

SENATE DEBATES RAILROAD BILL

Enactment of Administration Measure Urged by Senator Smith in Speech.

FEW SENATORS PRESENT

Many Have Announced Intention of Discussing Provisions of Bill and Leaders Admit Vote Cannot Be Reached Before March 1.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Enactment of the administration railroad bill with as little delay as possible because of its importance as a war measure and its relation to the financial problems, was urged by Chairman Smith, of the Interstate Commerce committee, today, when consideration of the measure began in the Senate.

Debate of the bill opened with but few Senators in their seats. Many, however, have announced their intentions of discussing the measure and administration leaders admit that the vote will not be reached before the end of the month.

Radical Changes Imperative.

Senator Smith reviewed the various steps taken to meet the transportation situation when the country went to war, culminating in the Government taking over control of the carriers. He urged that the present time was inopportune for an attempt to work out and correct defects in the transportation system. Radical changes, he added, have been made imperative in order to meet the critical and because of that fact every necessary grant of power should be given to accomplish this purpose and the powers thus granted should be exercised with wisdom and care that the executors and administrators of these powers can command.

Senator Cummins Attacks Bill.

The provision authorizing the President to initiate rates subject to an appeal to the Interstate Commerce Commission Senator Cummins declared "bound to overthrow our rate system and plunge our business world into chaos."

It is utterly impossible," he added, "to conceive an instance wherein a power of that kind could be properly employed. It is simply another evidence of a constantly increasing domination of the Government over the life of the country."

Standard of compensation provided in the bill was declared excessive by the Iowa Senator, who contended that under its provisions the aggregate guaranteed operating income amounts to more than \$500,000,000. This he asserted, is \$175,000,000 more than is "fair and just compensation."

A simple comparison shows that the aggregate proposed guaranty will pay 3.5 per cent per year upon the par value of all the capital stock of all the railroads in the country," said Senator Cummins.

RUSSIA IS OUT OF WAR

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ing to a dispatch received here today dated Brest-Litovsk on Sunday.

The dispatch follows: "The President of the Russian delegation at today's (Sunday's) sitting stated that while Russia was desisting from signing a formal peace treaty, it declared the state of war to be ended with Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria, simultaneously giving orders for complete demobilization of Russian forces on all fronts."

LONDON, Feb. 11.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam says: "There is great enthusiasm in Germany over the reported end of the state of war between the central powers and Russia."

Surrender Called Unconditional.

Cities everywhere are rejoicing and there is much rejoicing over Trotsky's unconditional surrender.

"It has been arranged that the central economic commission, now in Petrograd shall settle the details of the resumption of relations between Russia and the central powers."

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The peace treaty between the Ukraine and the central powers provides that the ratified documents shall be exchanged in Vienna as soon as possible, an Exchange Telegraph says.

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RUSSIA NO LONGER FACTOR IN CONTEST

Nation's History During Past Three Years Succession of Dramatic War Episodes.

BOLSHEVIK RULE FATAL

While Negotiations With Germans for Peace Go Forward, Russia Splits Up Into Districts and Army Rapidly Disintegrates.

(By the Associated Press.) Russia steps formally out of the war by act of the Bolshevik government, which seized the reins of power in Petrograd last November and almost immediately opened peace negotiations with the central empires.

The authority of this government seems virtually unquestioned at present in Northern Russia, and the Teutonic powers have already assured the cessation of even nominal hostilities along virtually all the remainder of the original long line in the east by signing a peace with the Ukraine and isolating Roumania.

Although cutting little figure in the war for nearly a year past, Russia's great, indeed vital, part in the conflict comes forcibly to mind as the causes leading up to her exit are reviewed.

Becoming a belligerent on August 1, 1914, through Germany's declaration of war upon her, her troops were soon sweeping through East Prussia, creating a diversion which hampered the German in their first dash through Belgium and upon Paris.

Russia Rallies Quickly. Though disastrously defeated by Hindenburg at Tannenberg, she rallied quickly and by Winter was hammering again at the German borders, and her great armies, overrunning Austrian territory in Galicia, were at the crisis of the Carpathians and threatening an invasion of Hungary.

It took the bulk of the Austrian army and a large proportion of Germany's virtually an entire year's campaigning in 1915 to break Russia's hold on Galicia, drive her out of Poland and the lower Baltic territory and force her armies, under Grand Duke Nicholas, back to the lines of which Brest-Litovsk, the scene of the recent peace negotiations, formed the keystone.

Beaten back but not yet disorganized, she fought through 1916, creating havoc among the Austrian armies in Volhynia and Galicia and in Asia Minor, driving the Turks out of virtually all Turkish Armenia.

The opening of last year, however, found Russia under the old bureaucratic regime, virtually at the end of her tether. Her opponents, war-worn people were ripe for the revolution, the latent flames of which German propagandists had skillfully fanned, and in March, 1917, came the crash, the deposition of Emperor Nicholas and the formation of the first provisional government.

Troops Become Disaffected. The conservative element among the revolutionists first held sway, and the determination of Russia to remain in the war was frequently affirmed. In-

deed, under Kerensky as Minister of War, her armies in July, 1917, began an offensive in Volhynia and Galicia, which was in the full tide of success under General Korniloff when the fatal disease of disaffection among her troops, which for some time had been manifest, broke out epidemically and stopped the effort.

Since August last, Russia has figured in the great world conflict as a military factor only by reason that she still held numbers of German and Austrian troops on her frontiers, awaiting the forces of disorganization within to bring about her final disintegration.

This process, struggled against in vain by Kerensky as Premier through the Summer and early Fall of last year, was constantly accelerated by virtue of the divided authority set up at Petrograd. The council of soldiers and workmen, representing the proletariat and claiming virtually supreme power, systematically antagonized the constituted government, clamoring for the opening of peace negotiations, and finally in November last formally took over the government, having long fact excluded. The rest is comparatively recent history.

Peace Negotiations Are Begun. Under Lenin and Trotsky an armistice was brought about on all Russian fronts on December 4 and peace negotiations with the central powers were opened at Brest-Litovsk on December 22.

The central powers agreed to adhere to the general principle of no annexations, no indemnities and self-determination of peoples, and there was held open to the entire powers the opportunity of joining in the negotiations and have them lead up to a general peace.

No favor was found for this proposition among the allied nations, however, the good faith of the Germans in particular in making this offer being doubted. This doubt was later found by the Russians themselves to be well founded and Germany was charged by Trotsky with masking territorial ambitions under her specious interpretation of the doctrine of self-determination.

Notwithstanding this, however, the negotiations were continued. Meanwhile Russia was fast splitting up. District after district declared its independence, Finland and Poland being the notable examples.

The Ukraine opened separate negotiations with the central powers and these culminated last Saturday in the signing of a peace agreement.

Ukrainian Peace Is Wedge. The Bolsheviks have not recognized the authority of the Ukraine to treat for itself through the representatives of the Rada, but apparently Germany and her allies saw an opening for forcing a peace through the insertion of the Ukrainian wedge.

Whether the culmination of the Ukrainian negotiations in peace treaty was the determining factor in inducing the Bolsheviks to declare the state of war at an end is not at all clear as yet. The advice from both Russia and Germany regarding the later stages of the negotiations with Trotsky and his fellow delegates to the conference have been extremely meager.

Some important decision regarding the situation in the East was reached by the German council at a recent council and it may be the effect of this unrevealed determination that has shown itself in the events of the last few days at the scene of the parleying.

It has been made fairly clear, however, that Germany had no idea of yielding to the Bolsheviks on the question of evacuating Russian occupied territory, which had been the sticking point in the negotiations, and that she was preparing virtually to ignore the Bolsheviks as long as she could make peace with the Ukraine and secure the opening of the frontiers to the rich grain-growing provinces controlled, even nominally, by the Ukrainians.

Boundary of Republic Given. The delineation of the western boundary of the Ukrainian Republic as set forth in the treaty shows that a strip of territory approximately 125 miles in length and varying in width from

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ALLIED RECOGNITION ALLEGED

Remarkable Claim Made in Official Russian Statement.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The remarkable statement that France and Great Britain recognized the Ukrainian Republic and sent diplomatic representatives there is contained in an official statement sent out by the Russian Wireless Bureau and issued here through a press bureau.

The statement occurs in the course of a report of the proceedings at the Brest-Litovsk conference of February 1, at which K. Sevrjuk, who apparently is the new chairman of the Ukrainian delegation is reported as saying that on November 7, the Ukrainian Republic declared that these diplomatic representatives had been appointed.

M. Sevrjuk is reported to have quoted from the act passed by the Rada as follows: "By this act (the Ukrainian) international policy is recognized by the Council of Workmen and Soldiers' delegates, as well as by the representatives of the four allied states, and the French Republic and the British Government, which have appointed and sent diplomatic representatives to the government of the Ukrainian People's Republic."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The Government here has no knowledge of the report that France and Great Britain have recognized the Ukraine Republic and sent diplomatic representatives to the government, a correspondent has not been consulted, and officials were inclined to doubt the report.

GERMANS ANNOUNCE PEACE

Political, Legal, Economic Relations With Ukraine Established.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 11.—A dispatch from Brest-Litovsk via Berlin giving details of the conference which the peace treaty between the central powers and the new Ukrainian republic was signed has been received here. The dispatch follows: "It is possible to announce at the beginning of the last pause in the negotiations that the basis for the conclusion of peace between the central powers and the Ukrainian People's Republic has been found."

"The treaty is entitled 'A treaty of peace between Germany, Austro-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey on one part and the Ukrainian peoples on the other.'"

"The preamble states that the Ukrainian people, having in course of the present world war declared itself to be independent and expressed a wish to restore peace between itself and the powers at war, Russia desires to take the first step toward a lasting world peace, honorable to all parties, which shall not only put an end to the horrors of war, but also lead to the restoration of friendly relations of the people in political, legal, economic and intellectual realm."

BOLO DECLARED INSANE

BROTHER TAKES STAND IN BEHALF OF PRISONER.

Prominent Pulpit Orator Impresses Spectators in Courtroom by Eloquent Plea Made in Trial.

PARIS, Feb. 11.—When the trial of Bolo Pascha for treason was resumed today, his brother, Monsignor Bolo, prominent as a pulpit orator, took the stand in his behalf. He declared at the outset that he was a patriot first of all, and was defending his brother because of the conviction that he was insane.

Monsignor Bolo's testimony was more in the nature of a pleading than a deposition. The spectators in the courtroom, who have been hostile to the prisoner throughout the trial, appeared to be impressed by the eloquent plea of his brother, who drove home point after point, emphasizing them by striking the rail of the witness stand with his fist.

Colonel Voyer, president of the court, called Monsignor Bolo to order for challenging the authenticity of the Count von Bernstorff telegram, since, he pointed out, they had been watched for by the United States Government.

CHAMBERLAIN AID SOUGHT

Oregon Trainmen Oppose Workmen's Compensation Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen of Oregon today requested Senator Chamberlain to oppose any legislation which will bring their members or other trainmen within the purview of any Federal workmen's compensation act and urging the strengthening of the Federal employes' liability law.

PACKING HOUSES CHOKED

Shippers Asked Not to Send Fresh Meat Till Stock Is Moved.

OMAHA, Feb. 11.—South Omaha packing-houses are so congested with fresh meat that a warning has been sent out to shippers asking them not to ship any more livestock. The packers say they must reduce the supply on hand first.

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Some 60 miles in the south to about 45 miles in the north portion, with a narrowing down at one point to approximately 30 miles, has been taken from the southeastern section of Russian Poland. Comparison of the names of places at various points on the line as exhibited from Amsterdam with the maps of the territory shows this part of the boundary following the Galician frontier as far as Tanagerod, about 60 miles inside the territory of Russian Poland and running thence north through Bilgoray, Szezbieszyn, Kraonostaw, Puchaczow (15 miles east of Lublin), Radzyn, Międzyrzec, Sarnaki and Mielnik (about 40 miles northwest of Brest-Litovsk), crossing the Bug River at the Polish boundary line about 25 miles northwest of Brest-Litovsk and on through Wysoko-Litovsk, Kamienko-Litvsk and Prushany (about 40 miles east of Brest-Litovsk) to Wydosowskye (by which may be meant the region of Wygonowskoje, in the marshes north of Pinc).

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