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British and Japanese Cruisers Reported At Vladavostock

Bolsheviks Send Note Asking About Matter

A TREATY AGREED UPON?

Amsterdam Hears That Central Powers and Ukrainian People's Republic Have Reached Agreement—The Russian Situation

Petrograd, Jan. 20.—The authorities at Smolny Institute have sent a note to the Japanese and British embassies asking information concerning the entrance of British and Japanese cruisers into Vladivostok harbor. The note says the Smolny Institute was not asked for permission for foreign cruisers to enter the harbor.

A Peace Agreement?

Amsterdam, Jan. 21.—The negotiations between the Central Powers and the Ukrainian "people's republic" at Brest-Litovsk have resulted in an agreement on the principles of a peace treaty which is to be concluded and the war is declared terminated, according to advices from Brest-Litovsk today.

On the conclusion of peace, the advice adds, the troops of both sides will be withdrawn, and it is provided that arrangements be made for resumption of economic intercourse and diplomatic and consular relations. And both delegations considered it necessary to make a verbal report to their governments, it is said a short agreement was agreed upon.

A Government Proclamation

Petrograd, Sunday, Jan. 20.—The Bolshevik government has issued a proclamation to the people of Petrograd saying in part:

"The people of the spread the report that revolutionary workers and soldiers have fired on a peaceful labor demonstration. This is done to sow trouble in the ranks of the workers, causing panic and inciting them against the revolutionary leaders."

"It has been proved that the authors of these rumors fired at soldiers and workers who are keeping order in the city. The central executive has opened searching inquiry and the culprits will be tried by revolutionary tribunals."

The proclamation concludes by advising the people to ignore the rumors and remain calm, and assuring them that order is being maintained by sailors, soldiers and workers.

Trouble Threatens in Finland

Stockholm, Jan. 20.—As a result of the Finnish diet's decision to authorize the government to organize an effective force to preserve order, the executive of the Socialist party has issued a proclamation calling on the proletariat throughout Finland to join forces against the government.

The proclamation refers to the government's "butcher policy," and declares that the majority of the diet has deceived the proletariat and now threatens it with bayonets and bullets.

Statement by Trotsky

Copenhagen, Jan. 21.—Foreign Minister Trotsky, before leaving Brest-Litovsk, told Doctor Von Kuehlmann, German foreign minister, according to a telegram from Berlin, that he was going to Petrograd for a week to report to the congress of workers' and soldiers' delegates. He is quoted as having said that his departure in no manner indicated a discontinuance of the negotiations, which would continue during his absence.

German Report

Berlin, Jan. 19, via London.—(British Admiralty, per Wireless Press)—Discussions between representatives of the Central Powers and the Ukrainian delegates at Brest-Litovsk on Thursday went so far as to extend to concrete questions as to the exchange of commodities. Further discussion was entrusted to a special commission.

During the conference Count Czernin, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, declared that the intervention of one party in the internal affairs of the other was quite out of the question, to which the Ukrainians acquiesced. It also was agreed that the destiny of the Polish majority which might belong to the Ukrainian state must be assured.

The Ukrainians

Petrograd, Jan. 20.—The Ukrainian withdrawal, controlled by the Bolsheviks, and a rival of the Rada of Kiev, has designated three delegates to go to the conferences at Brest-Litovsk. They came to Petrograd today and conferred with the Bolshevik authorities who extended them recognition and sent them to Brest-Litovsk, with instructions to confer with the other Ukrainian delegates and determine who actually represents the Ukraine. Only fifteen Ukrainian members out of a possible 100 attended the opening of the short-lived constituent assembly.

BRITISH GAIN

London, Jan. 19.—The war office has issued the following: "Yesterday our line was advanced to a maximum depth of a mile on a four mile front in the neighborhood of Durah, twelve miles north of Jerusalem. Some prisoners were captured."

MAY REDUCE ESTIMATES FOR FERRY DEPT.

Offer Made for Purchase of Ferry Steamer "Ludlow" TOO LOW TO ACCEPT

Policemen and Call Firemen Petition Commissioner of Safety for Increases in Pay—Requests Will be Dealt With on Tuesday

That it may be possible to reduce the estimates for the ferry department was the subject held out by Commissioner Russell at a meeting of the common council in committee this morning. There was a general discussion of the estimates and suggestions were made for decreasing the total by the elimination of some of the items and the reduction of others. The discussion of repairs for the ferry wharves and boats was held over for detailed figures tomorrow.

Mention was made of an offer of \$80,000 for the ferry steamer Ludlow, but Commissioner Russell said that he was holding out for \$100,000 as the lowest amount he would recommend accepting. Commissioner Russell also announced that the call firemen want a raise from \$175 to \$200 a year.

Mayor Russell presented and all the commissioners were present. Superintendent Waring was called to explain certain details of the ferry estimates. The total asked for is \$84,000. This includes \$20,000 to meet the needs of the ferry department for the year's operations. This is \$8,000 higher than last year's appropriation of \$76,000. The increase is partly accounted for by the fact that \$20,000 is required for repairs to the steamers and approaches.

Commissioner Russell said that he considered all the estimates as necessary and pressing but he believed that \$84,000 would meet all demands. A detailed statement of the repairs required also has been prepared. Commissioner Russell said that he was negotiating with the militia department for a subsidy to pay for carrying the boats to and from the wharves. He also said that he had abolished the special rates for teams.

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CASUALTIES NEARLY 8,000 BELOW LAST WEEK'S

London, Jan. 21.—British casualties reported in the week ending today were 17,042, divided as follows:—Killed and wounded—Officers, 76; men, 2,277. Wounded or missing—Officers, 213; men, 14,477.

These figures represent a decrease of nearly 8,000 from last week, when 24,979 casualties were reported, and an unusually high total for this time of the year. Two weeks ago the figures were 18,998, and three weeks ago 9,931.

THE GERMAN GAME RELATIVE TO EAST

London, Jan. 20.—The latest German reports, via Amsterdam, assert that the prospect held out by Commissioner Russell in the territorial policy of Germany and show what face that country proposes to put on annexations in the east. The guide in which these are presented are that the peoples in these countries should have determined their future status through existing representative bodies, and that the determination is possible. Whether the German newspapers from which these reports have been taken represent the general policy, or are extracts culled by the censorship for circulation abroad remains to be seen.

Amsterdam, Jan. 21.—In the lower house of the Hungarian parliament Premier Wékerly said that the government adhered to the principle of self-determination of nations, and that this stand-point was shared by every organ of the monarchy, above all by the king. The premier intimated that his question should not be calculated to strengthen the government's position.

"It weakens our peace efforts considerably," the premier added, "if irresponsible newspapers had been allowed to publish the demand for speedy conclusion of peace."

MONTEAL POLES TO HELP WIN THE WAR

Montreal, Jan. 21.—A large gathering of Poles on Beaubien Hall here yesterday afternoon was addressed by Captain W. A. Clav Gaston, high-commissioner for the Polish army in France to the United States, in behalf of the army of 150,000 that is being raised with the Allies for an independent Poland.

He said that from one Atlantic harbor to the other Poland had gone forward. Other prominent Poles spoke and a resolution, similar to one proposed at Pittsburgh, Pa., was passed unanimously. This pledges the Poles to support the Polish and Allied armies.

ALLES WAITING ON WEST, RECENT EVENTS IN RUSSIA TEND TO BENEFIT ENEMY

Washington, Jan. 21.—The Allies are maintaining an expectant attitude on the western front, Secretary of War Baker stated today in his weekly review, while recent events in Russia have greatly increased strategic freedom for the central empire.

Paris, Jan. 21.—"Aside from the usual artillery fire there is nothing to report," says today's war office communication.

British Report. London, Jan. 21.—"The night passed quietly," the war office reports. "We captured a few prisoners in patrol encounters."

Sports May be Out of Job. Chicago, Jan. 21.—Many accounts for the National and American League clubs are likely to be without employment next year, unless a majority of the minor leagues decide to continue in the game.

Phelix and Ferdinand. Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis: The barometer is highest over the middle States and relatively low over northern Ontario and the maritime provinces. The weather is fair and cold throughout the domain.

Lakes and Georgian Bay: Moderate winds, fair; Tuesday, southwest winds, fair and cold.

Upper St. Lawrence and Ottawa Valley: Fresh western winds, fair and cold today and on Tuesday.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore: Fresh to strong west winds, fair and cold today and on Tuesday.

Fair and Cold. Maritime: Strong northwesterly winds, fair and cold today and on Tuesday.

Lake Superior: Fresh southwesterly winds, fair and cold today and on Tuesday.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan: Fair and cold today and on Tuesday.

Alberta: Fair and comparatively mild.

New England: Fair tonight and probably Tuesday, slightly warmer Tuesday, moderate west winds becoming variable.

HOPE TO HAVE SHORE LINE OPEN TODAY

But Regular Train From St. John Not Expected Away Till Wednesday, Eight Days After Storm

H. C. Groot, general superintendent of the C. F. R. New Brunswick division, received word this morning that the Shore Line Railway was open as far as the New River and that it was expected that the line would be open to St. Stephen this afternoon.

A large steel plough and ice cutter was brought from Montreal and was put in operation yesterday. Driven by two large C. F. R. locomotives the plough got as far as Lepreau, where one of the Shore Line trains had been stalled since the recent storm. After the train was placed on a siding at Monmouth, the plough was again headed for St. Stephen. If the double-header arrives there safely this afternoon one train will remain behind to bring the regular train to St. John tomorrow and the other with the plough will be sent to be cleared of ice. The Glen Falls line was cleared on Saturday. People residing in the neighborhood are making remarks and the general feeling out that way seems to be that a few days should have sufficed for which to have the line cleared. As things stand, it is not even clear by the end of the week that the line will be open to St. John line will be cleared by tonight.

PART OF LINE STILL UNCLEARED; STORM WAS LAST TUESDAY

Tuesday's storm seems to have held the Glen Falls line closed for a whole week and at noon today that report from East St. John was that there was a stretch of track to be cleared of ice. The Glen Falls line was cleared on Saturday. People residing in the neighborhood are making remarks and the general feeling out that way seems to be that a few days should have sufficed for which to have the line cleared. As things stand, it is not even clear by the end of the week that the line will be open to St. John line will be cleared by tonight.

MANAGER AND COUNCIL OF SEVEN FOR MONTEAL

This is Latest Recommendation by Government of Big Quebec City

Montreal, Jan. 21.—A manager and a council of seven are recommended for Montreal by the bureau of municipal research which has been investigating conditions in Montreal, the manager to be appointed by the council. Dealing with the creation of a new Russia. There is no essential difference between the aims of the Social revolutionists and the Bolsheviks, their opposition being merely personal. The correspondent adds: "Russia, judging from Friday's meeting was fairly unanimous regarding what it wants. The question is less what is to be done, than who is to do it."

Premier Lenine informed a deputation from a provincial workers' and soldiers' council that the constituent assembly would not be allowed to reassemble anywhere. Instead, there would be a national convention to be formed by the forthcoming congress of workers and soldiers councils.

Sweeps Take Four. In the City League on Black's bowling alleys on Saturday evening the Sweeps took all four points from the Specials, Gamblin, McIlvaine and McIntyre all rolled well. The scores follow:—Sweeps—Total, Avg. Foohay..... 87 88 91 271 90 1-3 Black..... 99 35 94 288 96 Stubbs..... 76 107 89 272 90 2-3 Gambelin..... 116 94 106 316 105 1-8 McIlvaine..... 118 92 111 319 106 1-8

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MISSING BOY FOUND

William Gordon Is At S. Martins—Was Working Near There

As a result of publicity in local newspapers William Gordon, son of Spencer Gordon, of Moore street, who was missing from his home for ten days, has been located in St. Martins. Mrs. Lowe, of that place, having read about his disappearance, was surprised on Saturday night when the little fellow called at her house. She telephoned to central police station here and Sergeant Smith notified the boy's parents. Mrs. Lowe learned that the boy had been working for people near St. Martins before going to her home.

HOW SPY WAS CAUGHT

New York, Jan. 21.—Unfamiliarity with naval regulations led to the capture of a German spy, who had entered the New York navy yard in the uniform of a United States marine, remained in the navy yard at least three days, then tried to leave the yard in the garb of a foreign sailor. While it was easy for the spy to enter the yard as a marine, it was impossible for him to get away without a pass.

JUVENILE COURT

In juvenile court this morning two small boys were up for stealing a hat. They were remanded. Five boys were charged with being members of the gang who habituated F. E. Sayre's gear shed were remanded again.

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First "Heatless" Monday Being Well Observed

WHY RUSSIAN ASSEMBLY HAS BEEN DISSOLVED

Statements in Decree of Central Executive

Premier Lenine Says Constituent Assembly Will Not be Allowed to Re-assemble Anywhere—A National Convention Instead

Petrograd, Jan. 20.—A decree issued by the central executive of the congress of workers' and soldiers delegates dissolving the constituent assembly says that the revolution created the workers' and soldiers council as the only organization able to direct the struggle of the exploited working classes for complete political and economic liberation. During the first period of the revolution the workers' and soldiers congress, it is added, perceived the illusion of an understanding with the bourgeoisie and realized that the liberation of the oppressed classes was impossible without a rupture with the bourgeoisie.

"Therefore, the decree says, the revolution of November arose, giving all authority to the congress of workers' and soldiers' delegates." The constituent assembly, being elected from the old election lists, was the expression of the old regime when authority belonged to the bourgeoisie. The people who voted for the social revolutionists were unable to distinguish those of the right, who were partisans of the bourgeoisie, from those of the left, who were partisans of Socialism. Therefore, the constituent assembly necessarily became the authority of the bourgeoisie, setting itself against the revolution of November and the congress of workers' and soldiers' delegates.

The revolution of November, the decree continues, has shown the workers that the old bourgeoisie parliamentary system had its day and was incompatible with the tasks before Socialism, and that only such institutions as the workers' and soldiers' councils were able to overcome the opposition of the rich classes and create a new socialist state.

"Every refusal," it adds, "to recognize the authority of the republican workers' and soldiers' councils and to place in the hands of the constituent assembly and the bourgeoisie the liberty which has been won, was a step backwards, and toward the bankruptcy of the workers' and peasants' revolution."

The constituent assembly opened on January 18, and it is known reasons were given for its dissolution. It is contended that this fact formed the basis of the just and clear programme of the central executive committee of the congress of workers' and soldiers' delegates, and to recognize a declaration of war against the exploiting bourgeoisie, as well as the revolution of November and the authority of the workers' and soldiers' councils.

This, the decree says, made a breach in the assembly and the departure of the Bolsheviks and social revolutionists of the left inevitable. The social revolutionists of the right, it says, are fighting openly against the authority of the workers' and soldiers' councils and supporting the exploiters of labor, and if this party only remained it might play the role of leading a bourgeois counter-revolution. The decree concludes: "The central executive committee, therefore orders the constituent assembly dissolved."

London, Jan. 21.—The constituent assembly, the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News says, had nothing of the character of a serious meeting of patriots prepared to work together for the creation of a new Russia. There is no essential difference between the aims of the Social revolutionists and the Bolsheviks, their opposition being merely personal. The correspondent adds: "Russia, judging from Friday's meeting was fairly unanimous regarding what it wants. The question is less what is to be done, than who is to do it."

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BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Thomas L. Markey took place this morning from his residence, 148 Britain street, to St. John the Baptist church, where high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. F. J. McMurray. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Miss Eva May Sears took place this afternoon from her grandparents' residence, 94 King street, West St. John. Services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Sampson. Interment was made in Cedar Hill.

The funeral of Linus H. Seely took place this afternoon from the Carlton Methodist church. Services were conducted by Rev. E. A. Westwood and interment was made in Cedar Hill.

IN WALL STREET TODAY

New York, Jan. 21.—(Wall Street)—Stocks were firm at the opening of today's market, but trading was materially restricted by the new government regulations. Coppers, oils and obscure war specialties were the strongest features, their rise extending from large fractions to 1-2 points in the case of Mexican Petroleum, United States Steel and kindred equipments were moderately better, but shipments were again heavy and rails almost entirely neglected. Liberty first 4's sold at the new record of 96.54.

FINE NEW SCHOONER. Complete rigging and to load for a South African port. She is owned by the Weymouth Shipping Company and was recently launched at Little Brook, Digby County, N. S. She is a three masted schooner, 348 tons register, a modernly equipped. A powerful gasoline engine is used for raising the sails and anchor and a smaller engine attached to the ship's pumps. Several shipping men went on board her today and all seemed greatly impressed by her lines and her excellent equipment.

There will be a Liberal caucus in Ottawa tomorrow.