

GR FOR PEACE

Voice of Russia Raised Against War.

NEWSPAPERS SPEAK OUT

Government Prepares People for the Inevitable.

CENSOR TAKES OFF THE GAG

Incompetence of Commanders and Grafting in Commissariat Openly Denounced - Mass Meetings on Streets Not Forbidden.

SPECIAL CABLE.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 8.—The strike situation has become of secondary importance in view of the renewal of the agitation in favor of peace. For the first time since the outbreak of the strike the newspapers have taken up the cry "Stop the War," and some of these articles are so amazingly outspoken and determined in their sentiments that it can only be supposed that the censor has authority to permit the peace sentiment to spread among the people, probably in the expectation that a sudden resumption of hostilities would result in a complete cessation of a shock to the war party.

The press of South Russia has taken the lead this time. Several of these papers in their issues of Thursday print lengthy articles in which they say in as many words that the incompetence of the Russian commanders in the Far East is now proven to the exclusion of all doubts and that the commissariat has been convicted by the weight of incontrovertible facts, of criminal shortcomings. These journals point out that, as reform in these directions cannot be instituted at this time with any hope of success, it is the government's duty to end a campaign which must end disastrously.

Russia, they say, stands blameless in the eyes of the world, for she has become the victim of circumstances which no one could foresee at the beginning of the war and which will be accepted by all fair-minded nations as full justification for the abandonment of her Manchurian policy.

Reports have also been received here of demonstrations in favor of peace, which took place within the past few days in South Russian cities. Crowds assembled in the streets and were offered by the police to listen to speakers who denounced the government for continuing a hopeless struggle at the expense of the people.

WRECKING SIBERIAN RAILROAD

Soldiers Join Strikers in Destroying Kuropatkin's Means of Retreat.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 8.—The reports of the wrecking of the Trans-Siberian Railway for a considerable distance east of Irkutsk have been confirmed by later news, which reached here late Wednesday night.

The damage was done by strikers on the Harbin-Mukden division, extending for 1900 yards, and it is now stated that the soldiers along this section have joined in the strike and are now making common cause with the workmen. As a result, a stretch of road 60 miles long is now unprotected.

WELCOME FOR GEN. STOESEL

But Military Organ Says Court-Martial is Necessary.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 8.—Great preparations are being made at Odessa for the reception of General Stoessel and the other officers returning from Port Arthur, but the Russian press, in a semi-official article, declares that it is more than ever necessary to hold a court-martial as provided by law in view of the statements from the foreign press, that the surrender was not permitted by the internal conditions of the fortress.

Russians Deny Rumors of Peace.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—The Foreign Office here is not aware that there is any basis for the renewed peace rumors. The Russian Embassy specifically denies the statements contained in special dispatches from St. Petersburg to the effect that the Grand Dukes have become favorable to peace, and that instructions have been given to the Russian Ambassador at Paris to discreetly learn Japan's peace terms. The Embassy holds that reports emanate from Japanese sources.

Empress Dowager's New Year.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—At the New Year audience of the diplomatic corps, held on Tuesday, says a Herald dispatch from Peking, the Dowager Empress sat on her throne with the Emperor on her left in a chair on the lower step. In answer to the Dowager Empress' wishes for the future happiness of the foreign ministers, the German minister responded, saying that all hoped their life in Peking in the future would be as peaceful and happy as in the past.

Russians Attack and Entrench.

TOKIO, Feb. 8.—Reports from the Manchurian army headquarters say that the Russians shelled various parts of the Japanese lines last Monday and Monday night. Small forces of Russian infantry attacked at various points, but all were repulsed.

Port Arthur Refugees at Shanghai.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 8.—This city is crowded with Port Arthur refugees. Most of them are orderly, and nearly all have plenty of money, but many are sleeping in the streets. Every effort is making to provide the refugees with shelter pending the readiness of steamers to take them to their various destinations.

Tokio Hears of Peace Rumors.

TOKIO, Feb. 8.—A report coming from London to the effect that Grand Duke of Russia, determined to secure peace,

had asked the friendly offices of Great Britain, was published in Tokio today. The Foreign Office denies any knowledge of the matter.

Japanese Seize Another Coal Cargo.

TOKIO, Feb. 8 (U. P. M.).—The British steamer Easty, bound for Vladivostok, with coal, was captured off Hokkaido, yesterday. She is being brought to Yokohama.

(The Easty is a steel screw steamer of 2700 tons register. She was built in 1883 at Furness, and belongs to the Imperial Steamship Company, Ltd., of West Hartlepool. She is commanded by Captain W. T. Horsfield.)

Vladivostok a First-Class Fortress.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 8.—It is announced by supreme command that Vladivostok will for the duration of the war be reckoned a first-class, instead of a second-class, fortress.

SOUTH IS STILL DEMORALIZED

Storm Continues and Wires Are Down in All Directions.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 8.—With rain and sleet falling over nearly every mile of country from Ohio to New Orleans, the usual avenues of wire communication, which have been demoralized since Sunday, today went from bad to worse. Nearly every branch of commercial life felt the interruption. Cloudbursts, together with rain, sleet or snow prevail from the Dakotas to the Gulf of Mexico, where, with warm weather, a heavy rain has been falling for 48 hours.

It is estimated that it will be ten days before the wires are restored between Chattanooga and Atlanta, Natchez, Miss., has been shut off from the world since Sunday last. "Kickback" was cut off for two days, and nothing has been heard from Shreveport, La., since yesterday.

VESSELS ADRIFT IN ICE FLOE

Two Men Who Go to Rescue Believed to Be Lost.

ST. JOHNS N. F., Feb. 8.—An ice floe packed against the harbor Tuesday evening, and two vessels, outward bound, were caught amid the masses. Tugs tried to reach them, but failed.

A tug signaled that she was short of provisions. Men were sent to the ice with food were caught in the blizzard this afternoon and their fate is unknown. It is feared that both vessels will be destroyed tonight. The gale is growing in intensity. There will be little chance of rescuing the crews if the vessels go down.

NEW BLIZZARD IN NEBRASKA

Foot of Snow on Range Threatens Loss of Stock.

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 8.—Specials to newspapers and reports to the Weather Bureau from Northwest Nebraska tell of a blizzard which is said to be moving southward. Already a foot of snow covers the eastern part of Nebraska, and it is probable that a bad blizzard on the ranges at this time will result in great suffering and loss of cattle and sheep.

The Newport Sailing to Norfolk.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The Mailory line steamer Concho, in today from Galveston, yesterday passed the disabled United States gunboat Newport, which sailed from Boston a week ago for Santo Domingo. The Newport was reported to have lost her propeller at sea on February 3. When passed by the Concho she was in latitude 26.20, longitude 75, and proceeding northward, heading for Norfolk. She simply asked the Concho to report her.

ALL CLOTHED WITH ICE.

Fourteen Missing Persons From Shipwreck Land.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 8.—After battling for 12 hours in an open boat with the temperature below zero and a mighty gale lashing the sea, Captain Gorst, three passengers and ten of the crew of the Pomerania line steamer Damara have arrived at Pleasant Point in safety. The news of their safe arrival was received here today in a telephone message from Musquodoboit harbor, 12 miles from the point of landing.

The messenger telephoned the agents here that Captain Gorst and the others in the second lifeboat which had been missing, reached Pleasant Point just before dark last evening. The seamen reported that all in the captain's lifeboat were badly chilled and exhausted, some of them being so benumbed that they had to be lifted out of their seats.

The landing was effected with the greatest difficulty and all in the boat were badly chilled and exhausted, some of them being so benumbed that they had to be lifted out of their seats. Mrs. Prowse, the woman passenger, who was in the boat, bore up under the trying ordeal wonderfully well and endured the great hardships with fortitude. She encouraged the men when they were almost overcome by the cold and wearied with constant work at the oars. When near the landing, the oars were so fatigued that they could not force the boat through the surf and the men on the shore waded out and dragged the boat in. Captain Gorst and the Damara foundered at 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

RECOVERED AFTER MANY YEARS

One of \$3,000,000 of Stolen Bonds Causes Three Arrests.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Dr. Lewis O. Wilcox, who is under arrest here, together with Joseph A. Taylor, of White Plains, N. Y., and James A. Smith, of this city, in connection with the recovery of a \$3,000,000 United States Government bond stolen from the Manhattan Savings Bank, one of the richest banks ever made in America. The burglars secured nearly \$3,000,000 in cash and negotiable securities.

Fruitgrowers Favor Private Cars.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—A delegation of Georgia and West Virginia peachgrowers appeared today before the sub-committee of the House committee on interstate and foreign commerce, investigating private car lines, in protest against any legislation that might have the effect of eliminating the use of private cars.

First Ballot on Delaware Senator.

DOVER, Del., Feb. 8.—The first joint ballot for United States Senator was taken by the Delaware Legislature in joint session at noon today, and showed no change in the deadlock that was forced upon the ballot in the two Houses separately yesterday.

ONE GREAT SYSTEM

Rockefeller Will Combine All His Railroads.

HARRIMAN AT THEIR HEAD

By Mutual Ownership of Stock All Railroads of the West Will Be Under One Management—Devising Plan to Evade Law.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—Wall-street financiers look upon the entrance of the Rockefeller interests into Atchison as a preliminary step toward the welding together of the railroad systems of the West, embracing the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, Oregon Short Line, Oregon Railway & Navigation, Central Pacific and Illinois Central. These roads will be controlled by a joint or rather mutual ownership of stock and will be just as firmly associated as the three principal systems were combined in the Northern Securities Company. E. H. Harriman will be the acknowledged head of this great system.

There were rumors tonight that, as soon as the plans of the Rockefeller-Harriman faction are completed, there will be many changes in the personnel of the directorates of all the roads connected with this latest contemplated merger. Many important conferences have been held in this city recently at which a plan was discussed whereby the roads will be operated under the proposed arrangement without violating the law. Both the Harriman and Rockefeller interests say they cannot disclose this plan at present.

STANDARD WILL HAVE CONTROL

New Santa Fe Bond Issue Made for That Purpose.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 8.—Railroad men here are much interested in the announcement from New York that H. C. Frick and H. H. Rogers have been elected to the directorate of the Santa Fe. They say the election of these men makes the entering wedge for the Standard Oil Company. It is now asserted that the action of the Santa Fe in voting for another bond issue of \$500,000 in Topeka last month was taken in order to give the Standard Oil Company a right to get a larger holding of Atchison stock. At the annual meeting of the road held in Topeka last December it became known that the Standard Oil interests, represented by E. H. Harriman, were seeking two places on the board of directors. Their admission was deferred to some future date.

SANTA FE DEAL IS COMPLETED

Frick and Rogers Elected on Board of Directors.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—H. C. Frick and H. H. Rogers were elected directors of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad at a meeting of the Atchison board of directors in this city today. Messrs. Frick and Rogers are both interested in the Union Pacific Railroad Company and are understood to enter the Atchison as representatives of the Union Pacific. Mr. Frick succeeds E. D. Kenna, and Mr. Rogers takes the place of General J. G. McCullough. Mr. Rogers also becomes a member of the executive committee in place of F. Cheney.

BOODLERS ARRIVE AT PRISON

Machen and the Groffs Delivered at Moundville Penitentiary.

MOUNDSVILLE, W. Va., Feb. 8.—Former Head of the Free Delivery System of the Postal Department August W. Machen, with Diller B. Groff and Samuel Groff, who were sentenced to imprisonment in the Moundville Penitentiary as a result of the postal investigation, arrived from Washington today. Eleven other prisoners were also in the party. Machen and the Groffs had nothing to say and appeared unconcerned.

Arguing the Hearst Suits.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The argument in the case of William R. Hearst, of New York, against the Anthracite coal-carriers was continued today before the Interstate Commerce Commission. Attorney Shearn, for the complainant, occupied the entire day. Shearn contended that between 187 and 192 these roads had departed from the published tariffs and had imposed discriminating rates.

Distress After Eating

Nausea between meals, belching, vomiting, flatulence, fits of nervous headache, pain in the stomach, are all symptoms of dyspepsia, and the longer it is neglected the harder it is to cure it.

Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills

Radically and permanently cure it—strengthen and tone the stomach and other digestive organs for the natural performance of their functions.

Accept no substitute for Hood's. "I had dyspepsia twenty-five years and took different medicines but got no help until I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. Have taken four bottles of this medicine and can now eat almost anything, sleep well, have no cramps in my stomach, no burning and no distress." Mrs. WILLIAM G. BARRETT, of Olney St., Providence, R. I. Hood's Sarsaparilla promises to cure and keeps the promise.

EXPERT OPTICIANS

Those who have experienced disappearance of vision, or who are obtaining glasses and who are, therefore, still in need of SKILLED OPTICAL SERVICE, can save time, excessive fees and vexation by consulting the

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The "Different Store" Olds, Wetman and King 5th, 6th & Washington Sts. PORTLAND'S LARGEST, FOREMOST STORE—THE "QUALITY SHOP"

Costumers and Caterers TO THE BEST PEOPLE OF THE EARTH. A number of the magnificent Evening Gowns and Opera Wraps placed on special sale yesterday for the benefit of the guests of the Elks' Grand Social to be held on the evening of the 10th—Friday—went out to happy new owners, and more will go today.

When You Think Yarns—Think "Fleisher" Knitting and crocheting are either a pleasure or a task. It depends on the quality of the yarns used.

The Great Suit Sale Continues A Radical, Sweeping Clearance of the Suit and Wrap Salons—Second Floor. WOMEN'S \$15 TO \$22.50 STREET SUITS FOR \$8.49. Splendidly tailored in finest workmanship, in handsome mixed serges, chevots and smart mannish mixed tweed materials.

Inventory Sale Knitwear. WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR AND HOSIERY STIRRINGLY REDUCED. First Floor. Children's black cotton Hose, a big lot of odd ends, values 15c, pair..... 8c.

Special Values in the Inventory Sale of Silks and Dress Stuffs. \$2.50 and \$2.25 imported suitings, 54-inch, also plain and fancy English mohair suitings, special, yard..... 1.50.

Underwear. Women's long and short sleeve crew cotton Vests, 25c values, special, each..... 15c. Women's silver and white cotton Union Suits, long sleeve, value 50c, for..... 25c.

Inventory Sale Domestic. Short lengths chevots and madras, regular val. 25c, special, yd. 12 1/2c. Fancy Shirting Moreens, values to \$1.25, special, pair..... 50c.

REMARKABLE VALUES IN Dainty Embroideries IN THE INVENTORY SALE. A special lot of beautiful trimming embroideries, including Cambrics, Nainsooks and Swisses, slightly mussed in the flurry of clearing, widths ranging from 4 to 10 inches; our regular 25c to 50c values; all in one lot and included in a clean sweep of the lines, at the yard..... 15c.