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RUSSIA-HUN PACT ONLY PAPER SCRAP

Fighting Continues on East-
ern Front; Teutons Reach
Jamburg, 68 Miles From
Petrograd Is Announcement

BOLSHEVIKI SAY THEY WILL MAKE HOLY WAR

Ambassador Francis Urges
Russians Not to Ratify
Peace Treaty

(By The Associated Press)
Fighting continues at various
points along the eastern front. That
Germany considers the peace con-
vention she forced Lenin and Trots-
ky to sign as a "scrap of paper" is
evidenced by the announcement that
the Teutons have reached Jamburg,
a town 68 miles from Petrograd.
The report of the subsequent partial
retirement of the Germans does
not lend encouragement to the belief
that further invasion of Russia
has been abandoned.

The text of the peace treaty signed
by Rumania serves, too, to show
that the central powers are loath to
forego any conquests they may make
in Russia. One of the clauses of the
Rumanian treaty bound that country
to assist in the transport of Teuton
forces through Moldavia and
Bessarabia on their way to Odessa,
the "granary of Russia."

Turks Become Aggressive.
Not only are the Teutons advancing
against the demoralized slavs,
but the Turks are also aggressors in
Asia-Minor. Reports state that the
Ottoman troops are operating near
Triblizon, on the southern shore
of the Black sea.

Germany has negotiated a peace
treaty with the republic of Finland
by which the latter agrees not to
cede any territory or grant territorial
rights without the consent of
Germany, which, in consideration for
this concession, covenants to exert
her influence to secure recognition of
the Finnish government from other
nations. All claims for war costs
or damages are waived, and the Aland
island will be evacuated by the Fin-
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NATIONAL PROHI PARTY FAVORS RADICAL STEPS

U. S. Asked to Curb Articles
Made by Women Working
Over 8 Hours

WORK FOR DRY PLEDGED

Guidance of God Accepted in
Platform by Chicago
Delegates

CHICAGO, March 7.—Equal suffrage, prohibition and radical legislation favoring farmers and laborers are the chief planks of the platform of the National party, adopted here today at a convention attended by about 200 delegates, 100 of whom are bolters from the Prohibition party.

The platform, after several hours of debate on the negro voting question and various points of the planks favoring laborers, was adopted by a unanimous vote and is the first definite expression of the policies of the new party. A summary of it follows:

In regard to suffrage, the right of men and women to vote on all questions and enforcement of the laws enfranchising negroes and others regardless of color or race is demanded.

Prohibition Work Pledged.
The prohibition plank pledges the party to work for nation-wide prohibition and for immediate ratification of the constitutional amendment.

Extension of the federal loan law is the most important legislation concerning farmers which is advocated.

Limitation of immigration, shortening of working hours, governmental insurance, rigorous inspection of factories and working places, and adequate enforcement of child labor laws are some of the things urged in the labor plank. It is also advocated that the government forbid interstate shipments of articles made by children, women employed more than eight hours a day or six days a week, convicts under private contract or persons employed in un-inspected factories or mines. Abolition of contract prison labor, and the establishment of the honor system, in prisons, are advocated.

Guidance of God Accepted.
Much of the platform also is de-
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U. S. SENDING SUPPLIES AND MEN ON TIME

Transportation Requirements
Are Met by Shipping Board
and Immediate Ship Situa-
tion Held Satisfactory

APRIL HOLDS RECORD
AS OFFENSIVE MONTH

Mud Is Drying and Decisive
Year of War to Start Its
Fighting Soon

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Troops and supplies for General Pershing's forces now are moving to France on schedule time, it was learned today on high authority. While figures may not be published, it was stated positively that transportation requirements of the army are being met by the shipping board, and the immediate situation as to ships was described as satisfactory.

In view of this assurance that the United States will be able to maintain its place as a fighting unit on the battle fronts reports from the western front are being scanned more eagerly than ever by officers here for the first signs of the 1918 campaign. It is felt strongly that the opening of major operations in what President Wilson predicted will prove the decisive year of the great war, will not be much longer delayed. Mud has been the determining factor of many previous western front operations. So long as the ground is soft with the winter rains, it is impossible to move forward great guns and necessary transport trains to support an advancing line. Even in Flanders, however, indications this year are that the ground will harden early in spring, permitting either side to undertake the enterprises planned.

April Is Offensive Month.
In previous years, April has seen offensive operations set in motion by the allies. For that reason many officers here seem to anticipate raiding and minor assaults before the middle of next month which will show in themselves that the ground is being mapped, information obtained and local strategic advantages established by one side or the other in preparation for great effort.

To others it appears probable that no offensive will be undertaken on any considerable scale before May 1. They base that view on reports that the French offensive in 1916 started in April, proved to be at least two weeks too early. The guns and transport could not be brought forward to consolidate all the ground the troops were able to wrest from German control.

American Cooperation Felt.
Germany May Take Defensive.
Meanwhile, during the last few days there has been less discussion of a German offensive on the western front. There are observers here who never have been convinced that the Germans actually intended to attempt another drive at the channel ports or at Paris. To these officers, the admitted concentration of Ger-
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DECEMBER SEES MORE U-BOATS SUNK THAN BUILT

Anti-Submarine Campaign
Expected to Curb Destruction
to Shipping

OPTIMISTIC VIEW HELD

America Counting on Work
of Greater Number of
Patrol Vessels

WASHINGTON, March 7.—More submarines were destroyed by the allies and American naval forces in December than Germany was able to build during that month, according to information reaching Washington. This fact developed today in discussions of the statement to parliament Tuesday by Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the British admiralty, that the submarines were being checked. Whether succeeding months have shown a net loss in German submarines is not known here. It is believed, however, that the anti-submarine campaign has proved so effective that increased efforts this spring will see a steady decrease in the number of U-boats available to prey on allied and American shipping.

Optimism Is Uppermost.
What officials know of plans for pressing home the attack with increasing vigor, explains the feeling of optimism that now prevails in official circles, despite heavy drain on shipping tonnage through the U-boats. The gradual decline in tonnage losses was graphically pictured to parliament by Sir Eric with curve charts.

American naval officers appear to be satisfied that the weapons with which they expect to crush finally the submarine menace are forthcoming. Increased numbers of patrol vessels of various types, appliances and devices to make them more effective against underwater craft and the increased skill of navy personnel are among the things upon which they count. It has taken time to devise and build the weapons but they are beginning to become available now.

When the United States entered the war the navy contributed promptly all that it had available to join in the submarine hunt. Sir Eric paid high tribute in his remarks to the spirit and efficiency of American naval units, crediting them with a fair share of what had been accomplished. Vice-Admiral Sims' destroyers have constituted only the advance guard of what the American navy planned to furnish for the fight. Even with that limited aid, the allied navies have held the enemy and are now destroying one out of every four or five German U-boats that put to sea.

Now America's real contribution to the naval warfare is about to be felt. With every passing week the strength of the force will grow, for it is embodied in the most extensive construction program ever undertaken for the navy of any power.

The new destroyers and other craft must be added to the patrol fleets gradually as they are completed. Therefore, no sudden falling off of tonnage losses is to be expected. It has been stated publicly by high British naval authorities, however, that next August will show beyond question that the U-boats have been overcome. There are officials here who are hopeful that decided results will be apparent before that, perhaps as early as May or June.

Swiss Protect Italian Affairs in Russia Now

BERNE, Switzerland, Wednesday, March 6.—The Italian government has requested that the Swiss ambassador to Petrograd take charge of Italian interests in Russia.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS ESCAPE OF DR. STURDEVANT FROM HOSPITAL

Dr. H. A. Sturdevant, who since February 7, 1917, has been a patient at the State Hospital for the Insane, escaped mysteriously from that institution yesterday, and Superintendent Steiner suspects that relatives may have been instrumental in helping him to elope.

His wife, a Portland woman, was about the hospital yesterday morning but is not believed to have seen her husband then. She has been in controversy with the patient's brothers, Dr. H. F. Sturdevant of Portland and Fred Sturdevant of Wyoming as to who should care for him when paroled. Dr. Steiner had expected to parole Sturdevant June 1. The belief that someone helped him to get away is strengthened by the discovery that his clothing is missing.

Sturdevant was one of the inmates who attacked Attendant Fitch sev-

BATTLES ON ITALIAN SOIL WARMING UP

Batteries of Italy's Army Be-
gin Concentrated Fire on
Enemy Troops in Movement
on Asiago Plateau

GERMAN OFFENSIVE
IS LATE FORECAST

Artillery Stops Attack by
Huns; Aviators Pound
Teuton Lines

ROME, Wednesday, March 6.—The Italian and enemy batteries on important sectors of the front have again taken up reciprocal firing activity. The statement from the war office today also reports effective work by Italian airplanes. (A German offensive in Italy was forecast in a Washington dispatch yesterday.) The statement reads:

"There was a lively renewal of reciprocal fire between Lake Garda and the Astico, in the region of Montello and along the coastal zone. Our batteries made effective concentrations of fire on enemy troops in movement on the Asiago basin, south of Primolano, on the black slopes of Col della Berratta and in the vicinity of Lampoi to the left of the Piave. South of Tierso hostile reconnaissance parties who attempted to reach our lines were repulsed with losses. On the Pasubio we exploded a mine, damaging the enemy's positions.

"Our aircraft bombarded the enemy aviation ground at Motta di Livenza and a column of troops marching in the neighborhood of Oderzo. A British aviator brought down a hostile machine."

French Hurl Back Huns.
PARIS, Wednesday, March 6.—German raids on the Verdun front last night were repulsed by the French, the war office announces.

"Rather heavy artillery fighting occurred in the region of Cormicy and Rheims. Last night the Germans made raids against our trenches at Avocourt Wood and northwest of Hill 344 (Verdun front). Our fire everywhere checked the assailants and prisoners, including an officer, remained in our hands.

"On Tuesday three German airplanes were brought down by our pilots and two by the fire of our anti-aircraft guns.

"Macedonian front.—There was reciprocal artillery activity west of Lake Doiran in the Cerna Bend and north of Monastir."

British Repulse Foe.
LONDON, March 7.—"A raid attempted by the enemy last night east of Epehy, under cover of a heavy artillery barrage, was completely repulsed," the war office reports. "Other hostile raiding parties which endeavored to reach our lines southeast of Bois Grenier and east of Poicappelle were equally unsuccessful.

"The enemy's artillery has been active in the Scrape valley west of Lens and east of Ypres, and shortly before dawn developed considerable activity in the Neute Chapelle sector.

"The enemy's artillery has been more active than usual south of St. Quentin and in the neighborhood of Bois Grenier. Some activity was also shown west of Cambrai, and southeast and northeast of Ypres."

"After two days of wind and rain, the weather cleared slightly on the afternoon of Tuesday," says today's official report of aerial operations.
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RUMANIA, FORCED TO SIGN PEACE, NOW INDIGNANT

Little Nation Compelled to
Yield to Ruthless and
Powerful Foe

HELP FROM U. S. HOPED

Belief Is Held Final Terms
Will Compensate Country
for Sacrifices

JASSY, Rumania, Monday, March 4.—Intense indignation is felt by the army and people of Rumania over the terms of the preliminary peace imposed upon Rumania by the central powers. With its military forces scattered and its hopeless strategic position, Rumania had no recourse except to yield to a powerful and ruthless foe. The Rumanian example is pointed to as a repetition of the bitter fate suffered by Serbia and Belgium.

The royal family is greatly depressed over the disastrous course of events. Both the king and queen, through the Associated Press express the earnest hope that the American people will have a sympathetic appreciation of the tragical circumstances that forced peace on Rumania and that the warm friendship that has always existed between the two nations will in no wise be impaired.

Later Reputation Is Hope.
Hope is felt by the royal family and the people that when world peace comes some of the sacrifices now being made by Rumania will be recognized and recompensed. Rumania's delegates at the final peace conference in Bucharest will be Mr. Argetyanu, minister of justice; General Lupercu of the Rumanian army; Colonel Pircescu, former military attaché at Berlin; Mr. Papilianu, former Rumanian minister to Turkey, and Mr. Burchelle of the foreign office.

The American Red Cross and all other foreign missions in Rumania are making plans to leave, their departure being compelled by the peace terms.

Under the peace terms, Rumania not only will have to give up Dobruja, lose control of the Danube and endure other great economic sacrifices, but she will be compelled to yield to Germany large wheat, petroleum and salt concessions. It is understood that Germany will have control of the Rumanian railways for a period of fifteen years and will have possession of the four principal fortified passes through the Carpathians. All German goods are to enter Rumania free of duty while all Rumanian goods will go to Germany under the old tariff with the exception of certain reductions.

Final Ultimatum Served.
Germany served her final ultimatum on Rumania yesterday, giving the little kingdom only twenty-four hours in which to make a final decision. A crown council was held and it was decided that Rumania, completely isolated and without outside support, would have to bow to the force of circumstances and take a course from which there appeared to be no escape.

Former Premier Bratiano, who attended the meeting, declared that no nation could accept terms so humiliating. King Ferdinand asked him if he would assume his old position at the head of the cabinet and accept the responsibility for refusing Germany's terms. Bratiano replied he could not undertake individually to bear such a burden.

Planet With Tiny Moon Around It Is Discovered

BERNE, SWITZERLAND, Wednesday, March 6.—An astronomical discovery of extraordinary interest is reported from the observatory of Heidelberg university, relative to studies made of a little planet recently discovered. The planet's orbit is between those of Mars and Jupiter, but an unusual feature connected with it is the fact that it has a tiny moon revolving around it. This is the only asteroid which is accompanied by a satellite.

Lee Canfield Reappointed on Barber Examiner Board

Governor Withycombe yesterday reappointed Lee Canfield of Salem a member of the state board of barber examiners, to serve four years. He was first appointed November 2, 1918, to succeed H. G. Meyer. Canfield is president of the board.

Non-Partisan Leaguer Forced to Kiss U. S. Flag

KENYON, Minn., March 7.—George Bredal, a Non-Partisan League organizer, tonight was escorted to the railroad station here, forced to kneel and kiss the American flag and then to purchase a ticket for Dodge Center. He was put on the train with orders not to return.

QUEER LIGHT APPEARS IN OREGON SKY

Brilliant Electrical Display
Aurora Borealis Viewed by
Throngs Throughout United
States Last Night

EASTERN WIRE SERVICE
IS TEMPORARILY HURT

Electrical Conditions in Up-
per Air Strata Create
Rich Color

PORTLAND, March 7.—A brilliant display of the aurora borealis was reported tonight from Mary Hill, Pasco and Kennewick, Wash. At times the shooting lights were exceedingly spirited.

Telegraphic communication was badly interrupted between 8:30 and 9 o'clock here tonight by the aurora borealis. Lines in all directions were affected.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Brilliant lights in the sky over the capital tonight brought a large part of the population into the streets to observe what was thought to be a big fire. It was the aurora borealis, and officials of the naval observatory said the display was the best they ever had seen in this latitude.

BOSTON, March 7.—An aurora borealis of brilliant red was visible throughout the New England states tonight for a period of about three hours. At the Harvard observatory it was said the color resulted from peculiar electrical conditions in the upper strata of the atmosphere.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 7.—For more than two hours tonight the aurora borealis illuminated the northern skies making one of the most brilliant displays of the northern lights ever witnessed here. The appearance of the phenomenon is very rare in the south.

NEW YORK, March 7.—The aurora borealis was observed by thousands of persons here tonight. The phenomenon was visible from 8 o'clock until 11 o'clock when apparently it reached its maximum of brilliancy. The long streamers from the arch were well tinted, a vivid red predominating.

Telegraph and telephone communication north and east of New York suffered considerable interruption by reason of the phenomenon.

CHICAGO, March 7.—The aurora borealis caused much trouble for tel-
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WENDEROTH IS EXALTED RULER

Teller at Ladd & Bush Bank
Elected Head of Salem
Elks for Year

Harry J. Wenderoth was last night elected exalted ruler of Salem lodge No. 336, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Attendance last night was the largest recorded at a regular meeting of the lodge for years.

Mr. Wenderoth has been a teller at Ladd & Bush bank for fourteen years. He has been a member of the Salem Elks lodge for eight years and has been through the chair. He will succeed Walter E. Keyes, who was elected last night as delegate to the grand lodge session of the Elks which will be held in July at Atlantic City, N. J.

Other officers elected last night were: Esteemed elected knight, A. E. Huestein, esteemed loyal knight A. L. Downing; secretary, Harry J. Wiedmer; treasurer, C. M. Cox; trustee for three years, Dr. H. H. Ollinger; tiler, Elmer Giles; alternate representative to grand lodge, F. T. Wrightman.

Cadet Loses Control of Airplane and Is Killed

FORT WORTH, Texas, March 7.—Burton E. Hurlburt, 24 years old, cadet in the British royal flying corps, was instantly killed at Benbrook flying field here today when he lost the mastery of the airplane in which he was being instructed and plunged a short distance to the earth.

Hurlburt's death was the thirty-sixth at Benbrook caused by an airplane accident.

The instructor with the young cadet, riding in the rear seat of the fuselage, was uninjured. He had just surrendered control of the machine to Hurlburt who was attempting a landing.

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