

ALLIED CITIZENS SHOT DOWN IN RUSSIAN REIGN OF TERROR; AUSTRIA'S PEACE PROPOSALS NOW ALMOST ANCIENT HISTORY; VIOLENT FIGHTING ON WESTERN FRONT, SITUATION UNCHANGED

Five Hundred Shot on Order Of Russian Bolsheviks; Reign of Terror Is Feared

Washington Learns of Wholesale Executions of Allied Citizens in Central Russia—Many Held As Prisoners.

MORE EVIDENCE OF HUN PLOTS TO DOMINATE RUSSIAN NATION

Murderers Sent By Trotsky At German Bidding To Assassinate Loyal Russian Officers — Teutonic Operations in the Ukraine.

Washington, Sept. 17.—Information reached the state department from a neutral country that Allied citizens in Central Russia are in danger. The position of the Russian populace was described as tragic in the extreme.

Five hundred persons were shot in connection with the assassination of Uritsk, a Bolshevik cabinet minister, the message said. A large number of other persons are held for execution in the event that further attempts on the lives of the Bolshevik leaders are made.

More German Plots.

Washington, Sept. 17.—German trickery in breaking the Ukraine away from the bought-and-paid-for Bolshevik government, plots against loyal Russian soldiers and their leaders to insure complete control after the false peace comes, and further evidence of the operations of the Teutonic against Bolshevik preaching in their own ranks are shown in today's installment of secret documents from Russia made public by the United States Government.

Communications written in January disclose that the Bolsheviks were fully informed of what the Germans were doing in the Ukraine, and knew that peace treaties with the Ukraine and Rumania were coming. They also learned quickly enough that Germany was disposing of their hopes to see the revolutionary propaganda take root on German soil.

Notes from the German Intelligence service to Trotsky, the commissioner of foreign affairs, show first that a Turk with a Russian passport was sent to Petrograd to keep watch over the Russian commander-in-chief, and that afterward, late in February, removal of the commander-in-chief, General Bonch-Bruyevich, was demanded. Bruyevich, whose continuance in the position was particularly no longer desirable to the Germans, they argued out and General Parski, named by the German Intelligence service, was appointed to command the Petrograd district.

Another note from the Intelligence service complains that "the agents sent to kill Generals Kaledin, Bokarvsky and Alexieff, were cowardly, non-enterprising people."

This same document shows that as long ago as December, 1917, former German prisoners of war were being dressed in Russian uniforms to fight loyal Russian soldiers.

The significance of the documents is discussed in notes by Edgar Sisson, who brought the documents out of Russia for the committee on public information.

KILLED IN ACTION.

London, Sept. 17.—Lord Alexander Thynne, member of the House of Bath since 1896 was killed in action last Sunday.

AUSTRIAN PEACE NOTE NOW ALMOST ANCIENT HISTORY

Reply of United States Will Probably Suffice For All the Allies Is Opinion in London.

London, Sept. 17.—The Austrian peace note appears already to have become almost ancient history. The blunt and unmistakable refusal of President Wilson to parley with the Central Powers except upon the terms he previously has laid down seems to have voiced the sentiments of the Entente. They are likely to let the reply of the United States suffice for all, as they did in the case of the Papal peace proposal.

Washington, Sept. 17.—The reply of the American government rejecting the proposal of Austria-Hungary for a secret and non-binding discussion of peace terms, was delivered late today

U. S. BREWERIES TO CLOSE DEC. 1

And After October 1st They Can Only Use Malt and Hops For Beer.

Washington, Sept. 17.—President Wilson today signed a proclamation prohibiting after October 1st, the use of any foodstuffs in brewing beer and near-beers except malt and hops.

NO CHANGE IN COAL STRIKE

Two Thousand Pictou Miners Are Still Out As Result of Wage Dispute.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 17.—There is no change today in the coal miners' strike in Pictou where 2,000 men are out, demanding an increase in pay. The normal output of coal is 2,300 tons daily and the stoppage of this supply is serious for the railway, the Nova Scotia Steel Company and the munitions works. The companies say they are willing and do pay wages equal to the Cape Breton miners and they cannot pay more as the price of coal is fixed.

to the Swedish legation for transmission to Vienna.

Amsterdam, Sept. 17.—The German government had previous knowledge of the note Austria-Hungary recently despatched inviting the belligerents to a conference, it is declared, in authoritative German circles, "according to the Vienna newspapers."

This statement is made, the newspapers state, as a result of inquiries from competent quarters. Germany, however, is ready to support all steps calculated to aid in bringing about an honorable peace and the German government will avail itself of all means that promise to bring peace nearer, it is declared.

Sensational Evidence In Ballot Case

Lieut. E. T. Adney Introduces Name of Hon. F. B. Carvell Into St. John's Enquiry.

TWELVE DEAD IN A NEWARK FACTORY FIRE

Ten Girl Workers Trapped on Fourth Floor of Burning Building — Two Others Jump To Death.

Newark, N. Y., Sept. 17.—All police reserves and ambulances in the city were ordered out to a fire which broke out this afternoon in the plant of the American Button Company here. Police reports were that many girls were jumping from the windows of the factory.

The dead are all girls, employees of the plant, ten of whom were trapped on the fourth floor of the mill, while two others, who jumped to the street, died in an ambulance on the way to a hospital.

After the fire was under control firemen began a search of the building, where it was believed additional bodies might be buried under the debris.

DR. J. B. CALKIN DIED LAST NIGHT

Oldest and Best Known Educationalist in Maritime Provinces Passed Away At His Home in Halifax.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 17.—Dr. J. B. Calkin, the oldest and most widely known educationalist in the Maritime Provinces, died this evening at his home, in the 89th year of his age, after an illness of two weeks. The late Dr. Calkin was for very many years, principal of the Provincial Normal College, and was the author of several text books of geography, history, and pedagogy. He was also prominent in public and church affairs. He held honorary degrees from Dalhousie and Acadia universities. The deceased educator is survived by a son, W. Calkin, chemist, in a Pennsylvania paper establishment, and two daughters, Mrs. George Wilson, Truro, and Mrs. G. S. Carson, wife of Dr. Carson, editor of the Presbyterian Witness, Halifax.

FOSTERITE NEGLECT CAUSED ACCIDENT

Charles E. Ward's Team Went Through Rotten Bridge At New Scotland.

Moncton, Sept. 17.—As a result of the Foster government's neglect to repair the highway bridge at New Scotland, reported some time ago as unsafe for traffic, a bad accident occurred there on Monday. Charles E. Ward, of New Scotland while driving to Moncton went through the rotten structure, falling some eighty feet. Both his horses were killed but Mr. Ward miraculously escaped with a shaking up.

DOESN'T LOOK LIKE GERMAN MADE PEACE

U. S. War Department Asks Congress To Vote Huge Sum For Enlarged Programme.

Washington, Sept. 17.—Congress was asked by the war department today to provide \$7,847,000,000 in addition to previous estimates for carrying out the enlarged military program for the coming year.

VIOLENT FIGHTING BUT LITTLE CHANGE IN BATTLE LINES ON WESTERN FRONT

BRITISH PINNACLES STILL WORKING TO CLOSE AROUND ST. QUENTIN

London, Sept. 17.—The British gained ground today in the neighborhood of Holnon village, northwest of St. Quentin, according to Field Marshal Haig's report tonight.

A German post west of La Bassée was captured. New posts were established northeast of Neuve Chapelle and in the neighborhood of Ploegsteert.

Monsieur, Sept. 17.—Evidence indicating that Hon. Frank B. Carvell had tried to secure the vote of the soldiers of the Canadian Engineers' Training Depot at St. John's, Que., until he found that he was to be returned by acclamation, and that after that he had tried to have the vote turned over to Col. McLeod, in York County, N. B., when he found he would not need them himself, was introduced today at the Royal Commission sitting to investigate the charges against officers and men of the C. E. T. D., at St. John's, by Lieut. E. T. Adney in the course of a day's procedure that was electric with unexpected incidents.

Lieut. Adney's evidence came well on in the afternoon, following a series of bitter exchanges between Lieut. Col. Melville of the C. E. T. D., and Atme Geoffrien, K. C., and between E. Fabre, Surrey, K. C., and Mr. Geoffrien which had made the whole morning's proceedings very exciting.

During the afternoon officer after officer denied that there had been any pre-arranged plan to secure the voting of some 517 or more soldiers at St. John's for the Chambly-Vercheres Unionist candidate, who is a naturalized Canadian and prior to the war was an American.

Lieut. Adney was the star witness of the afternoon, his replies time and again eliciting applause in court that was warmly repressed.

"Why did you vote for Mr. Rainville?" asked Mr. Geoffrien.

"Because I believed him to be a loyal member of the union government and a loyal citizen, and I was sure his opponent, Mr. Archanbault, was not. I voted as I thought my duty to my country lay and that is the reason why 17,000 other Canadian soldiers voted as they did."

"I might have voted in my own county of Carleton, N. B.," added Lieut. Adney, "but Hon. Mr. Carvell wrote and said that he would not need our votes as he expected to get an acclamation, so I was told to vote for the Unionist candidate, Col. McLeod, in York County, N. B., where the votes might be needed."

"Then why did you vote in Chambly-Vercheres?" asked Mr. Geoffrien.

"Because I thought up here was nearer to the firing line," retorted Lieut. Adney. "I could not get overseas, so I thought it better to get as near as I could to the fighting line."

It is expected that tomorrow a number of other officers will be called. Later on, a number of the Deputy Presiding Officers will be called, after which there will probably be an adjournment until Friday. Some absent military witnesses may be brought up to St. John's.

TROOP TRAINS IN COLLISION; 25 ARE DEAD

Springfield, Mo., Sept. 17.—Twenty-five soldiers are reported killed and thirty others injured in a head-on collision between a troop train and a St. Louis and San Francisco freight train one mile east of Marshfield, Mo., tonight.

MONCTON OPPOSES HIGHER GAS OR ELECTRIC RATES

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Sept. 17.—At a meeting of citizens tonight a resolution was passed protesting against any increase in gas or electric rates and calling upon the city council to oppose the application of the gas company before the Public Utilities Commission.

ST. JOHN POLICE DIFFICULTY BEFORE THE LABOR CONGRESS

Question of Police Officers Right To Organize Union Discussed—Some Delegates Urge General Strike, But Idea Finds Little Support.

Quebec, Sept. 17.—Resolutions adopted by the Labor Congress today demanded a fair wage based on local conditions for workers, the formation of a fuel department along the lines of the American body, the increase of the allowances under the Nova Scotia Compensation Act, improved conditions for working eastern mines, the nationalization of railway and lands owned by them, and compulsory insurance.

The Police Situation.

H. J. Halford, Hamilton, drew attention to objections being raised in Hamilton to the unionizing of the police force there. Mr. Halford read a message from the Minister of Labor in which it was acknowledged that there was no restraint against the police organizing. He asked the congress to support the Hamilton Police Union now affiliated with it.

Mr. Halford also referred to dissension from the St. John police force of men who had joined a union.

Charles Atkinson, Hamilton, said attempts were being made to organize the rank and file of the force after the police chiefs' organization had held a convention in Hamilton.

Joe Walsh, Montreal, described what he called the discrimination of Police Commissioner Tremblay against the union.

V. Mideley, Vancouver, said that when union policemen were disciplined in his city a threat of a general strike soon secured their reinstatement and recommended similar action in Hamilton and St. John.

A committee was appointed to consider the situation and report. During the evening session, J. G. Hancock, M. P., delegate from the British Trades and Labor Congress, was introduced and warmly received.

HUN AGENT CAUGHT IN SPAIN RETURNED TO UNITED STATES

Robert Fay, Convicted German Conspirator Concerned in Plot To Blow Up Allied Ships, Captured After Escape From Atlanta Prison.

New York, Sept. 17.—"Lieutenant" Robert Fay, convicted German agent, who escaped from Atlanta Federal Prison more than two years ago, and was caught in Spain recently, has been brought back to this country, and is in the custody here of the department of justice. He reached here today under guard from New London, Conn., where he arrived from Spain on a United States naval vessel. Disposition of his case awaits instructions from Washington, it was announced by the department of justice office here. Fay, who styled himself a lieutenant in the Prussian army, was sent to Atlanta to serve a three years sentence after his conviction in the New York federal court on the charge of conspiring, with others, in a plot to blow up Entente ships leaving New York harbor. Fay had perfected a powerful bomb, designed to blow up a ship's stern.

ALBERT CO. MAN'S VIOLENT DEATH

Charles Carson Killed While Driving From Hillsboro to Moncton.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Sept. 17.—A very sad accident occurred on Scott's Hill, Albert County, last night, when John Carson, of Berrington, lost his life. Carson was hauling a load of plaster from Hillsboro to this city. He had reached the top of the hill, and had driven to the side of the road, intending to hitch his team. There he had his supper. When alighting he stepped on the wheel, and the horses starting ahead, Mr. Carson fell beneath the wheel, which passed over his chest. He died about half an hour later. He was a highly respected citizen of Berrington. He was sixty-four years of age, and is survived by a widow and several sons and daughters.

GERMANS PREPARING ANOTHER RETIREMENT

Another Drive By Haig Is Expected — Terrific Artillery Duels Around Havrincourt — Quiet Day For Infantry.

London, Sept. 17.—The last twenty-four hours brought little territorial change on the Western front, although the fighting in some sectors has been extremely violent, notably around Vauxhallon and southwest of Cambrai. General Mangin's army, which is slowly working its way around the rear of the Chemin Des Dames, has met stubborn resistance from the foe, who is disputing every inch of the ground, and countering desperately in the hope of regaining some valuable positions on the heights east of Vauxhallon. Evidence of a further German retirement has been discovered by the Americans, who anticipate a withdrawal in the Lorraine, in the region of La Chaussee, southwest of Chambley.

Apparently Pershing's operation has reached its second stage, and no direct attacks are being made on the enemy's new line without further preparation.

The British front was enlivened by terrific artillery duels around Havrincourt. The Germans seem to expect another drive by Haig, and are trying to prevent concentration of men and guns in front of the Hindenburg defences.

Infantry fighting is limited to patrol engagements. Both sides are making great numbers of reconnaissances and raids in the Champagne Vosges.

The operations by the Serbs, Greeks and French east of Cernia bend are developing surprisingly well. 3,000 prisoners and 24 guns having been captured, and an advance of five miles on a front of twelve miles reported. The advance continues.

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"North of the Aisne the opposing artillery has been active."

"In the Champagne French troops carried out a raid and took positions west of Malzeville de Champagne. Between St. Hilaire Le Grand and Saint Sans Nom and also north of Rheims a number of enemy raids were repulsed."

SOCIAL EVIL DISCUSSED IN C. OF E. SYNOD

Education of Juveniles To Prevent Vice Urged By Resolution — Prohibition Endorsed.

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 17.—Social problems and the manner in which they are being combated by the social service committee of the Church of England in Canada, were considered today by the general synod, in joint session, when the report of the commission was presented and accepted, after a debate lasting several hours. An address was also given by Rev. Dr. Shearer, general secretary of the social service council of Canada. The report of the commission was comprehensive, particular emphasis being laid on the benefits which have followed the prohibition measures of the Dominion and provincial governments. Venerable diseases were discussed at some length, and resolutions adopted regarding the prevention of vice. Proper education of juveniles in regard to sex matters was also urged.

MORE EVIDENCE OF HUN DEVILISHNESS

German Pioneers Caught in Cave Surrendered To French Patrol, But Cave Had Been Mined.

With the French Armies in the Field, Sept. 16.—(Monday, by the Associated Press)—French infantrymen advancing in the hills between the Aisne and Ailette, cut off from retreat a detachment of German pioneers in a cave. The Germans surrendered with suspicious zeal. It was found later that they had just completed the placing of numerous mines in the cave.

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