

TCHERNOFF FOR MEETING OF ENTENTE

Chairman of Constituent Assembly Declares Conference Should be Called Immediately to Consider War Aims

RUSSIA TO KEEP HUNS FROM WESTERN FRONT

Country May Act as Magnet to Hold Troops From Field of Decision

PETROGRAD, Jan. 19.—M. Tchernoff, elected chairman of the constituent assembly by the Social Revolutionists, declared today that the constituent assembly should immediately call a conference of all the entente allies to consider war aims. M. Tchernoff granted an interview to the correspondent during the midnight recess. "What do you think of the situation?" he was asked. "Do you think the Bolsheviks will dissolve the constituent assembly?" "No," said the chairman, "I do not think they will do that before the congress of the workmen's and soldiers' deputies assemblies. In the meantime they will try to find a way out of their embarrassment and continue their secession." "You desire to discuss peace first. What is your program regarding that question?" "Our party's position on the question of peace is that the constituent assembly should immediately call a conference of all the entente allies to consider the aims of the war. We expect that at such a conference they would state clearly and most explicitly their aims and would try to harmonize them with the democratic principles of the Russian revolution." "Do you think Russia can continue the war if Germany refuses peace on democratic terms?" M. Tchernoff was asked. He replied: "Everybody says Russia cannot fight because of the extreme state of disorganization. All know that the decision in this war will be on the western front. But Russia can act as a magnet to draw German forces and prevent their being

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WILSON THOUGHT NOT FAVORABLE TO WAR CABINET

President Said to Believe Personal Direction Would Be Hindered

BAKER DISCUSSES BILL

"Cabinet" to Take Name of "Council"—Measure Is Up Tomorrow

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—President Wilson and Secretary Baker today began studying the senate military committee's proposed legislation to establish a war cabinet of three men to assist in general direction of the war, and to create a director of munitions. With but preliminary discussion of the war cabinet proposal with Secretary Baker, the president was represented as not being favorably disposed to the plan because of the belief that it might embarrass his personal direction of war activities. Mr. Wilson went to Secretary Baker's office after Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, for the senate committee, had delivered a copy of the war cabinet bill to Mr. Baker. It was understood that Mr. Hitchcock was encouraged by the secretary to hope that the administration ultimately may acquiesce in the general plan. Bill Introduced Tomorrow. As it is to be introduced Monday in the senate by Chairman Chamberlain the measure provides for the establishment of a war cabinet—that name having been substituted for "war council"—of three men, distinguished in business, executive, administration and public affairs and not members of the president's cabinet. It specifically states that the secretaries of war and navy shall not be ex-officio members. The war cabinet members would receive salaries of \$12,000 a year, the same as those of the president's cabinet, but would rank above the executive cabinet in power for control of war policies. The measure also appropriated \$500,000 to start the war cabinet in its work. A definite statement of the president's final views is expected within a few days. Senate committee members have insisted upon adoption of the general war cabinet plan. They declare they will proceed with the legislation even if administration ap

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SHIPS GIVEN COAL; HOMES ARE WARMED

Marked Improvement in Famine Conditions Follow Fuel Order; Railway Congestion Partly Cleared

GARFIELD EXTENDS LIST OF EXEMPTIONS

Amusement Houses to be Open on Tuesdays Instead of Mondays

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 19.—A marked improvement in coal famine conditions was reported by the fuel administration tonight as a result of the second day's operation of the government's fuel restriction order. Houses were warmed, ships were bunkered and in the extreme east railway congestion was cleared to some extent, fuel administration officials said after going through telegraphic reports from twenty-eight state fuel administrators. In the middle west a heavy snowstorm and zero temperatures, however, reduced rail movements sharply. The only important change in the closing order made today was a ruling permitting all places of amusement to remain open on the Monday holidays and close on Tuesdays instead. A large number of industrial plants were added to the war and navy departments' exemption list but the names of none were made public. Ships Get Bunker Coal. A special effort was made today to provide ships with bunker coal and fuel. Administrator Garfield arranged with Chairman Hurley of the shipping board to pool tugs and barges in each Atlantic port where vessels are held to expedite the work. Pooling was suggested when it was found that some piers supplied with coal had no barges to transport it and that others with no coal on hand were well supplied with barges. Reports from New York said that thirteen ships were bunkered there today. Railroad officials reported that coal was moving much more freely to the piers and that it was now a question only of getting it aboard ships. To that end men will be kept hard at work all day tomorrow. "I am determined to take any steps," said Fuel Administrator Garfield tonight, "which may be necessary within my authority to facilitate the supplying of ships with fuel." Empty Cars Threaten Output. A new danger threatened the coal output today. Empty cars began to reach the chief bituminous mining regions in diminishing numbers. This was due, it was said, in part to delay attending the diversion of coal from industries closed down to those permitted to run. In most of the big industrial centers switching work was almost doubled. Fuel Administrator Garfield tonight issued a statement on the general situation in which he said: "The general compliance and almost complete cooperation in the enforcement of the fuel administration regulation curtailing industrial use of fuel were reported to the United States fuel administration today. Local officials of the fuel administration throughout the east reported that the order was generally effective. The spirit of co-operation showed plainly in the many telegrams received by the administration. Telegrams received today were singularly free from requests for exemption from the regulation. Most of them made the flat statement that the regulation would be complied with in fact and in spirit; that manufacturing would be halted, and that merchandise would be kept off the crowded railroads. Railroad officials co-operating with the fuel administration reported generally improved transportation conditions in the eastern part of the country. The reports indicated that the way was rapidly being cleared for the movement of coal for the bunkering of the ships now held up at Atlantic ports and for keeping the country warm. Improvement was also noted in the central west, despite the continued zero weather which has been impeding railroad operations. Ships Get Plenty. "Reports direct to the fuel administration showed that coal in transit continued to or already arrived at tidewater points for the bunkering of ships destined to the American forces in Europe and to the nations associated with the United States in the war were today more than sufficient to bunker the ships now in port. Supplies sufficient to insure the prompt bunkering of vessels for some time to come are en route." The United States fuel administration today made arrangements for the continuance through the usual Sunday holiday tomorrow of the bunkering of vessels, destined to the

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NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE IS NOW STATE REALITY

Labor Federation, Grange, and Farmers' Union Form Organization

BROWN NOW PRESIDENT

Portland Meeting Favors One-House Legislation, With 30 Members

PORTLAND, Jan. 19.—Immediate organization of a non-partisan league in Oregon, was decided on today at a meeting here of 40 members of the State Federation of Labor, the Grange and the Farmers' union. Whether the proposed organization shall be affiliated with the National Non-Partisan League or shall be patterned after the North Dakota Non-Partisan League, was left to a committee. The meeting today went on record in favor of a one-house legislature of not to exceed 30 members; utilization of the state's resources, and public utilities for the common good; establishment of an effective statewide marketing system; incorporation of the anti-injunction features of the Sherman anti-trust law into a state statute and compulsory compensation apply to all gainful occupations. J. D. Brown, president of the Farmers' union, was named president; C. M. Ryerson, labor leader of Portland, secretary; C. E. Spense, master of the State Grange, first vice-president; M. M. Burnett, of the State Grange, and O. R. Hartwig, president of the State Federation of Labor, vice-presidents. The organization is the result of action taken last week at the State Federation of Labor convention.

LA FOLLETTE SEEKING SUIT

Libel Action Is Contemplated Against Wisconsin State Journal

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 19.—Attorneys for United States Senator Robert M. La Follette, attempting today under the discovery statute of Wisconsin, to secure a basis for a libel suit against the Wisconsin State Journal and its editor, Richard Lloyd Jones, quoted numerous editorials from the Journal and news articles, written by Charles Edward Russell, a member of the Root commission to Russia. Senator La Follette's attorneys also devoted much time to questioning witnesses as to the attitude of Chief Justice Winslow of the state supreme court toward La Follette's war activities. Inquiry was made also into the activity of patriotic organizations in an effort to show whether there was a conspiracy to condemn La Follette's attitude toward the war or whether it was a spontaneous action on the part of individuals. The hearing will be continued January 28.

Mrs. Hamilton Calls for Meeting of Campaigners

An important meeting of the county war work council called by Mrs. W. M. Hamilton, chairman for Marion county, is scheduled for Tuesday morning, Jan. 22, at 11:20, at the Young Women's Christian association. The units for the towns will be systematically organized. At noon a luncheon will be served to a number of representative women, who will discuss plans for the finance campaign of the war work council of the Y. W. C. A. A large mass meeting is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon at 2:30, to which all are invited to attend. The war work of the Y. W. C. A. is creating considerable favorable comment by those who so thoroughly understand the need of this war work. The hostess house at Camp Lewis is a part of the scheme of activities, and at each cantonment the officers are asking for these centers to be established under the supervision of the Postick commission faster than the Young Women's Christian association can build them. Portland has raised \$25,000 and the appropriation for the rest of the state of Oregon is \$25,000.

Eugene High Quintet Wins From Salem, 36-33

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 19.—The Eugene high school basketball team tonight defeated the Salem high school quintet, 36 to 33, in a hotly contested game.

WEATHER. Sunday, fair; gentle northerly winds.

McNARY ASKS SHIPPING FOR NORTHWEST

Oregon Senator Submits Plan to McAdoo to Relieve Freight Congestion by Using Columbia River Ports

PORTLAND EXPECTS TO RECEIVE BIG TONNAGE

W. D. B. Dodson to Forward Survey of Docks Many Vessels Needed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Continuing their efforts toward improving shipping conditions in the Pacific Northwest, Senator McNary and Director General McAdoo's assistants today completed and submitted to Mr. McAdoo plans which, if adopted, should relieve the situation. The details of these plans are not made public, but in a general way they provide for a request of the shipping board to provide the Columbia river ports with requisite tonnage to handle trans-Pacific and coastwise business entering the Columbia river basin, thus saving car and engine mileage on railroads and relieving freight congestion on Puget Sound and in San Francisco. Embargoes are to be enforced against consignees who, as ship brokers, have refused to accept car shipments tendered for trans-shipment from Columbia river ports. Initial voyages of vessels built for shipping at Oregon yards are to be from Columbia river ports. Railroads are to be reminded that their primary duties are to avoid useless hauls, abandon competitive activity and utilize Columbia river harbors to the fullest extent. It is reported that over 5000 cars

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RUSS FACTIONS WAR IN STREETS OF PETROGRAD

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UKRAINE SPLIT OCCURS

Trotsky Repudiates Rada's Negotiations With Austro-Germans

LONDON, Jan. 19.—Petrograd dispatches reaching London early this morning describe street fighting between the factions. The outcome of events in the constituent assembly be foretold, although it is considered which precipitated the riots cannot be likely that the Bolsheviks will attempt to assert their power as autocrats of Petrograd in the form of dissolution of the assembly or the expulsion of their opponents. A wireless message shows that a split had occurred between the Bolsheviks and the Ukrainian rada almost to the point of hostilities on the part of the Bolsheviks. "President Comrade Trotsky," has sent to the rada a message reproaching that body bitterly for carrying on secret negotiations with the German and Austrian representatives. He accuses the rada of violating an agreement for unity of action with the Bolsheviks and says: "As the essential interests of the laboring classes of Russia are involved, we are repudiating the responsibility of such negotiations and are addressing directly to the Ukrainian central committee at Kharkov a request that they take all measures so that the interests of the Ukrainian people's republic shall be defended from the unprincipled and treacherous secret gag of the central secretariat. It is no secret to you that the Ukrainian central executive committee has at the present time much to represent the Ukrainian republic than the rada at Kiev."

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BOLSHEVIKI IN MINORITY IN ASSEMBLY

All Demands Are Defeated; Kerensky's Minister of Agriculture Chosen Chairman by Vote of 244 to 15

OPENING OF SESSION MARKED BY DISORDER

Members Work Under Wall of Bayonets—Peace Question Pressed

PETROGRAD, Jan. 19.—That the Bolsheviks are greatly in the minority in the constituent assembly was evidenced again in the voting in the chamber last night. The Bolshevik members demanded that the question of the authority of the workmen's and soldiers' government be first considered. This was defeated by a vote of 237 to 146. The Bolsheviks then asked for a two hours recess in order that a party conference might be held to consider further action. Only a half hour recess was voted. At the expiration of this time, the other members of the assembly decided to continue without the Bolsheviks and decrees relating to the peace and land questions were taken up, about a dozen members speaking. Scores of sailors and Red Guards took positions at the entrance of the building and in the galleries, from which issued all kinds of howls and comments. During one of the speeches the aid questions the Social Revolutionary member sitting back of M. Tsereteli, ex-minister of the interior, and a member of the council of workmen's and soldiers' deputies, leaped toward him, at the same time drawing a revolver. Other members disarmed the man but there was a panic in which a general rush was made for the exits. Bolshevik Members Withdraw. Bolshevik members and those of the left wing of the Social Revolutionists withdrew from the constituent assembly early this morning. The constituent delegates under fear of a permanent dispersal and a counter-revolutionary organization hurriedly adopted decrees awarding the land to the peasants and proposing to send delegates to all warring nations to arrange a peace treaty. The decrees were adopted at 5 o'clock this morning as a wall of menacing bayonets in the hands of the sailors on guard pressed toward the constituent members, whom the sailor commander ordered to disperse and go home. The closing hours of the session were full of exciting scenes, including the attempt on the life of M. Tsereteli. The withdrawal of the Bolsheviks and Social Revolutionists members was followed by the defeat of the demand made by the Lefts that the assembly first take up the question of the adoption of the Smolny institute program which proposed recognition of the Bolshevik authority for the approval of all decrees. Tumult Increased Toward the end of the session and many members of the assembly rushed toward Chairman Tchernoff and urged him immediately to put the question of peace. A sailor, who was standing beside M. Tchernoff, raised a hand and addressed him in a loud voice: "We are getting tired. Go home. Good night." Sailors in the aisles leading to the exits then drew closer while the chairman continued to read the peace resolution. The spokesman of the sailors then returned to the platform and insisted that all present should go home. M. Tchernoff thereupon calmly put the question of adoption of the resolution, which was passed instantly. The remaining members declared their determination to remain in the city and hold another meeting at that hour.

Peace Question Pressed

The long awaited convening of the constituent assembly has apparently precipitated a fresh crisis in Russian affairs, with renewed disorders as the consequences of a struggle for control in the capital indicated as a possibility. The Bolsheviks evidently are not taking kindly to the legislative body in which the very first vote of the opening session on Friday revealed a decided anti-Bolshevik majority, which easily elected its candidate for chairman, 244 to 15, and this with-out the help of the constitutional democrats who were not present. The Bolsheviks and their supporters, the extreme social revolutionists thereupon withdrew from the assembly.

Kerensky Minister Chosen

This break with the majority social revolutionists showed their control by electing as chairman one of their leaders, M. Tchernoff, minister of agriculture in the Kerensky government, is interested as a probable prelude to an attempt on the part

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GOING BACK TO SERVICE

Some merchandise used to wear too long to suit the purchaser when style was more important than wearing quality. That was before the United States entered the war. Now, however, the Government is urging that Freak Styles, which are subject to frequent changes, should be avoided and that merchandise which will wear a long time be selected with a view of economizing so that we may win the war. Merchandise is changing from style to service—very rapidly. Of course there will always be a certain element of style to consider but our Government suggests that conservative styles should prevail until the close of the war. Unless you have kept posted upon conditions existing in factory districts, you cannot realize what a shortage there will be as soon as stocks now on hand are exhausted. Most merchants have large reserve stocks and are earnestly trying to protect their customers against the heavy advances which must come soon, as retail prices are actually below wholesale prices in a great many lines.

YOU Can Help Merchants Keep Prices Down

By being reasonable in your demands for service. **PAY CASH for Everything You Buy** Don't ask to have small packages delivered. Don't complain about slight imperfections in merchandise which are almost unavoidable under present conditions, because there is an unusual demand and factories are short of help and raw material and are operating only about 60 per cent of their capacity and the Government needs demand half of their output. Every unreasonable demand you make upon a merchant adds to the expense of doing business, which means higher prices.

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