

CITY OF KIEV FALLS TO BOLSHEVIK ARMY

Refuge of Many of Russian Nobility Is Captured After Prolonged Siege.

PEACE CONFERENCE OPENS

King of Bavaria Reported to Have Tried to Influence Kaiser in Matter of Reaching Settlement at Brest-Litovsk.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Kiev, which for some time has been invested by the Bolshevik troops, who are engaged against the Ukrainians, has surrendered, according to an Exchange Telegram dispatch from Petrograd.

Kiev, capital of the government of Ukraine, lies on the right bank of the Dnieper. It is called "the Mother of Russian Cities" and in 1902 had about 250,000 inhabitants.

Recent dispatches said that many of the Russian nobility, seeking safety from the Bolsheviks, had taken up their residence in Kiev.

BREST-LITOVSK, Jan. 30.—via Amsterdam to London, Jan. 31.—Talaat Pasha, the Turkish Grand Vizier, presided today at the opening of the peace conference.

Bavaria Sends Ex-Premier. Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, the German Foreign Secretary, announced that Dr. Count Podewitz-Durnitz, former Premier of Bavaria, would represent Bavaria.

Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, said that two representatives of the Ukrainian people's republic had been incorporated in the Russian delegation, to which also had been added M. Karelin, the people's commissioner for state property.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 30.—Discussing the report that the King of Bavaria attempted to influence the Kaiser in favor of a "security peace," the L'Espresso Neue Nachrichten says: "We have reason to assume that the report is correct."

Other Rulers Invited. "We would even go a step further and add that the appeal which the Deutsche Tages Zeitung, of Berlin, addressed to the other federal princes to follow the King's example already has been forestalled."

The Deutsche Tages Zeitung, which is a Pan-German organ, recently was quoted as saying that King Ludwig of Bavaria had made representations to Emperor William regarding the political situation which had arisen in connection with the negotiations with Russia and following Chancellor von Hertling's recent speech.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 31.—An official statement issued by the Bolshevik government says "the new workmen and peasants' red army will serve to support the coming social revolution in Europe."

LONDON, Jan. 31.—A Bolshevik decree establishing "an all-Russian congress" for guidance in organizing the "workmen and peasants' Red Army of the Russian Councils Republic" is announced in a Russian official wireless statement received here.

Another decree assigns 20,000,000 rubles from the war fund for the organization of the Red Army.

GERMAN PROPOSALS REJECTED Workmen and Soldiers Propose War on Tauton Imperialism.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 30.—The Moscow Council of Workmen and Soldiers Deputies has declared the German peace proposals unacceptable and has suggested that the Council of National Commissioners organize a Socialist Army to fight against German imperialism.

MILLIONS ARE ON STRIKE (Continued From First Page.)

the Meibit criminal court in one day exceeded 100,000 marks.

Socialist Leaders Summoned. According to a Berlin report received through Copenhagen, Socialist leaders for mail over Germany have been summoned to Berlin for a discussion of important home and foreign political questions.

Among items of news received today are that the strike has now spread to Munich, Bavaria, where the big Mauser armament works are involved, and that some of the printing works engaged in the newspaper trade in Berlin have struck.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 31.—The Berlin papers explain that the German authorities do not refuse to treat with the proper labor leaders regarding the strike.

The government takes the position, however, that on important political questions it cannot negotiate with the workers and, in any case, with strikers.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 31.—(British Admiralty, per Wireless Press).—The strike has been extended in districts near Berlin, especially in Tegh, Aldershof, Spandau and Mariendorf, where 60,000 men have quit work.

Total Makes Million. A similar number of workmen are on strike in the remainder of the empire.

Important war industries are located in Spandau, a city of some 70,000 inhabitants, nine miles west of Berlin. The government has large establishments there for the manufacture of artillery, firearms and ammunition.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The German strike is growing in magnitude, the Exchange Telegram correspondent at Copenhagen reports.

In Berlin 200,000 persons are on strike, he reports, 20,000 of these being women.

A great number of Socialist leaders have been arrested in various German towns, according to this authority.

Fog Hampers Authorities. The fact that Berlin is wrapped in a thick fog has made it impossible for the authorities to prevent the dissemination of pamphlets, the report states.

burg. Its population in 1900 was 161,000. It is the seat of important industries. Wandsbeck is three miles north-east of Hamburg. In 1900 its population was 28,000. It has large brewing and distilling establishments.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 31.—Both in Berlin and the provinces the strikes are spreading, according to Wednesday's edition of the Kolnische Volks Zeitung, which reports that representatives of labor in the various cities in the industrial region were expected to meet in Berlin Tuesday.

Trouble Spreading in Bavaria. Agitation for a general strike in Munich is said to have failed after a stormy meeting, but the movement spread to Nuremberg and Furth, the largest manufacturing towns in Bavaria.

The newspaper says that the demand of the Fatherland party for the continuance of the war and the food supply in the towns were the reasons given for the strike at several meetings.

The number of strikers in Berlin is estimated at about 120,000, according to a semi-official statement issued in Berlin yesterday, when there had been only an inconsiderable increase in the strike since Tuesday.

Evidence of the extent of the strike in Hamburg is found in the Cologne Gazette, which says that all the shipyard laborers in that city have quit work.

Clergy's Efforts Fail. After the men in the Vulcan yard walked out the others struck yesterday, declaring their solidarity with the Vulcan workers.

Clergymen vainly exhorted the strikers in Hamburg to continue their work, the Cologne Gazette says.

The workers proceeded to the Trades Union headquarters and adopted a resolution opposing the Pan-German Fatherland party's demand for immediate peace without annexations or indemnities, better labor conditions and improvement of the food supply.

A deputaion waited on the General in command of the district and said the strikers would not resort to violence.

WORST NOT YET DISCLOSED Washington Hears Situation in Germany of Increasing Gravity.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Advices to the State Department today from neutral countries say Germany's economic and political problems are growing in seriousness. Information secured by the department indicates the reports that have come out of Germany in the past week do not present the entire situation, as there is a growing protest of the Socialists and more radical groups against the government.

Telegraphic communication between Sweden and Helsingfors, Finland, was restored yesterday, according to official dispatches today from Sweden dated yesterday and based on Berlin newspaper reports, estimated the number of strikers then in Berlin at 125,000, but said the Socialists insisted the number was 200,000.

TROTSKY SENDS THREAT AMBASSADOR FRANCIS ADVISED OF ANARCHISTS' MENACE.

Russian Foreign Ministry Is Asked to Force U. S. Diplomat to Obtain Criminals' Liberty.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 30.—The ministry of foreign affairs today transmitted to David R. Francis, the American Ambassador, a letter addressed to Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, by the Petrograd group of anarchists, insisting that Trotsky bring pressure to bear on the American embassy for the release of Alexander Berkman, Emma Goldman and Thomas J. Mooney.

The ministry also included a resolution adopted by the anarchists threatening demonstrations against the embassy.

This is the third threat by anarchists that Ambassador Francis has received within a month.

Emma Goldman and Berkman are under sentence to serve terms of imprisonment for conspiracy to defeat the conscription law in the United States. Mooney was convicted in California of murder in connection with the San Francisco bomb outrages.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Secretary Lansing has instructed Ambassador Francis at Petrograd to report to the State Department any developments in connection with the threats made against him by anarchists because of the conviction of Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman, but it has been left to the Ambassador to follow any course he may consider advisable.

LOANS TO ALLIES GROW Great Britain Establishes Credit for \$210,000,000 at U. S. Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—A new credit of \$210,000,000 to be paid to Great Britain during February was established today by the Treasury.

The January credit of \$250,000,000 was completed today with the advancement of \$65,000,000. This brings total credits to all the allies up to \$415,000,000.

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WAR WORK CRIPPLED

Strike Hits at Output of German Munitions.

GREAT PLANTS AFFECTED

Outbreak at Spandau Recalls Fact That Workmen There Formed Backbone of First Political-Industrial Troubles of War.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—A correspondent of the Associated Press who was stationed at Berlin until America entered the war and who recently returned to the United States from Copenhagen, where he went after the outbreak of hostilities, has written the following statement of the effect strikes in German cities is likely to have upon the production of munitions:

"Strikes at Adlershof, the Berlin suburb mentioned in today's dispatches, will affect one of the important centers of the German military airplane and balloon industry. Important war chemical works, specializing in the manufacture of constituents for munitions, also are located in the Berlin suburb."

"Spandau, where the strike also is reported spreading, is the site of one of Germany's big arsenals and a center for the manufacture of ammunition as well as of electrical plants devoted to war work."

Skilled Workmen Numerous. "Spandau and Adlershof differ from the usual German industrial centers in that large numbers of skilled workmen exempted from military service because of their greater value are employed there rather than the women and youths who make up a high proportion of Germany's industrial army in war time."

"These men are largely enrolled in the ranks of the radical socialist party and have been restive and dissatisfied with the government for a long time."

"The Spandau workmen formed the backbone of Germany's first political strike during the war, called as a protest against the conviction of Liebknecht, the radical Socialist member of the Reichstag and held out the longest of any during the April protest against the reduction of the bread ration."

"Conditions of the recent German political strike are significant in that for the first time the leaders of the majority or 'same' socialists under Scheidemann are aligned with the radical Socialists."

Scheidemann Joins In. "During the strikes occasioned by the trial of Liebknecht and by the reduction of the bread ration in April, 1917, the influence of Scheidemann and the other majority Socialist leaders was thrown against the walkouts and they co-operated with the government in inducing the men and women to return to work."

"Majority Socialist endeavors were also primarily responsible for the failure of the general political strike which radical socialists attempted to launch on May 1, 1916. Now Scheidemann and his associates are represented on the general strike committee with Haase and other leaders of the radical element."

"This change of heart on the part of the 'government Socialists' apparently has been brought about by the spirit shown by the government in the Russo-German peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk; in the treatment of the Prussian franchise reform and also by the swing of the Socialist masses away from the moderate programme of the Scheidemann forces to the radical 'stop the war at any price' demands of the radicals."

COLLEGE HELP IS WANTED Summer School Training for Army Specialists Federal Plan.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 31.—(Special).—A questionnaire from the Government has been received by President W. J. Kerr, asking what Oregon Agricultural College could do to aid in training specialists this Summer for the Army and Navy.

The Federal plan is to investigate conditions at all institutions with a view to establishing Summer classes for about 200,000 men who must be trained to handle highly specialized work in the service.

The range of subjects includes about 100 departments, among them forestry service, all kinds of engineering, sanitation, judging of textiles and many others.

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The dispatch quoted the captain of the Irriendo as saying the ship sank two hours after having been damaged by five explosions. No submarine was seen. The French destroyer Bambara vainly attempted to take the ship in tow. The crew was rescued and taken to Barcelona, Spain, and a report of the circumstances of the sinking sent to the Argentine Consul at Toulon, France.

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Letter Is Acknowledged. CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 31.—(Special).—A telegram recently sent to Congressman Albert Johnson by Otto Neelands, of this city, in which he pledged the support of Lewis County restaurants, hotels and boarding houses to the food administration, was acknowledged yesterday in a letter to Mr. Neelands from Lewis Strauss, private secretary to Mr. Hoover.

Lincoln Bootleggers Mystery. NEWPORT, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special).—The mystery surrounding the identity of the Walpole Hardware Company, to whom was assigned the 25 gallons of whisky seized by the county authorities Tuesday, is as yet unsolved. The seizure of this liquor, which has been the first of the kind to occur in this county since the prohibition law has gone into effect, is causing considerable speculation as to who is the party guilty of interfering with Lincoln County's known sobriety, and warm praise is given to the local officials for unearthing this new bootlegging enterprise.

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