

ALLIANCE AGAINST BOLSHEVIKI GROWS

Ukraine, Odessa and Cossacks
Unite to Ditch Radicals.

MOBS BEGIN LOOTING

Appearance of German and Austrian
Officers Causes Heartburnings—
Constitutionalists Accused.

London—The Rada, the governing body of the Ukraine, apparently is maintaining its determined stand as to the Bolshevik government. It is reported that it has converted its sympathies with the movement of General Kaledines, the Cossack leader, into a definite alliance.

Advices received from Russia are to the effect that the Bolshevik commissioners, after receiving the Rada's rejection of the Bolshevik ultimatum, sent another one, giving the Ukraine a further 48 hours in which to reconsider its refusal.

Another report received here says that Odessa now has definitely gone over to the side of the Ukraine. Details of the capture of Rostov-on-Don printed in Petrograd show there were six days of fighting before the Cossacks entered the town last Saturday.

The Red Guards lost 800 men killed and 1000 wounded in the fighting. The Cossacks gave short shrift to the "Red Guards," whom they hate. The Bolshevik chiefs fled from the town on board warships.

There has been no important fighting at Nakhichevan, province of the Don, where the Bolshevik troops have fraternized with the Cossacks. A clash has taken place between the Bolsheviks and Ukrainians at Bolgard, Bessarabia. The town is on fire.

It is said that a great quantity of valuable property has been taken from houses of the rich in Petrograd by the mobs searching for liquor. Among the buildings sacked is the palace of Grand Duchess Marie Pavlovna widow of Grand Duke Vladimir.

While the peace delegates are assembling the activity at Petrograd of a number of German and Austrian officers apparently is causing heartburnings. Circulars have been spread alleging that the council of soldiers' and workmen's delegates is in negotiations with these enemy officers. The Pravda the Bolshevik organ prints an unqualified denial and makes a counter charge against the Constitutional Democrats alleging that they are trying to undermine Trotsky and Lenin.

PLANTS TO CLOSE ONE WEEK

Michigan Coal Shortage Forces Fuel
Administration to Act.

Washington, D. C.—Fuel supplies in Michigan have reached such a low ebb that Administrator W. K. Prudden has asked manufacturers in that state to suspend operations of industrial plants from midnight Saturday until midnight December 29.

The only exceptions are factories making war munitions needed for prompt shipment.

Mr. Prudden's request was contained in telegrams sent after a conference here with Fuel Administrator Garfield. It said:

"In order to conserve the small fuel supply now on hand at industrial plants within the state of Michigan, I suggest and request that every plant engaged in manufacturing, directly or indirectly, any operation from midnight December 22 until midnight December 29.

"No exception should be made except plants engaged in the manufacture of war munitions imperatively needed for prompt shipment. To conserve the greatest amount possible of fuel only such heating as is necessary to avoid great damage by freezing at plants should be allowed.

"A patriotic response and adoption of the within request may obviate issuing positive orders covering a longer period.

"Unless present conditions quickly improve fuel on hand will be needed for household use."

Last Alamo Fighter Dead.

San Antonio, Tex.—Enrique Esparza, the last survivor of the Alamo, is dead. When on March 6, 1836, Santa Ana stormed in the final and successful assault the chapel where a handful of Americans fought to their death, surrounded by piles of Mexican dead, the victors found a group of Mexican women in a barricaded section of the front of the building. Among them was an 8-year-old lad, Enrique Esparza, who died here Monday aged 89.

TO AMEND LOAN LAW

Farm Loan Board Advocates Changes
in Banking Act—Attacks on
Amendment Expected.

Washington, D. C.—The federal Farm Loan board announced Monday that it advocates amendments to the farm loan act under which many private farm mortgage bankers may enter the government system as joint stock land banks. At the same time the board also gave warning that it expects those seeking to break down the system to file a suit soon to test the constitutionality of the act.

Amendments to the existing law which will be specifically recommended to congress in the board's forthcoming annual reports are:

To remove the present restriction permitting a joint stock land bank to do business only in the state where it is situated and one contiguous state.

To permit a bank to issue bonds to the amount of twenty times its capital stock, which must be \$250,000 or more, instead of fifteen times, as under existing law; and,

To raise from 6 to 6½ per cent the maximum interest rate which joint stock land banks may charge on loans.

Joint stock land banks would still be compelled to limit interest rates on loans within 1 per cent more than the selling price of their bonds, even though the maximum were raised to 6½ per cent. They also would have to compete with the Federal land banks' new rate of 5½ per cent.

In a statement explaining the financial condition of the Federal land banks, the farm loan board said:

"We are advised that the next move of those who are seeking to break down the system, will be to institute a suit contesting the constitutionality of the farm loan act. The purpose of this suit will be to alarm investors who have already bought bonds, and to dissuade others from buying them.

"There is not the slightest reason to fear it, however. The system is so strong and its administration is of such paramount importance to the agricultural development of the country that attacks on it are bound to fail. It is only proper, however, that this warning should be given in order that the farmers and all friends of the system should grasp the sinister purpose that is behind these attacks."

Recent charges that the Federal land banks are not self-supporting, based on the board's application to congress for an appropriation of \$100,000,000 a year for this and next year, with which the treasury might absorb any farm loan bonds not sold privately, were met by explanation that the average impairment of the \$750,000 capital with which each bank started six months ago, representing government stock subscriptions, amounts to 6 per cent, or \$45,000 each. This is more than counter-balanced by farm loan associations' subscriptions to additional stock, amounting to more than \$1,500,000, or about \$125,000 for each bank. Actual capital of all banks consequently is about \$10,000,000, or \$1,000,000 more than their original capital, furnished by the government.

SHIP OF MYSTERY ARRIVES

Queer Craft Ruled by Committee, Said
to Be Bolsheviki.

A Pacific Port—Unheeded and regarded as a mystery ship along the waterfront, the Russian freighter Shilka, Captain Boris Dogal, slipped into the harbor here just before midnight Friday. The Shilka is direct from Vladivostok and is under Bolshevik control.

The steamer left Vladivostok November 24 as a "Kerensky ship," but when a few days out the crew mutinied and took control, declaring for the Bolshevik regime. The wireless operator attempted to send out word of the mutiny and the sailors prepared to shoot him, but changed their minds.

Before the real identity of the ship was learned Saturday members of the crew attended L. W. W. meetings, it is said.

The armed guards at the ship now have orders to allow no one to land from her. The immigration authorities probably will take charge of the craft.

No one in authority would venture to predict what would be done with the ship. It is pointed out that she came into port with the men in command claiming allegiance to the Bolshevik government, which has not been recognized by the United States, and this may cause the temporary internment of the vessel.

\$100,000 Left Barber.

Astoria, Or.—To be suddenly transformed from a barber, at 18 per week, to a man of wealth, was the experience of A. S. Haddix, employed in a local shop. News of his good fortune came in a telegram which said he was heir to an estate of \$100,000, left by an uncle who died Tuesday at Houston, Tex. Haddix, who is a cousin of Deputy Collector Haddix, has been here but three weeks, and will leave for Texas to administer the estate.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Governor Withycombe has expressed his disapproval of a plan to provide an executive mansion for the president of the Oregon Agricultural College.

To meet the increased cost of school apparatus and higher salaries for instructors, the Coos County court advanced the per capita tax from \$8 to \$10 for the 1918 school year.

State Highway Engineer Nunn has forwarded notice to the Warren Construction company of the termination of two force account road construction contracts, and in notifying the company, charges it with gross negligence and carelessness.

Librarian J. S. Richards, of the Carnegie Library at Marshfield, has issued an order that any books in the possession of families where scarletina had been noted must be burned and the borrowers would be held responsible for their being replaced.

Earl Withycombe, 26 years old, the youngest son of Governor Withycombe, has enlisted in the highway engineers and been sent to Vancouver preparatory to entering active service overseas. It required three attempts on his part before he could finally join the ranks as a private.

H. Lowdy, a deserter from the Canadian army, will be taken from Marshfield to Victoria for trial. Captain Mooney, provost marshal of Halifax, where Lowdy deserted, has ordered his detention in the local jail, where he was placed after being arrested, until an escort could come from Victoria.

The first fatal auto accident in Grant county occurred Friday when a car containing D. A. Yokom and his son, A. C. Yokom, plunged over the grade on Canyon creek. The father was driving and turned his head for an instant to hear a remark the son was making when the machine went over the narrow grade into Canyon creek.

The Port of Toledo has just concluded a sale of \$75,000 worth of port bonds to Morris Bros., of Portland, at 91½ at 5 per cent interest. Toledo and Yaquina ports have sold bonds aggregating \$150,000, which sum will be expended on the south jetty of the Yaquina bar. Bids for lumber and piling for the work are being advertised.

J. W. Brewer, farm help specialist for Oregon for the department of Agriculture, is in Salem working in conjunction with Labor Commissioner Hoff and his assistant, Lester B. Davis, in co-ordinating and combining the work for next year to be carried on in furnishing the farmers of the state with a sufficient supply of help when it is needed.

Neal Baily, who is a native son of Grant county, died at his home in Prairie City Friday, following a short illness with pneumonia. Mr. Baily had served as city marshal of Prairie City for 25 years. He is survived by his widow, one sister, of Portland, and five brothers, Dan, Eugene, Jerry and Patrick, of Prairie City, and John D. Baily, of Boise, Idaho.

One hundred and sixty-five moles, whose skins were worth a total of \$35, were caught in traps by Glenn Bailey, a 14-year-old boy, living east of Eugene. Only four traps were used and the catch was made in a single season. Some firms are paying from 35 cents to 40 cents for male pelts now, it is declared. The demand for them is greater than ever before.

Out of 439 accidents reported to the Industrial Accident commission for the week ending December 13, four were fatal, according to the report just issued. The fatalities were L. H. Fletcher, Linnton; C. J. DeFore, Wauna, and Sam Payne, Westport, all sawmill employes, and Robert Foster, Portland, engaged on construction work.

Interest in plans for the standardization of the potato crop in Lane county is to be promoted by the Eugene-Springfield Potato association formed at a meeting held in Eugene Saturday. The purpose of the association is to establish in the minds of buyers from other sections of the country a confidence in the Willamette Valley potato.

Superintendent of Banks Sargent Saturday completed a statement showing the condition of all banks and trust companies of the state at the close of business November 20. The statement shows deposits aggregating \$198,958,775.40, or an increase of \$34,361,794.66 over November 17, 1916, an increase of \$17,708,210.25 over September 11, 1917.

Warden Murphy, of the penitentiary, will send seven prisoners and a foreman to Gold Hill, where preliminary work will be started on opening the lime deposits in that vicinity. The work will be confined to getting the new tramway installed and in operation. No actual labor will be done on the lime deposits until the preliminary work has been completed.

WAR WAS FORESEEN

Bureau Heads Spent Millions for Military
Equipment Before America
Made Open Declaration.

Washington, D. C.—Clothing, shoes and food supplies for the American army were investigated by the Senate military committee Saturday, turning its general inquiry into war preparations to the Quarter-Master General's department. It was developed that millions of dollars were spent just before the United States entered the war to provide for the great army since raised.

Major-General Sharpe was before a committee. An hour was given to confidential questions behind closed doors. He was closely examined, especially regarding the admitted shortage of overcoats, which, he said, was principally due to late deliveries of large orders.

Except for overcoats and a few other winter garments, of which, he stated, complete stocks would be in camp by December 31, the general declared there is no clothing shortage.

Shoes, also, General Sharpe said, have been provided in ample quantities per capita, but the average drafted man of the National Army has proved to be so much larger physically than the regulars and guardsmen with whom the department has had to deal in the past, that many of the shoes and overcoats have proved useless.

Manufacture of the smaller sizes has been stopped, but the situation resulted in some hardships for the drafted soldiers before it could be corrected. Food, General Sharpe stated, and the committeemen assented, had been ample and of fine quality.

Committee members stated that the investigation of the Quartermaster-General's office had only been begun. Cantonment locations and contracts, sanitation, the relation of the winter clothing shortage to recent disease epidemics and transportation of the army by rail and water are subjects to be taken up later.

General Sharpe told in detail of the vast task of supplying the expanded war army. He said he authorized 30-day service equipment for 1,000,000 more men in February and March, and for another 500,000 men in June. Orders aggregating many millions of dollars were placed before the war and without authorization of a dollar by congress.

By December 31, the general said, complete supplies for 1,078,000 men would be on hand.

MANY IN GERMANY STARVING

Berlin Paper Says Rich and Farmers
Live in Luxury, However.

London—According to a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam Vorwaerts, of Berlin, in a plain spoken attack on the system of Herr von Waldow, the German food controller, declares that great masses of German people not only are hungry, but are literally starving. The paper adds that agricultural producers and rich residents in towns are living in plenty, as hoarding is no longer prohibited.

"Every war profiteer and millionaire," says the paper, "has his kitchen and cellar full of ham and bacon, the middle class ekes a precarious existence, spending all it possesses on food, but 40,000,000 of the masses are starving and are unlikely to sit silent."

"We might have within a month an absolute catastrophe in Germany and a collapse worse than Russia, resulting in German defeat and loss of the war."

MAY RESUME WAR ON KAISER

Bolsheviki Declares if Peace Terms Are
Offensive Struggle Will Go On.

Petrograd—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.

"We did not overthrow czarism to kneel before the kaiser," he cried.

Continuing he said:

"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."

3 British Aviators Killed.

Fort Worth, Tex.—Three British aviators in training here were killed Monday when two machines collided in the air. Two of the men were in one machine. The collision took place at a low altitude and less than half a mile from the landing field. The dead are: Arthur Eden Webster, 19, Kingston, N. Y.; Lieutenant Russell Jenner, 19, Kingsville, Ont.; Clyde Albert Banker, 20, Kent, England.

Brazil Curbs Dutch Consuls.

Rio de Janeiro—A decree has been promulgated cancelling the exequaturs of Gremans acting as consuls of neutral countries in Brazil. The decree is directed against the consuls of Austria and Holland.

MEAT PACKERS ARE INVOLVED IN EXPOSE

Lessons in High Finance Are
Proving Sensational.

F. J. HENEY AT HELM

Chicago Stockyards Alleged to Have
Been Organized for Sole Purpose
of Legalizing "Pickings."

Washington, D. C.—From the seclusion of corporate records, the Federal Trade Commission Friday drew sensational disclosures of high finance, dummy officers and sham trustees in its efforts to determine the ownership of the Chicago stockyards and the terminal railroad facilities at the big packing plants there.

Establishment of ownership of the stockyards is only the first of the tasks before the commission, which plans to continue its investigation into every branch of the country's meat supply and the alleged control of the meat food of 100,000,000 people by five principal groups of packers. The commission's report will be made the basis for recommendations that additional legislation be enacted to remedy the situation, if found necessary, and any evidence of lawbreaking will be turned over to the department of Justice.

It has been stated that subpoenas will not be issued for representatives of the packers, a step which might give them immunity in subsequent prosecutions.

Organization of the Chicago Stockyards company, under the laws of Maine, alleged to have been for the purpose of providing a legal method for the payment of millions in "pickings," or rebates, to the packing plants by the Chicago junction railroads and Union Stockyards company, of New Jersey, occupied Francis J. Heney, special counsel, and the witnesses called Friday at the first of a series of open hearings. Other witnesses will be asked to tell what they know of J. Ogden Armour and F. H. Prince, of Boston, obtaining control of the Junction Railways company, which was organized by Prince, and turning it over to the stockyards company. F. W. Croll, confidential secretary to Mr. Armour, is expected to testify.

Richard Olney and other citizens of New England appeared in the testimony as sponsors for the plan of absorbing the money making Junction Railways company by the new corporation. F. R. Hart, vice chairman of the board of directors of the Old Colony Trust company, of Boston, and E. V. R. Thayer, president of the Chase National Bank, of New York, testified of their activities as members of the late Mr. Olney's organization committee which induced holders of 60,000 shares of the New Jersey common stock to surrender their stock and their right to more than \$30,000,000 surplus and accept in return a guaranteed 9 per cent from the new company.

"The whole plan was an entirely transparent proposition," Mr. Heney told the commission, "to hide the real ownership and conceal the fact that Armour and other packers had an interest in the yards."

46 PERSONS DEAD IN CRASH

Louisville & Nashville Trains Collide
in Kentucky—Many Hurt.

Shepherdsville, Ky.—Forty-six persons were killed and 39 injured when Louisville & Nashville passenger train No. 7, from Cincinnati to New Orleans, crashed into the rear of a Bardstown, Louisville & Springfield accommodation train Thursday night.

First reports, apparently authentic, had placed the number of known dead at 67 and the number of injured at between 50 and 60, but this was reduced when an official check of figures was made.

From other sources it was learned that the accommodation train had left the station after making a stop when the fast train came in sight, running at a high rate of speed, and plunged into the rear end of the train ahead. The two wooden coaches and the baggage car were splintered.

Christmas Mail Arrives.

A French Port—A ship carrying 20,000 sacks of Christmas mail for the American troops arrived Saturday from the United States. The army postoffice has 50 special freight cars and an extra heavy detail of men here to handle the mail, which will be delivered on or before Christmas Day.

Another steamer arrived on Monday with 4600 sacks of army mail, comprising for the most part Christmas presents.