

BRITISH WARSHIPS MARY OF KRONSTADT

White Flag Fails to Entice
Them Under Heavy Guns.

LAND FIGHTING CONTINUES

General Yudenitch Asks United
States Minister at Stockholm
to Supply Petrograd.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Kronstadt has not been attacked and will not be by the naval forces now in the Baltic, and if the bolsheviks evacuate the fortress before Petrograd falls it will be a great surprise, according to an admiralty statement given to the Associated Press today.

The admiralty, however, expects that Kronstadt will surrender soon after Petrograd is captured, probably to the British fleet in those waters. Messages received by the admiralty from Admiral Cowley, the British commander in the Baltic, up to tonight do not mention the white flag incident at Kronstadt.

Admiralty officers, who have had experience with the bolsheviks, would not be surprised if the white flag really had been run up on the fortress, as has been done in other instances by irresponsible persons in the bolshevik ranks. At present the British fleet of light cruisers is keeping at a respectful distance from the heavy batteries of Kronstadt, unwilling to get within range until confident that the bolsheviks mean to surrender.

A wireless communication from bolshevik sources says that fighting is in progress six miles to the north of Kronstadt, where the reds are advancing. There is fierce fighting also along the Windau road.

Loss of Kiev Admitted.
The abandonment of Kiev by the bolsheviks is admitted after a severe battle, in which the reds claim to have taken many prisoners. Near the center of General Denikin's line, the soviet armies have essayed a counter offensive, launching an attack at Krasni, 17 miles southwest of Orel. The attack was completely defeated, according to an official report.

Southeast of Orel, the bolsheviks have suffered a disastrous defeat, an official report says. This battle took place west of the Kliner river, the most important tributary of the Don. It is said that volunteer troops of the Denikin army were victorious, using their advantage in this region.

Kolchak troops on the Siberian front are said to have met with a reverse, losing quite heavily in a battle near Kurgan. This report, if confirmed, would seem to throw some doubt on recent reports that the bolsheviks are rapidly retreating on the eastern front. As late as October 9, Kurgan was in the hands of the bolsheviks.

HELSINGFORS, Finland, Oct. 21.—General Yudenitch has encountered strong bolshevik resistance south of Pulkovo, about seven miles south of Petrograd. He has ordered his forces to advance to concentrate his forces while awaiting reinforcements and heavy artillery. One hundred guns reached his army today.

The bolsheviks were concentrated at Gdoff on Lake Peipus, which constituted a most serious threat to the rear of General Yudenitch, have been dispersed. This removes the menace of an advance toward the communications of the anti-bolshevik forces now before Petrograd, which War Minister Trotsky has recently declared have declared recently would decide the fate of the city, rather than the defense of the old capital itself.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 21.—Commissary Zinoviev, the chief bolshevik representative in Petrograd, has withdrawn from that city, taking with him all men able to bear arms, according to reports to the German press. The official documents and cash, it is declared, have been taken to Moscow.

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 21.—The United States minister here, I. N. Morris, has received a request by telegram from General Yudenitch and Premier Krasnov of the government of Northwest Russia, urging the United States to send food and other necessities for Petrograd, which General Yudenitch said he expected to take today. The request was forwarded to Washington.

LENINE ANXIOUS FOR PEACE

Willingness to Grant Foes Concessions Is Expressed.

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LONDON, Oct. 21.—(Special Cable.)—A Copenhagen dispatch to the Daily News runs:

"A messenger from Russia has handed to me the following statement by Lenin, dated September 23, which was given for publication: 'I am often asked whether our opponents in the war against Russia are right who expect from us, after peace is concluded, not only the resumption of trade relations, but also the possibility of receiving concessions in France. I repeat once more that they are right.'

"A durable peace would be such a relief to the toiling masses of Russia that these masses would undoubtedly agree to certain concessions being granted. The granting of concessions under reasonable terms is also desirable for us as one of the means of attracting into Russia the technical help of countries which are more advanced in this respect, during the period of co-existence side by side of socialist and capitalist states."

TACOMA CURBS STRIKES

CITY COUNCIL AMENDS CIVIL SERVICE RULES.

Absence of Municipal Employees for One Day May Forfeit of Right to Jobs.

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 21.—The city council voted today to make strikes of city employees impossible in the future. By unanimous vote the council rejected out for passage an amendment to the civil service rules now being revised, which provides that the absence of any employee for one day or more without leave, unless excused by the head of the department, shall be considered in effect a resignation.

The new rule was initiated by Mayor C. M. Riddell, who stated that he believed that some means would be necessary to prevent the tying up of a public utility by a strike of city employees. The form of the new rule

was developed by discussion among the commissioners.

In making an unexcused absence a resignation the council threatens any striking city employee with immediate dropping from the civil service list, which by other rules would bar him or her from even reapplication. In the case of police and firemen, provisions of pension and retirement on pay would be forfeited.

A number of crafts and unions are represented among the light, water and public works departments, and other clerical workers are organized in a municipal employees' union. A strike of the electrical employees embarrassed the city light last year, and these workers, as well as the clerks have requested further increases in salary.

The new rule is regarded as forestalling future demands beyond the power of the council to grant. The council also voted to restore a rule changed in a former consideration of the civil service relating to taking back employees laid off. When reemployed the last employee laid off will be the first called back, it being the theory that the department heads will retain the best men to the last.

BUDGET BUREAU FAVORED

BILL CREATING OFFICE PASSED BY HOUSE, 284 TO 2.

Measure Changing System of Estimating Appropriations Is Sent to Senate.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—A bill creating a budget bureau having jurisdiction over all department estimates, was passed today by the house and sent to the senate.

The vote on the bill was 284 to two, Representative Moon, Tennessee, and Blackmon, Alabama, democrats, voting in the negative.

The measure will reach the senate in practically the same form as it was reported by a special committee appointed during the summer to frame such legislation. The important changes in the present method of estimating department appropriations as embodied in the bill are:

All departments must submit estimates to the budget bureau for approval before being sent to congress; an independent audit of all department accounts is provided with a controller and assistant controller appointed by the president to conduct the audit and abolishment of the present auditors and consolidation of their work under the controller.

RELATIVES ARE SOUGHT

J. J. Demming, Former Idaho State Representative, Dead at Denver.

BOISE, Idaho, Oct. 21.—(Special.)—Where are the relatives of James J. Demming, former state representative from Lemhi county in the 1901 legislature? Demming died recently at Denver, Colo. The only information found in his effects by officials was a letterhead of the Idaho house of representatives, dated 1901, and showing that Demming was a member that year from Blaine county.

Demming was about 10 years old when his father, B. E. Woodard, public administrator of the city and county of Denver, who took charge of Demming's belongings, has requested Secretary of State Clegg to assist in finding the dead man's relatives.

U. S. MAY RUN COAL MINES

(Continued From First Page.)

Food control act gave the government full power to require the miners to work on a basis of pending adjustment of wage demands. All strikes would be prohibited.

It was not thought that the conference would continue in session after the strike threat. All plans waited, therefore, until its close, with full expectation should no agreement be reached, the government, through congress or other agencies, would step in and keep the mines in full operation.

COAL PRICE ALREADY RAISED

Advance by Operators Declared Wholly Unjustifiable.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 21.—The increase in the price of coal since the issuance of the call to all bituminous miners to go on strike November 1, has been placed in effect all over the country, according to reports received at the international headquarters here of the United Mine Workers of America.

A statement issued from union headquarters today declared that the consumer is being forced to pay as much as a dollar more a ton for coal now than a week ago.

All this is without the slightest justification," the statement continues. "Operators have flatly refused to grant the miners an advance in wages, but they have increased the price of coal. Production costs are higher now than they were a month ago. Everything is the same. Who gets this additional dollar a ton?"

"Many operators are telling the public that the increase is due to a shortage of coal. Certainly that cannot be the reason, for the miners of the country have been idle most of the time since the armistice was signed."

SETTLEMENT HELD POSSIBLE

Indiana Representative Hopes Strike Will Be Averted.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Settlement of the controversy between bituminous miners and operators without a strike, "is within range of practicality," Representative Sanders, republican, Indiana, declared in a speech in the house today. His district is in the center of the Indiana coal field.

"For over a quarter of a century," said Representative Sanders, "the United Mine Workers of America have by means of collective bargaining with the operators made amicable settlements for the production of coal, fair and beneficial alike to the operator, the miners and the public. The machinery for adjusting disputes, including the present one, is still intact. In the past they have bargained and compromised and used a good supply of common sense on both sides."

Since April 1, 1916, the miners have received 20 cents a ton increase in wages, Mr. Sanders said. During this time "the advance in retail sale prices of coal was more than 110 per cent," he added.

Boys Suspected of Auto Theft.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 21.—(Special.)—Two boys, Fred Lyons and Glen McLaughlin, are held in the city jail for investigation in connection with the theft of Councilman Henry Vandervort's automobile here Sunday night. McLaughlin is said to live at Independence and Lyons at Pendleton.

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REORGANIZATION OF FARGO BANK STARTED

Non-Partisan League President Asks Subscriptions.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL IS HIT

North Dakota Farmers Called Upon by A. C. Townley to Protect Their Institutions.

FARGO, N. D., Oct. 21.—Leaders of the National Nonpartisan League placed the Scandinavian-American bank before a large crowd of their members in the first mass meeting of a league rally today with the statement that the bank must be reorganized to make it "the biggest bank in North Dakota."

Immediately after a series of addresses by league speakers, clerks started taking subscriptions for stock in the bank which President A. C. Townley of the league declared must be made an "\$800,000 bank." The bank had \$500,000 capital and \$10,000 surplus, a majority of the state banking board, voted to close it as insolvent because of alleged excess loans to the Nonpartisan league and its branches.

Townley spoke for two hours to the crowd of farmers which packed the auditorium.

Excess Loans Alleged.

He said that if Attorney-General William Langer and State Auditor Carl Kositzky could have kept charge of the Scandinavian-American bank for a few more weeks the Nonpartisan league would have been wrecked. Langer and Secretary of State Thomas Hall, a majority of the state banking board, voted to close it as insolvent because of alleged excess loans to the Nonpartisan league and its branches. "I want to enter institutions built by the farmers in this state which no one can tear down," Townley declared. "This bank has been the mainstay in the financing of the league almost since its beginning, and we must now make it the biggest bank in North Dakota. We did not call you here to ask you to give anything, but to invest in the banking business and to acknowledge the debt which the league owes to this bank for its aid in our finances. If he the innocent victim of an attack on the league."

Reviewing the history of the Nonpartisan league from its beginning, he related the progress toward completion of the league program of state-owned enterprises, mentioning among its successful achievements the new state elevator at Drake, N. D., the Bank of North Dakota, the contract for sale of \$3,000,000 bonds for real estate loans and the election of "an honest supreme court, which refused to let this bank be wrecked."

Protection Asked For.

"We must work for the protection and development of these institutions we have started and insure their success by a majority at the ballot box," Townley declared, and he appealed to the league members to decide whether they still wanted the Nonpartisan league to go on.

Resolutions pledging the support of the Nonpartisan league to the Scandinavian-American bank and praising Governor L. J. Frazier and John N. Hagen, commissioner of agriculture, for remaining "faithful to the cause of the people," were adopted. They were prepared by the North Dakota state executive committee of the league.

After the meeting the audience paraded through the city.

Governor Frazier and James Manahan of St. Paul were the chief speakers at the night session.

LOAN RATHER COSTLY ONE

Eastern Banks Require Big Deposits to Secure Bonds.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—(Special.)—News dispatches from Birmingham, N. D., that New York and Chicago bankers had bought the first \$3,000,000 of North Dakota bonds sold to finance the new Nonpartisan league enterprises in that state caused some interest in financial circles here as to who really bought the bonds and on what terms they were taken by eastern bankers, who, it was thought a month ago, should be induced to buy the North Dakota securities at any price.

The William S. Compton Investment company of New York, Chicago and St. Louis and the Halsey-Stewart company of New York, Chicago and St. Louis were the purchasers. These companies took \$2,000,000 of the bonds of North Dakota issued to furnish the new Bank of North Dakota with capital and agreed to buy \$1,000,000 of the bonds of the North Dakota "Real Estate Series" before January 1, 1920. The bonds issued to finance the bank, as well as those of the real estate series, were purchased at par and bear 8 per cent interest from July, 1919. The bank bonds mature \$750,000 in 20 years, \$750,000 in 25 years and \$500,000 in 29 years. The real estate bonds mature in 29 years.

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UNIONS' STORE OPENS

SAN FRANCISCO COMMISSARY RUN BY AND FOR STRIKERS.

Business for First Half Day Put at \$6000—Several Foodstuffs Sold Under Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 21.—The first commissary store to be operated here for and by striking union men opened its doors today, and at noon those in charge estimated \$6000 worth of business had been done.

All products were brought to San Francisco by unions in the state, an effort being made to handle them as cheaply as possible. The store is said to be a part of a statewide system, in the establishment of which the metal trades workers are taking a leading part.

Grapes were sold three pounds for 10 cents. Grapes were 10 cents a pound in the open market. Apples were sold for \$1.55 a box, as against the regular market price of \$2 or more. Potatoes were sold at two cents a pound. The open market price is seven pounds for 25 cents. Sugar was sold for 10 cents and rice 11 cents, the open market prices being 11 and 14 cents respectively.

The Bay Cities Metal Trades council, to which the striking shipyard workers here belong, today made public a resolution the council adopted, calling upon the city to take over drydock facilities here because the present operators "are driving business from this city."

1820 STUDENTS ASK AID

Formal Application Filed Under ex-Service Men's Law.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 21.—(Special.)—A total of 1820 persons entitled to benefits under the so-called financial educational aid law, passed at the last session of the Oregon legislature, have filed applications for training, according to Samuel A. Koser, assistant secretary of state.

Of the total number of applicants, 1070 have signed their intention of attending state schools; 178, private educational institutions; 155, high schools; 162, business colleges; 46, law schools; 211, professional, trade and vocational schools, and two, Salem Indian school.

Only ex-service men who were residents of Oregon at the time they enlisted or were inducted into the army or navy are subject to benefits under the law.

O. A. C. Advisor Is Appointed.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Oct. 21.—(Special.)—George R. Hyslop, professor of farm crops, has been appointed by the faculty as advisor for the vocational students. He will serve in the same capacity toward them as Professor B. B. Beatty acts toward the freshmen, giving assistance in organizing, outlining their policy, and making any rules for their class.

Socialist Leader Weaker.

BERLIN, Oct. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—The condition of Hugo Haase, leader of the independent socialists, who was shot recently as he

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CAILLAUX TRIAL LOOMS

French Senate Will Sit as High Court on Thursday.

PARIS, Oct. 21.—Joseph Caillaux, French politician accused of intelligence with the enemy, will appear before the French senate, constituted as a high court, on Thursday for trial, but it is possible that the actual trial

may be deferred until after the elections, owing to the desires of many senators.

Prosecutor Lescouape will request an immediate trial, merely asking the time necessary to summon witnesses from America by cable, in which case November 17 might be decided upon as the date on which the debate would begin.

Wife Hurled at Door, Charge.

THE DALES, Or., Oct. 21.—(Special.)—A blow by William J. Cahill, her husband, threw Mrs. Martha G. Cahill against the facing of a door with such force that she was cut

badly about the eye. Mrs. Cahill alleges in a suit for divorce brought here in the circuit court. She asserts that the blow cut about her eye caused comment from the neighbors. This brought her not only physical pain but humiliation as well, she said.

The couple were married in Vancouver, Wash., October 19, 1914, and have no children.

English Farmers Reassured.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—Prime Minister Lloyd George today announced that the government proposed to provide security for tenant farmers against

increases in their rent and against the sale of the farms upon which they are working.

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