

REPUBLIC STARTED IN RUSSIA

Legislative Body Assembles at Minsk and Independence Will Be Proclaimed.

PETROGRAD BANKS SEIZED

Branch of National City Bank of New York Taken by Bolsheviks and R. R. Stevens, Manager, Is Arrested for Keeping Keys.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The establishment of a republic in White Russia has been announced, according to Petrograd news today.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 27.—Soldiers acting under the orders of Finance Commissioner Menshinsky today surrounded and seized all private banks in Petrograd, including the branch of the National City Bank of New York.

At the time for the opening of the banks detachments of the Red Guard gathered in the streets and barred the entrances.

Mr. Stevens declared his bank had no vaults, but only small safes. After his arrest he was permitted to return to the bank, which was placed under guard.

Telephone communication with the city was stopped for an hour.

Mr. Stevens, it was said, has been in charge of the Petrograd branch since it was opened in January.

The National City Bank of New York was granted a license last January to begin business in Russia, with particular reference to the financing of railroad construction.

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MEXICANS DRAFT MORMONS

Colonists Forced Into Army According to Report Just Made.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 28.—Prested into the service of the fighting forces of the Mexican government and forced to fight side by side with the Mexican troops is the fate of scores of young men, members of the Mormon Church, living in the vicinity of Mexico City, according to A. W. Ivins, who has charge of the church colonization work in Mexico.

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AMERICAN WOMEN HONORED

Nurses Serving on Western Front Are Given Special Mention.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Field Marshal Haig, the British commander-in-chief, has submitted a list of names of persons serving on the western front, as deserving special mention.

Mias B. M. Alexander, Chicago unit; Miss S. Briggs, Lakeside unit, Cleveland; Mrs. J. Christie, Presbyterian Hospital unit, New York; Miss C. Cuppage, St. Louis unit; Miss M. Dunlop, University of Pennsylvania unit, Philadelphia; Miss G. M. Gerrard, Harvard University unit; Miss C. Hall, Harvard unit; Miss H. G. McClelland, Philadelphia unit; Miss I. McKee, Lakeside unit; Miss L. Marsh, Presbyterian Hospital unit; Miss J. C. Stinson, St. Louis; and Miss D. Arch, of the Chicago unit.

Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, burning, or protruding piles. First application gives relief. No. Adv.

Not Quite Down and Out

Many a man feels that he is down and out when as a matter of fact he still has in him many years of good service that can be brought out by proper treatment.

BELLANS Absolutely Removes Indigestion. Druggists refund money if it fails. 25c.

MEMBERS OF NATIONAL BOARD TO MANAGE OPERATION OF RAILWAYS.



Top—(Left) Samuel Ray, (Right) Ward Elliott. Below—(From Left) Hale Holden, Julius Kruttschnitt and Patrifax Harrison.

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UNIFICATION WORK BEGUN

Not only did members of the war board assure the director-general of the railroads, under the new arrangement, but hundreds of telegrams reached the Treasury Department today from railroad officers throughout the country promising co-operation.

Railroad finances were touched on slightly at today's conference. Legislation suggested by the President's proclamation. This will be introduced in both houses of Congress when the President goes to the Capitol to outline his recommendations for financial arrangements.

There was considerable speculation today as to the Government's policy respecting the means of raising funds to reimburse the roads if operating revenues under Government control fall off.

Government Freight Problem. It is considered unlikely that there will be any strong sentiment for transferring the freight freights to the Government as is done in England.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is held to hold its independent agency deciding on their merits requests for rate increases, and the subject of increases will become a matter of government policy to be decided probably by the President.

Some railroad officials today expressed the belief that once the railroads are run as a single unit it will be impossible after the war to go back to the old system of competition.

Lifting anti-pooling restrictions, they hold, will disrupt elements of organization necessary under a competitive system and at the same time demonstrate that competition is wasteful and uneconomic.

McAdoo Assumes Duties. The text of Mr. McAdoo's order follows: Having assumed the duties imposed upon me by and in pursuance of the proclamation of the President, dated December 28, 1917, you will until otherwise ordered continue the operation of your road in conformity with said proclamation.

Mr. Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific Company, views the decision of President Wilson to take the railroads of the country under Government control as a war move that is fully justified and that should have beneficial results.

Mr. Sproule's comments on the Administration's action, conveyed to Portland for information of the public yesterday through the local offices of his company, follow:

The public can rely on it that in the operation of the railroads, interference with the normal business of the country will be kept to the lowest point consistent with the purposes of the Government in the winning of the war.

The fact is, that in emergencies the Government can, without any question, do things in the public interest that it would be unlawful for private ownership to attempt.

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TEUTONS' OFFER OF GREAT REPARATIONS

British Newspapers Are Not Satisfied With Proposals Made by Czernin.

WAR WEARINESS EVIDENT

Sincere Desire to End War Is Conceded by Some, but Terms That Would Vindicate Militarism Are Held Impossible.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Newspaper opinion here on the reply of the central powers to the Bolshevik peace terms follows two main lines. It is held that it seems to be felt that the central powers have made a perfectly sincere offer to end the war immediately, while on the other hand it is declared that they have set a cunning trap in which they hope, although vainly, to catch the allies.

The former view is supported strongly, for instance, by the conservative Daily Express, which stands uncompromisingly for victory over the central powers and is an ardent apostle of anti-Prussianism.

In all the papers taking this view the statement of the central powers is regarded as being addressed less to Russia than to the allies collectively and the offer made through Count Czernin is assumed to be an initial proposal which the central powers are prepared probably to modify in the course of bargaining.

Terms Germany's First Bid. The Express says: "The proposals are, of course, wholly inadequate, but it is significant that the idea of conquest has been abandoned completely."

"So far the Commission is without information, save such as has appeared in the press, relative to the Government's proposal to take over control of the roads," said the Commissioner. "It is my understanding that existing laws will not be interfered with."

WAR WILL SOLVE PROBLEMS Question of Management Will Be Settled, Says C. A. Prouty.

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WAR MUST CONTINUE Victory First, Then Peace, is France's Reply. "An Ally Has Failed Us, but Another Has Come; From Other End of World Democracy Has Risen Against Austro-Germans."

TEUTON DESIGNS ARE SEEN "Paris, Thursday, Dec. 27.—France will not accept a peace based on conditions before the war, Foreign Minister Pichon declared in replying in the Chamber of Deputies today to the peace proposals of the central powers outlined to Russia. He asserted that Germany was endeavoring to involve France in the negotiations with the Bolsheviks, but that the war would go on whether or not Russia made a separate peace."

PEACE PRESSURE IS PROPOSED Germans Have Designs in Russia Pending Negotiations. LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Times describes the effect upon the Bolsheviks and the Russian people of the rumors of a peace treaty between Germany and Austria.

MR. SPROULE APPROVES RAILROAD HEAD COMMENTS ON FEDERAL CONTROL OF LINES. President of Southern Pacific Company Says Reliance Can Be Placed on Railroads.

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Banker Held for Murder. PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 28.—E. A. Strauss, the bank president who killed his cashier, Berne M. Mead, recently, was held without bail on a murder charge by verdict of a coroner's jury today. An armistice is reported to have been reached between the Bolshevik forces and the troops of General Kaledin in Rostov, with a neutral zone between the opposing lines.

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