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RUSSIANS BREAK GERMAN OFFENSIVE NEAR RIGA

TIND'S CABINET BIDDING FOR TIME ON NOTE FROM ENTENTE

Neither Refuses Demands Nor
Accepts Them Yet.

ACCUSED OF TREACHERY

Venizelist Leader Declares the
Army Will Attack Allies.

ILL-OMEN IN THE RIOTS

Trouble At Piraeus Portends
Grave Situation of
Future.

London, Jan. 8.—Reuter's Athens correspondent says the Greek Government has handed to the diplomatic representatives of the Entente a series of statements in response to the last note of the Allies. These statements, says the dispatch, are neither a refusal nor an acceptance of the entente note, but point out difficulties in the way of compliance with some of the terms.

An Athens dispatch last Saturday said the Greek Government has decided to reject certain clauses of the Entente note, which demands reparation for the recent outbreak at Athens in which Entente soldiers were fired on.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—Telegraphing from Athens under date of Friday, Jan. 5, Reuter's correspondent says: "Boisterous scenes at Piraeus yesterday evening resulted in the withdrawal of the French naval detachment stationed in the town hall here. This is regarded in Athens as an ill-omen of future developments."

READY TO SPRING.

ARIS, Jan. 7.—"The Greek army is only awaiting orders from Germany to attack the Allies," said M. Diomedes, former Greek minister of finance, in the Temps today. M. Diomedes is now in Paris on a special mission for Eleutherios Venizelos.

EVIGNY TAKEN INTO BORDEN'S CABINET; MANY CHANGES MADE

London Is Made Postmaster General,
New Minister Taking Revenue
Portfolio.

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—Hon. Albert Evigny was today sworn in as minister of inland revenue, in the resulting cabinet shift. Hon. E. L. Patenaude, former minister of inland revenue, becomes secretary of state and Hon. P. E. Blondin, former secretary of state, becomes postmaster general.

Mr. Rodolphe Forget was invited to enter the Government, but declined because acceptance would require him to give up his stock broking business, which yields him great profits. Then speaker Evigny was called, and accepted.

Deputy speaker E. N. Rhodes was appointed to be speaker of the Commons. The practice has been since Confederation to have Parliament called to meet on a Wednesday when a speaker is to be elected.

This year, for the first time, Parliament will elect the speaker on Thursday, and hear the speech from the throne on Friday. This is due to the fact that Parliament had been summoned to meet on January 18, and the speaker taken from the chair to the Government after summons had gone out.

CLAIMING ALLIED REPULSE.
Berlin, Jan. 8.—Via Sayville.—The following official report from the Macedonian front was given out here today: "Between Ochrida and Prespa Lakes, strong hostile reconnoitering detachment made an attack, but gained no success."

67,890 CANADIAN CASUALTIES

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—Casualties to the Canadian Overseas forces up to the end of December aggregate 67,890, made up as follows:

Killed, 10,854.
Died of wounds, 4,010.
Died of sickness, 494.
Presumed dead, 1,108.
Wounded, 48,454.
Missing, 2,970.

The striking feature is the small number of deaths from sickness.

To December 31, 1915, casualties totalled 14,453. At that time Canada had only one division at the front. During the last year, with four divisions on the field, casualties totalled 53,837.

PLATITUDES OF GERARD BRING OFFICIAL PROBE

American Ambassador's Re-
ported Protestations To
Germany Start Inquiry.

FEAR IRE OF NEUTRALS

Overseas News Service Re-
ports Stirs Washington From
Usual Lethargy at Last.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The report by the Overseas News Agency that Ambassador Gerard at a public welcome back to Germany had said that "never since the beginning of the war have the relations between the United States and Germany been so cordial as now," was officially inquired into by the state department today through a cable to the ambassador personally.

Officials, in making this announcement, refused to add any further comment except that they wished to know exactly what he had said.

Adds Fuel to Suspicion.
The action of the department was interpreted as evidence of the importance attached to the possible effects of such an utterance, especially upon public opinion in the Allied countries, where published reports have shown an impression that the president's note was in some way connected with the central powers' peace proposals. Every effort has been made to dispel that belief.

It is felt that if the Overseas News Service were allowed to go unchallenged, its sagacious assertions would be increased. As a result, the department was prompt in making public its inquiry to the ambassador, and probably will give out his reply when received.

Not Corrected.
It is indicated also that the report as quoted did not convey a true view of German-American relations, which (Continued on Page 3, Column 7.)

Present Inopportune For Peace, Says Pope

His Holiness Sending Note to This
Effect to Germany and America.
New York, Jan. 8.—A news agency dispatch from Rome, published here today, says: "The pope Benedict will declare the present moment inopportune for a peace movement in notes to Germany and America, the newspaper Messaggero asserted. According to this source, the notes will be practically identical in terms, and will be dispatched by the Vatican on Wednesday."

The Messenger declares the pope will narrate his own personal efforts toward peace, and his desire to end the great war, but sum up his conclusions that the time is not yet ripe for definite steps."

WOOD ALCOHOL KILLS TWO.

Hamilton, Jan. 7.—Herbert Williams, aged 30, orderly at the city hospital, and Tyrus Kerna, employed in the hospital laundry, drank wood alcohol together on Friday night. Williams died yesterday and Kerna this morning.

LLOYD GEORGE DOMINATED ALLIED WAR CONFERENCE HELD IN ITALY'S CAPITAL

British Leader Dwarfed Other Entente Statesmen, Accord-
ing to Popular Feeling at Rome—Italians Regard
Britain as Great Reserve of Allies.

London, Jan. 8.—(N. Y. Times Cable).—The Daily Telegraph prints the following dispatch from Rome: "Lloyd George is spoken of by everybody as the leading figure in the conference. The newspapers there publish long and flattering articles about him, and, without disparaging the others, it is safe to say that he is most admired among the visitors. All the papers are agreed in saying that it is his initiative that the holding of the conference in Rome is due."

"One of the things which might be said to characterize the present conference is the absence of all sorts of festivities and celebration. It is a grave business meeting, dealing with most important resolutions, and the only approach to anything like a collective lunch given at the Hotel Excelsior today, but even that is a sort of continuation of the general conference, the business of which is scarcely suspended for one moment."

Praises Italian Effort.
After lunch Lloyd George received

RUSSIAN DRIVE NEAR RIGA GULF FORCES RETREAT

Gains More Ground From the
Germans, Says Admission
From Berlin.

500 PRISONERS TAKEN

Battle South of Riga Resulted
in Heavy Loss by
Enemy.

BROADENING CAPTURES

Ground Taken On January 5
Added To Along River By
Fierce Attacks.

London, Jan. 7.—That the Germans are feeling very strongly the Russians' new offensive in the Baltic Sea region, is again intimated today in the Berlin official statements, which states that the Russians have broken the Germans' offensive in sections of the eastern front, near Riga and Mitau.

It is apparent that the Czar's forces are taking advantage of severe winter conditions, with roads and rivers frozen solid, to open a new and vigorous offensive on the northern end of their long line.

It is believed here that the Russians will make considerable impression on Teutonic defences there.

KITCHENER'S MAYOR REPUDIATES INTENT OF CHANGING NAME

At Inaugural Meeting He De-
nies Rumored Attempt.

PROTEST THEIR LOYALTY

Councilmen-Elect Echo Senti-
ments of Fealty To
Britain.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Kitchener, Jan. 8.—The new city council was duly inaugurated this morning, and held its first session.

After the singing of the National Anthem, Mayor Gross delivered his inaugural address, first congratulating the members-elect.

In part, the mayor said: "In the past our city has contributed largely to patriotic, Red Cross, and similar funds. We must continue to do so freely and liberally, not only out of the civic treasury, but also out of our own time and money."

"During the past year the name of our city has been changed. The action for such purpose has raised feelings of bitterness and discord between our citizens. It has led to acts of lawlessness and violence and has been a source of reproach to our city and its people."

Mayor Gross declared there was no intention of attempting to change the name back to Berlin. Other members of council corroborated this, and expressed their loyalty to Britain.

DISCUSS REINSTATEMENT OF RETURNED SOLDIERS

Premier Hears Notifies Gordon Philip
Meeting Is Arranged.

Gordon Philip, secretary of the board of trade, has received a letter from Premier W. H. Hearst of the Provincial Government, stating that a meeting to discuss the reinstatement of returned soldiers would take place this week, at which representatives from the provincial and federal governments would be present.

Mr. Philip, on behalf of the board of trade, wrote asking for information on the subject.

Mr. Hearst stated that the Government was giving this matter close attention, and would have its plans ready in a short time, particularly as regards placing the men on the land. The plans have been roughly outlined so far, and would be prepared at an early date.

PRESIDED AT SHORTEST SESSION EVER HELD IN LONDON HISTORY



MR. JUSTICE LATCHFORD,
Advertiser Illustration.

BRITISH FREIGHTER RAMS GERMAN SUB OFF FRENCH HARBOR

So Cripples Mine-Layer That
It Is Destroyed.

WAS SOWING MINES

New Type of Undersea Men-
ace Given Quiet After
Hitting Arrino.

Boston, Jan. 8.—An account of the ramming of a German submarine mine layer outside the harbor of St. Nazaire, France, by the British freight steamer Arrino, bound for this port, and the subsequent destruction of the crippled submarine by a French patrol boat, was brought here today by members of the crew of the American steamship Alsian. Nothing was known concerning the fate of the submarine's crew.

The Arrino, which, like the Alsian, is under charter to the Franco-Canadian Steamship Company to carry war munitions from this port to St. Nazaire, left the latter port December 12, according to the account by the Alsian's men. The Arrino ran down the submarine while it was engaged in sowing mines over one of the channels approaches to the harbor. Whether the ramming was deliberate or accidental did not appear.

The mine layer was unable to submerge after the accident or to proceed, and the admiralty patrolboat sent out after the Arrino patrolled to port, destroyed the German vessel, it was said.

A trawler later picked up eight mines which had been distributed by the submarine. The Arrino was badly damaged in the collision, losing part of her propeller and springing a leak.

LAWSON CAN TELL WHERE "LEAK" WAS, BUT HE REFUSES

Financier Who Exploded the
Scandal Bomb Is Gulled.

HEARING ENDS IN UPROAR

Tumulty and Lashing Gave
Denials To House—Testi-
mony Expunged.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Thomas W. Lawson occupied much of today's session of the House rules committee hearing on the alleged stock market leak on President Wilson's peace note, with a running row with the committee, and being expelled from the committee room by the declaration that he could tell where the leak was but would not say.

At the outset of the hearing, Secretary Tumulty read a statement indorsed by President Wilson that he had no knowledge whatever of the president's note, before it was released to the newspapers. A declaration by the whole committee was unanimously to expunge the whole statement from the record. The stenographer had missed much of it in the confusion.

Finally when Chairman Henry got Lawson down to a cross-examination, the Boston financier said in effect he could tell but wouldn't and at that point the committee recessed for luncheon.

KEEP ORE REFINING IN DOMINION, TOO

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Jan. 8.—By way of bounty or bribe to a cross-examination, the Minister White for lead, copper and zinc. Heretofore most of the refining has been done in the United States.

The growth of the munitions business this step to enable Canada to carry out all stages of shell-making from the mines to the guns.

AUSTRIA SEEKING EXCUSE WHICH MIGHT PERMIT HER TO WITHDRAW FROM WAR

Spells United Action.

Rome, via Paris, Jan. 6.—The Italian press is filled with cordial comments on the conduct of the conference of the Allied leaders here. The one point emphasized by all is that the conference spells united action and firm resolution.

ARMIES' SANITATION REDUCES DEATH TO SMALL PERCENTAGE

Average Illness at Front Less
Than in Old London.

CAN RAID KRUPP WORKS

New British Machines Will
Recover Supremacy of
the Air.

London, Jan. 8.—The announcement today of Lord Northcliffe's return from his ninth visit to the front, contains an interesting statement by him concerning the health of the armies. The annual death rate is placed at exactly three per thousand; the average illness, including colds and influenza, much less than in London with all the discomfort and inconveniences of the trenches. The conditions appear fundamentally favorable to men in the vigor of life and physically capable of standing exposure and hardships.

Lord Northcliffe's observations confirm what has often been remarked as the wonderful improvement in the sanitation of the armies. In the past, disease has been as destructive as battles. Biology and pathology, and the discovery of the germ theory, have made such strides that disease has been practically eliminated as a factor in warfare. War taken medical science into the field where the control of large masses enables it to develop the highest efficiency.

Will Benefit Mankind.
The organized and systematic applications of preventive medicine constitute the strictly neutral work in this war by all humanity will profit for all time to come.

The progress in another field of science was touched on at a meeting of the association of science teachers on Saturday. Prof. Kilburn Scott lent authority to the report that Germany is now making out of the air her whole supply of nitrates.

Prof. Scott mentioned three things as marking the outposts of science in this war. First, there was the manufacture of nitrates from the atmosphere as bacteria mentioned; second, the apparatus which nullified the insular position of England, and, third, there was the success of the gyro compass, which solved accurate steering by battleships and submarines.

To Raid Krupp.
It was declared by Joynton-Hicks, M. P., that within three months an English firm could build five hundred machines that could fly for ten hours continuously, and would be capable of successfully raiding the Krupp works at Essen. Mr. Joynton-Hicks was the choice of many expert judges for the chair, to which Lord Cowdrey was appointed. He has been agitating the question of recovering the Allied supremacy of the air, and it is hoped that his fine enthusiasm will be utilized by the new board.

EIGHT-HOUR LAW FIGHT REACHES CLIMAX TODAY

American Supreme Court Commences
to Hear Constitutional Arguments.
Washington, Jan. 8.—The climax in the legal contest over constitutionality of the Adamson law was reached today in the supreme court.

Arguments were begun in the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad case, in which the department of justice is appealing from Federal Judge Hoke's decision at Kansas City, Mo., that the law, passed last September, when a general railroad strike against it, is unconstitutional, null and void.

Conclusion of the arguments late tomorrow is expected. They are the first on the merits since the Adamson law in any court. Judge Hook having already decided the case without formal hearings in order to expedite the appeal for the supreme court's final determination. A decision is expected within a few weeks at most.

"Voluminous briefs were filed today by the federal and railroad counsel before the beginning of the arguments which proceeded after announcement by the court of numerous opinions and orders upon reconvening after its holiday recess."

Numerous precedents, including appeals of decisions, were cited in the department of justice brief in support of the law's validity. The railroad's brief contended that the law is unconstitutional, interferes with liberty of contract, does not fall within Congress' authority to regulate the interstate commerce and takes railroad property without "due process of law."

Quarrel With Kaiser Has Gone Too Far To Be Patched Up, Says Austrian Noblemen—More Sensational Develop- ments Brought to Head by Nation's Impending Collapse Are Expected.

London, Jan. 8 (New York World cable).—A

Berne dispatch to the Daily News says: "If news reaching here from usually trustworthy sources is accurate, Austria-Hungary is very near collapse. No effort is made to conceal the differences which have arisen between the two kaisers, and Swiss newspapers attribute to Count Golachowski, who recently arrived here from Vienna, a statement that a quarrel between the two monarchs has gone too far to be patched up."

"Austria compelled Germany to agree to a joint offer of open peace negotiations, and now that the offer has been definitely rejected, well-informed neutral observers state that developments of even more sensational character may take place within the next few weeks."

"The liberty allowed to newspapers in the discussion of peace is held in some circles here to indicate that the authorities are anxious to make inflamed public opinion an excuse for ending the war."

CZECH UNREST EXPOSED THROUGH PRESS CONDEMNATION OF LEADER

Amsterdam, via London, Jan. 8.—Dr. Karl Kramarz, the Austrian deputy whose death sentence for treason was commuted to life imprisonment by Emperor Charles, is denounced in a Vienna dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung as active before and during the war in a movement for the dismantling of the monarchy. Dr. Kramarz is described as the leader of the Slavophile propaganda carried on in Czech and Rumanian quarters. The dispatch says the dispatch condemns the circulation of Russian proclamations in Bohemia and Moravia, demonstrations of sympathy for the enemy and similar incidents.

"Both in enemy and neutral countries there was a widely organized revolutionary propaganda aiming at the establishment of a Czech state independent of Austria-Hungary. Among the persons engaged in this propaganda were Professor Muerky and Herr Duerich, who, having deserted from the front to the enemy, it is also proved that some Czech politicians, especially Dr. Kramarz, started a movement long before the war aiming at the separation of the Czech and Slovak regions from the monarchy. This movement was the main cause of all the treasonable events at home and abroad."

"To the agitation of the accused in the dispatch, phenomena which appeared during the war among a portion of the Czech population, and which created important obstacles to the successful conclusion of the struggle."

After referring to the circulation of Russian proclamations in Bohemia and Moravia, demonstrations of sympathy for the enemy and similar incidents, the dispatch concludes: "The dispatch condemns the circulation of Russian proclamations in Bohemia and Moravia, demonstrations of sympathy for the enemy and similar incidents."

"The hiding of the court which condemned Dr. Kramarz, according to the dispatch, declared that only a comparatively small part of the Czech people and their leaders succumbed to the agitation."

PROBING TO FIND ALLIED INTENTIONS

Paris, Jan. 8.—Bureau Agence Golechowski, former Austrian foreign minister, has spent several weeks at Vevey, according to a Geneva dispatch to the Matin. The dispatch says that the baron occasionally came to visit a member of the Murat family who has retired to live in Austria since the war began, but that his real object was to find out all he could in Switzerland regarding the intentions and tendencies of the Allies and make a report thereon to Emperor Charles.

FOKSHANI, WITH 4,000 GARRISON, FALLS TO ENEMY

Berlin Claims Another Im-
portant Capture in the
Rumanian Campaign.

TAKE MILCOKU POSITION

This Followed by Vigorous At-
tack On Second Line De-
fences, Say Germans.

Berlin, Jan. 8.—Via Sayville.—According to the war office announcement today the Rumanian town of Fokshani has been captured, and nearly 4,000 prisoners taken.

The official statement follows: "Front of Archduke Joseph: Despite a snowstorm and severe cold weather, we again pushed back the enemy between the Putna and Olteu valleys. An army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen, January 7 brought another great success to the 9th Army, especially to the victorious German and Austro-Hungarian troops of Gen. Krafft von Dellmenningen and von Morgen. They have back the Rumanians and Russians from the strongly fortified main mass of Mount Odeobesti to the Hulina. Pierced Second Defence.

Further south, the Milcoku position, which had been constructed in October and was now tenaciously defended, was captured by storm and in hand-to-hand fighting. Pushing behind, we gave the enemy no time to settle himself in his second line on the canal between Fokshani and Yacuza. This position also was pierced and, pressing further behind, we crossed the road from Fokshani to Bolocsi.

"This morning Fokshani was captured. From the captured fortifications, 3,510 prisoners, 3 cannon and several machine guns were brought in."

SLAYS LOVER, THEN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Montreal Girl Centre of Tragedy That
Will Cost Two Lives.

Montreal, Jan. 8.—Following a series of lovers' quarrels, Eve Boyle, 21-year-old, shot and killed Fred Higgins, 23, on University street, at an early hour this morning. The woman then turned the revolver on herself and inflicted a wound, from which the doctors at the Royal Victoria Hospital say she will die.