

ALLIED CUSTOMS HOUSES ON RHINE

General Semenovoff Captures Towns Siberian Front

The Places Occupied About 170 Miles South-east of Irkutsk

IMPORTANT AS TRADING POSTS

Anti-Bolshevik Uprisings at Irkutsk and Other Siberian Points.

[Associated Press by Leased Wire.] Peking, March 17.—Occupation of the two towns of Kiakhta and Troits Kosavsk, located in frontier between Mongolia and Siberia, about 170 miles southeast of Irkutsk, by General Baron Michel Ungern-Sternberg, chief lieutenant of General Semenovoff, is reported here.

SEMENOFF FORCES WELL ORGANIZED

These towns are about 125 miles south of Verkhnie Udinsk, through which runs the Trans-Siberian railway of great commercial importance, being trading stations at which Chinese and Russian merchants have been meeting since General Semenovoff's forces have been in the "process" of organization around Kiakhta and Troits Kosavsk. The capture of the city of Urga, about 175 miles southeast of Kiakhta, in January, showed that anti-Bolshevik elements had moved westward from Manchuria to a point within striking distance of the Siberian frontier. There have been reports of anti-Bolshevik uprisings at Irkutsk and other points west of the Ural, and it is probable the occupation of Kiakhta and Troits Kosavsk may foreshadow an attempt on the part of General Semenovoff's followers to join forces with elements in Siberia which are opposing the authority of the Soviet government in Moscow.

BOHEMIAN OFFICIALS ARE PERMITTING TRAFFIC TOWARD RUSSIA BEYOND OMSK OVER THE TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY

The reason given for this attitude being "the heavy transportation of provisions within Russia."

ALL FREIGHT SHIPMENTS WEST OF MANCHURIA, A STATION ON THE TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY BETWEEN SIBERIA AND MANCHURIA, HAVE BEEN STOPPED UPON ORDERS FROM VERKHNIE UDINSK.

BASED TO LEFT REVOLUTION.

New York, March 17.—An invitation was received here yesterday by Ivan Narodov, Russian dancing master and author, to go to Kronstadt immediately to take charge of the anti-Bolshevik rebellion there.

REBELS ARE A PROMINENT LEADER OF THE KRONSTADT REBELLION AGAINST THE Czar in 1905 and later escaped to the United States with Maxim Gorky.

The invitation was sent, Mr. Narodov said, by the council of the Kronstadt Rebellion, whose special messenger left Revel two weeks ago.

THE MESSENGER, HE SAID, BROUGHT A REPORT OF THE RECENT UPRISING, THE GENERAL MEANING OF WHICH IS THAT "THE REBELS HAVE RISEN AGAINST THE PREVALENT SOVIET REGIME" WITH ONE IDEA IN VIEW, namely, the establishment of the United States of Russia.

Mr. Narodov issued the first proclamation of the United States of Russia on March 2, 1908, and he followed yesterday that the present rebellion aims to carry the movement into effect that was initiated at that time.

BIG TURNOVER BUT SMALLER PROFITS

P. J. Hunter, of Toronto, Says the Dominion is in for Period of Keen Competition

Toronto, March 17.—P. J. Hunter, Vice-President of the MacLean Publishing Co., addressing the Kiwanis Club here yesterday, said that a recent canvass of the merchants outside of the large cities showed that they were getting just as big a turnover as ever, but not profits.

"Profits," he said, "have undoubtedly, by gone to pieces, but business is being done all over Canada."

The retailers at present were buying on a hand to mouth basis, he said, but when the right time came business would start moving.

"I believe we are in for a period of 'prolonged keen competition,'" Mr. Hunter said. "I believe that only businesses put on a keen business basis will survive."

The installation of labor saving devices and the cutting out of waste were urged by Mr. Hunter. He added that one of the best labor saving devices was advertising.

USING BOMBS VERY FREELY IN DUBLIN

Bombs Thrown From Windows of Houses as Soldiers Pass in Lorries

CIVILIANS WOUNDED BY BOMB EXPLOSION

Serious Shooting Affrays in Which a Number of Persons Were Injured

Dublin, March 17.—Several serious shooting affrays occurred in this city last night and a number of persons were injured in encounters between military forces and police and civilians.

A number of soldiers riding in a motor lorry were proceeding along Redmond's Hill street, on the north side of the city, last evening, when a bomb was thrown at the machine. The soldiers returned the fire and wounded two persons.

Another lorry was bombed and fired upon from windows of houses along Camden street and three civilians were wounded when a bomb exploded in Anne street.

During a melee near the Ship Street barracks many shots were fired and three persons were wounded. For the first time since disorders broke out in Ireland, identification discs were given to the troops last night.

DO NOT DESIRE TO RETURN TO RUSSIA

Some Red Soldiers Released by Germany Suicide Rather Than Go Back

[Associated Press by Leased Wire.] London, March 17.—Despatches to the London Times from Riga say that Red soldiers who have reached there from German internment camps do not want to return to Russia, four of them committing suicide in preference.

A special Bolshevik mission is now in Riga for the purpose of repatriation.

The Latvian government refuses to allow the importation of Russian rifles as the Bolsheviks have thrown large quantities into the Riga market.

Several eminent Russian emigrants from the United States, who have been refused permits to enter Russia, are becoming restive in Riga, and threaten reprisals against the Hotel Bellevue, where the Russian Embassy is located.

ALLIED CUSTOMS HOUSES ALONG THE RHINELAND

Paris, March 17.—Provision for one hundred and fifty customs houses along railroads, and fifty-four on highways, in the new Rhine land tariff zone, is made in the report to the Supreme Allied Council by the Rhine land Commission, says a dispatch from London.

The staffs of these customs houses will be made up of German and Allied supervision.

HOUSE IN SUPPLY FOR AGRICULTURE

Grants to Different Provinces Under Agricultural Provisions Act to Come Up

[Canadian Press by Leased Wire.] Ottawa, March 17.—The House of Commons will go into supply in estimates of the Department of Agriculture and the indications are that the discussion will be continued through out the afternoon and evening sessions. So far only the civil estimates of the department and the experimental farm estimates have been passed in committee, and twenty items remain, including the grants to the different provinces under the Agricultural Provisions Act.

Prior to taking up the estimates the committee the House will discuss the Agricultural Provisions Act.

Miscellaneous Private Bills Committee will sit this morning.

INSTANTLY KILLED

Santa Barbara, Cal., March 17.—Mrs. Julia Broderick, wife of Arthur B. Broderick, retired banker of Ottawa, Ont., was instantly killed at Miramar, a fashionable suburb, when she stepped from behind a motor directly in front of Southern Pacific passenger train.

SIGN TREATY BETWEEN SOVIET RUSSIA AND POLAND FRIDAY

The Negotiations for the Treaty Carried on at Riga, Where the Ceremony of Signing the Document Will Be Performed by Delegates of the Two Countries

[Associated Press by Leased Wire.] Warsaw, March 17.—Polish, Russian and Ukrainian delegates will sign the treaty between Soviet Russia and Poland at seven o'clock Friday evening. It is officially announced here.

Negotiations on the treaty, which will establish peace between Russia and this country, have been completed at Riga, where the ceremony of signing will take place.

Wage Negotiations With Mullion British Workmen

LONDON, March 17.—A million miners and seamen are concerned in the wage negotiations with employers which open in London today.

In a wide range of industries a readjustment of wages is being considered. Already a million and a half workmen have accepted reductions, mostly by sliding scale agreements, and an equal number will be affected by proposals now under consideration.

The parliamentary committee of the Trade Union Congress decided yesterday that the most satisfactory way of dealing with the matter would be for the unions affected to meet in conference by trade groups and try to reach a common understanding.

Machinery already exists in the wages arbitration department of the Ministry of Labor for dealing with matters of this kind.

Proposed Amendment to the Railway Act of Canada in the Matter of Rates Now Allowed

Decisions of the Railway Commission and the Powers of the Privy Council in the Matter—D'Arcy Scott Accepts Challenge to Debate Railway Rates

[Canadian Press by Leased Wire.] Ottawa, March 17.—An act to amend the Railway Act of Canada, which has for its object the allowing of the Privy Council to refer decisions of the Railway Commission back to that body, also the placing of onus to prove that this discrimination in the matter of railway rates does not exist upon railway companies rather than upon persons charging such discrimination, is being brought before the Commons by H. H. Stevens, of Vancouver.

The act now stands, it empowers the Privy Council to vary or rescind decisions of the Board, but not to refer back. There is, according to Mr. Stevens, a reference back from the Privy Council to be dealt with when the Board meets in the west next month. Should this go against the railways, it is felt that they might take advantage of the wording of the act and go to the Supreme Court for the nullification of any new judgment the Board might make. The proposed amendment brings the reference back within the law.

Accepts Challenge to Debate Rates. Ottawa, March 17.—D'Arcy Scott, former member of the Railway Commission, has accepted a challenge wired from James Murdoch, formerly a member of the Canadian Board of Commerce, to a debate on railway rates and wages, and the suggestion is that it be held before the Canadian House of Commons.

Mr. Scott, in reply to the challenge, said he was taking the position that the McCleod award and the Chicago award have put the remuneration for railway labor higher than it now should be, bearing in mind the cost of living and the conditions of the country and the reduction in the cost of living and also that the present railway rates are such that the country is suffering from "are held up" by the rate of wages paid to railway officials.

Mr. Scott said that the country is suffering from a reduction in freight rates cannot be expected.

Provincial Control of Rates. Winnipeg, Man., March 17.—Criticism of the Manitoba government over its alleged neglect to enforce its right to control the rates of the Canadian National Railway in Manitoba and to the head of the Dominion government, Mr. J. J. Long, Conservative leader, moved a resolution censuring the administration in this connection.

Mr. Johnson claimed that "validating legislation" enacted by the Federal parliament in 1901 supposed to affirm the rights of the province in their agreement with the Canadian National Railway signed earlier in the same year, was in reality "invalidating" legislation.

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HARDING CONFERS WITH DIPLOMATS

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The Report From Constantinople Gives No Particulars of Situation in Asia Minor—Uprisings Against Bolshevik in Kuban and Terek Also Reported

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New Brunswick's 8th Legislature Is Opened Today

Opposing Leaders In Legislature

First St. Patrick's Day Opening is Marked By Unusual Ceremonies

ONLY FORTY SIX MEMBERS SEATED

Northumberland's Four All Seated on Government Side of House.

The first St. Patrick's Day opening of a New Brunswick Legislature took place here this afternoon when the opening session of the eighth Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick was formally opened by Lieutenant Governor Pausler.

There was some additional interest in the proceedings because of the fact that there are now three recognized parties in the House, but in the assembly Chamber the scene looked just the same as ever, as cross benches have not been established, and the Farmers sat with the Opposition on the left of the Speaker, but the ceremonies were the same as usual.

With a coating of several inches of fresh snow the exterior stage setting was wintry like, but the weather was mild and bright and the conditions were excellent for the military display. Almost all the members of the new Legislature were present, one of the notable absentees being Hon. J. J. Byrne, Attorney General, who was delayed at Edmonton, where he is conducting a murder trial.

The first ceremony of the day was the wearing in of the members of the new House. This took place in the Assembly Chamber about noon when the oath was administered to the members in groups before Sir Douglas Haig, chief justice of New Brunswick, by J. M. Keefe, clerk of the Legislature, assisted by J. Bacon, Diakan, clerk-assistant, after which the members-elect signed the roll. The ceremony occupied some little time and after they had sworn the members moved over their seats, Mr. Fowle, the Farmer member from Northumberland, finally taking a place with his colleagues on the right side of the Speaker.

Military Display. The composite group of honor made up from the York Regiment, the 7th Canadian Machine Gun Brigade and the U. N. B. C. O. T. T. paraded at the Armory at 2 p. m. and after inspecting the marching band, the band building and formed up in two ranks facing the main entrance. Major John S. Scott was in command of the guard of honor, which was composed largely of returned soldiers and made a very creditable appearance. The other officers of the York Regiment were Capt. E. O. Brewster, Major J. H. Barton, K. Willett and Lieut. J. H. Barton.

The Lieutenant Governor, divested from the Queen Hotel to the Legislative Building, about a week in an open barouché, which was staffed by the members of the Legislative Assembly, including several members of the No. 7 Military District Headquarters staff, including General Macdonnell, C. M. G., D. S. O., was one of the officers in attendance.

The Speaker's Elect. There was some delay before Mr. Hunter entered the Assembly Chamber to the accompaniment of a salute of fifteen guns fired by a detachment from the 5th Field Battery, Mountain under Capt. J. W. L. Harris; but in the meanwhile the first actual business of the session had been accomplished in the election of Hon. A. A. Dwyer, of Buctouche, as Speaker. Mr. Dwyer is a practicing lawyer, one of the few in the new House, and his name was proposed by Premier Foster, who had first of all drawn the attention of the clerk to the fact that the House was without a Speaker.

The Premier made his nomination after the clerk had pointed to him. The clerk put the question, declared it carried and the new Speaker was escorted to the dias, where he acknowledged the honor conferred upon him. The new Speaker was a member of the last Legislature and is therefore not without parliamentary experience; he is of Scotch and English extraction and has many warm personal friends among the members on both sides of the House, so that his election is regarded as a popular one.

Very Rev. Scovel Neales, Dean of Fredericton, was elected chaplain. Mr. Speaker and the clerks then returned to the House.

BEER ADVOCATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Hopes That Government Will Insert Beer Clause in Act Sensibly Raised

[Canadian Press by Leased Wire.] Victoria, B. C., March 17.—The new famous beer clause, further debate on which was expected in the legislature on Wednesday, was conspicuous by its absence. The divided opinions on the question of a more liberal beer sale are such that the Government deemed it wise to give further consideration to the matter and Ian MacKenzie, Vancouver amendment, which is designed to raise maximum limit prohibited in the bill as now drafted from one per cent alcohol by weight—about 180 and a half per cent proof spirits, to two per cent by weight, or five per cent proof spirits, at the caucus meeting of the Government last evening.

Up to two days ago there was little hope on the part of the beer advocates that anything in the nature of a beer clause would be inserted in the bill, but following Tuesday's debate the hopes of the supporters of such a clause were sensibly raised.

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