

BOLSHEVIST DEFEAT SIZE MANAGED

Foreign Minister Tchitcherin
Replies to U. S.-Japan
Message to Russians.

TWO EPIDEMICS RAGING

Northern Slav Provinces, on Famine
Basis, Ravaged by Typhus and
Cholera; Large Death
Rate Reported.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 24.—The Russian Bolshevik government has replied to the Japanese-American message to the Russian people explaining the motives of intervention in Siberia. The version of the Russian reply appearing in the "Globe" of Berlin, as telegraphed from Stockholm under date of August 22, says:

"The American and Japanese governments have been sending messages to the Russian people in connection with the landing of their armed forces on Russian territory. Both governments declare their armed intervention was dictated by the desire to come to the aid of the Czech-Slovak army, who it is alleged, are menaced by Germans and Austrians.

"The Russian federal republic feels compelled to make this declaration.

"The statement made by the American and Japanese governments is not based on accurate information. The Czech-Slovak detachments are not menaced by either Germans nor Austrians.

Revolution Held in Peril.

"On the soil of the Soviet republic the battle continues between the Red Soviet army, created by peasants and workers on their own land, and the Czech-Slovak detachments, in concert with land owners, the bourgeoisie and counter-revolutionaries on the other.

"In this battle the Russian people and peasants are defending the revolution which is endangered by a counter-revolution aided and abetted by the Czech-Slovak army.

"The Soviet government is convinced that its enemies are only attempting to blind proletarian elements of the population, and that they seek to deceive them by fostering in them the belief that Germans and Austrians are menacing the Czech-Slovak army.

"Should, however, the grounds of this attack on the Soviet government be really those stated in the Japo-American message, the Soviet government exactly formulates their wishes in the matter.

(Signed) TCHITCHERIN, Foreign Minister.

Northern Russia Plague Swept.

Hunger, typhus and cholera are raging in the Northern Russian provinces, says a Petrograd dispatch to the West. The death rate is reported to be large. In some places each person receives only two pounds of oats weekly and no bread.

General D. C. Stcherbacheff, former Russian commander on the Roumanian front, and General V. A. Tchermakoff, former commander on the Russian northern front, are reported to have been sent to the Westphalian Zeitung, of Essen, says, have accepted commands in the Czech-Slovak army.

M. Milukoff Resigns.

Milukoff, former Russian Foreign Minister, has resigned from the Constitutional Democratic party, according to a Moscow dispatch to the Vossische Zeitung, of Berlin, quoting the newspaper's investigation.

It is said that he intends to form a new political faction in Russia to be called the constitutional monarchist party.

VLADIVOSTOK, Tuesday, Aug. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—For American Red Cross doctors have gone to the Manchurian front. They will establish a hospital near the front. The surgical department of the Harbin military hospital has been taken over by the Red Cross unit.

PEKIN, Aug. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—A Chinese contingent on the way to join the allied forces at Vladivostok has been announced here.

ECONOMIC MISSION DELAYED

Mystery Attends Non-Announcement of Its Personnel.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—There is mystery in the non-announcement of the personnel of the economic mission which President Wilson decided some months ago to send to Russia, and which he is understood to have completed.

It was rumored today that the cause for the delay in making public the names and in actually dispatching the mission to Russia is the desire of other nations to participate in any enterprise looking to the re-establishment of international trade with Russia.

Japan, which by reason of her proximity to Siberia, Great Britain on account of her extensive commercial relations with Russia in the past, and France, to whom Russia is enormously indebted for loans extending over a long period of years, are all said to desire to participate in any movement having as its object the financial, industrial and commercial rehabilitation of Russia.

Russian diplomats also are said to be inclined to the belief that all the allies should have part in the development of Russia economically and to favor the joining of the allies in the proposed economic venture of America.

As the business affairs of the men selected for the commission may be interfered with by any further undue delay in the publication of the personnel and plans of the commission, which is expected to be coincident practically with their departure for Russia, it was deemed likely today that an announcement will be made at an early date.

186,733 CALLED TO COLORS

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when a million was added by the first 21-year class, to care for all men registered today. These numbers will be assigned the new registrants by draft officials, and by reference to the master list of the last lottery the new men may learn their order of call.

315 OF NEW CLASS REGISTER

All 43 in One Portland District Are American Citizens.

About 315 youths who have attained the age of 21 since June 5 enrolled yesterday in the selective service in the city of Portland. Additional registrations to be made tomorrow and the return of cards from absentees is expected to bring the aggregate to 350, which was the estimate of draft officials.

The registrations of tomorrow will include youths of Jewish extraction and of religious faith which observe Saturday as the recognized Sabbath. Those young men temporarily employed elsewhere or absent from the city from any cause have their cards returned here to the proper boards.

No attempt was made by the selective service department of the Adjutant-General's office to collect the returns from local boards or boards out in the state last night because of the fact that additional coming later would vitiate such early total.

Unofficial reports from seven Portland boards showed an aggregate of 230 registrations as follows: Board No. 1, 24; No. 2, 52; No. 3, 40; No. 4, 26; No. 5, 21; No. 6, 34; No. 10, 43. The boards which did not report are smaller and will not keep up the average of the seven given.

Roughly estimated, slightly more than one-tenth of the "21-year" are reported. In several instances, registrars reported, the young men were so new to married life that they inadvertently gave the names of parents as the next of kin.

Board No. 3 registered one German alien and a citizen of Belgium enrolled in board No. 6. Board No. 10 reported that every one of its 43 registrants are American citizens and white. Delmar Marion Churchill, 320 Vaughn street, celebrated his birthday by registering in division No. 1, yesterday marking his natal day.

If Portland's record is maintained throughout the state estimates of the selective service heads that Oregon would enroll between 700 and 800 of these youths will materialize.

WASHINGTON QUOTAS GIVEN

2000 Men of Evergreen State to Entrain for Camp September 3.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 24.—Draft quotas by counties for the 2000 Evergreen State men to be entrained September 3 for Camp Lewis were officially announced here today as follows: Adams, 19; Asotin, 7; Benton, 17; Chinook, 22; Clallam, 11; Clark, 43; Columbia, 22; Cowlitz, 9; Ferry, 14; Franklin, 21; Garfield, 7; Grant, 14; Grays Harbor, 56; Island, 11; Jefferson, 10; King, 105; Kitsap, 30; Kittitas, 24; Klickitat, 16; Lewis, 48; Lincoln, 4; Mason, 8; Okanogan, 42; Pacific, 25; Pend Oreille, 20; Pierce, 45; Tacoma City, 143; San Juan, 23; Skagit, 41; Snohomish, 43; Everett City, 12; Spokane, 56; Spokane City, 112; Stevens, 71; Thurston, 42; Wanklaxum, 5; Walla, 80; Whitman, 45; Bellingham, 24; Whitman, 31; Yakima, 72; Seattle City, 598.

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HAG'S MEETING GRIMLY AFTER FOE

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but Appear Rattled as Eng-
lish Smash Onward.

HUN LOSSES ARE HEAVY

British Push to Edge of Bapaume
and Apparently Fall of City Is
Certain; Many Guns and Pris-
oners Taken by Victors.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 24.—(4 P. M.)—(By the Associated Press.)—Field Marshal Haig's fighting armies achieved further victories today. They delivered blow after blow to the staggering enemy, who, in some places, such as the Thiepval salient, was reported to be in a state of great confusion.

Thiepval itself, a mighty position atop a high hill, from which the surrounding country for miles is under observation, has been occupied, and the British line has been straightened between Grandcourt and La Boisselle.

Mirumont, the Boche position which has held out for days in the center of the battle front, is gradually being surrounded. The town is choked with German dead and many living Germans may be captured there shortly.

Bapaume Is Nearer.

In the advance on Bapaume, the village of Avesnes-les-Bapaume, just at the edge of the larger town, has been reached. It seems certain that Bapaume will fall, but more heavy fighting is expected. British troops have advanced to a point north of the town and also have entered Croisilles, which is some miles east of the Arras-Bapaume road, and probably marks the peak of the advance eastward in the northern battle zone.

There has also been fighting north of the river Scarpe and the British have penetrated to the German front line for more than 500 yards. The British attacked Ginchy and recovered the old front line from which they retired during an attack last evening.

While Field Marshal Haig's men pressed forward with mighty strides on the main battle front today, they had to fight for every yard of ground. Considerable numbers of guns and prisoners have been captured all along the line and the British again have inflicted the heaviest possible casualties on the enemy. The ground upon which the battle has been fought invariably was littered with dead Germans.

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