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Fatal Fighting Marks Opening of Russian Constituent Assembly

Collision Occurs in Petrograd Street and Several People are Killed — Bolsheviks Lose on First Vote

GOMPERS MAY BE INVITED TO CONFERENCE ON LABOR AND WAR

Meeting in Ottawa is Adjourned Until January 29

MATTER OF MOBILIZATION

No Definite Proposals by Government Yet — Labor Leaders to go Over Matter Before Next Gathering

(Special to Times.)

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—The conference of the labor representatives with the government of the cabinet, which has been in progress here this week, was adjourned yesterday afternoon at the 10th hour. The labor leaders will meanwhile consider with their various union executives the war situation and needs as discussed by the government and will report to the cabinet the week after next to consider concrete proposals.

The meetings held during the last three days have been in camera and the discussions have been held under the requirements of censorship in regard to any premature announcements of proposed legislative action. It is authoritatively said, however, that the government has not as yet asked the labor men to agree to any definite proposals in regard to the mobilization of the labor supply for essential war industries, as has been suggested, under the existing principle of voluntary war contracts and freedom for each man to pick his own employment.

It is understood that the labor men, while assuring the government of their desire to co-operate to the fullest practical extent in the aim of the government to put the dominion on a real war footing in regard to maximum production of the whole man-power of the country, especially with respect to increasing agricultural production, are not prepared to agree to the application of the compulsory system to other than military service. On the other hand the government feels that there is need for some measure of compulsion at least in regard to the mobilizing and supervision of the individual workers if all the needs are to be met and adequate results achieved. During the interval between now and the next conference it is possible this underlying phase of the whole problem will be carefully considered by the labor representatives with a view to reaching, if possible, some understanding with the government on which concrete action may be promptly taken.

EQUITABLE ADMINISTRATION OF MILITARY SERVICE ACT

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 18.—That the union government intends to carry out an equitable administration of the Military Service Act in all provinces of the dominion and that the public will receive definite information relative to the response under the act in each province, is the essence of a telegram received by Dr. S. P. Talmie, M. P., from Sir Robert Borden.

CONDENSED NEWS

A. G. Lomas of Sherbrooke, Que., manufacturer of woolen goods, died last night. Quebec housewives plan a volunteer food card system. Tancredie Beaud of Quebec, father of four young children, was killed while felling a tree. The missing Quebec steamer Gaspian has arrived safely at Pictou, N. S. Lloyd's underwriters yesterday accepted war insurance on trans-Atlantic cargoes at rates much below the flat rate of the British government, according to the Times. A new Chilean cabinet has been formed.

VON LUXBURG INSANE?

Buenos Aires, Jan. 18.—Count Von Luxburg is growing worse in a Buenos Aires hospital, where he is suffering from a serious breakdown. It is said he has become insane.

FOR DAYLIGHT SAVING AS A WAR MEASURE

Text of Board of Trade Council Resolution—Hon. Mr. Carvell's Letter Re Use of Automobiles

At a meeting of the council of the board of trade held yesterday afternoon a resolution was passed favoring daylight saving. It was as follows: "It is the opinion of the council of the St. John board of trade that daylight saving should be put in effect throughout Canada as a war measure, and effective during the summer months." A communication was read from Hon. F. B. Carvell in answer to a letter sent by the board of trade stating that the New Brunswick Automobile Association had been informed that it was the intention of the government to restrict the use of private cars as a war measure and that this would prove a hardship to physicians and others who use their cars in connection with their business. Mr. Carvell stated that the information was entirely new to him and that no such proposal had ever emanated from government circles.

MILLION FOR PATRIOTIC FUND BUT NO MORE

Toronto Makes Grant With Stipulation That This Will Be Last One

Toronto, Jan. 18.—One million dollars was granted by the city council yesterday to the Patriotic Fund on the understanding that it was the last grant to be made by the city in the year 1918, and the other half next year.

MORE NEW MEMBERS AND FINANCES GOOD

Reports At Annual Meeting of Central Baptist Church

Reports submitted at the annual meeting of the Central United Baptist church, held Thursday evening, were to show that the church was in good financial standing and that there was an increase in membership over last year. In the absence of Rev. D. J. MacPherson, the pastor, Sheriff A. A. Wilson presided. The meeting showed that forty-two members had been added to the church roll either by baptism or through transfer, making the total membership 772. The financial report showed that \$8,615.00 had been raised.

AMERICAN SENATOR PREDICTS PEACE MOVES

Washington, Jan. 18.—Germany and Pope Benedict said Senator Lewis of Illinois yesterday, both are planning new, early peace movements. "I have reason to know," said Senator Lewis, "that Berlin expects to withdraw her peace proposals to the Bolsheviks and make new proposals, which will be applicable only to Russia, but to all other opponents."

PART OF PLOT WAS TO EMBROIL STATES IN WAR WITH ASIATICS

San Francisco, Jan. 18.—Attempts to embroil the United States in war with Asiatic centers to divert attention from a proposed revolution against British rule in India were contemplated in an alleged conspiracy to foment the revolution, according to documents evidence introduced yesterday by the government at the conspiracy trial here.

IS AGAIN WOUNDED

Private Leonard S. Fairweather was a casualty from Gunshot.

Mrs. Annie Davidson of 60 Erin street, was advised this morning from Ottawa that her son, Private Leonard S. Fairweather, has been wounded by gunshot and admitted to the Eleventh Field Ambulance Hospital.

Beneficent Effect of Garfield Order Being Early Felt

Washington, Jan. 18.—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.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS STEADILY "MOVE TOWARDS FINAL RUPTURE"

London, Jan. 18.—The negotiations at Brest-Litovsk have been interrupted temporarily, according to a Petrograd despatch to the Daily News, dated Thursday. It is added, however, that the Germans are endeavoring to force the Russians to break the parity over other points, so as to throw the blame on the Russian representatives in the eyes of the Russian people.

DEATH OF F. C. MILES

Local Artist Who Had Done Much Good Work—A Long Struggle Against Illness

Artist friends and the public generally will learn with regret of the sudden death of Fred C. Miles, son of the late John C. Miles, an artist whose paintings of New Brunswick scenery are so many homes in the city, and whose work has done much good work in the city, and whose reputation as an artist of merit grows, as is so often the case after a man has gone on.

WAR COUNCIL AT WASHINGTON

Bills to Establish Organization of Three Members and Create Director of War Munitions

Washington, Jan. 18.—Radical changes in the government's war-making machinery are proposed in bills to establish a war council of three members, all powerful under the president and to create a director of war munitions. A bill for a director of war munitions was placed before the senate yesterday and for the war council will be introduced by Chairman Chamberlain on Monday.

MR. ARMSTRONG IN ST. ANDREWS ON WAR WORK

Board of Trade Secretary Addresses County Council and Women's Canadian Club

R. E. Armstrong, secretary of the Board of Trade, arrived home early this morning from St. Andrews, where he had been attending a Charlotte County council meeting on Thursday and Friday. He addressed the council on the increased production of wheat during 1918 and as a result a resolution was passed favoring the idea and providing for the appointment of a central advisory committee to see that it was put into effect. The councillors of the parishes were appointed members of the committee and they are to ascertain the needs of the parishes. They are Councillor Hawkins of Penfield, Councillor Morrell of St. David's, Councillor Hunter of Dufferin, Councillor Morarty of St. Stephen, Councillor Grimmer of St. Y. Grimmer, and the county secretary, F. H. Grimmer.

U-BOAT MENACE HAS HIT GOD FISHERIES

Newfoundland Cargoes Valued at Million Dollars Held up in Mediterranean

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 18.—Conditions arising from the submarine menace have become serious for the codfishing industry in Newfoundland. According to reports received here nearly a score of sailing vessels carrying dried codfish for Italy and Greece have been held up at Gibraltar for weeks because of the danger from submarines in the Mediterranean. Their cargoes are valued at about a million dollars, and as some of the ships have been at Gibraltar from one to six weeks the delay has prevented the dealers sending further cargoes, with the result that the arrival of the present cargoes catch probably will find some of the 1917 stock still on hand.

WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis—The weather is decidedly cold in Ontario and moderate in other parts of the dominion, with a snow storm in the middle states. Upper St. Lawrence and Ottawa Valley—Fair and cold, local snow flurries; Sunday, northerly winds, decidedly cold, snow before night.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Fair and moderately cold; Sunday, colder, northerly winds, with snow by night. Snow flurries. Maritime—Moderate winds, mostly fair and moderately cold today and Sunday, local snow flurries. New England—Generally fair and somewhat colder tonight; Sunday, increasing cloudiness, moderate northwest to northeast winds.

SANGUINARY FIGHTING AHEAD; THE BRITISH ARE EAGER TO GET AT IT

British Army Headquarters in France, Jan. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—Small infantry raids, with the customary amount of artillery and air activity by both sides, continue to be the order of the day along the British front.

Mud Again Reigns on Western Front; Prisoner Brings Story of Discontent in Germany; Hindenburg Statues in Many Cities Smashed

The much milder weather, accompanied by rain, has swept away the last of the snow, but the mud remains as the dictator of military affairs. The opposing forces are continuing their wily fighting-out processes throughout the long line by making surprise incursions into each other's trenches and returning with a few prisoners.

NOT ALARMIST, BUT SAYS MORE ECONOMY NEEDED

British Food Controller Speaks of the Situation

COMPARISON WITH GERMANY

English Are Now at Stage Reached by Germany Two Years Ago—With All Helping, War May Be Won in England

London, Jan. 18.—Baron Rhonda, the food controller, addressing the Aldwych Club yesterday said his worst difficulty in obtaining adequate supplies of food for the population of Great Britain, was due to the falling off in imports and the fact that most of the imported goods went to the army.

The speaker said he did not want to raise unnecessary alarm, but that the people must economize more than they had. If they did so there was not the slightest fear of panic. The Germans would consider the rationing of many of the English people today an actual luxury.

It was necessary, the food controller continued, to reduce the consumption of meat during the next few weeks, but there was no prospect of a meat famine. Statistics proved, he said, that there were only five per cent less cattle in the country than in June of last year, while dairy cattle showed an actual increase. He added that the imports of cattle from Ireland has increased within the last few months.

Baron Rhonda, dealing with bread supplies, said that there was no cause for alarm. He desired potatoes to be largely eaten and also used for the making of bread, which would be darker, but perfectly wholesome. Wheat might be prohibited for the manufacture of any pastry, said Baron Rhonda, and it might be necessary largely to restrict the use of cereals for the feeding of cattle.

HAIG NAMES NEW CHIEF OF STAFF

London, Jan. 18.—Among 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.

SARRAIL IS WITNESS AT COURT-MARTIAL

Paris, Jan. 18.—General Sarrail was a witness yesterday before the court martial of M. Pais-Senille, who is suspected of having communicated confidential state documents to an unauthorized person.

SOLDIER TO JAIL FOR SIX MONTHS FOR HIS STEALING IN HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 18.—James Burpee, a soldier who admitted stealing about \$300 from the clothing of Chebucto Morgue a few days after the explosion, has been sentenced to six months in the city prison. He said he had been drinking heavily and that when he became sober he realized what he had done and was willing to make restitution.

Governor-General Seals Cellar; Official Residence Has Gone Dry

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—Rideau Hall, the official residence of the governor general, has gone dry. All alcoholic beverages, it is announced, have been banned. The cellar of Rideau Hall have been sealed until the close of the war. The action of the governor general has been determined by the decision of the government to bring Canada under a general prohibition law. His Excellency has decided that Rideau Hall shall not be an exception in a dry dominion. The new regulation will apply to all functions at the governor-general's residence, including formal state dinners.