

TEUTON PRISONERS MENACE PETROGRAD

Two Army Corps of Austrians and Germans Within Striking Distance of Capital.

KERENSKY AGAIN REPORTED

Ousted Leader Now Said to Be on March to Moscow With Army and Grand Duke Nicholas Is With Great Army in Caucasus.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A Bolshevik force commanded by released German and Austrian officer prisoners has defeated the anti-Bolshevik at Tashkent, capital of Russian Turkestan, according to a Petrograd dispatch to the Morning Post.

The dispatch also says that it is believed that a force of released enemy prisoners equivalent to two army corps, commanded by their own officers, is now within striking distance of Petrograd.

A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Baparranda reports that Kerensky with an army is now marching against Moscow, while Grand Duke Nicholas has gathered a great army of royalists in the Caucasus.

The Romanians on the Southwest Russian front have joined the Ukrainians and Lieutenant-General D. G. Stcherbacheff, commander of the Russian forces, has been appointed commander-in-chief of the whole Ukrainian front, according to a report received in Petrograd and transmitted here. The Bolshevik and Ukrainian troops are reported to be advancing on each other, being three weeks apart.

A Reuter dispatch dated December 18 says that there has been three days' sanguinary fighting between the Bolsheviks and Ukrainians owing to the refusal of the latter to allow the passage of reinforcements for the suppression of the Don Cossacks. The Bolshevik leader was killed there in the greatest danger in the harbor, the dispatch adds, where the crews of the naval units are divided between the two factions.

LONDON, Wednesday, Dec. 19.—Dispatches from Petrograd indicate that the struggle between the Cossacks and the Maximalists in Southern Russia is increasing in severity. The correspondent at Petrograd of Reuter's, telegraphing under date of Tuesday, says the flame of civil war is spreading northward along the Volga River from Astrakhan to Samara.

The Maximalists hold Astrakhan, from which place the Cossacks were reported on Monday to be 20 versts distant. Fighting probably has now begun.

Maximalists Short of Cannon. The Maximalists are said to have many machine guns, but are almost without cannon. The Cossacks are reported to be equipped with light field guns.

An extraordinary state of affairs is depicted at Tsaritsyn, in the province of Samara, where neither the Maximalists nor the Cossacks have the mastery, both being beaten by the forces of Heliodorus, Abbot of Tsaritsyn and known as "Iliador, the Mad Monk" who advanced against them singing "Save, Lord, Thy People."

Orenburg Cossacks, commanded by General Dutoff, are advancing against Samara, the Maximalist garrisons en route being dispersed. Cossacks have occupied all the eastern part of the province of Voronezh, in South Central Russia.

Fighting continues at Odessa, where Ukrainian troops hold the arsenal and the telegraph and telephone stations. The municipal council has recently changed hands before finally remaining in the possession of the Ukrainians. The Maximalists hold the port, which the Ukrainians shelled, and a field artillery in response to a bombardment of the town by naval guns.

General Peace Advocated. Russia is party to a plan seeking to compel her late allies to join in the negotiations which the Germans have been striving to bring about for more than a year.

It was understood that the Bolshevik government in obedience to the suggestion of the German peace plenipotentiaries has undertaken to send out not only Russia's European allies, but also the American Government.

It is apprehended in some quarters that the mere discussion of a German peace move is likely to prove very embarrassing to England, where the labor councils are about to assemble and record their views as to war aims, and also in France, where the Socialist elements are still strong in their opposition to the government.

Ukrainians Are Disarming. Ukrainians are disarming and removing the Maximalist troops in the province of Kiev and at Konotop, about 100 miles east of Tchernigov.

The Ukrainian central rada has issued a message to Ukrainians proclaiming a Ukraine democratic republic to form part of an all-Russian federal republic. Pending the issue of the Russian official constituent assembly in January, the rada in its message recognizes the principle of expropriation without compensation of private lands, monasteries and some church lands for the benefit of the laboring classes.

I. W. W. QUARTERS RAIDED

Officers Arrest Six Men and Seize Large Amount of Literature.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 20.—Police-men and Federal agents raided I. W. W. headquarters on First avenue, said to be frequented by lumber workers late today, made six arrests and seized five truckloads of literature. The men under arrest will be questioned by Government agents.

WEST WILL GET BENEFITS

(Continued From First Page.) avowed policy and attitude of the Shipping Board made a matter of open public record.

By questioning witnesses Senator McNary also wants to lay bare the conditions which the Shipping Board, up to this time, has been imposing upon yards which have undertaken to contract with allied governments for ships, such as the reserved right to commandeer machinery of all such ships at any time and the refusal to grant foreign registry to ships built for allied powers.

These conditions have made it impossible for Pacific Coast yards to carry out contracts with any of the allied governments, even after being authorized by the board to do so to contract, and as these particular yards have been able to get no contracts direct with the Shipping Board they are held in idleness. This policy the senator condemns.

Wooden Ship Target. Thirdly, Senator McNary says he will get at the real attitude of the Shipping Board with regard to wooden ships. Publications appearing in Eastern papers recently indicate a desire on the part of some Senators to use the Shipping Board investigation as an instrument for condemning wooden ships, with a view to concentrating hereafter on steel. There has never been a concise statement of the board's attitude toward wooden ships, and Senator McNary will ask for such a declaration from the more important witnesses who testify.

Senator Chamberlain is a member of the commerce committee and will have full privilege of participating in the investigation.

Questions Are Set Forth. The statement, issued on the eve of the inquiry into the progress of the Government's shipbuilding programme by the Senate commerce committee, which is expected to inquire among other things into the necessity for the board unnecessarily had blocked construction for private account, sets forth:

"That the board will not encourage construction of steel ships for private account in lieu of the necessity for devoting all steel building resources of the Government to the programme.

"That the board will encourage the construction for American interests of tug and barges for use on the coast and inland waterways.

"That the board has no intention of discouraging the construction of wooden ships where their building does not interfere with the Government programme. Where permission is given for wooden construction preference will be given to American owners.

Private Orders Discussed. "The shipbuilding facilities of the country having been largely increased by the board within the last six months," says the announcement, "it will be the policy of the board hereafter to devote itself to the expansion of these new yards and the old yards, rather than to the creation of any further new yards unless it is found necessary to do so."

Proposals without number for the building of ships for private account have been turned down by the board on the ground that a large amount of private construction would disrupt labor conditions and interfere seriously with the board's flow of materials to yards engaged on Government work.

Many of the proposals come from representatives of foreign governments.

Northwest Gale Sweeps Ireland. LONDON, Dec. 18.—A northwest gale, accompanied by snow and extreme cold, swept Queenstown Saturday night, according to a delayed Central News dispatch from that Irish port. Many persons were injured in the streets. St. Colman's Cathedral was damaged. The police barracks and many houses were unroofed. Giant waves swept over vessels in the harbor.

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TEUTONS DRAWING NEARER TO VENICE

Situation on Southern Front Is More Serious, Says Italian Statement.

MONTE ASOLONE CAPTURED

Invaders Anxious to Get Down From Mountain Heights Before Winter Sets In—Berlin Reports 9000 Prisoners Taken.

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Wednesday, Dec. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—The situation in the northern fighting zone has assumed a more serious aspect, with the enemy's occupation of Monte Asolone, whence there is a stretch of hills between him and the level plain. Monte Asolone is the last of the heights in that section, with an altitude of more than 4000 feet and snowless except during a severe winter. This remaining stretch of hills is about seven miles across, with Bassano four miles further on.

The enemy's heavy guns already have the range beyond Bassano, which lies on the Venetian plain near the entrance to the Brenta Valley, and while the city itself is not being shelled, occasional shells have fallen in the outskirts and some have passed over the city to the suburbs beyond.

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Human Aim at Extremities. The drive to Mount Asolone takes the enemy line some distance south of the Italian and allied positions on the Upper Piave. The exact positions of the British and French forces cannot be stated, but, generally speaking, they are not at the extremities and it appears to be part of the enemy's cunning to strike at the extremities, where the Italians are holding single-handed.

The place where the enemy point has approached to Venice, but this is not regarded as a serious menace to the city, as the remaining stretch is a marsh of lagoons and the occupied point is within range of the warships off the mouth of the river.

ROME, Dec. 20.—Complete repulse of yesterday's attack by the Austro-German forces which was delivered on the Tasson-Col-Del-Orso front, between the Brenta and the Piave, was announced by the War Office today. The enemy suffered heavy losses.

Enemy Attempts Frustrated. New attempts by the enemy to cross the Piave Vecchia were frustrated.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Repeated Italian counter attacks against the positions recently captured by the Austro-Germans on Monte Pelica were repulsed yesterday, the German general staff announced today. Since December 11 the Teutons have taken nearly 9000 prisoners in the fighting between the Brenta and Piave rivers.

Lincoln County Isolated. NEWPORT, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Railroad washouts between Elk City and Smit isolated Lincoln County today, no mail or passenger service being attempted. Telegraph wires also are out of commission along the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad. Indications tonight are that the storm is over. Fifty feet of the main pipeline emptying into the reservoir was carried away, leaving Newport without water today. The break was temporarily repaired.

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