

HUNGARY GOES ON RECORD FOR PEACE

"We Are Sincere and Earnest in Our Wish to End War," Declares Wekerle.

CONQUEST AIM DISCLAIMED

Assertion Repeated That Count Czernin Has Repeatedly Sent Messages to President Wilson Protesting His Guilelessness.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 1.—Dr. Alexander Wekerle, Hungarian Premier, in addressing the Diet today declared:

"Our readiness for peace is sincere and earnest. We never strove nor do we strive for conquest. We are ready to seek a just understanding which will lead to lasting peace and the security of that peace and of international agreements."

"We will oppose attempts to sow dissension among us, but whether the near future brings us peace or unavoidable battle, it is certain we desire to maintain our alliance with Germany as one of the most effective safeguards to peace."

Premier Wekerle said that he hoped that the arrangement which Hungary was about to make with Germany would make secure his country's economic life.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—It is known positively, according to a dispatch from Bern to the Daily Mail, that Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, through private intermediaries has sent messages after messages to President Wilson assuring him of the sincerity and guilelessness of Austrian diplomacy.

Austria is absolutely dependent upon Hungary and Roumania for wheat. Hofer, the Austrian Food Minister, said in an interview in Neus Wiener Tageblatt.

Since last August only 150,000 tons of wheat have been received from Roumania, while shipments from Hungary were quite inadequate to meet present needs.

LIGHT RATE CUT OFFERED

If Chehalis Bars New Company Old One Will Reduce Prices.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The North Coast Power Company "passed the buck" to the Chehalis City Commission today in the matter of accepting a reduction of what amounts to fully 25 percent in the electric light rate in this city.

If the commission accepts the offer of the power company it will vote down the pending ordinance for a rate increase by O. E. Anderson, of Portland, which has passed first and second readings.

The present light rate to Chehalis is 12 cents per kilowatt hour the first 20 hours, 10 cents the next ten kilowatt hours and 8 cents the next 20 kilowatt hours.

FAMILY ROUTED BY BLAZE

Hood River People Forced Out at Night in Icy Air.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Last night, just as the family of L. F. Smith, orchard superintendent, were preparing to retire, they were attracted by a roaring, and discovered the second story of the house at Herrickhaven orchards in flames.

Mr. Smith had no insurance on his property. The orchard place is the property of the Smith-Dreaver Company, of Portland. It is not known whether the house, the value of which is estimated at \$200, was insured or not.

Progress of the War. With the military operations on all the major battle fronts continuing far below normal the internal political situations in Germany, Russia and Finland are still to the fore in general interest.

In all three of these countries the turbulence of past days, involving convulsed and de facto governments on the one hand and disoriented populations on the other, still prevails.

BRITISH LABOR ON RECORD FOR PEACE

Honorable, Democratic Pact Defined in Address by Arthur Henderson.

PLEA FOR LOYALTY MADE

Appeal Made to Government to Meet Amalgamated Engineers in Separate Conference and Avoid Strike.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—Arthur Henderson, labor leader and former member of the War Cabinet, who as a member of the

Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Petrograd. About 40 steamships and several warships have been seized in Black Sea harbors.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—Five more entente warships have arrived at Vladivostok, according to special dispatches from Petrograd. It is added that China, acting on allied advice, has forbidden exportation of foodstuffs to Russia.

The British Embassy in Petrograd January 28 informed the Bolshevik government that British warships were at Vladivostok to protect allied subjects against possible disorder.

ANTI-BOLSHEVIKI TO MEET Congress of All Russia Will Take Place of Constituent Assembly.

BERNE, Switzerland, Feb. 1.—(British Admiralty by Wireless Press.)—A dispatch received from Moscow by way of Kiev and Vienna says the anti-Bolshevik have called the congress of all-Russia to meet in Moscow February 2 to replace the constituent assembly.

The dispatch adds that invitations have been sent to 105 representatives of the future of the country. It also is proposed to enact an electoral law for the constituent assembly.

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After reviewing the question at issue—the opposition of the engineers to the manpower bill, which Mr. Henderson desired them to abandon—and declaring that the engineers were merely asking a continuation of the procedure instituted by Premier Lloyd George himself, Mr. Henderson said:

"I earnestly appeal to the government that they should at once agree to a separate conference. Their present attitude is leading rapidly to trouble. They are risking the national cause for a point of procedure."

Mr. Henderson added that his knowledge of the history of the controversy convinced him that labor was justified in its stand.

Peace Policy Defined. Reverting to his declaration that an immediate peace was the greatest need of the world, but an honorable and democratic peace, Mr. Henderson continued:

"Peace must be made on these terms and on no other. That is our policy. It will be presented as a moral ultimatum to the government from an organized democracy in all the belligerent governments."

"I appeal in all earnestness to the workers not to wreck this great triumph of the international working class movement in the field of diplomacy by a precipitate action which can only end in receding and defeating the democratic cause."

DEMOLISH ARMY, SAY SWISS Workers Federation Issues Ultimatum to Federal Council.

PARIS, Feb. 1.—A dispatch from Geneva, Switzerland, to the Temps, Paris, says the Swiss Federal council at an extraordinary meeting at which general Ulrich Wille, commander of the army and his chief of staff were present, considered the ultimatum that has been issued to the federal council by the labor federation demanding demobilization of the Swiss army, beginning immediately and terminating not later than May 1.

The labor ultimatum also demanded that deserters and recalcitrants, as well as men in the auxiliary service shall be mustered out immediately and given their unpaid salaries.

The federation of labor unions adopted the resolution by a vote of 122 to 75, but the minority declares that action was irregular.

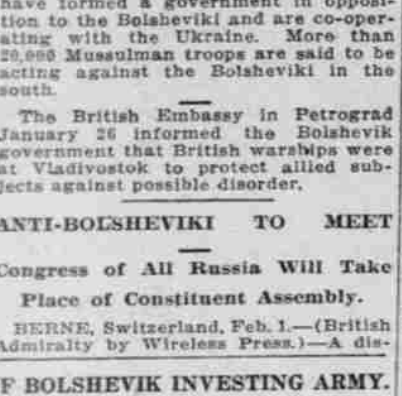
SLAV CITIES ARE TAKEN (Continued From First Page.) forces who were sent there in response to appeals for aid from the local Serbians government.

Kishinev, with a population in 1917 of about 190,000, is the chief center of Bessarabia, for trade in grain, wool, tallow, hides and tobacco. It is situated on the Byk River, 85 miles northwest of Odessa and 26 miles from the Roumanian border.

Population Greatly Mixed. The city presents little of interest outside of the motley composition of its population, which consists of Roumanians, Russians, Jews, Bulgarians, Germans, Tartars and gypsies. Wine culture and the growing of tobacco are the chief industries.

IMPORTANT RUSSIAN CITY WHICH HAS JUST FALLEN INTO HANDS OF BOLSHEVIK INVESTING ARMY.

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could reach the line of the defenders. Previously the Italians by a quick stroke masterfully carried out had pushed further forward their line in this region to the head of Telago Valley.

The Austrian losses in the past few days' fighting not including the men and prisoners estimated at between 5000 and 6000.

On the other fronts the fighting continues to be carried out by small parties of infantry in raiding operations and by the big guns of both sides.

AUSTRIANS DRIVEN OFF ATTEMPT TO FORCE ITALIANS FROM NEW POSITION FAILS

Strong Attack Made on Monte di Val Bellia—Artillery Action Continues Along Eastern Front.

ROME, Feb. 1.—The Austrians yesterday attacked the Asiago Plateau in an attempt to drive the Italians from their newly won position on Monte di Bellia, the War Office announced today.

The enemy, however, was unable to reach the Italian line. The text of the communication says: "After repeated unsuccessful attempts to regain lost ground in the area of Sasso Rosso, the enemy initiated yesterday morning a stronger action with the object of driving us off the Monte di Val Bellia, from where our troops had reached, by a sudden thrust at dawn, the head of the Telago Valley."

The attack, however, was broken before it reached our line by the effective co-operation of our artillery, which met the assaults with a powerful barrage fire and compelled them to retire to their starting position.

"On the remainder of the front there was moderate artillery activity. In Giudicaria we repulsed by our hand grenades fire enemy detachments which were attempting to approach our line."

"Activity by our patrols is reported between the Fiesina and Astico. Last night enemy aircraft dropped bombs on Bassano. A few persons were wounded. Only slight material damage was done."

KENNEY TO BE PRESIDENT

Louis W. Hill Announces Coming Great Northern Election.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 1.—William P. Kenney will be elected president and Ralph Hudd executive vice-president of the Great Northern Railroad next week, according to an announcement made tonight by Louis W. Hill, president and chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern Railway.

Mr. Hill will remain chairman. These changes will be made to give the railroad more executives in order that it may co-operate with the Government in the fullest way possible.

CENTRALIA Put on Water Rations. CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The break in the pipeline of Centralia's gravity water system had not been repaired today. Last night the city was put on water rations, service being given ten minutes every hour.

Cotton Shortage to Be Relieved. WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—To relieve shortage of cotton at New England mills, Director-General McArdie instructed C. H. Markham, regional railroad director for the South, to ship immediately between 50,000 and 100,000 bales of cotton to Brunswick, Savannah, Charleston and other Southern ports for trans-shipment by water to New York and to New England.

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conspiracy to obstruct the selective draft law. Lieutenant Is Promoted. LONDON, Dec. 21.—Acting Lieutenant Prince Albert, who, owing to a recent illness, has been invalided from 88th Divisioners Are 'Hun-huskers'. CAMP DODGE, Ia., Feb. 1.—'Hun-

Two War Years -in- Constantintople By Dr. Harry Stuermer. A distinguished German journalist, whose conscience has forced him to bear witness to German injustice and atrocities in Turkey. A sensational serial dealing with Constantintople and German-Turkish relations and giving a German's view of Germany's blunders. This great feature is to appear serially in The Oregonian. Beginning Tomorrow (Sunday), February 3, and continuing daily and Sunday for several weeks.

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