

NATIONAL LABOR POLICY HOPED FOR

Employers and Workmen Are Called Into Conference by Government.

STOP STRIKES FIRST AIM

Other Important Subjects Are Wage Determination, Price-Fixing and Methods of Adjusting Disputes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Five representatives each of capital and labor will meet here tomorrow at the call of the government on the basis of relations between capital and labor during the war.

The representatives were named by the National Industrial Conference Board, representing employers and the American Federation of Labor, representing employees.

Labor Men Prominent

Representatives of labor are: Frank J. Hayes, Indianapolis, president of the United Mine Workers; William Hutchison, Indianapolis, president of the Brotherhood of Carpenters; J. Franklin, of Kansas City, president of the Brotherhood of Holmakers; Victor Olander, Chicago, representative of the Seaman's Union; and T. A. Rickert, Chicago, president of the United Garment Workers.

The ten men will name two others to represent in the conferences the general public. The conferences will begin, officials declare, with the essential points of difference few in number. The first aim in getting the two sides together is to reach agreement on strikes, which will go away with strikes and lockouts, and make possible a Government labor program which will operate so that it will become a part of the national Government to take control of war industries, not to commandeer labor for war production.

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No agreement was reached yesterday relative to a combination of the selling agencies of the Spokane company with those of the company headed by Mr. Paulhamus, but the plan will be discussed further.

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"FIRESIDE CLUB" ON THE WESTERN FRONT.



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BOLSHEVIK BOW TO LITTON PEACE YOKE

Lenine and Trotzky Accept Terms Under Threat of Advancing Germans.

CAPITAL IN STATE OF SEIGE

Reds Declare Martial Law and Order All Munitions Turned Over to Them—Berlin Reports That Armies Continue Successes.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Germany's peace terms have been accepted by Nikolai Lenine, the Bolshevik Premier, and Leon Trotzky, Foreign Minister. It is stated that for the central executive of the soviets.

This announcement is made in a Russian official statement received by wireless. It adds that Russia will send a delegation immediately to Brest-Litovsk.

Delegation to Be Sent

Another communication addressed "To All" announces that the following message has been sent to the government at Berlin:

"According to decision of the central executive of the Soviet Union, on Sunday morning, the Soviets and People's Commissaries have decided to accept Germany's peace conditions and send a delegation to Brest-Litovsk."

Informal peace negotiations with Rumania were begun yesterday at Carle Buzza, near Bucharest, according to advices reaching diplomatic circles at The Hague and transmitted in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from that point.

Few Days of Grace Given

Premier Averesco, of Rumania, will consult King Ferdinand at Jassy, for which purpose a few days of grace were given to the representatives of the central powers.

Germany is represented in the negotiations by Foreign Secretary von Cernin, and Foreign Minister Radoslawoff.

Petrograd, Feb. 23.—Petrograd was placed under martial law today.

The proclamation issued by the general staff of the Petrograd military district declares: "Persons caught in the act of stealing, pillaging, attempting expropriation or otherwise committing reprehensible deeds, will be shot without pity, and declared enemy of the organization or institution not having special permission must hand over to the district all soldiers' and workmen's delegates of the district all bombs, grenades, projectiles and other explosives, which the soldiers' and workmen's delegates will send to army depots.

Newspapers Are Suppressed

In consequence of the declaration of a state of siege, six of the most important Petrograd newspapers, which opposed the authority of soldiers' and workmen's delegates, have been suppressed.

BERLIN, Feb. 24.—At some points the Russians are offering resistance to the Germans, the War Office reports.

"The advance of the Germans is said to have been continued successfully yesterday. They are approaching the town of Rival, on the Gulf of Finland, and have captured several towns, taking about 2000 more prisoners.

In Estonia our troops, who everywhere are greeted with enthusiasm by the population, pressed forward in forced marches, notwithstanding the snow-covered roads, and defeated the enemy, who resided at some points," says this statement.

Advance Is Rapid

"The operations begun by the army group of General von Linsingen for the support of Ekraims are being carried out as planned. German troops entered Iskorost."

(The rapidity of the German advance is shown by the occupation of Iskorost, 115 miles northeast of Riga, the capture of which by the Germans was announced last Thursday. The Germans now are within about 100 miles of Riga.)

PETROGRAD, Feb. 23.—The Germans in their invasion of Russia are advancing in three groups, according to a report from the commander-in-chief of the Russian army on the northern front, who says:

"The Germans are advancing with great caution. They are marching in three groups. First, in the Walk region; second, in the Riga region; and the third, between these two sections, in the Mohlev sector all is quiet."

Dvinsk Easily Taken

M. Shnoviev, associate of Nikolai Lenine and chairman of the Soviet, reported that it required only 1600 Germans to capture Dvinsk. He added that the committee responsible for the defense of the city would be tried by a revolutionary tribunal.

Letish snipers are resisting the German invaders near Walk and have asked for support from the Soviet, which has decided to send 2000 Red Guards to that region.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 19, via London, Feb. 21.—At the Bolshevik headquarters confirmation is given of the report that Swedish forces have seized the Aland Islands. The landing force was resisted stubbornly by the small garrison of Bolshevik troops.

The forwarding of Swedish troops to maintain order in the Aland Islands, which are populated largely by Swedes, was reported unofficially last week, although until the arrival of this dispatch apparently delayed by censor, an announcement had been received of the actual seizure of the islands. The Swedish Parliament yesterday adopted the government's proposal for military intervention.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 23.—Formation of an army of volunteers, to defend Petrograd, has been begun, the Bolshevik telegraph agency announces.

"The crisis of irresolution in the spirit of the population is definitely at an end," the statement says. "The wave of panic has changed to a passionate desire to defend socialist Petrograd by all means and to ward off attacks made against it."

Enrollment of large numbers of vol-

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Last Week of SALE OF BROKEN LINES Women's Shoes

Patent Calf and Dull Calf Skin Shoes for \$3.80  
—Good quality button shoes with cloth tops. Broken lines of sizes.

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unteers has begun. In a few days there will be under arms not less than 50,000 fighters, without counting soldiers who desire to fight."

150 AMERICANS IN PETROGRAD

Washington Leaves Question of Quitting Capital to Francis.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Occupation of Petrograd by Germans would involve the flight from that city of 150 Americans, including 45 members of the diplomatic and consular staffs, information at the State Department indicates that of the 150 there are 30 women. The number of French and British nationals in the menaced capital is larger.

Ambassador Francis has not reported to the department the details of any plan for the departure of nationals of the co-belligerent governments, but it has been assumed that practically all will leave with the allied diplomats. No new instructions were sent to him and none will be. Even the question of leaving the country has been left to his judgment.

Raymond Elects Officers

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Raymond last week elected E. C. Lawler, Mayor, and J. T. Stratton and Charles Henkle, Commissioners. It was the final election under the new commission form of government.

Schoolhouses to Be "Capitols."

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Organization of small units like school districts in little democracies, with the schoolhouses as their capitals, forms the foundation of a plan announced here last night by the Council of National Defense and the United States bureau of education propose to organize 75,000 school teachers and 25,000,000 pupils and their parents for public service.

SHOOTING TO BE PROBED

Lebanon Citizens Are Subpena by Lane County Grand Jury.

LEBANON, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Several witnesses from this city have been subpoenaed to appear before the Grand Jury, which convenes in Albany next Tuesday, to investigate the shooting of Bert O. Belyieu, a Jitney driver who was shot in the knee last week at a Crabtree dance, where he had taken a load of Lebanon young people.

Mr. Belyieu is still in the hospital. The shot was from a .22 calibre rifle in the hands of Mrs. E. E. Parr, the postmistress at Crabtree, who says the gun was discharged accidentally. The bullet hit Mr. Belyieu, who was in the street in front of the postoffice by his car.

Springfield Church Gains

SPRINGFIELD, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—The Methodist Church at Springfield, Or., has received 146 new members under the leadership of Dr. S. A. Danford, the pastor, as a result of revival meetings and other activities.

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