

SLAVS QUIT PEACE TALK, IS REPORTED

Rumor Persists in Petrograd That Russians Have Been Recalled From Meeting.

TROTZKY SUGGESTS BREAK

In Speech Before Soldiers' and Workmen's Council, Foreign Minister Declares Slavs Will Not Kneel to Kaiser.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 22.—It is reported that the Ukrainian troops have occupied the headquarters of all the staffs on the Roumanian and southwestern fronts, seizing the telegraph and wireless systems on the two fronts, which have been united under the command of Lieutenant-General Dmitri Stcherbacheff. Ukrainian troops have moved to the borders of Ukraine, where they have taken up positions. Orders have been given to mobilize all the Cossacks in Ukraine.

The Bolsheviks have refused the demands of the Ukrainian sailors of the Baltic fleet that they be allowed to return home.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 22.—The Russian delegation to the peace conference with the Germans at Brest-Litovsk has been recalled because the Germans have refused to accept the Russian terms. This report was reiterated here today and comes from what appears to be authentic sources.

An indication that there is foundation to the report of a break in the peace negotiations was seen by some here today when Leon Trotzky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, in addressing the Council of Soldiers and Workmen, declared that if the German Emperor offered "offensive peace terms" the Russians would fight against it. It was suggested in semi-official quarters that the Foreign Minister sought to prepare the council for a rupture in peace negotiations with the Germans.

Resistance Is Possible. "We did not overthrow czarism to kneel before the Kaiser," cried the Foreign Minister, "but if through our exhaustion we had to accept the Kaiser's terms, we would do so to rise with the German people against German militarism."

The Bolsheviks authorities are making an effort to restore amicable relations with the provinces which have declared themselves independent and bring about a reunion with them. Delegates are being sent to the Ukraine, to Kuban in Trans-Caucasia, to Siberia and elsewhere to lay before the soldiers and workmen the aims of the Petrograd commissioners.

M. Tchernoff, former Minister of Agriculture, and Mme. Catherine Brankovskaya and other Social Revolutionist members of the constituent assembly have proclaimed their determination not to submit to Premier Lenine and Foreign Minister Trotzky, but to convene the assembly and endeavor through it to carry out the programme of peace and land freedom.

The total number of members elected to the constituent assembly is now 28, but only 16 are registered as members of the Bolsheviks.

Kaledines Said to Have Quilt. The resignation of General Kaledines and his associates in the military government of the Cossacks, who have been resisting the Bolsheviks, is reported. The purpose of this move is said to be to bring about a reunion with the strong popular government. General Kaledines explains he has decided to withdraw on account of his unpopularity with the troops at the front, who refuse to obey him in consequence of misrepresentations on the part of his enemies.

A serious division has taken place in the peasants' congress, which has been in session here for a fortnight. The right wing, led by M. Tchernoff, insists that all powers shall be given to the constituent assembly, which will decide upon peace, the land question and other reforms, while the left is dominated by the soldiers and workmen's delegates. The latter take the position that the soldiers and workmen's delegates should be given authority above that of the constituent assembly. All attempts to heal the breach have failed.

The left wing has a slight majority. Officers of the Baltic Fleet have adopted a resolution protesting against the latest reform, which places the supreme command of the fleet in the hands of the body of elected sailors and makes all posts elective. The resolution of protest declares that the reform, if carried out, will paralyze the fleet and prevent a peace on a democratic basis because to impotent Russia peace will be dictated by the imperialists of the enemy.

BOLSHEVIK BLAMES ENGLAND Slav Bitter Because British Will Not Join Peace Move.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A dispatch to the Daily News from its Stockholm correspondent carries an interview with M. Borovsky, who is conducting all the business of the Russian Legation at his offices in the Swedish capital, although M. Guikovich remains in possession of the Russian Legation building. Mr. Borovsky said that Russia was compelled to make peace, as she was not in condition to continue the war, and it was for Russia's allies to choose whether peace should be separate or general.

"We recognize that a separate peace would be bad for democracy throughout Europe and especially so in Russia," M. Borovsky stated. "We fear that Germany, dealing first with Russia and afterward with the allies, would be able to get better terms."

"Moreover, a separate peace in the absence of a revolutionary movement in Germany would only benefit the Pan-German and military classes in Germany. The allies, by opposing peace, are forcing Russia into a separate peace and also forcing her into a position of dependency on Germany. . . . If the views of the British labor party were shared by the British government, Russia would not be faced by this danger. Our quarrel is with the British government for clinging obstinately to its desire to defeat and destroy Germany, thereby postponing a democratic peace and forcing Russia into her present situation."

M. Borovsky admitted that the Bolshevik rule could not last, because the peasants, although now supporting it, will not always support it. "But we hope, while we hold power, to do what will insure the realization of socialist reforms which our successors will be unable to abolish," M. Borovsky said in conclusion. "Further, we have demonstrated once for all the possibility of the working classes having their own government in the very teeth of classes opposed to them."

A dispatch from Stockholm December 18 said that Borovsky, also known as Orloffsky, was holding secret conferences, as the "New York Times" reported, with the government's plenipotentiary and representative in Stockholm, with Philipp Scheidemann, the German majority Socialist leader.

RURAL WEEK PLANS MADE STUDENT TEACHERS AGAIN TO VISIT SCHOOLS IN COUNTRY.

Success of Last Spring Encourages Belief That Undertaking Will Be Put on Permanent Basis.

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The second annual rural school week will be held some time in the Spring, according to the announcement made from the administration office of the Normal School.

The first week was held in the rural schools of the Willamette Valley last April and was a decided success. The student teachers in rural work were dispatched to various small schools to observe and to help the teacher.

After a careful consideration of the results of the time spent last Spring President Ackerman has suggested that possibly the rural week will be made permanent.

Details for the 1918 visit have not yet been worked out, but there are likely to be several changes. According to tentative plans, from two to four teachers will be sent to one rural school with notebooks and instructions to observe every occurrence both in the schoolroom and in the rural community. The Oregon Normal will arrange, as last year, to have the week one of co-operation between the student teachers and the teachers of the rural schools.

Considerable time will again be spent on summarizing the results of the week and the teachers will be encouraged in using their initiative in forming plans and definite policies to be used later when a teaching position is secured.

CUSICK IS OUT FOR STATE TREASURER

Lane-Linn Senator Definitely Announces Candidacy for Republican Nomination.

EXPERIENCE IS SET FORTH

President of Albany Banking Concern and Civic Leader Details Important Points of Political Step as He Views Them.

E. D. Cusick, of Albany, State Senator from Lane and Linn counties and president of J. W. Cusick & Son's Bank, yesterday announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for State Treasurer. Mr. Cusick is the first aspirant for this office formally to declare his candidacy.

Mr. Cusick is a native Oregonian. He was born at Jefferson, Marion County, and has lived his entire life in this state. His early boyhood was passed on the stock ranch of his father, J. W. Cusick, near Tringoville. In the 30s he returned to the Willamette Valley and, after a year's residence in Lebanon, located at Albany six years ago and engaged in the banking business, in which he has been continuously associated since. In 1892, with his father, he established the banking house of J. W. Cusick & Son, of which he is now president.

Mr. Cusick is president of the Oregon State Bankers' Association and served as chairman of the Lane County campaign committee, which recently successfully directed the Red Cross and Liberty loan drives in his section of the state. He was a member of the 1915 and 1917 sessions of the Oregon Legislature, as Joint Senator from Lane and Linn counties, and at both sessions served as chairman of the Senate committee on banking. He took an active part in the work of both sessions of the Legislature and supported every plan for simplifying and economizing the administration of state affairs.

"As a member of the last Legislature I supported the farmers' rural credit measure, because I believed it was something the farmers of this state not only desired but were entitled to have," said Mr. Cusick yesterday. "If nominated and elected State Treasurer I shall give my most hearty support to any plan that may be devised for putting this measure into effective operation."

"The office of State Treasurer is an important one. It involves a greater responsibility to the people of the state than that of mere custodian of state funds. The position requires the incumbent to be more than an expert accountant. The State Treasurer is a member of the State Board, which is charged with the responsibility of directing the administration of the various state institutions and departments of the state government.

"I have had considerable experience in business affairs and from my membership in the State Legislature have gained considerable knowledge of state affairs. I do not feel, in view of the circumstances, that I am laying too much stress on the subject when I say that I confidently believe I am duly qualified for the responsibilities of the office I am seeking."

WOMEN TO REST BRIEFLY Ten American Women Carry On Reconstruction Work.

Red Cross Work at Vancouver Suspends for Christmas.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—After working at Red Cross headquarters daily, except Sunday, for several months, Vancouver women will take a few days' vacation. The headquarters were closed tonight until December 25, when the work will be renewed.

Those who have not yet assisted in working in the Red Cross are urged to begin after Christmas, as there is work to do for all. Nearly 10,000 pieces of various kinds of garments and things used by the soldiers have been turned out by the local chapter of the Red Cross since work began.

Mrs. Hannah C. Bresney Buried. The funeral of Hannah C. Bresney was held yesterday at the chapel of J. P. Finley & Son, Rev. W. T. Kerr officiating. The pallbearers were: Frank Williamson, T. W. Williams, W. K. Hamelton and W. B. Miller. Interment was in Greenwood cemetery. Mrs. Bresney is survived by a widower, Frank Bresney, and two daughters.

German Paper Suppressed. SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Dec. 22.—Nueva Era, the last German paper in Costa Rica, was seized today by the Government on account of libelous articles against President Wilson and the British Prime Minister, Lloyd George. It published a violent protest against the recent blacklist.

HOLD-UP PAIR GET \$700 F. W. FIRMER, CUSTOM-HOUSE JANITOR, VICTIM OF ROBBERS.

Roll of Big Bills Taken From Hiding Place After Several Years—Not Banked as Intended.

F. W. Firmer, 65, a janitor at the Customs-House, reported to the police last night that he had been held up by two armed highwaymen at Fifteenth and Hoyt streets at 6:30 P. M., and robbed of \$700.

Mr. Firmer said one of the robbers stood behind him holding a revolver against his back, while the other searched him. The holdup occurred in a dark nook, on Fifteenth street, and Mr. Firmer was unable to give the police any description of the highwaymen except that one wore a cap and the other a stogie hat. Neither had an overcoat.

Mr. Firmer told the police that he obtained \$700 of the lost money in the form of a draft on a German bank during a trip to Europe several years ago. He cashed the draft for American bills when he returned to the United States. He hid the bills in his room until three days ago, when he took them downtown to deposit them in a bank. He forgot to visit the bank, and kept the money in his pocket. The cash consisted of three \$100 bills and eight \$50 bills, all carried in an inside pocket, and \$150 in silver, carried in a small purse.

Detectives Mallett and Tichenor and Motorcycle Patrolmen Cox, Galt, Crane, Frieberg and Norene scoured the neighborhood in an unsuccessful effort to find the thieves. Mr. Firmer was on his way to his home, 12 North Fifteenth street, when he was robbed.

Portland Girl Weds Naval Officer. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 22.—Miss J. Beatrice O'Brien, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Brien, of Portland, and Miss Casper S. Chisholm, United States Navy, were married at Baltimore yesterday, the bride's parents being present.

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AID IS GIVEN FRANCE

French Military Authorities Give Valuable Help in Restoring Shattered Homes and Replowing Devastated Fields.

VILLAGES ARE REBUILT

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—What ten American women, composing a unit of the American fund for French wounded, have accomplished in reconstruction work in the Aisne and Somme districts of France was related today by Miss Margaret Stevenson, co-worker of J. P. Finley & Son, who returned recently to this country.

According to Miss Stevenson, the American women have supervised the partial rehabilitation of 21 villages, 5000 acres of land have been cultivated and hundreds of refugee families have been clothed, fed and installed in furnished homes.

"Our unit is militarized and works directly under the French army," Miss Stevenson said.

Military Aid Valuable. "Through the military authorities Miss Morgan has obtained valuable aid. Soldiers on eight-day leave from the trenches are put under her direction to help rebuild shattered homes and plow

the neglected fields. There are no able-bodied men and women left in this part of France. When the Germans retreated they swept the civilians before them.

"All who were able to work for them they have kept behind their lines, but the non-producers (that is, the feeble old people and the small children) they have allowed to return. These are the refugees—the people we have to help make homes for and make self-supporting."

No sooner are these aged refugees on their own soil again, Miss Stevenson said, than they seem "revivified, filled with energy and the desire to re-tore all that has been destroyed.

"They build one-room shelters for themselves from the ruins of their once comfortable homes, or else their governments put up small demountable wooden houses for them. These we furnish with everything they need to start life anew—beds, clothing, chairs, kitchen utensils—and we supply them with clothing and foodstuffs."

Miss Stevenson told also of the classes for children, "who have run wild since the beginning of the German occupation," and of the community center at Eberancourt, in the heart of the ravaged region.

Monmouth Has Community Tree. MONMOUTH, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The community Christmas tree observed jointly last night by residents of the city and the Normal students attracted a large attendance. Christmas carols and songs were sung by the assemblage. Miss Hoham, of the Normal musical department, led in the singing, and Mayor H. C. Osteln made a brief patriotic address.

Secret Mission Announced. DETROIT, Dec. 22.—Abner E. Larned, chairman of the Liberty loan campaigns in this city, and Edward T. Fitzgerald will leave Tuesday for England on a confidential mission for the Government. It is understood that later the two men will visit the battle fronts in France and Italy. The nature of the mission has not been disclosed here.

Christmas Greetings

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