

GERMANY NOT TO EXPLOIT RUSSIA, VIEW

Intense Feeling of Hostility Created Throughout Invaded Country to Have Influence, Thinks Bonar Law

ALLIES MUST WIN BY STEADY IMPROVEMENT

Russian Collapse Affects All Theaters of War Except Hun Colonies

LONDON, March 8.—In his address before the commons yesterday, Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, said that the breakdown of Russia deeply affected every theater of war except the German colonies, out of which the Germans have been driven.

Referring to the Mesopotamia and Palestine operations the chancellor said he doubted whether it could be possible to carry out the British operations there by means of troops transferred by sea.

Turning to the west, Mr. Bonar Law said that but for the Russian collapse it might have been expected that the war would have been over a year ago.

It is obvious that the Germans, having captured so many guns, have a great superiority in guns; but the power of their artillery has been limited to a great extent by the supply of ammunition, and I believe it is needless to fear danger of superiority in guns any more than in men on the western front.

So far I have considered the position without taking America into account," said the chancellor. "But America is the last factor that ought to be left out of the account. The United States is a nation of a hundred million people and with the largest resources in the world. Its value depends upon the success of our operations at sea, which will enable those resources to be brought to the use of the allies.

"We have been disappointed with the results of shipbuilding this year. There is nothing more vital in this war than what is done in two directions—the building of ships and the destroying of a submarine. It had been anticipated by the admiralty that there would be at the end of the second quarter of this year new construction that would more than equalize losses.

"Allies to Improve Gradually. Mr. Bonar Law said that, from the viewpoint of staying power in the war, once the equilibrium was established, every week meant improvement in favor of the entente allies and increased their ability to bring American resources to play in an important part in the war.

"English Not Weakening. To me all this meticulous talk (Continued on Page 2.)

UNITED STATES AND SPAIN SIGN TRADING PACT

Pershing to Get Supplies for Troops and French Credit Is Arranged

U. S. EXPORTS GRANTED

Expansion of Spanish Railway System of Big Importance to America

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Under the commercial agreement* between the United States and Spain, the formal signing of which in Madrid was announced today at the state department, not only will General Pershing get the supplies from Spain which he desires for his troops, but a French credit in Spain is arranged and the Spanish government permits free export to the allies of pyrites, minerals and manufactured wool.

These and other details of the agreement, which becomes effective immediately, were made public by the war trade board. Spain also will permit the export of other commodities to the extent that home requirements will permit. This is in addition to the specific licensing of the supplies required by General Pershing, which are understood to include 20,000 blankets and a large number of uniforms.

French Get Spanish Credit. While conducting the negotiations for this country, the American representatives, the board's statement said, were able to materially assist the French government in securing a larger credit in Spain to finance payments for the supplies which the republic draws from Spanish sources.

In return for supplies granted this country and the allies, the statement continued, "the United States assures to Spain its necessary supplies of cotton and petroleum, the amount of the monthly export of these commodities being fixed in the agreement at a figure which will cover the genuine Spanish requirements, but bar the possibility of German agents in Spain secretly buying up stocks of cotton."

Spain Is Granted other supplies, said the board, "to the extent that they can be spared after satisfying requirements in the United States and providing for the needs of the United States' associates in the war." Special concessions have been made in regard to locomotives and railway material, which are required to increase the carrying capacity of the Spanish railway system, a measure of decided importance to America and its associates which are drawing supplies from Spanish territory.

Five Mexican Bandits Are Killed by Poses

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas, March 8.—Five of 20 Mexican bandits who raided the Tom East ranch, south of Hebbronville last night, have been killed by possemen headed by Texas rangers and 13 others of the band have been located and will be "accounted before daylight," according to a message received here late tonight from Hebbronville. None of the possemen was injured.

Reorganization of War Council Is Announced

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Reorganization of the war council was announced today by the war department with Major General March, acting chief of staff, in the place formerly filled by General Bliss, and with Major General Goethals acting quartermaster general, and Edward R. Stettinius, surveyor of purchases, added to the personnel.

A. M. Southwick Is Out for Justice of the Peace

A. M. Southwick yesterday filed his notice with County Clerk Boyer that he will ask the suffrage of the voters of Marion county at the primary election in May next for the office of justice of the peace, on the Republican ticket, pledging himself for the betterment of the public good in the maintenance of law and order to the best of his ability.

ROSENBERG IS WINNER IN ORATORY

University of Oregon Student Takes First Place in State Intercollegiate Speaking Contest

SAME INSTITUTION GIVEN PRESIDENCY

Hundreds of Students Assemble—Banquet Follows Program

Abraham Rosenberg of the University of Oregon won first place in the annual contest of the Oregon Intercollegiate Oratorical association under the auspices of Willamette university at the First Methodist church last night. His subject was "Your Name Honored Yesterday; Today Loathed; What Will it be Tomorrow?"

Another honor fell to the state university in the election of Dwight Wilson to the presidency of the association. Marion Woolfolk of Pacific university was elected vice president, Harold Ennell of Willamette university secretary and W. B. Mainwaring of Oregon Agricultural college treasurer.

Mr. Rosenberg was awarded a gold medal as first prize in the oratorical contest. The others who placed out of the eight contestants were: Martin Bernards, Pacific university; "The Soul of Belgium"; Tri McSherry, McMinnville college; third, "Democracy vs. Autocracy"; J. I. Stuart, Oregon Agricultural college, third, "The Stake."

Meeting This Afternoon Is to Talk Farm Labor

Robert C. Paulus, manager of the Salem Fruit union, announces there will be a mass meeting of growers and farmers in the rooms of the union this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. All are asked to be present who may be in need of farm laborers, or who have laborers to spare to others.

St. Patrick's Day Will Be Observed in Salem

There is movement on foot in the city to celebrate St. Patrick's day in regulation, good old wartime style, and any one not seen on the streets on the 17th, with coat tails flying, and lapels adorned with genuine shamrock leaves, transported from the "Auld sod," will be "arrested" and "thrown in jail," or given over to the snakes long ago driven out of the Emerald Isle.

J. W. Brewer, Jr., Will Enter U. S. Naval Academy

J. W. Brewer representatives of the department of agriculture who is in Salem deriding the compilation of figures resulting from the recent farm crop and labor survey, has received word that his son, J. W. Brewer, Jr., has successfully passed entrance examinations for the naval academy at Annapolis. He was appointed by Representative Sinnott and for some time has been in a coaching school in the east preparatory for the Annapolis examinations. He is now at his home at The Dalles.

PETROGRAD IS AWAITING NEWS OF FATE CALMLY

Sleighs, Carts, Trains Aid in Evacuation of City for Moscow

PEACE DELEGATES BACK

M. Alexieff Says Pact Signed Under Force Will Be Short-Lived

PETROGRAD, Wednesday, March 6.—Petrograd is calmly awaiting news of its fate during the quiet offered by the temporary armistice, pending consideration of the peace treaty by the soldiers' and workmen's congress at Moscow. Evidence is seen everywhere that the city is being evacuated. The ministry of marine is sending its archives to Nijni-Novgorod. The ministry of the interior is moving to Moscow. M. Dibenko, commissioner of mines, has been missing for several days.

Crowds are trying to leave the city, but the regular trains have been suspended and permission to secure special trains is difficult to obtain. Fabulous prices are being paid for sleighs while thousands of persons are walking out along the highways and railroads. The theaters, opera and ballet are open as usual, the public being indifferent, which it has been subjected.

The Bolshevik delegation returned today from Brest-Litovsk. M. Alexieff, a member of the delegation, said the delegates were forced to sign under pressure of arms. He stated the terms of the treaty differ from the terms offered February 21 only in the surrender of the Caucasian districts of Bataunov, Kars and Karaband, under conditions which make it impossible for Russia to regain the districts from Turkey. He stated that it was the Russian understanding that the army was to return to the pre-war basis.

Jamieson Loses Arm When Powder Charge Explodes

While blasting stumps on the farm of Frank Harold near Quinaby Wednesday, Alfred Jamieson was the victim of an explosion that tore off his left hand and so shattered the arm that it was necessary to amputate above the elbow. His right eye was quite seriously injured but his physician believes the sight will be saved. He suffered some other bruises. The accident was caused by a fuse that was too short, the charge exploding before Jamieson could get far enough away from the stump to avoid injury. He is at the Salem hospital.

Lenine Compares Peace With That of Napoleon

PETROGRAD, March 7.—Nicolai Lenine, the Bolshevik premier, in an address against the Bolshevik who refuse to ratify the peace treaty negotiated at Brest-Litovsk, declares that the terms Napoleon imposed upon Russia and Germany were tenfold heavier than Germany is imposing on Russia.

Jefferson Commissioners May Have to Draw Lots

That County Commissioners Rowce Gard and E. Devickwood of Jefferson county will have to decide by drawing lots who shall complete his term of office this year is the advice offered in an opinion by Attorney General Brown. Neither man wants to retire.

BRITISH LINE IS ATTACKED BY GERMANS

Haig's Forces Fall Back on Ypres-Dixmude Sector But Enemy Is Later Driven Beyond Former Positions

HUN DRIVE SPIRITED; FLAME THROWERS AID

Sussex Troops Carry Out Raid With Small Loss and Take Prisoners

LONDON, March 8.—Serious fighting has taken place on the Ypres-Dixmude sector of the British front, according to the British official statement issued by the British war office tonight. A German attack on a front of more than a mile compelled some of the British advance posts to fall back, but later a counter attack re-established the British line.

"Shortly before dawn today after heavy artillery preparation, the enemy delivered a strong attack on a front of over a mile south of Houthulst forest. On a greater part of this front his attack broke down under the fire of our troops. At one point, however, on the left of our line, where the attack was pressed with great determination and supported by troops carrying flame throwers, some of the soldiers holding our advance posts were compelled to fall back a short distance on a front of about 500 yards.

"After severe fighting later in the morning a counter-attack was launched by Yorkshire light infantry with the result that the enemy's troops were driven back a distance of 300 yards beyond their former front line and heavy losses were inflicted upon them. Our positions are completely re-established. Our casualties in the enemy's original attack and in the subsequent fighting were light.

Folish Brigade of 8000 Men Reported in Mutiny

AMSTERDAM, March 8.—Vienna dispatches to the Frankfurter Zeitung say that it was alleged during a debate in the lower house of the Austrian reichsrath on Tuesday that a Croatian infantry regiment was ordered to march against a Polish brigade of 8000 men, which it is reported mutinied February 15. A pitched battle ensued, artillery and machine guns being used by both sides. There were heavy casualties and the Poles were finally overpowered and made prisoners.

Montana Community Wants Leper Taken From County

MISSOULA, Mont., March 8.—Fearing that the advent of warm weather will make the presence of O. J. Willett, quarantined as a leper, dangerous to their community, residents of Albertson have appealed to the commissioners of Mineral county for his removal.

Vatican Circles Aroused Over Peace With Russia

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Vatican circles are aroused over the article in the Brest-Litovsk peace treaty, which implies the return to Turkey of Armenian territory held by Russia, according to an official dispatch from Rome today, and the papal secretary of state is reported to have directed the apostolic delegate at Constantinople to take steps to obtain formal assurances regarding the fate of the Christian population.

PRESS REPORTS OF CASUALTIES ARE ELIMINATED

Pershing Holds Addresses Disclose Identity of Units in Trenches

ORDER IS PERMANENT

Nearest Relatives of Soldiers to Be Notified by War Department

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Issuance of daily lists of casualties among the expeditionary forces abroad was discontinued today by the public information committee as the result of an order of the war department under which the names of the next of kin and emergency addresses of soldiers whose names appear on the lists hereafter will be withheld. The official explanation is that the purpose of the order is to keep information of value from the enemy.

On being informed of the order the committee took the position that long lists of men killed or wounded would be worthless to the newspaper correspondents without the addresses, and a notice was issued advising the press that in future all information regarding casualties must be obtained from the war department. At the adjutant general's office it was stated that the lists without addresses would continue to be sent to the committee and would be available there.

Order to Be Permanent. While the disagreement between the committee and the department probably will be straightened out soon so that the "expurgated" lists may be made available to all who desire them, the purpose of the department to withhold the addresses apparently is unalterable. Acting Secretary Crowell said the order was issued at the urgent recommendation of General Pershing and that it would be permanent. Both Mr. Crowell and Major General March, acting chief of staff, declared that the purpose was to close up a channel through which the enemy might obtain valuable information and both disclaimed any intention of seeking to conceal heavy casualties reports from General Pershing.

Testimony Against Oscar Main Has Been Completed

CHEHALIS, Wash., March 8.—Taking of testimony in the case against Oscar Main, charged with the murder of Fred Swayne at Napa, on January 6, which was completed this afternoon. Tomorrow will be taken up with arguments and instructions to the jury and it is expected that the case will go to the jury tomorrow night.

Former Ambassador McIsaac Is Ill at Boston

BOSTON, March 8.—George von L. Meyer, former cabinet minister and ambassador, who has his winter residence here for many weeks, was tonight reported to have a serious illness, a physician during the day said that there was a chance of his recovery.

CLEAR SKIES RETURN; WAR FRONTS BUSY

Verdun Is Center of Heavy Artillery Actions; German Airmen Closely Examining American Lines

RUSS RETIRE HUNS WEST OF PETROGRAD

British Further Advance in Palestine; London Air Raid Kills 11

(By The Associated Press) Clear skies have returned to the battle front in France, and everywhere along the American, British and French sectors there has been an increase in activity by the forces which it is believed must soon close in combat. Official reports indicate that Verdun is once more the scene of heavy artillery actions, but this may be only a preliminary to an attack on another sector.

The American lines near Toul are just to the southeast of Verdun and the continued activity along this front shows that the Germans contemplate serious operations there. Raids in force, such as were met by the Americans with the utmost fortitude and completely repulsed, have not been repeated, but German aviators are continually over the American lines, spying out ammunition dumps, location of guns and the disposition of the American forces.

Russians Resist Germans. It is revealed in late reports that the retirement of the Germans from Narva, west of Petrograd, was a result of resistance by Russians at Jamburg, 65 miles southwest of the Russian capital. This resistance may be only a local instance of the disposition of the Bolshevik government to fight against further invasion of Great Russia, but it points to the fact that the Russians are still capable of conducting a defense which is effective.

The last details relative to the peace signed with Finland shows that from the Arctic ocean to the Black sea the German power is complete. It is reported that Finland "asked" Emperor William to place his son Oscar on the Finnish throne. This deprives Russia of both shores of the Gulf of Finland and makes Petrograd virtually an inland city, so far as foreign commerce is concerned.

British Advance in Palestine

The British forces in Palestine have once more taken the offensive and have advanced over a front 13 miles long to a depth of three miles. The British are slowly moving northward along the valley of the Jordan from Jericho and are advancing their lines to the west.

MT. ANGEL GRANTS FRANCHISE FOR RAILROAD GOING TO BEND

MT. ANGEL, ORE., March 9.—(Special to The Statesman)—The city council at a recent meeting granted a franchise for the building of a railroad through the city. Apparently there has been much money spent on the surveys of this project which has for its object, connection with the Willamette Valley Southern Railway at Mt. Angel extending from this point through Sublimity, Stayton, Niagara and Bend. The options covering the right of way call for completion July 1st, 1919, and January 1st, 1920.