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RUSSIA'S DESTINY STILL IS DOUBIOUS

Reds Real Problem for Peace-Makers.

CONFERENCE STILL IN DOUBT

Anti-Bolsheviki Leaders in Paris Are Indignant.

ALLIED PROJECT OPPOSED

Many Unwilling to "Sit at Table With Assassins"; Work of Congress Is Proceeding.

PARIS, Jan. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Whether the effort of the great powers to tranquilize Russia was to succeed or fail was still in the balance tonight.

No reply had come from the Bolsheviki, and as the wireless message embodying the proposal of the associated powers was not sent until 2 o'clock this morning, some days may intervene before anything definite is known.

In the meantime prominent anti-Bolsheviki leaders in Paris are not clear on their course, and the first reports that they were favorable to the plan have been followed by statements by such leaders as Sergius Sazonoff that they would not sit at the table with assassins.

Vigorous Protest Made.

The semi-official Temps also asserts that the supreme council's proposal "permits traitors who withdrew Russia from the war and turned the entire German strength against France to be received on the same footing as the faithful."

The American and British delegates feel, however, that the proposal was the only course open.

Information reaching the allies indicates that the Bolsheviki have a powerful army, in which discipline is being enforced. In view of this information one of the Premier's pointed out today that the Bolsheviki could only be combated by a large number of allied troops, which would have to be on the spot immediately, whereas none of the governments could ask people already weary by war to undertake another large military expedition.

Conference Work Outlined.

The council of the great powers today definitely set forth four main subjects to be presented at the full conference on Saturday. First, international labor legislation; second, responsibility and punishments for the war; third, indemnities; fourth, internationalization of ports, waterways and railways.

The subjects are not to be discussed in detail, but will be immediately referred to committees for study and report. The American member of these committees were selected at an extended conference between President Wilson and the American delegates this afternoon.

The Americans' plans on the first question are already well advanced. While there is no definite information on the second point, relative to responsibility and punishment for the war, the sentiment in American quarters inclines to a negative attitude, with some suggestions that those responsible who have fled from Germany should be returned for Germany to deal with.

Indemnities Grave Problem.

Third subject, indemnities, will not be presented in the conference with the amounts claimed by each government, but a committee will be charged with the task of assembling these amounts and also of determining the probable maximum the enemy powers are able to pay.

The meeting tomorrow will have added importance in bringing together the supreme war council, with President Wilson, the Premier and Foreign Ministers, reinforced by Marshal Foch, Field Marshal Haig, General Pershing and General Diaz and the full membership of the war council of Versailles.

The subject for consideration is not Russia, or Poland, as was supposed, but the status of the present military occupation of Germany, on which the council desires information from the military leaders. In some allied quarters it had been suggested that the American strength in the occupied regions should be relatively larger than that of the other forces, as the European allies have gone through longer service. This view is not shared in American quarters, where it is maintained that the relative American strength is fully up to requirements.

The presence of the military leaders tomorrow is expected to bring a fairly full understanding on this subject.

CHINA PRESSES GRIEVANCE

Terms of 1915 Treaty With Japan Held Unsatisfactory.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Revision of the China-Japanese treaties of 1915, signed after the presentation by Japan of her 21 demands, will be asked at the peace conference by the Chinese delegation, according to an official statement issued here tonight by the China Agency. "The Chinese people," said the statement, "assert that the China-Japanese treaties of 1915 are in principle such a war settlement demanding re-

EX-EMPEROR KEEPS HIS BUCKSAW GOING

WOODPILES MELT AWAY IN CASTLE YARD.

Exile Is Making Good, Enjoys His Work and Has Little Time for Talk, Report Says.

AMERONGEN, Jan. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Sawing wood continues to be a favorite occupation of the former German Emperor, who spends several hours each morning and afternoon within the castle grounds working hard, while several men servants respectfully hand him logs and then pile the short sticks in heaps for use later in the furnaces of the castle.

The shortage of coal in Holland compels the burning of wood, plentiful supplies of which are obtainable from the surrounding estate.

William Hohenzollern works so well that he is able to furnish the entire consumption of the castle fires. The former Emperor rarely speaks to his attendants while at work.

The two moats which encircle the castle are covered with ice sufficiently thick to bear skaters. The villagers, however, have been given to understand that the accustomed permission to skate in the moats cannot be afforded while the former Emperor is in the castle.

There are various reports in circulation concerning the alleged intention of the former German Emperor to return to Potsdam. The former Emperor, it is said, has no intention of leaving his home in Holland.

For several weeks nothing has been heard from the former German Crown Prince, who remains virtually alone at his home on the island of Wierongen. Several more members of the former Emperor's suite are about to leave for Germany, where, as state servants, they must place themselves at the disposal of the government or forfeit their right to pensions. Lieutenant-General von Estorff, whose wife is an American, will come to Germany to join the former Emperor. The General has resigned his rank in the German army.

GOLDENDALE SEES MIRAGE

Mount Hood Reproduced in Cloud Formation.

GOLDENDALE, Jan. 23.—(Special.) Citizens of Goldendale and the Klickitat Valley obtained a view of an unusual sight Tuesday morning, when a mirage snow-capped mountain, an exact replica of Mount Hood, loomed up in the Klickitat Valley west of Goldendale. The atmospheric phenomena was caused by dense clouds of snow-white fog arising slowly through the air from the surface of a mill-pond in the Spring Creek country.

The cloud mountain was visible in an intact form for about 30 minutes, and then broke up and floated away.

MINERS RETURN TO WORK

Coal Controller Agrees to Give 20 Minutes for Meals.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The strike of the 147,000 Yorkshire coal miners who quit work today when the owners refused to meet their demands was settled today by the coal controller, who agreed to concede the 20 minutes "dead time" for meals while the mines are under government control.

Serious strikes and threats of more serious ones in England over disputes which ordinarily would be considered unimportant have led to the belief that the demands are made to revolutionize the whole condition of labor employment.

BAKER TO RAISE FUNDS

Memorial to Be Erected in Honor of Soldier Dead.

BAKER, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Business and professional men of Baker last night laid the foundation for an organization to erect a suitable memorial in honor of the soldier dead of Baker County.

Committees were formed and active work will begin soon in Baker County to obtain funds. It is proposed to erect the monument on the Courthouse square. Other meetings will be held as the campaign progresses.

38 I. W. W. START TERMS

Men Convicted of Conspiracy Taken to Leavenworth.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 23.—Thirty-eight industrial workers of the World and others are today en route to Leavenworth, Kan., from Sacramento, to commence serving prison terms of from one to 10 years, being convicted in the Federal Court here of conspiracy to obstruct the government's war programme.

LONE YANKEE IN GERMANY

American Soldier Too Ill to Be Removed From Stuttgart.

BERLIN, Jan. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Of the American soldiers taken prisoner by the Germans on the Western front only a single one now remains in Germany, the Associated Press correspondent has learned. He is at Stuttgart, too ill to be removed at present.

MRS. FITZSIMMONS WEDS

Widow of Former Champion Pugilist Becomes Merchant's Wife.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—Mrs. Fitzsimmons, widow of the one-time champion heavyweight pugilist, Bob Fitzsimmons, was married yesterday to Phillip Reiner, a shoe merchant here.

TEN MILLION ROAD BOND ISSUE SURE

Political Issues of Oregon Legislators Delay Action.

TWENTY BILLS ARE PRESENTED

Highway Problems Uppermost in Minds of Lawmakers.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL TO AID

Ideas of State Highway Commission to Be Embodied in Measure Now Being Drawn.

FEATURES IN OREGON LEGISLATURE YESTERDAY.

House.

Resolutions introduced by Representatives Kubli and Smith, of Multnomah: One to ask Congress to permit Oregon shipyards to take contracts on foreign account; the other to open a sweeping legislative investigation of why the Government is blocking the shipbuilding programme.

Sportmen's war started when Representative Childs introduced a bill to prohibit duck baiting.

Senate.

Introduction by Senator Pierce of a resolution demanding complete investigation of dairying conditions leading up to a 10 per cent tax on oleomargarine.

Judiciary committee introduced substitute bill for two others to withdraw state aid from Industrial Accident Commission.

Multnomah delegation endorsed move to increase Circuit Judges' salary from \$4000 to \$5000 a year.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special.)

There will be a bond issue for about \$10,000,000 and a good road law enacted by the Legislature, after the side issues and political campaign material of certain members have been disposed of. This is the sum total of what can be predicted on road legislation for the 1919 session.

Twenty road bills already have been introduced in the House or Senate. Some of these have real merit, some are unnecessary, as they are covered by (Continued on Page 6, Column 1.)

GALE HURLS POWER SCHOOER ON ROCKS

JAN. 23.—CARRUTHERS WRECKED IN GRAYS HARBOR.

Sailors Are Missing, but Captain and Eight of Crew Manage to Reach Land Safely.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—The five-masted British auxiliary powered schooner Janet Carruthers was driven ashore four miles north of Westport, after being rendered helpless by a furious southeast gale which is sweeping this section of the Coast.

Six sailors who attempted to reach shore early today in a small boat were missing tonight. They are believed to have been lost, as the boat was found on the beach at daylight, seven miles from where the Carruthers came ashore.

Captain Carney and the eight remaining members of the Carruthers' crew reached the shore safely in one of the schooner's lifeboats, despite the 50-mile gale, which turned the sea into veritable mountains of breaking surf.

The Carruthers now lies hard aground in the breakers. Captain Carney reported that the vessel had 14 feet of water in her engine-room, and it is believed here that with the present heavy seas hammering her and breaking over the vessel she will be quickly pounded to pieces.

The Carruthers was loaded with 400,000 feet of lumber, taken on at Tacoma, and was bound for Portland, where her cargo was to have been completed prior to her departure for Japan. The schooner is owned by P. Griffin & Co. and has a deadweight tonnage of 2300. The vessel was working under charter to Balfour-Guthrie & Co.

The Carruthers' plight was first noticed by residents along the coast at daylight when the craft, then unidentified, was seen enveloped in the breakers north of the north jetty at the entrance to Grays Harbor. She was flying signals of distress. Life savers at Westport were at once notified and they hastened to the scene.

Throughout last night the wind blew with terrific velocity, at times reaching 70 miles an hour. At daybreak the gale had moderated to 50 miles an hour, but the seas were running very high with little sign of an early abatement of the storm.

The present storm is declared to be the worst in years. All telegraph and telephone lines to the beach from this city are down and the highway is flooded, making vehicle traffic impossible.

The Humpulps River has overflowed its banks and made traffic by vehicle impossible. Captain Carney and his men with the lifesaving crew are searching the shore 12 miles from here tonight in an effort to locate the bodies of the missing men.

Others Protest Wire Control.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Protesters against continued government control of telegraphs and telephones were presented to the House postoffice committee today by the Vermont, Montana and New Mexico Public Service Commissions.

HUNGARY MENAGED WITH DEEPER RUIN

People Chafe Under Chaotic Karolyi Misrule.

SERBIANS SEIZE PROVINCE

All Magyars Ordered From Banat in Two Weeks.

BOLSHEVISTS HOLD ARMY

Alies Said to Be Sending Demands of Unfriendly Tone, Which Get No Recognition From Reds.

BY BEATRICE BASKERVILLE. (Copyright, 1919, by the New York World. Published by Arrangement.)

VIENNA, Jan. 23.—(Special Cable.)—Signs have appeared that the Hungarian government has entirely lost the confidence of the country. Attacks on all sides, and the press, which was lavish in praise of Premier and Provisional President Karolyi two months ago, is now filled with abuse of him and his ministers.

Effects of misrule have become increasingly manifest in the last few days, showing that the government deserves some part of the blame now heaped upon it. Plundering has become common in the interior, and the dissolution of the army has exposed the frontier to the ravages of foes.

Magyars Ordered Out.

Reports from the Banat, brought by the Serbian press, say the Serbian government, following a council in Temesvar, has ordered all Magyar residents of the Banat to leave there within two weeks. State employees, railway men and postal officials are not excepted in this order. When made effective, the order will take the administration of that district entirely away from the Hungarians. From Mariath and Ereslenopol alone 10,000 Magyars must emigrate.

This measure intensifies alarm in Budapest, for it means not only the influx of an army of homeless and unemployed, but it clearly indicates also the loss of the Banat district, comprising the richest wheat lands in Hungary or in Southern Europe.

All Classes Are Aroused.

Business men, peasants, intellectuals and officials are thoroughly aroused and are hastily forming new parties, all of them proclaiming "A strong government or Hungary's complete ruin." Malcontents are saying that the (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

BUTTER PRICE DROPS 10 CENTS PER POUND

BEST CREAMERY NOW AVAILABLE AT 65 CENTS.

Markets Generally Reported to Be Slumping as Result of Increased Production.

The creamery men are doing their best to cut down the cost of living. This morning they will reduce the price of butter 6 cents a pound, which, with the decline earlier in the week, will make a total of 9 cents from the high price of the season, which prevailed last week.

The retail price of the best grades of butter in Portland stores will be 65 cents a pound this morning. Last week it was 75 cents. Consumers will now be able to buy a pound of butter and a dozen eggs for \$1.25, whereas they have been paying about \$1.80 during the winter months.

Butter prices are slumping in other markets as well as Portland, as production everywhere is gaining fast.

KAROLYI ISSUES WARNING

Actions Since Armistice Said to Help Mittel Europa Project.

BUDAPEST, Jan. 23.—Count Karolyi, Premier of Hungary, declared today that maintenance of the territorial integrity of Hungary is essential to a European peace.

"France and England," the Count said, "ought to prevent the realization of Mittel Europa, but if they continue to act as they have been doing since the armistice, are going toward the re-constitution of this Mittel Europa."

Count Karolyi declared it was a mistake to take territory from Hungary as it was before the war and give it to new states, "for we can perfectly well give these peoples autonomy which will make them ethical entities similar to the Swiss cantons."

BLOCKADE KILLS 500,000

Germany Announces Deaths Caused by Food Situation.

BERLIN, Wednesday, Jan. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—It is announced officially by the German government that statistics of mortality "due to the blockade" from the Autumn of 1918 until the end of 1918 shows more than 500,000 deaths were caused by malnutrition or under-nutrition.

CEMETERY ABROAD URGED

Proposal Is Made to Buy Land in France for Soldier Dead.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Permanent burial in France of American soldiers, killed during the war, was urged in the House today by Representative Foss of Ohio, who introduced a bill providing for the establishment of an American Field of Honor Association to obtain and beautify an estate in that country for the graves.

MILLIONAIRE'S SON DIES

Harry S. Harkness III Only Few Days With Influenza.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Harry S. Harkness, only son of the late Lamont V. Harkness, Standard Oil millionaire, died of influenza at his home here tonight. He had been ill only a few days.

Mr. Harkness was greatly interested in sports and was the owner of the Sheephead Bay Speedway.

TORPEDO-BOAT IS SUNK

Craft Hits Mine Off Tunis Coast. 18 Men Missing.

PARIS, Jan. 23.—The French torpedo-boat No. 325 has struck a mine and sunk off the coast of Tunis. Eighteen men of the crew are missing.

MALMOUD PASHA ARRESTED

General Held Responsible for Massacre of Armenians.

PARIS, Jan. 23.—(Havas.)—General Kiyamil Malmoud Pasha, who is said to be responsible for the massacre of Greeks and Armenians, has been arrested, according to a report received here from Constantinople.

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NISQUALLY RIVER FLOODS MILL TOWN

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Pacific Highway Concrete Bridge Threatened.

RAIL TRAFFIC IS BLOCKED

Northern Pacific Hopes to Get Train to Olympia to Bring Away Legislators Over Sunday.

FURIOUS STORM SWEEPS OVER PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

Olympia—Torrent pours through town of McKenna, Wash. Millmen marooned.

Portland—Lightning and heavy downpour. Railroad lines to Puget Sound are blocked with landslides. Willamette overflows lower docks.

Tillamook—Railroad traffic is suspended.

Oregon witnesses third thunder storm in January since 1917.

Tacoma-Seattle—No communication with each other.

Eugene—Lightning strikes. Wind blows. Damage not great.

Astoria—Worst over. Freights do much damage and highway blocked. Rainfall 8.62 inches in 40 hours.

Oregon City—Mills forced to close.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special.)

Latest reports from McKenna, a mill town of several hundred people on the Milwaukee line in Southwest Pierce County, are that the Nisqually River is pouring an overflow torrent through the town and the houses are surrounded by from four to six feet of water.

The McKenna Lumber Company mill, one of the largest in the state, shut down and the employees are marooned in groups in the club and other buildings.

While the situation was reported as extremely serious, officials of the company believed the town would hold out until its foundations under the river continued to rise. More rain has fallen and a slight rise noted, but it is believed that if flooded areas hold out tonight the worst danger period will be passed. No loss of life is reported in this district, but it is believed certain that the total property damage will be heavy.

Concrete Bridge in Danger.

With 100 soldiers from Camp Lewis piling in sandbags and brush, and dynamite crews blasting out drift as it accumulates against the piers, the new concrete bridge on the Pacific Highway near Nisqually Station is withstanding the worst flood ever known in the Nisqually River. High water mark stood at nearly 22 feet, with a current running that snapped full-grown fir trees like matches when they lodged across the piers.

Highway Traffic Has Been Retarded All Day and Has Been Stopped Tonight on Account of Back Wash Cutting into the Gravel Approaches.

The test of the new roadway will come with high tides in the neighboring bay tonight when the flood current will be raised several feet. Highway authorities are satisfied that the river will stand the flood without damage unless a log jam is buried against it from above.

Rail Traffic Blocked.

Rail traffic has been blocked in all directions today, but the Northern Pacific expects to get a train through to Tacoma tonight, which will prevent the Legislature from being marooned over Sunday. Grays Harbor traffic is badly demoralized, according to reports available here.

A special train of 40 discharged soldiers from Camp Lewis to California was held here most of the day in making an attempt to run to Portland via Gate City.

Chehalis River bottom lands below Rochester are under water, and ranchers on the Upper Skookumchuck are cut off. Bucooda, on the main line between Portland and Tacoma, is reported flooded.

Lines to Sound Tied Up

Willamette River Rises More Than Two Feet in 24 Hours.

With railroads, telephone and telegraph companies already struggling under difficulties to maintain service, weather forecasts for today promise no cessation of the storm, which already has caused numerous landslides and is raising the Willamette River at a rate that threatens to flood the lower parts of warehouses on the waterfront.

Probably the worst trouble has been experienced on the railroad lines to Puget Sound, on which transportation is completely tied up by landslides between Centralia, Wash., and Tacoma, Wash. Several small slides have occurred this side of Centralia, which will add to the delay in opening the line to traffic. No trains were expected (Continued on Page 16, Column 1.)

