

PETROGRAD FEARS GERMAN ATTACK

Evidence Indisputable That Germans Are Massing Force to Take Capital.

INTERNAL UNREST BEGUN

Extremists Urging Russian Soldiers to Leave Trenches and Go Over to the Germans, Saying Act Would Terminate War.

PETROGRAD, March 24, via London, March 25.—From internal troubles and the problems of reconstruction the attention of Russia has suddenly been diverted to a new danger, which threatens from without. There now is indisputable evidence that the Germans are massing great numbers of troops along the northern front ready for an effort against Russia's capital. The country has been apprised of the new menace by a series of proclamations from its ministers.

LONDON, March 25.—Reuter's Petrograd correspondent says: "War Minister Shukhov's statement that the foe is at the gate is no mere figure of speech. The slightest relaxation of vigilance and the enemy would be at Petrograd."

Army Moderating Demands. The correspondent then cautiously refers to the repercussive action on the troops of the consciousness that the army had been the arbiter of Russia's destiny, which has manifested itself in demands incompatible with military discipline, and says that already there is news from various fronts of the prevalence of "second thoughts."

"But," continued the correspondent, "where the Petrograd troops are and the army is fortunate in its commanders, it is unlikely that persistence in untoward claims will be allowed to prejudice the Spring and Summer campaigns. Moreover, reassuring reports have been received from General Ruzsky and General Judenich, who commands the Caucasian army."

Timid Ones Shake Heads. "There has been much head shaking, nevertheless, among the more timid inhabitants of Petrograd, largely a reflection of the greater freedom allowed the press, which has opened the floodgates of the pacifists and shriekings against war loans."

The correspondent concludes by declaring that the republican form of government under the present conditions is a serious question. Special dispatches from Petrograd dated Friday, emphasized the seriousness of the situation arising from the German concentration on the Riga-Dvinsk front with the apparent certain intention of attempting to break through to Petrograd. It is argued that the shortening of the German front in France is part of a plan to overwhelm Russia by a sudden and tremendous blow—through the country can recover from the unsettling effects of the revolution.

According to these correspondents, internal conditions in Russia, notwithstanding the determination of the government and responsible leaders to conduct the war with energy, are disquieting.

Time is Needed. They say that time is needed to restore the discipline of the army and navy after the recent upheaval and they record incidents which are hindering progress in this direction. Among these is the movement of extremists to put the final overthrow of the Romanoffs, the bureaucrats and ruling classes generally in the forefront of all national effort.

This movement is indicated by the appearance in the Socialist newspaper, Pravda, of a resolution of the Social Democratic party's central committee inviting the soldiers to leave the trenches and go over to the Germans. It is asserted that this step would immediately evoke a fraternal response among the Germans and the war would promptly collapse, enabling the army and people to operate in overthrowing the ruling classes of Russia.

Some soldiers in Petrograd are said to have spent days wrangling over the wonderful promises held forth by the Socialist propaganda and to have stopped thinking about the war, which they believe is over.

Professor Holmes Luncheon Host.

SALEM, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—Professor Henry Holmes, instructor in the department of education at Harvard University, was guest at luncheon here Saturday of E. F. Charlton, Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction. Other guests were Governor Withycombe, Secretary of State Olcott, Dr. H. D. Sheldon, of the University of Oregon; Professor E. D. Reissler, of Oregon Agricultural College, and Professor Evenden, of Monmouth.

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HEAD OF NEW RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT.



M. RODZIANKO.

M. Rodzianko, president of the Russian Duma, formed the executive committee of Duma members which seized the reins of the Russian government. The committee declared itself to be a provisional government, organized a new Russian Cabinet, forced the Czar to abdicate and appointed a regent. The President of the Duma, Michael V. Rodzianko, was the leading figure among the Deputies, who unanimously decided to oppose the imperial order for a dissolution of the House. They continued their sessions, and Rodzianko informed the Emperor, then at the front, that the hour had struck when the will of the people must prevail. The Emperor hastened back from the front, but arrived too late, finding that a revolution had been successful and that a new government was in control.

—Photo From Underwood.

OLD PLAY IS WINNER

Alcazar Players Produce "In Old Kentucky."

ALINE M'DERMOTT IS HIT

New Leading Woman at Baker Theater Gains Recognition in Play of Southland Which Brings Note of Spring.

CAST OF "IN OLD KENTUCKY." Frank Layson, Albert McGovern, Colonel Sandusky Doolittle, George R. Taylor, Harold Holland, Joe Lorey, Will Lloyd, Sam Neb, George E. Webster, Rastus, Caesar, Brutus, Madge Brierly, Aline McDermott, Barbara Holton, Eleanor Parker, Althea Layson, Lora Rogers.

BY LEONE CASS BAER. Spring—the season when our vagrant thoughts fly lightly to renovations and revivals—is abroad in the land—in the Southland at that, over at the Baker Theater, "In Old Kentucky" is being revived at that cozy theater this week and is meeting with hearty and instantaneous response. The new leading woman, too, Aline McDermott, had a hearty welcome yesterday at both matinee and night performances. "In Old



Aline McDermott, New Leading Woman at Baker Theater, Who Opened Engagement Yesterday.

Kentucky" is an institution like "Uncle Tom's Cabin," "East Lynne" and a few other old standbys in melodramatic literature of the stage. Skillful interpretations of the Alcazar players lend the protagonists of the play delightful humaneness and charm. Besides all these there is the scenic display, the spectacular burning of the barn which houses the prize horse Kentucky; the horse race with the shouting, frenzied mob beside the track, and the paddock with the gay colored lads dancing and carrying on in great glee. There is, too, the never forgettable scene where the heroines swing out across the hundred-foot-deep chasm

holding onto a grapevine rope, to save the hero, who is about to die by means of a bomb slowly burning at his feet. He lies senseless, you remember, just where the almost villain, Knockout, in the fight over the girl, and he lies right at the top edge of the hundred-foot-deep chasm, where he is about to be shoved in, unless the heroine saves him.

For, it's an exciting play. It's an imposing cast in length, too, aside from the Alcazar Players, for dozens of superb dash about as bookmakers, a quartet of dusky stable lads—Sam, Rastus, Caesar and Brutus—dance with true ducky flavor and understanding. Jockeys, spectators and touts maintain an atmosphere of business throughout.

Aline McDermott's work as an actress cannot be judged alone by her role as Madge, the flower of the mountains. Any stock actress could play Madge, the flower of the mountains. It's a sweet, pretty girl role, and plays itself. Miss McDermott does it beautifully, however, with a sympathy and a wholesomeness that appeals.

Albert McGovern is an heroic figure as Layson, the worthy son of Old Kentucky. He plays the role in a straightforward style, manly and vigorous. Lora Rogers and George Taylor, always dependable, afford comedy, the spin-swains of 20 years' duration; the spin- Colonel Sandusky Doolittle, a great speculator and horseman. Their scene at the fence outside the race track, where Lora views the race through a knothole, and the Colonel finds a vantage point in a tree, is one of the best things in the production. George Webster lends fine humor as the aged ducky, Uncle Neb. Will F. Lloyd as moonshiner gives an excellent portrait. Madge Holton plays the deep double-dyed villain, Eleanor Parker a pretty and quite satisfying as the nearest approach to a villainess the play holds. "In Old Kentucky" will play all week, with matinees on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

TIN CAN SUPPLY SHORT

ONE BILLION NEEDED BY FOOD FACTORIES OF AMERICA.

Railways Call Embargo on Raw Material Off in Effort to Relieve Situation.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—A shortage of approximately 1,000,000,000 cans confronts the canning industries of the country, according to estimates made today by canning interests and Department of Commerce officials. Principal railroads have notified the Department of Commerce that embargoes placed on plate, steel and block tin had been lifted and that everything possible is being done to expedite their shipment. A committee of six Government officials and representatives of plate and canning interests has undertaken to make an inventory of the canners' requirements. Should the necessary number of tin cans be forthcoming from manufacturers, it is said the price of canned goods probably will remain at the present level, which is an increase over last year's prices of about 25 per cent. In one industry alone, the canning of grayfish, the shortage is said to approximate 500,000 cans.

MAN AND \$18,000 HELD

Fugitive Seattle Bank Employee Arrested in Vancouver, B. C.

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 25.—George Lindsay Hayden, 19 years old, formerly of Billings, Mont., a bank messenger formerly employed by the First National Bank of Seattle, and who is wanted by the police in that city, was arrested here tonight. He was taken to the postoffice two weeks ago, was arrested here tonight. More than \$18,000 was found in Hayden's possession. When arrested Hayden had enlisted in a local military battalion. The police late tonight recovered more than \$18,000 from a cache.

BILLINGS, Mont., March 24.—Lindsay Hayden is the son of a prominent business man in this city. He was a member of the Montana volunteers that served on the Mexican frontier until mustered out several months ago, when he returned to this city. A short time ago he left for Seattle to accept employment in a bank. He is unmarried and about 20 years old.

MINUTIA ON GUARD

War Department Calls Out 14 Regiments for Police Duty.

DUTY IS HELD NATIONAL

Official Order Issued Designating Organizations in East for Immediate Service—Muster Out Also Is Deferred.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Calling into the Federal service of 14 regiments of the National Guard for police protection purposes was announced today by the War Department. The department issued this statement:

"Many states have deemed it advisable to call out the National Guard for police purposes of protection.

"As the necessity for such steps arises from issues which are more National than local it has been deemed advisable by the President to call into Federal service for the above mentioned purpose the following organizations of the National Guard:

- "Massachusetts—Second and Ninth regiments.
"Pennsylvania—First and third regiments.
"Maryland—Fourth Regiment.
"District of Columbia—First separate battalion.
"Virginia—Second Regiment.
"Vermont—B Company, First Regiment.
"Connecticut—First Regiment.
"New York—Second and Seventy-first regiments.
"New Jersey—First and Fifth regiments.
"Delaware—First Battalion, First Regiment.
"The following organizations which are now in the Federal service will not be mustered out: Thirteenth Pennsylvania, A and B companies of the First Georgia.

ARMY NEWLY ARRANGED

SIX DEPARTMENTS CREATED INSTEAD OF ORIGINAL FOUR.

General Wood Sent South, While Pershing Remains Where He Is—Decentralization Is Facilitated.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Division of the United States into six instead of the existing four departments was announced today by the War Department. The two new departments are the Northeastern, comprising the New England states, and the Southeastern, comprising the states in the old South.

Major-General Leonard Wood is transferred from the Department of the East to the new Southeastern Department; Major-General J. Franklin Bell from the Western Department to the Eastern Department; Major-General Hunter Liggett from the Philippines to the Western Department; and Brigadier-General Clarence R. Edwards from the Canal Zone to the Northeastern Department. Major-General Barry, of the Central Department, and Major-General Pershing, of the Southern Department, remain at their commands. The changes were outlined by the department in the following statement:

"To facilitate decentralization of command the United States is divided into six military departments in place of the four now existing. The new departments become effective May 1 and comprise the following: A—Northeastern Department, to embrace Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut; headquarters at Boston.

"B—Eastern Department, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, District of Columbia, the Canal Zone and Porto Rico; headquarters at Governor's Island, S. C.

"C—Southeastern Department, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi, together with the coast defenses of New Orleans and the coast defense of Galveston; headquarters at Charleston, S. C.

"D—Central Department, Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado; headquarters at Chicago.

"E—Southern Department, Louisiana (except the coast defenses at New Orleans), Texas (except the coast defenses at Galveston), Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona; headquarters at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

"F—Western Department, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, California, Nevada, Utah and Alaska; headquarters at San Francisco."

TOLSTOY IS NOT OPTIMIST

Son of Author Says Czar Still Has Many Adherents in Russia.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—Count Leo Tolstoy, son and namesake of the Russian philosopher and reformer, said he was not an optimist regarding the Russian revolution when he arrived here yesterday from the Orient. Count Tolstoy came here to meet his brother, Ilya, and to lecture on universal peace. He said: "The government of the Czar must still have many adherents, such as those belonging to the powerful League of the Real Russia people—staunch supporters of the church and thousands of moujiks with an inborn veneration for the Czar. "Of the new ministers I do not know much. Only Milukoff I know very well, and he is a clever man."

UTAH CALLS VOLUNTEERS

Draft to Be Resorted To in Case Enough Do Not Enlist.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, March 25.—Governor Simon Bamberger, as commander-in-chief of the National Guard of Utah, issued an official proclamation calling upon all the eligible, able-bodied men of the state to enlist voluntarily in the National Guard. In connection with the issuance of the Governor's proclamation, it is announced that active recruiting of men for the Guard is to begin in Salt Lake City and throughout the state Monday morning. While the proclamation merely calls

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