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FREE RUSSIA FACES FUTURE THAT IS DARK

QUARREL BETWEEN LEADERS OF SOLDIERS AND THE DUMA IS MENACING

COALITION GOVERNMENT ASKED

Leaders' Frankness in Urging Im- possibility of Double Headed Power Meets Favor

Petrograd, May 10.—Frank admission that free Russia's future is darkly menaced by the quarrel between the duma provisional government, and the soldiers' and workmen's committee, was made in striking phrases of a proclamation posted today throughout Petrograd, inviting a coalition government.

After listing in detail the various reforms which had been achieved under the new regime, in conformity with pledges to the people, the duma leaders referred to the later friction and said:

"The provisional government ought to rely on moral forces. Not a drop of the people's blood has been shed by its fault. No threat of the liberty which arises from Russia."

Continuing the proclamation appealed to the efforts of all to strengthen the power by safeguarding it.

"The government," the document concludes "desires to reinforce its composition by inviting to join with it, representatives of the live creative forces of the country who hitherto have not taken an active part in the administration of the state."

The government's complete frankness in this appeal to the people created favorable response today. All newspapers comment at length on it. Those regarded as favoring Foreign Minister Millukoff joined in declaring that "double power" in Russia is impossible.

Maxim Gorky's newspaper today proclaimed such a state of affairs as revealed in the present crisis is "unendurable." The appeal of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, to Russian workmen to stand by the government and be firm for "freedom" was widely published today.

FRENCH SUCCEED IN WIDENING WEDGE

Paris, May 10.—More gains by General Nivelle's French troops in repulsing an attack in the region of Chevreux and a widening of the French wedge on the German lines across the northern slope of the plateau of Vaulere were detailed in today's official statement.

German counter-attacks of great force were struck during the night against several parts of the French lines along Chemin des Dames, the staff office said. All were unsuccessful.

The most powerful of these German blows was on the positions taken by the French in the region of Chevreux. So successful were the French in repulsing this violent assault, that they moved forward themselves in following it up. Capture of a fortified German position was announced in the official statement as the net result.

On the northern slope of the plateau of Vaulere the French succeeded in widening their grip, taking a number of prisoners belonging to a new German division. There were a patrol and skirmish engagements all along the remainder of the front.

GOTHAM GREET'S JOFFRE PARTY

New York Offers Brilliant Climax to Tour of the French War Com- mission Party

New York, May 10.—The seven million souls of the world's greatest city today combined to paint a brilliant and memorable climax to the American tour of Joffre, Viviani and the French commission.

Today's program feature will be the unveiling of a LaFayette monument in Prospect park, Brooklyn. The party will return to the Frick residence after a luncheon at the Astor.

Immediately thereafter Joffre will lay a wreath upon the sarcophagus at Grant's tomb, which will be followed by a short stop before the statue of Joan d'Arc at 93rd street and Riverside Drive.

The program will run far into the night. Beginning with a public reception at the library, Fifth avenue and 42nd street, it will end with the presentation of a check for \$150,000 to Joffre for the relief of French children by New York women.

LONDON CONCERN OVER LOSS

London, May 10.—The loss of a big passenger steamer with 70 persons, including several "people of note," aboard, was announced in a London Chronicle editorial today. The editorial voiced demand that the house of commons explain why the admiralty "pursues its inconsistent policy" of concealing facts.

"About two weeks ago," the editorial declared, "a large steamer was sunk and 70 lives were lost, some of them people of note. No news has been published of the disaster. Other outrages, involving loss of life, have been announced and descriptions published. On what principle does the admiralty censorship work?"

ARGENTINE CALLS PEACE CONFERENCE

Washington, May 10.—Argentina wants a congress of the "Nations of America." Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Mexico, Cuba, Peru and Paraguay have accepted the idea thus far. A message from Ambassador Stimson, not given out by the state department bureau of foreign "intelligence," says in part:

"The proposed congress of American nations to be called on the initiative of Argentine to meet at Buenos Aires, was first called a peace congress. . . . Then called only a commercial congress . . . and now called officially Congress of the Nations of America. . . . The idea has been accepted so far by Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico, Paraguay and Peru, but the invitations are not yet issued."

TROOPS IN PRACTICING DESTROY TEXAS HOMES

El Paso, May 10.—Three houses were damaged by shells which went wild during artillery practice by the Fifth United States field artillery on the outskirts of the city here today.

SEATTLE FUGITIVE SURRENDERS AT LAST

Seattle, May 10.—Logan Billingsley, fugitive king of bootleggers, who escaped from the federal detention station here several weeks ago, surrendered himself in federal court at 10:45 o'clock this morning.

CONGRESS IS AGAINST TEDDY'S DIVISION PLAN

Differences Between Two Houses Settled by Eliminating Roosevelt; Retaining the Prohibition Amendment and Making Age Limits 21 to 30

Washington, May 10.—Eliminating the Roosevelt division amendment from the selective service bill, house and senate conferees on the army measure reached an agreement today, and will report to their respective houses as quickly as their findings can be put into shape.

The conferees also eliminated the Fall amendment providing for the raising of a volunteer cavalry force for border duty.

The prohibition amendment, as passed by the senate, was left in the bill.

The age limit for those subject to service was fixed at 21 to 30 years. All men more than 21 and up to the age of 31 will be subject to service.

As it stands there is every probability the senate will make some attempt to restore the Roosevelt amendment, but since the conferees agreed to eliminate it and the administration does not want it in, it is not believed it could pass the senate again.

After a short session this morning, it was announced all lines of differences had been erased, but it was admitted there might be some

opposition to the report in both the house and senate. Senator Chamberlain said he would introduce the conference report early this afternoon.

Demands from the country for action on the bill and insistence upon the part of the administration for machinery with which to raise an army, it is believed, will hasten approval of the conference report.

Agreement today broke a deadlock in committee of more than a week's duration. There were a few minor additions to the bill. The prohibition section was modified to provide that penalty shall apply only to sale of liquor to those in uniform and not to furnishing or giving away a drink of liquor to a man off the reservation.

President Wilson awaits only action by congress on the report to issue his proclamation calling for the immediate application of the selective draft machinery. The proclamation is ready and all plans for hastening the work of registration throughout the country have been completed.

It is regarded as likely that within three months the first 500,000 men will have been selected.

LARGEST TAXATION BILL IN HISTORY MEETS CHARGES OF SECTIONALISM

Washington, May 10.—One of the bitterest sectional fights in the history of the house was forecast when the government's \$1,800,000,000 revenue bill—the largest single taxation measure in history—was formally taken up for consideration this afternoon by the lower body.

The oratorical battle began when Majority Leader Kitchin, in charge of the measure, presented it with a plea for "all Americans to do their bit" to finance the war.

Northern men, democrats and republicans, claim the southern members in control in the house, have "burdened the country above the Mason-Dixon line with war taxes," but have let the south off lightly. They attack particularly what they call "the sectional system of taxation pursued in the bill."

In explaining the bill, Kitchin said: "The house, when this bill comes to a vote, must put this present burden on ourselves, who declared this war, and show the necessary sacrificial spirit. No American can say 'I refuse to pay my part. I hope no man here will complain this bill over taxes his state and his district."

"There are few provisions in this bill I would vote for in ordinary times. But we must raise every dollar on it. Our expenses in the next year are already estimated at \$3,800,000,000. I believe it will be \$5,000,000,000.

Kitchin concluded his speech at 2 o'clock. Immediately a bombardment of questions started. The five per cent tax on new automobiles and new tires was subject to attack by many.

LOCAL REGISTRATION BOARD WILL BE READY FOR WORK UNDER NEW CONSCRIPTION BILL

As the national government has deemed it wise to be fore-handed and anticipate the passage of the conscription bill by making full arrangements to put it into effect without delay—so the authorities of Josephine county on whom the burden of carrying out the provisions of the new law in this county will fall are laying their plans in advance.

In fact arrangements are about completed for the work here. The members of the registration board will be the sheriff, county clerk and county physician. They plan to conduct the registration within the city at one central place, probably the Chamber of Commerce rooms. One good-sized board of representative business men, with the help of stenographers whose services they anticipate can be secured

through co-operation of some of the attorneys of the city, will do the work for the city.

In the outlying districts, each voting precinct will have a registration board who will sit at the customary voting place. These boards will consist of volunteer workers to be selected by the county board. Letters of inquiry, asking for such volunteers have already been sent out.

The date of registration day will be determined as soon as the pending bill becomes a law and will be stated in the president's proclamation.

A Pleasure Car—
Benj. M. Collins has added to his stock of cars a Maxwell Sedan, a pleasure car of beauty and comfort which gives a city air to the street.

DEFEND THE USE OF SUBMARINES

German Government and Socialists Unite in Claim That Work of Divers is Justified

Berlin, via London, May 10.—Germany holds no reason for an offensive against America, but will not forego her present use of submarines for peace. The war can be ended only on the basis that no dishonorable terms be inflicted upon any nation.

These expressions were obtained today by the United Press from the two most diverse elements in Germany—the government and the socialists.

The government's view of America's entrance into the war was given in a statement authorized by the foreign office through the United Press.

Philip Scheidemann, socialist leader, voiced the views of the other extreme element, which has been most active in recent peace propaganda. Both defended Germany's use of the

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EX-SENATOR FORAKER OF OHIO DIES TODAY

Cincinnati, May 10.—Joseph B. Foraker, former United States senator and governor of Ohio, died at his home here today at 10:50 a. m. He had been unconscious for 24 hours. A week ago last Monday the former senator fainted while leaving his office. He rallied last week, but suffered a relapse Monday. He is survived by a widow, Mrs. Julia Foraker, and his daughters—Mrs. Florence Matthews, Cincinnati, Mrs. Victor Cushman, Washington, and Mrs. F. King Wainwright, Philadelphia, and a son, Arthur Foraker, Washington.

Foraker was born in Ohio, July 5, 1846. He enlisted in the civil war and was with Sherman on his march to the sea.

AMERICANS ARE HELD PRISONERS

Washington, May 10.—One hundred and twenty-seven Americans, taken from ships, are reported to be held prisoners by Germany. This developed from a state department announcement today, whereas it has been generally believed the last of Germany's American prisoners were freed when the Yarrowdale men were released. The women of the American legation at Berne have formed an organization to assist the prisoners.

EXTREME SOCIALISTS NOT AT CONFERENCE

Petrograd, May 10.—The extreme wing of Russia socialists will not be represented at the conference to be held at Stockholm. This decision was reached at a conference held here during which Branding, Borgberg and other members of the extreme wing were accused of being pro-German and imperialist agents.

FIGHTING RESUMED ON RUSSIAN FRONT

Petrograd, May 10.—Resumption of artillery firing over nearly the entire Russian front was reported in today's official statement. The fire was especially hot in the Dvina region. Near Zlotchoff a German attack was checked, the war office asserted.

SENATE CUTS POWERS FROM MAIL CENSOR

AUTOCRATIC POWERS OF ES- PIONAGE BILL LIMITED BY AMENDMENTS, NO DEBATE

OPPOSITION CAUSES YIELDING

Demand of Country for Early Action Causing Senate to Speed Consi- deration Important Bills

Washington, May 10.—With three amendments by the senate today Postmaster General Burleson was shorn of the autocratic mail handling powers that would have been given him under the Gregory espionage bill.

Senator Overman, in charge of the bill for the administration, accepted all the amendments. This was taken as an indication that the tremendous opposition to Russianizing the war government of the United States has caused President Wilson to withdraw from a firm position behind the Gregory bill.

Demand for action on the country's program found response in the senate early today. By unanimous consent debate was curtailed on the espionage bill. Each senator will be limited to one hour on the measure up to 11 o'clock tomorrow and ten minutes thereafter. A vote should be reached there by tomorrow night.

WISCONSIN WILL VOTE WET OR DRY

Madison, Wis., May 10.—Wisconsin—the wettest state in the union—will vote upon the question of prohibition in 1918. This was decided today when the senate passed, 21 to 11, under suspension of the rules, the Evjue bill, providing for a state wide referendum in April, 1918. The bill is expected to be signed by Governor Philipp this week.

FLOUR GOING SKYWARD REACHES NEW RECORD

St. Paul, May 10.—Flour was \$16. per barrel wholesale in St. Paul today. The price is highest on record. The small amount of grain available for milling is given as the cause for the increase.

SWEDISH FEELING TRENDS TO ALLIES

Copenhagen, May 10.—Germany is so concerned about the recent tremendous increase in pro-ally sentiment in Sweden—due to America's entry into the war—that she is probably going to send her most expert propagandist there as a minister. He is Count von Bernstorff, formerly envoy to Washington. This information came upon the heels of other reports that Bernstorff was slated to succeed Zimmermann as foreign secretary, in pursuance with a plan to seek a reconciliation with America.

That Berlin should have abandoned Zimmermann's replacement and such a course to utilize Bernstorff in the capacity of envoy to Sweden, was taken here to indicate the vast importance Berlin attaches to the pro-ally sentiment crystallizing there.

There is no mistaking the development of this trend of public feeling in Sweden. It is particularly strong among the farming classes.