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AMERICA TO FINANCE ENTENTE ALLIES

LARGE SUM TO BE RAISED FOR ALLIES

Federal Reserve Board and Officials Discuss Plans for Rendering Financial Aid to Entente Nations—Offers of Mediation to Prevent Actual War Inspired by Germany Expected From Neutral Nation at Washington—Offer to Be Rejected

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Secretary Baker as chairman of the Council of National Defense today called the council and its advisory committee of seven industrial leaders to meet here Saturday to discuss just how much more work is necessary to put the country in a state of adequate defense.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Plans for rendering financial assistance to the entente allies in case of war between the United States and Germany are under consideration, informally, by federal reserve board and other government officials. Two courses are said to have been presented. One, the placing of general credits to entente governments in this country by individual banks to a greater extent than heretofore; the other, official action by the United States government in placing a large sum at the disposal of the entente.

Should the latter course be adopted, it is thought probable the government would raise the sum desired by a bond issue to be designated for that purpose, the proceeds to be loaned as needed to France, Great Britain and probably entente governments. Plans are said to be still in a formative stage and may not be definitely shaped until after congress convenes April 2.

Mediation Offers. Offers of mediation to prevent actual war between the United States and Germany are expected among the next developments.

Administration officials heard today that a European neutral was contemplating such a plan and they frankly regarded it as another effort, backed by Germany, to divide sentiment in congress and embarrass the president.

It was declared authoritatively that no proposals of mediation or for discussion will be considered unless Germany first abandons the campaign of ruthlessness.

All administration officials, from the president down, take the position that the United States never has and does not now desire war with Germany, but is being forced into it to protect lives and rights of its citizens against unlawful aggression.

Discussion Useless. Unless Germany is prepared to completely change her position, it

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CALKINS DECIDES IN STATE'S FAVOR

SALEM, Ore., March 22.—Another of seven cases brought by Attorney General W. M. Brown to recover from F. A. Hyde and associates approximately 30,000 acres of Oregon land alleged obtained fraudulently has been decided in favor of the state by Circuit Judge F. M. Calkins, Medford, according to notice received here today. Judge Calkins ordered the defendants to return 2,360 acres in Jackson county and instructed the state to reimburse Hyde at \$1.25 an acre.

Four of the cases have now been decided in favor of the state. A decision in favor of the defendants was rendered by Judge J. E. Campbell, Oregon City, but a petition for rehearing has been filed.

BRITISH SEND GREETING TO RUSS DUMA

House of Commons Adopts Resolution Congratulating Russians Upon Revolution and Expressing Good Will to New Government for Taking Place by Side of Great Democracies of the World and Welcoming Nation into Fellowship.

LONDON, March 22.—Andrew Bonar Law, member of the British war council on moving in the house of commons this afternoon a resolution of greeting of the Russian duma, said:

"What happened in Russia reminds us of the early days of the French revolution. It is too soon to say all danger is over in Russia. It is too soon to feel confident that the new government already has laid a foundation upon which, in the language of Burke, 'liberty will have wisdom and justice for her companions with prosperity and plenty in her train,' but it is not too soon for the mother of parliaments to send greetings to the parliament of our allied country. It is not too soon to send a message of good will to the new government which is formed with the declared intention of carrying the war to a successful conclusion and which has undertaken the arduous task of driving out the foreign aggressor and establishing freedom and order at home.

Sympathy for Czar.

"It is not for us to judge or condemn those who have taken part in the government of our allied country," continued Mr. Bonar Law, "but I may be permitted to express a feeling of compassion for the deposed emperor, who for three years was our loyal ally and had laid upon him by birth a burden which was too heavy for him. We cannot forget that one of the great issues of this war is whether free institutions can survive against the onslaught of the military despotism. We cannot but rejoice that in the final stages of the conflict all the allied countries will be under the direction of governments representing the people."

Former Premier Asquith seconded the resolution, saying: "Russia has taken her place by the side of the great democracies of the world. We here, in the first and original home of parliamentary institutions, feel it our privilege to be among the first to rejoice in her emancipation and welcome her into the fellowship of free peoples."

The resolution was carried amid loud cheers.

Irish Support Motion. The Irish party gave its support to the Russian revolution in a speech by Mr. Devlin.

"The Irish party," said Mr. Devlin, "regards the Russian revolution—striking, noble, dramatic, well blooded—as a message of hope to all oppressed peoples and all freedom loving nations. But it is something more, it is also a warning and a portent of doom to autocracies and tyrannies everywhere.

"We might draw a moral therefrom, but we do not desire to avail ourselves of the opportunity, preferring to let the voice of Ireland join in the united harmony of rejoicing at Russia's reparation."

AMERICAN STEAMER POSTED AS MISSING

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The steamer Maryland of Milwaukee, Philadelphia to London has been posted by Lloyds as missing, according to state department advices today from Consul General Skinner of London. No details were given.

LEADERS OF RUSSIAN REVOLUTION AND GRAND DUKE S WHO HAVE SWORN FEALTY TO THE NEW REGIME.



GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS



GRAND DUKE MICHAEL



GRAND DUKE CYRIL



THE CZAREVITCH



PRINCE LVOF

Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch, brother of the czar is the new power behind the throne of Russia, approved by the people. He is regent, while the new czar is former Grand Duke Alexis, 12-year-old son of the deposed ruler, shown below.

Prince Georges Lvof is the new premier of Russia, taking the place of Prince Gostlin. He is also president of the council and minister of the interior.

WARM WELCOME GIVEN PRISONERS FROM SIBERIA

LONDON, March 22.—A Petrograd dispatch to Reuter's says that political prisoners released from the Hertshinsk prison in Siberia have arrived in Chita where they were given a big reception and welcome by military bands. Among the prisoners was Maria Spiridonova, who was carried through the streets on the shoulders of the crowd.

Maria Spiridonova is the daughter of a Russian general who shot and killed Chief of Police Luzhenofsky of Tambov in 1906. She was sentenced to death but the sentence was commuted to twenty years imprisonment. While in jail she was terribly tortured by two police officers who for eleven hours kicked her back and forth across her cell, tore her hair and burned her flesh with lighted cigarettes. Both of her torturers were afterward murdered.

PETROGRAD, March 22.—In view of the financial straits of pardoned political prisoners the council of ministers has decided to grant them free railway passes. The minister of foreign affairs has also been authorized to grant money subsidies to all emigrants desiring to return to Russia, and instructions have been issued to frontier authorities to raise no difficulties in the matter of identification papers.

TRY AGAIN TO SOLVE IRISH QUESTION

LONDON, March 22.—Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, said in the house of commons today that the government had decided on its own responsibility to make another attempt to solve the Irish question. Former Premier Asquith welcomed the announcement and said the government could rely on the active co-operation of the entire house.

PRINCE OF PRUSSIA FAILS TO RETURN FROM AIRSHIP RAID

BERLIN, March 22.—"An airplane directed by Prince Karl of Prussia has not returned from a raid over the hostile lines between Arras and Peronne."

Prince Frederick Karl and his brother, Prince Frederick Sigismund, sons of Prince Friedrich Leopold of Prussia, joined the German flying corps in January. Prince Friedrich Karl was 23 years old, two years the junior of his brother.

Both these princes have been enthusiastic sportsmen and before the war Prince Sigismund designed a successful airplane. Prince Karl while still in his teens was known as the finest cavalier of the German princes. He was one of the German officers who participated in the Olympic games at Stockholm, where he won prizes against the most experienced army riders of the world. The death in active service of eight German princes has been previously reported during the war—one of Hesse, two of Saxe Meiningen, three of Lippe, one of Reuss and one of Waldeck.

ATTRITION AGREES WITH GERMANS

AMSTERDAM, March 22.—The health of the German people is surprisingly good and infant mortality is lower than in peace times, according to Vice Chancellor Helfferich. The chancellor also is quoted by Berlin dispatches to Reuter's as saying in a speech before the reichstag: "We have already taken measures for the proper production and distribution of raw materials after the war and in regard to the rebuilding of our merchant fleet negotiations are proceeding with the ship owners. Despite the Paris conference we shall renew economic relations with foreign countries after the war."

VIGILANCIA SUNK IN SEVEN MINUTES IN STATE SURVIVORS

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Consul Stephens at Plymouth cabled the state department today summarizing accounts of affidavits obtained by him from officers and members of the Vigilancia's crew. They confirm practically without change previous accounts of the destruction of that ship by a submarine.

"The Vigilancia was sunk in seven minutes," says the statement, "when 145 miles west of Bishops on March 16, ten a. m. by torpedo from submarine of unknown nationality. Periscope of submarine was seen. No warning was given. No other vessel was in sight. Weather was clear with moderate sea swell. Ship was flying ensign and fully marked.

Fifteen of the crew were drowned. Six Americans, five Spaniards, two Greeks, one Persian, one Venezuelan. "Submarine of unknown nationality followed lifeboats from ten o'clock Friday night until 4 o'clock Saturday morning. Crew landed Scilly islands after 24 hours in lifeboats and suffered greatly from injury and exposure."

MEXICAN CONGRESS CONVENES APRIL 2

EL PASO, TEXAS, March 22.—Carlos Plang a deputy from the state of Sonora, arrived here today en route to Mexico City to attend the preliminary session of the Mexican house of deputies which will assemble in Mexico City April 2. Eduardo Bravo, Mexican consul here, denied the meeting was an extraordinary session.

SEA RAIDER MOEWE RETURNS; CAPTURED TWENTY-SEVEN SHIPS

BERLIN, March 22.—The German auxiliary cruiser Moewe has returned to a home port of the navy from a second cruise in the Atlantic ocean, it was announced today by the German admiralty.

The Moewe, according to the statement, captured 22 steamships and five sailing ships, aggregating 123,100 tons gross.

The statement follows: "The German auxiliary cruiser Moewe has returned into a home port of the navy from a second cruise of the Atlantic ocean where she stayed for several months under command of Burggrave and Count Von Dohna-Schodden.

"The ship captured 22 steamers and five sailing vessels with a gross tonnage of 123,100. They included 21 hostile steamers of which eight were armed and five in the service of the British admiralty as well as four hostile sailing vessels.

"Among the vessels captured by the Moewe were the Vofaire, an English steamer of 6837 tons gross in ballast, carrying a 12-centimeter gun, the Norwegian steamer Halbjorg of 2587 tons gross and the Mont Temple."

The foregoing official statement issued by the German admiralty announcing the return of the German auxiliary cruiser Moewe from a second raid on merchant ships of entente and neutral countries is the first definite declaration as to the identity of the vessel which sank eight British and two French merchant vessels and captured two other steamships in the southern Atlantic last January.

NORTHWEST GALE BLOWING ON COAST

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—A northwest gale off the California coast was delaying shipping bound northward for San Francisco today while storm signals were fluttering in a southwest rain laden wind off Oregon and Washington.

REAL BATTLE IN PROSPECT WEST FRONT

German Cavalry Clashes With French and British Mounted Troops—Trench Warfare Over for Present—Allied Advance Slowing Up—French Regain 853 Square Miles—German Resistance Increases, But Allies Still Driving Ahead.

BERLIN, March 22.—German cavalry is now in touch with the French and British mounted troops which have been in action for several days in the territory evacuated by the Germans, so that for the first time since the fall of 1914 cavalry on both sides is being employed on the western front. This is regarded here as an indication that great events are taking place and that a real battle is in prospect, trench warfare being over for the time on this part of the front.

The French and British attempted to use cavalry on the Somme last year, as well as at the time of the Champagne offensive, but the employment of these forces in the face of entrenched troops with machine guns resulted in very heavy losses. The present situation is a very different one because neither side is now protected by trenches.

Spirited fighting in the sector over which the Germans have been retreating is reported in today's official communication, which mentions no further evacuation of territory. French battalions attacking on the north bank of the Aisne were repulsed.

Advance Slows Down. LONDON, March 22.—Telegraphing from the British army headquarters in France today Reuter's correspondent says:

"Wintry conditions continue on the western front with considerable falls of snow rendering field operations difficult. The bad weather, however, is as unfavorable to the Germans as to ourselves as they cannot get observations on the strength or direction of our advance.

"This advance during yesterday and last night was of the same character as on the previous day, that is to say, it was most rapid in the Sauntere plateau, west of St. Quentin and was the slowest along the front of about twenty miles, extending south-eastward from Arras.

The latest report is that cavalry patrols were in contact with German rear guards within five miles of the outskirts of St. Quentin. Enemy resistance was most active in the sector between Arras and Ypres, the latter place being defended by a series of strong points.

"Between Ypres and Croisilles, a distance of some ten miles, the retreating Germans are holding a series of machine gun posts, but we are getting up our field guns in excellent style and not much difficulty is anticipated in reducing these. In fact, there already is a pretty deep bulge eastward in the enemy's line at this point, reaching to Beaumetz-les-Cambrail which considerable village was occupied by our troops yesterday. This carries our advance to a point some four miles north of Ypres.

PARIS, March 22.—The total

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RUSSIAN NOBLES OFFER SERVICES

LONDON, March 22.—All the members of the former Russian dynasty have placed themselves at the disposition of the provisional government, according to a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd. Grand Duke Cyril has resigned his command of the naval guards.