of Youngstown said that a girl of the name of Jones had been seen in the vicinity of the Young Men's Christian Association of Youngstown, Ohio. It was added that four other girls of about the same age were involved in the disappearance of the explosive, and that they are on the way west.

U. S. SHUT-DOWN BROUGHT RELIEF IN A FEW HOURS

Vast Freight Congestion Relieved, and More Coal on the Move.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Reports to the fuel administration today showed transportation congestion throughout the east being cleared and bunker coal being unloaded in increasingly large quantities. Few empty cars, however, have begun to move back yet to the coal mines.

BALFOUR IS CAUSTIC WITH NETHERLANDS; DOUBTS NEUTRALITY

Rejects Claim for Damages Through Loss of Ship.

GERMANY IS RESPONSIBLE

The Dutch Accept Without Protest Actions of the Submarines.

London, Jan. 19.—Foreign Minister Hon. A. J. Balfour, in replying to the claims of the Netherlands Government for damages because of the sinking of one Dutch steamer and the damaging of another while the latter was being salvaged by the British navy through the attacks of German submarines and while they were being escorted to a British port, declares that the claim should be made on Germany. Mr. Balfour adds:

"I am constrained to say that this action of a neutral nation which apparently accepts without protest the proceedings of German submarines in such a case as this, and confines its efforts to presenting claims for such acts to the British Government, is in their opinion inconsistent with the obligations of neutrality."

ORDINATION SUNDAY

Impressive Service To Be Conducted at St. John's Church.

The ordination of Fred Gordon Hardy of London Township to the order of deacon in the Anglican Church will take place in the Church of St. John the Evangelist at the morning service on Sunday, which will be held at 10:30 o'clock, instead of the usual hour. The Bishop of Huron will officiate at the ordination service and the sermon will be preached by Capt. (Rev.) Apperday.

DUTCH SORE ON UNITED STATES.

Amsterdam, Jan. 19.—Commenting on a statement made by the war minister to the Netherlands Parliament concerning the alleged detention in America of 1,000 machine guns and 100,000,000 cartridges which had been bought and paid for by the Dutch Government, the Hague Nieuw Courant protests indignantly against such treatment by a friendly nation. The newspaper declares that the holding up of the arms and ammunition is "a thoroughly humiliating and amounts to a real denial of Holland's good faith, and asks whether it is in America's interest to deprive a neutral state of the means to defend its neutrality."

Bolsheviki Cand date Defeated By Kerensky Man In First Vote of Constituent Assembly—War Breaks Out At the Capital Between Govt. Supporters and Opposition.

Petrograd, Jan. 19.—The long-delayed constituent assembly was opened today. On the first test of strength the Bolsheviks were defeated by the Social Revolutionists. M. Tchernoff, minister of agriculture in the Kerensky Government, and the nominee of the Social-Revolutionists of the Right, was elected by a vote of 244 to 151. The candidate of the Bolsheviks, Mas Maria Spiridonova, long prominent revolutionist, who was released from exile in Siberia after the overthrow of the Romanoffs.

The opening of the assembly was set for noon, but a controversy over registration caused a delay until 4 o'clock. Slightly more than 500 members were in their seats. Of those the Bolsheviks and the Social-Revolutionists of the Left, who are working together, have about 150 votes.

FIGHTING IN STREETS. The Society for the Defence of the Constituent Assembly, who were marching to ward the Tauride Palace occurred about noon Friday, according to a Petrograd dispatch to Reuters. Banners and flags demanding that the assembly be called were pulled down and torn.

Machine guns and rifle fire broke out from all sides. M. Logvinov, a member of the executive committee of the Congress of Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates, and several others were killed. Many were wounded, including several women.

TUMULT IN ASSEMBLY. Petrograd, Jan. 19.—By the Associated Press.—The constituent assembly opened its first session at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the Tauride Palace, with President Sverdloff of the central executive committee of the Social-Revolutionists presiding. A proposal to have the oldest delegate, who was a Social-Revolutionist, preside was howled down. M. Sverdloff read a declaration from the Congress of Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates demanding that the constituent assembly approve Bolshevik laws concerning peace and form the opposition to the followers of Premier Lenine.

Fighting at Petrograd. Demand that the assembly approve Bolshevik peace terms and laws was made in the opening declaration of temporary Chairman Sverdloff, representing the Congress of Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates. Demonstrations against Bolshevik efforts to control the assembly were not as large as expected, although five persons were killed and a number wounded by Red Guards when they fired on a group of paraders.

Peace Parleys Halt. Another halt in the Russo-German peace negotiations is reported in a news dispatch received in London from Petrograd, which says that the Russian delegates are returning to their capital, and that the German delegates at Brest-Litovsk are said to be endeavoring to force the Russians to break off the negotiations finally on a minor point.

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