

UKRAINIANS UNDER HEEL OF TEUTONS

Russian Government Protests Against Ill Treatment of Helpless People.

FRONTIER CLOSED BY HUNS

Evacuation From Russia Carried Out by Wagons Under Terrible Conditions, Especially for Sick and Children.

LONDON, May 12.—Wireless messages sent by the Russian government to Berlin make disclosures regarding German methods in Russia. One complaint deals with a message from Ukraine, saying that the frontier has been closed by the Germans to all Ukrainians. The evacuation of Ukrainians from Russia is being carried out by means of wagons under terrible conditions, particularly for the sick and for children. It could be executed easily by way of the River Dnieper, but this route has been closed to Ukrainians by the Germans.

Count von Mirbach, German Ambassador to Russia, to whom the Ukrainians applied for assistance, declared his inability to do anything. The Russian government begs the German Foreign Office to bring pressure to bear on the German government because the needs of the Ukrainian refugees are very great. Another complaint relates to the evacuation of German prisoners, which is being carried out within the limits of practical possibilities. It is said the exchange of invalid prisoners of war, according to the Petrograd agreement, does not mean an exemption from the conditions of this condition the Russian government begs that the Russians at Vilna be not detained.

Treaty Violations Charged.

In a wireless message to Ambassador Joffe at Berlin the Russian Foreign Minister, H. Tchitcherin, instructs the Ambassador to "try to obtain from Berlin cessation of every kind of hostility."

"Captures of our territory are in violation of the state of peace with Germany and are causing great unrest among the masses of our population." Mr. Joffe is also instructed to notify the German authorities that the part of the Russian Black Sea fleet which has left Sebastopol now is at Novorossiok, on the east coast of the Black Sea, which port the Germans are threatening to capture on the ground that their own warships are in danger of attack by the Russians. Mr. Tchitcherin says the Russian warships there will make no such attack.

Attack on Diver Alleged.

A Reuter dispatch filed at Moscow May 2 says Germany has announced that all armed vessels in the Black Sea, including any ships on which are sailors of the Russian Black Sea fleet, will be treated as enemy warships. The reason assigned for this action is an attack said to have been made on a German submarine in the Black Sea.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Further details of the situation in Ukraine reached the State Department yesterday. An official Ukrainian report on the recent interference by German military authorities with the Hada given out by the department said: "Yesterday at 4 o'clock in the afternoon the building in which the central Hada sits was surrounded by men in the uniform of German officers and soldiers and members of the Central Hada, as well as members of the government who had assembled for the session of the Hada, were searched and arrested."

Ministers Are Arrested.

Without warrants of any sort being shown the following Ministers were arrested: Minister of the Interior, Tschachenko; Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lubinsky; Minister of War, Schukovsky, and director of the political administrative department, Kajsivsky. The German Minister, Baron Mum, was informed of what had happened and asked whether the case was known to him. As representative of a state friendly toward the Ukraine, the Minister was requested to inform the government. The Ukrainian government filed a decided protest and pointed out the serious consequences to which interference might lead. The German Minister promised to inform his government of the Ukrainian protest and marked that what had taken place in the Hada was unknown to him. The reports spread like lightning throughout Ukraine districts are reported from various localities, so that the country is threatened with anarchy.

CHINESE REPORTS HOLD-UP

Chin Sin Accuses Chung Gee of Robbing Him of \$250.

Chin Sin, Chinese, told the police that he was held up by Chung Gee, another Chinaman, in an alleged gambling room at 21 North Second street early this morning and relieved of \$250. According to Sin, he was followed to the place by Gee and two accomplices. They were Chinese in the room, all of whom were lined against the wall by the intruder. Gee then drew a revolver and ordered Sin to take up his hands. The robbery followed. After taking the money from Sin's pockets, Gee and his two companions left the room. Inspectors Abbott and Hyde arrested Gee on Fourth street. Gee's alleged accomplices had not been arrested early this morning.

RED CROSS WORK LAUDED

Father Fay Says Organization Has Made Name for America.

BALTIMORE, May 12.—Cardinal Gibbons made public yesterday a cablegram he received from the Rev. Sigourney Fay, an official representative of the Red Cross, in which Father Fay says the work of the Red Cross has made the name of America a synonym for generosity and helpfulness. "The very sight of an American Red Cross uniform is the signal for an enthusiastic demonstration of friendship and affection," Father Fay says. "The Catholics can feel entire confidence in the fairness and good feeling with which Catholic charities are treated."

Stefansson Is Recovering.

NEW YORK, May 12.—Vilhjalmar Stefansson, the Arctic explorer, who was stricken with typhoid fever on Herschel Island early this year, is recovering slowly, but will not be able to continue the expedition, according to a telegram received by the Explorers' Club here today.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF SHIP CONSTRUCTION ATTENDS LAUNCHING.



Left to Right Are: Charles M. Schwab, Who as Director-General of Ship Construction Is Speeding Up the Building of Ships for Uncle Sam; Miss Helen Hurley, Who Was Sponsor of the United States Collier Tuckahoe, and Her Father, Chairman Edward N. Hurley, of the Shipping Board. This is the First Photograph of Mr. Schwab Made Since He Accepted the Post With the Shipping Board and is the First Showing Him Attending the Launching of a United States Ship in an Official Capacity.

FRENCH MAKE GAIN

Poilus Improve Front and 100 Prisoners Are Taken.

AMERICANS SHOW ACTIVITY

Yankee Patrols Penetrate Advanced Enemy Trenches Near Selceprey and Find Hun Dead—Tentons Rain Bullets on U. S. Lines.

ARMY WILL SMITE SOON

(Continued From First Page.) mitted to give ground within limits wherever the enemy has been made to pay a greater price than the ground is worth, the whole aim being to reduce the enemy to such a state of exhaustion that our reserve at the right moment can restore the situation.

BRITISH STATEMENT WELCOME

U. S. Army Officers Delighted at Confidence Expressed.

ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS

ELECTION INTEREST SMALL

Governor Withycombe to Poll Heavy

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—A remarkable pre-election calm prevails in Hood River. Out of the scores of aspirants for nomination at next Friday's primaries less than a half dozen have visited here. One rarely hears the election mentioned, and Friday's vote will likely be the lightest polled here in recent years.

Snow Covers Mountains.

There was considerable snow remaining on Monte Corvo, which is 6900 feet high. This increased the difficulties of movement of the comparatively small Italian force which carried out the attack. It was preceded by a short artillery action.

The infantry advanced over rocky

and precipitous heights in daylight, but the enemy was taken by surprise and could make little effective resistance. All the enemy's defensive works were occupied. An Italian position was established on the crest of the mountain and the surrounding slopes.

The chief effect of the action is to dislodge the Austrians from the dominating height in the center of the main highway from the mountains and to give the Italian command over the heights and approaches. The result gives great satisfaction, especially as the victory was won on the very spot where Dr. Cesare Battisti, a deputy from Trent, who went over to the Italians, and others of his heroic band were captured during the first offensive. Dr. Battisti was put to death by the Austrians on the charge of treason.

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authorize them to sink and operate new wells, and thereby increase the oil supply. When this compromise was submitted to Secretary Daniels, he refused to agree to its terms, standing out for the permanent reservation of oil for the Navy use, and the oil men are fearful that Secretary Daniels will not alter his stand.

The tentative agreement reached today would have solved the difficulties that now confront the paper mills and other large oil-using industries in the Northwest, and would have been in accord with the recommendations made by the delegation of newspaper publishers recently here.

Bridges to Be Built.

ASTORIA, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—The County Court is to open bids on June 7 for the construction of a steel bridge across the Nehalem River near Elsie, for a wooden bridge across Benne Creek near Jewell and for a wood-

en bridge across the Skipanon River on what is known as the Cut-Off road.

Columbia River Rising Slowly.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—Owing to the very warm weather for the past few days, the Columbia River is rising slowly. Water has almost covered the lower end of the ways of the G. M. Standifer wooden shipyard, but this will not in any way interfere with the building of ships. When the Kinco is launched, some day this week possibly, there will be ample water for her to dive into.

Read Harley's article, page 7.—Adv.

EMPEROR CHARLES VISITS

Austrian, Leaving Italian Front, Will Report to Germans.

AMSTERDAM, May 12.—A Vienna dispatch reports that Emperor Charles, who has been on a visit to the Italian front, departed Friday for German great headquarters.

He was accompanied by Baron Burián, Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, and Field Marshal Arz von Straussenburg, Austrian chief of staff.

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