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PEACE TALKS ARE SAID TO BE OFF AGAIN

KERENSKY FORCES WIN FIRST TEST OF STRENGTH BY ELECTING CHAIRMAN

GERMAN PLOTS AGAINST SLAVS

Bolshevik and Rumania at Breaking Point and Allies Guard King Ferdinand

London, Jan. 19.—The Bolshevik met defeat in the first test of strength, when the long awaited opening of the constituent's assembly took place. M. Teheroff, nominee of the moderate social revolutionists and minister of agriculture in the Kerensky cabinet, won the championship. One report says the Bolshevik members and the left wing of social revolutionists withdrew from the assembly.

London, Jan. 19.—With negotiations at Brest-Litovsk again reported as broken off temporarily, the Russian constituent assembly has opened a session in Petrograd, which is controlled by the Bolsheviks, who demand the approval of Bolshevik peace terms and land laws made by temporary Chairman Sverdloff, representing the congress of workmen and soldiers. The delegates demonstration against the Bolshevik efforts to control the assembly was not so large as expected, although five persons were killed and a dozen wounded by Red Guards firing on a group of paraders.

The German-Austrian emissaries are said to be trying to force Russia to break off peace negotiations finally, on some minor point, so as to cast the blame on them.

Bolshevik and Rumania are at the breaking point. King Ferdinand is reported as under the protection of the entente allies.

SUPERVISOR OF TRAFFIC APPOINTED BY McADOO

Kansas City, Jan. 19.—James F. Holden, vice president of the Kansas City Southern railway, was today appointed supervisor of traffic for federal shipping board by Director McAdoo.

Paris, Jan. 19.—After violent scenes in the chamber of deputies today, confidence was voted in the government by a large majority. The debate was heated and resulted in a temporary suspension of the sitting. After the session Deputy Conté challenged two other deputies.

FUEL SHORTAGE IS IMPROVING IN EAST

Washington, Jan. 19.—There is a steadily increasing flow of coal to ships, homes and public utilities, is the report to the fuel administration as a result of the second day's enforcement of the order.

Railroad congestion is not much affected yet, but milder weather has improved conditions in the east. Bad weather is paralyzing traffic again in the middle west. At the request of Garfield, Chairman Hurley, of the shipping board agreed to pool barge and lighter facilities at New York, the harbor to supply ships.

TRANSPORTATION IS BEING CLEARED OF CONGESTION

Washington, Jan. 19.—Transportation congestion throughout the east is being cleared. Coal is being unloaded in increasingly large quantities. Dr. Garfield has granted the request of theatres that they be permitted to close Tuesdays instead of Mondays.

MAN POWER TO BE INCREASED

The Need is Urgent or the Government Would Not Have Asked for More Men

London, Jan. 19.—Addressing the final conference of the representatives of the trades unions affected by the man power bill, which passed the house of commons last night, Premier David Lloyd George today gave the government's reasons for the necessity of raising more men for the army and also referred at length to his own and the recent speech of President Wilson regarding the war aims of the entente allies and the United States.

After thanking the representatives for the spirit in which they had met the government, the premier said there was no alternative for raising men except either by raising the military age, or of sending wounded men back and back again to the fighting lines.

As to the urgency of raising more men, Lloyd George said that he and his colleagues, who are on the watch tower, could not deny it and that unless the need had been urgent they would not have brought forward the demand now.

SLIP OF GIRL HAS LOAD OF DYNAMITE

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Carrying enough dynamite in two small handbags to wreck the Union station, a slim, dark-haired girl, was arrested today as she stepped from a Pennsylvania train from Youngstown, O. When taken before the federal authorities the girl gave her name as Linda Jones, 16 years old. She told of being given the 36 sticks of explosives at Steubenville, O., and of carrying it across three states in passenger trains to deliver it to an uncle in Chicago. Delying the secret service officers, she refused to give them the names of either the sender or her uncle.

The girl was held on a charge of transporting the dynamite in violation of the interstate commerce law. Officers said today they had proof that she was the emissary of I. W. W. plotters. Four other girls, suspected of being involved in the plots, are now en route to California.

HUNS ASK RUSSIA FOR IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD

Petrograd, Jan. 19.—Maxim Gorky's newspaper Novaya Zhyns asserts that German delegates in Petrograd asked the representatives of the government commissioners to permit the former empress and some other members of the late imperial household related to Emperor William to travel to Germany. The request not only was categorically refused but was the immediate cause of a decision to try the former imperial personages.

PRESIDENT KERR AT LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY

There will be no luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce Monday. Luncheon will be served Wednesday, January 23, at which time President Kerr will give an address on the value of the Oregon Agricultural college to the state and nation.

Ladies wishing to attend the luncheon should notify Secretary E. G. Harris, Phone 341-R or the Chamber of Commerce, No. 158.

ITALIANS REPULSE HUNS ALONG THE PIAVE RIVER

Rome, Jan. 19.—An enemy attack along a wide front on the lower Piave has been arrested.

WAR COUNCIL LEGISLATION IS PREPARED

BOARD OF THREE MEN TO BE ALL POWERFUL UNDER THE PRESIDENT

CHAMBERLAIN PUSHING MATTER

Members Shall Be Appointed by the President and Confirmed by the Senate

Washington, Jan. 19.—Radical changes in the government's war-making machinery are proposed in bills to establish a war council of three members, all-powerful under the president, and to create a director of war munitions, approved yesterday by the senate military committee.

The bill for a director of munitions was placed before the senate today and that for the war council will be introduced by Chairman Chamberlain on Monday.

Both measures have virtually the unanimous support of the committee. Proposals to have the secretaries of war and navy as ex-officio members of the war council were rejected by the committee.

The bill proposes that the three members of the war council shall be appointed by the president, with consent of the senate, and be directly under the president and above the cabinet in authority, with power to "supervise, control and direct all departments, bureaus and agencies of the government in the prosecution of the war."

It is proposed that the council members shall have no other duties than to form and execute, with the president's approval and cooperation, broad war policies and decide priorities and disputes between the different departments and bureaus.

The director of munitions, also a presidential appointee and confirmed by the senate, would have authority to control production, distribution and the transportation of war supplies under the policies of the president and the war council.

PRESIDENT OPPOSES A DIRECTOR OF MUNITIONS

Washington, Jan. 19.—It is officially stated that the president opposes the creation of a minister of munitions with cabinet rank, extends to the proposed creation of director of munitions and the establishment of a war council of three.

CHANCELLOR VON HERTLING SILENT ON PRESIDENT WILSON'S MESSAGE

London, Jan. 19.—According to a telegram received here, German Chancellor von Hertling has again postponed the speech he was to have made in reply to the definition of war aims by President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George.

The report that the chancellor, for a third time, had postponed his reply caused no great surprise here, for while it was fairly certain that the German militarists had won over Emperor William to their side and annexation of occupied territories was the policy to be pursued, the advocates of a peace by negotiation, which include most of the Austro-Hungarian leaders, must be conciliated.

The militarists have the support of the junkers and the war profiteers, but on the other side are the socialists and a large proportion of the working classes and of the moderate middle class, of which the Berliner Tageblatt is the spokesman,

COAL FAMINE IN THE EAST IS RELIEVED

CARS BEGINNING TO MOVE MORE FREELY AND YARDS ARE CLEARING

GARFIELD MAKES STATEMENT

Ships Being Loaded Homes Being Warmed and Weather Moderating in All Sections

Washington, Jan. 19.—Dr. Garfield, fuel administrator, issued the following formal statement late Thursday afternoon:

"The most urgent thing to be done is to send to the American forces abroad and to the allies the food and war supplies which they vitally need. War munitions, food, manufactured articles of every description, lie at our Atlantic ports in tens of thousands of tons, while literally hundreds of ships waiting loaded with war goods for our men and the allies cannot take the seas because bunkers are empty of coal. The coal to send them on their way is waiting behind a congested freight that has jammed all terminals.

"It is worse than useless to bend our energies to more manufacturing when what we have already manufactured lies at tidewater congesting terminal facilities, jamming the railroad yards and sidetracks for long distances back into the country. No power on earth can move this freight into the war zone where it is needed until we supply the ships with fuel.

"Once the docks are cleared of valuable freight for which our men are associates in the war now wait in vain, then again our energies and power may be turned to manufacture more efficiently than ever so that a steady and uninterrupted stream of vital supplies may be sent by this nation to our allies' cry for help.

"It has been excess of production in our war time speeding up that has done so much to cause congestion of our railroads, that has filled the freight yards to overflowing, that has flooded the docks of our Atlantic ports with goods waiting to go abroad. At tidewater the flood of freight was stopped. The ships were unable to complete the journey from our factories to the war depots behind the firing line.

"Added to this has been a difficulty of transporting coal for our domestic needs. On top of these difficulties has come one of the most

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JOSEPHINE HAS 207 IN CLASS 1

Some of Registrants in Class 1 May Be Placed in Deferred Class by District Board

The local board for Josephine county has classified to date, 504 registrants. Of this number 207 are in Class 1; 15 in Class 2; 30 in Class 3, 208 in Class 4, and 44 in Class 5. Some of the registrants in Class 1 may be placed in a deferred class by the district board on industrial or agricultural grounds.

Notices of final classification are being sent to all those who have been finally classified in Class 1. These cards should be carried by all registrants, and shall be produced upon the demand of any officer of the law.

Examination of registrants in the first class will begin on January 24, 1918; notices to appear for examination are now being mailed. Registrants are notified five days prior to date of examination of the hour and place at which they should report.

The office of the provost marshal general has directed the appeal agent of every local board to appeal all cases of registrants who have married since May 18, 1917, to the district board. This ruling is given in order to insure uniformity of classification, as some local boards are placing these registrants in Class 1, and others are placing them in Class 4.

SHORT ROADS WILL SOON BE RELEASED

Washington, Jan. 19.—Director McAdoo was summoned before the senate interstate commerce committee today, to explain the operation of the government administration of railroads. He said that certain so-called short line railroads would be released from government operation as soon as an investigation determined which are unnecessary. He did not propose to keep control of any unnecessary lines, nor have the government compensate those not taken over. If some interests necessarily get hurt by it, they will have to stand it.

CONDITIONS IN EAST ARE GETTING BETTER

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 19.—Coal mines of Central Illinois began to feel the effect of Dr. Garfield's industrial closing order with the first shriek of the whistle this morning. Coal cars, released by the strict observance of the order in this section were started in a steady stream to all the mines. Up to noon, it was estimated the coal production in the district had increased 15,000 tons over yesterday. The normal output is 60,000 tons. This mark is easily expected to be overlapped by tomorrow. As soon as the coal was loaded, engines were ready to haul it away.

OVER 2,000,000 MEN COMPELLED TO LOAF

New York, Jan. 19.—This great center of industry slowed down today in compliance with the fuel administration order while railroads vigorously attacked the problem of bunkering the 100 or more ships awaiting to take cargoes of freight away from congested terminals. Possibly forty thousand establishments here and in adjoining cities complied with the order. Estimates of the number of employes idle run over two millions.

WAGE DEMANDS TO GO BEFORE A COMMISSION

FOR EFFECTIVE SERVICE THE COUNTRY WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE DISTRICTS

McADOO ANNOUNCES DISTRICTS

Railroad Wage Disputes Will Be Referred to This Organization for Settlement

Washington, Jan. 19.—Director-General McAdoo announced tonight appointment of a railroad wage commission of four public men to analyze and recommend action on all wage and labor questions pending before the government railroad administration, including the railway brotherhoods' demands.

At the same time the director-general put into effect a new system of government railroad administration, by dividing the country into three operating regions—East, south and west—and placed a railroad executive at the head of each as his representative.

It was planned originally to pass only on the four brotherhoods' wage demands, but so many other labor questions have been submitted to the director-general since then, that he determined to refer them all to the board.

It will hear all labor complaints of petitions, make careful investigations, and recommend a course of action to Mr. McAdoo.

The commission's inquiry will deal with general conditions affecting the railway employes, regardless of whether any specific request or complaint has been made to the director-general or to railroad managements before the government assumed control.

The eastern division consists of territory north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers; also those railroads in Illinois extending into that state from points east of the Indiana-Illinois state line; also the Chesapeake & Ohio, the Norfolk & Western and the Virginia railways.

The southern district is defined as including all railroads in that portion of the United States south of the Ohio and Potomac rivers and east of the Mississippi, except the Chesapeake & Ohio, Norfolk & Western and the Virginia railways, and also those railroads in Illinois and Indiana extending into those states from points south of the Ohio river.

The western district is composed of the balance of the country, including all west of the Mississippi, and also Illinois and Michigan peninsula.

ZONES EXTENDED TO CATCH YANKEE BOYS

Amsterdam, Jan. 19.—The recent extension by Germany of the barred zone to the waters around the Azores and Cape Verde islands, is presumed by the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin in a recent issue to be due to the possibility that they might serve as assembling points for American troops transports and supply ships, while good harbors and useful cable stations on a part of the African mainland were also included in the zone for the same reason.

The newspaper expressed the expectation that from the new extension of the zone will come a weakening of effort of Germany's enemies because of the necessity of spreading the anti-U-boat defense measures over a much larger area.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The supreme court has been asked by the Associated Press to expunge the suit brought by them, to prevent the International News Service, or Hearst Service, from pirating news.