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BOLSHEVIKI UNITE TO EXPEL ENTENTE

RUSSIA LAUNCHES BIG OFFENSIVE, LAND AND SEA, AGAINST ALLIES

Trotsky Orders Baltic Fleet Out—Offensive Ordered in North Russia—Allies Rushing Aid to Murmansk Forces

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Declaring that the Archangel situation, from a military view, was well in hand, General March said today it was "incredible that the allied force there can be driven into the sea by anybody." He announced that the war department's plan was to have the American forces out of that portion of Russia by the end of June.

LONDON, April 5.—Leon Trotsky, Bolshevik minister of war, has ordered the Russian Baltic fleet to put to sea and attack the allies, threatening to have all the crews shot if they disobey the order, says the Mail.

LONDON, April 5.—Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary of state for war, yesterday sent a telegram in his own name to the British troops in Northern Russia, says the Mail, promising that they would be supported and relieved at the earliest possible moment and that men who have been there for months will be brought home as soon as other troops arrive to take their places.

The men for the relieving forces have already been provisionally selected and lectures have been given them on the Russian situation. Troops kept in the army under the military service act will also be invited to volunteer, says the Mail, and there may possibly be an appeal extended to demobilized men.

The military authorities are said to be confident that preparations being made will assure relief but that the next two months will be filled with anxiety.

Crisis in Odessa

LONDON, April 5.—The situation in southern Russia has recently become distinctly worse from an allied viewpoint, mainly owing to a shortage of food, according to dispatches to the Press Association. It is not feared that military reasons will compel the allies to evacuate Odessa, but there is a possibility, it is said, that the city will become so short of food that it will be unable to support an occupying force.

Finland Defection

LONDON, April 5.—Important developments on the Murmansk front in Northern Russia may be expected in a few days owing to a threatened defection of Finnish troops, according to the Mail. It is said that it was to meet this danger that American detachments were sent on two American cruisers which will reach Murmansk early next week.

President Wilson is reported to have ordered the sailors of the two cruisers to land with the troops, if necessary. British relief forces have gone on board the two especially constructed ice breaking transports with which they expect to get through the ice two weeks earlier than they could on any other type of vessel.

Unpleasant Incident in Siberia
CHITKA, March 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—An American soldier is alleged to have torn a Russian flag from the rear platform of a special train bearing General Deidrichs, commander of the Czechoslovak forces in Siberia, and Colonel Romanovsky, an anti-Bolshevik leader in the Udinsk district, when it was

CROATS ASK ALLIES FOR INVESTIGATION

PARIS, Friday, April 4.—(By Associated Press.) Baron Sonnino, Italian foreign minister, received a dispatch today from Stefan Radio, leader of the peasants' party in Croatia, asking that a commission from the entente powers be sent to Croatia to ascertain the sentiment of the people there regarding their future. The dispatch declares that the Croats do not consider the Serbians their liberators.

passing through the village of Pelka, Manchuria. Officers on the train expressed indignation over the incident when the train reached here today. The officers were especially irritated, since this was the second unpleasant incident in which American soldiers have figured recently. Three days previously several Americans from a troop train waiting on a siding at Mulin station, Manchuria, tried to board the same special train in spite of the platform guard. Several cars filled with armed cadets from the Vladivostok military school were attached to the special. What promised to be a serious situation was defused when the commander of the cadets ordered the train to start.

Reports of the incidents have been sent to Major General William S. Graves, commander of American expeditionary forces in Siberia, by Colonel Romanovsky. The latter informed General Graves that the men were intoxicated, and added: "I regret the lack of discipline in these troops, which increases the animosity of Russians toward Americans."

He added that the conduct of American officers had been above reproach but that the men seemed to be uncontrollable. General Graves has telegraphed to Colonel Romanovsky expressing his regret. He stated that an investigation had been ordered and that the guilty persons would be severely punished.

Soviet in Archangel

ARCHANGEL, April 3.—(By the Associated Press.)—The situation in all sectors of the North Russian front was again comparatively quiet yesterday and this morning.

A Bolshevik prisoner, questioned regarding the morale of the enemy forces, declared today: "The soldiers of our regiments are mobilized peasants and the officers are volunteer communists. The spirit of the soldiers is low and everybody is 'fed up' with the communists. The soldiers are treated very severely and are shot for leaving their positions without permission. A new system of discipline has been inaugurated, different ranks and distinctions being established and soldiers must salute on penalty of death. The men are suffering from typhus and look upon the situation as being one in which the peasants are against the Bolsheviks. Along the road are posts garrisoned by Chinese who search all travelers and take everything they can find."

EX-OREGON ADJUTANT GETS HIGH HONOR

PORTLAND, April 5.—Lieutenant Colonel George A. White, adjutant general of General Pershing's staff, has been elected secretary of the Veterans' Association, formed in Paris on March 18, and has also been named a member of the executive committee of that organization. Word to this effect was received in Portland today in a letter from Colonel White to his wife. The election took place while Colonel White was absent from the sessions of representatives of all branches of the United States service gathered in Paris to organize a permanent association of American veterans of the European war.

DISLOYALTY CHARGES WITHDRAWN AGAINST PAINE

SAN FRANCISCO, April 5.—Dismissal of disloyalty charges against Robert Paine, prominent in California as a sculptor, was entered in the United States district court here today after having been ordered by United States Commissioner Krall yesterday. Paine was accused of making seditious remarks, but the commissioner held he was not guilty of intentional disloyalty.

HOLD DUTCH LINER RUMOR HUN ABOARD

PLYMOUTH, England, April 5.—The Dutch steamer Nieuw Amsterdam which left New York on March 26, is being detained here by the British authorities. No reason is given. It is reported that the former German minister to Mexico, H. von Bekhardt, is on board.

The Nieuw Amsterdam arrived here Friday and landed mails and passengers, including mail and passengers for France. The agents of the liner here have given out no statement. No one is allowed on board the steamer.

Contractors Given Notice

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Assistant Secretary Crowell gave notice today that contractors desiring to adjust cancelled war contracts through the machinery set up by the war department for that purpose must present their claims prior to May 15, next.

CHARGE PRESIDENT'S COLD IS 'DIPLOMATIC' DENIED AT PARIS

PARIS, April 5.—President Wilson was "slightly better" at noon today, an official bulletin on his condition said. His cold, however, was still pronounced enough to cause a slight temperature. President Wilson has displayed keen interest in the proceedings of the council since his absence and likewise in the attitude of the Italians relative to the disposition of Fiume. The suggestion that his illness had something of a "diplomatic" aspect found prompt refutation. It is known that the president had made clear his position on reparations, the disposition of the left bank of the Rhine, the Saar valley and Fiume—the position which was not shared by all of the conferees—so that when his illness forced his withdrawal from the proceedings there seemed little chance for an early agreement.

DEMobilIZATION IS NEARING THE 2 MILLION MARK

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Demobilization of the American army including incomplete reports to April 5 has reached a total of 1,624,171, of whom 91,674 were officers, the war department announced today. Total troops ordered for demobilization are 1,836,500.

The strength of the American army on April 5 was estimated at 2,955,718. This represents, General March said today, a demobilization of 44 percent of the enlisted, and 48 percent of the commissioned personnel. Sailings from France since November 1, 1918, General March said, number 627,919.

The chief of staff added that he was aiming at a monthly return of 319,000 men as against the maximum reported in shipments overseas of 309,000.

Reserve commissions have been issued to 39,606 officers and applications for commission in the regular establishment have been received from 15,101 officers.

Enlistments under the call for 50,000 volunteers for overseas duty so far reported from the regular enlistment offices total less than 5000 men.

RETURN EQUIPMENT TO U. S. SOLDIERS

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Every enlisted man on discharge, the war department announced today, will be allowed to retain as his personal property the following articles of uniform equipment: Overseas cap (for men with overseas service, hat for others) olive drab shirt; woolen coat and ornaments; woolen breeches; one pair shoes; one pair leggings; one waist belt; one slicker and overcoat; two suits underwear; four pairs stockings; one pair gloves; one toilet set; one barracks bag; gas mask and helmet (for overseas men only).

GERMANY DECLARES TO ABOLISH STATE CHURCH

PARIS, April 5.—(Havas.)—The commission on constitution of the German national assembly has adopted a clause stipulating that there shall be no state church, a dispatch from Weimar says. Sunday is maintained as a legal holiday.

36 MILLION IS LOSS FEBRUARY R.R. OPERATION

Revenue Falls 8 Million Below Preceding Month—Over Million Less Than Corresponding Month 1918 Which Was Bad Record Because of Snow and Storms.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Railroad net earnings in February continued to decline and were less than in January, or than in February of last year. The net revenue was about \$10,109,000, or \$8,674,000 less than in the preceding month and \$1,714,000 less than in February, 1918. The approximate loss to the government on this basis of the guaranteed return was \$36,696,000, about the same as January.

These figures, compiled today by the bureau of railway economics are unofficial, but probably are an accurate forecast of the interstate commerce commission's summary to be issued next week.

Operating revenues for February were recorded as \$35,174,000 or \$45,000,000 less than in the preceding month. Operating expenses were \$24,300,000 or \$26,000,000 less than in January.

In February last year, a bad month for freight traffic on account of weather, operating revenues for the same roads included in the preliminary tabulation were \$289,625,000. Revenues in February this year were 21 percent greater. Expenses last February, however, were 24 percent greater than the \$260,981,000 expenses of the corresponding month a year ago. Net revenue to the government was 14 percent less than the \$11,823,000 of February, 1918.

PRESIDENT BETTER, AT WORK MONDAY

PARIS, April 5.—President Wilson slept until after 9 o'clock this morning and no bulletin was issued by Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, his physician. Altho he did not get to sleep until late in the evening, it was announced this morning that he had passed a satisfactory night.

When the president awoke it was announced that he was better. He might sit up later in the day, it was said, and with Sunday's rest intervening it was believed to be possible that he might attend Monday's meeting of the council of four.

SOVIET AGITATOR IS ARRESTED IN SPOKANE

SPOKANE, Wash., April 5.—Harry M. Wicks, who the police declare is an organizer here of a "soviet" patterned after those of Russia, was arrested here today on a charge of violating a city ordinance which prohibits the advocacy of disloyalty to the laws of the United States.

According to Commissioner John H. Tinsley of the department of public safety, Wicks has been advocating a general strike on May 1, to continue until all "political prisoners" have been released. Mr. Tinsley declared he is organized here the "League for Democracy at Home," at meetings of which from 300 to 600 radicals have been congregating.

The police declare Wicks came here some time ago from Portland, where he organized similar societies.

PRESIDENT ORDERS AIR CRAFT BOARD DISSOLVED

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The state department made public today an executive order signed recently by President Wilson formally dissolving the aircraft board created early in the war. Its place is taken by a director of aircraft production under the direction of air service.

California Troops Return

NEW YORK, April 5.—Bringing 2182 troops of the 40th division, former National Guard of California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico, the steamship Edgar A. Luckenbach arrived here today from Bordeaux.

BOSCHE COMPLY WITH DEMANDS OF MARSHAL

General Foch Quickly Brings Hun Delegation to Terms—Danzig to Be Used 1 1/2 Port for Landings Polish Troops—Germans Appoint a Rhine Commission.

PARIS, April 5.—(By Associated Press.) It was officially announced this morning that the arrangements for the landing at Danzig of Polish troops now in France and their transport along other lines proposed by Germany has been arranged to the entire satisfaction of the allied powers.

PARIS, April 5.—Marshal Foch has telegraphed the allied governments that the right of the allies to use Danzig as the port for the return to Poland of the Polish troops in France had been formally upheld in the conference with the German representatives.

In addition to Danzig, it was decided to use other means of transportation for the Polish troops proposed by the German government so that the arrival of the troops might be accelerated. The marshal's message added: The use of the port of Danzig was provided for in the armistice of November 11 last.

The result was made known with the giving out of a communication received by the allied governments from Spa, where Marshal Foch the allied commander-in-chief, and his aides have been in conference with German representatives. The communication reads:

"SPA, April 4, 10:30 p. m. In conformity with the decision of the allied and associated governments, the right given the allies by the armistice convention signed November 11 to land the Polish troops now in France at Danzig has been maintained completely.

"Furthermore, to hasten the arrival of these troops in Poland it has been decided to make use of other lines of transport proposed by the German government.

"These arrangements as a whole are in entire agreement with the views of the allied and associated governments. (Signed) "FOCH."

BERLIN, Friday, April 4.—(By Associated Press.) The German government, it was announced today has decided to appoint a special commission to handle problems connected with the occupied territories on the left bank of the Rhine.

TWO SHIPBUILDERS KILLED, COOS BAY

MARSHFIELD, Ore., April 5.—Ira Bowers was instantly killed and Del Saunders was probably fatally injured at the Coos Bay Shipyards here today when a high wind blew a plank from the upper deck of a ship under construction under which the men were at work. The plank struck the two men who were 75 feet below the deck.

MUST RELEASE MEMBERS OF U. S. NAVAL RESERVE

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Because of failure of congress to enact the Baker appropriation bill, with its provision for an increased naval personnel practically all members of the naval reserve force on active duty must be released immediately upon the declaration of peace.

The navy department said today that because of this fact and great need of officers, it would be inadvisable generally to accept the resignation of officers of the temporary navy.

HUN FORCE IS OUTNUMBERED TEN TO ONE

General March Relieves Fears of Trouble in Germany—Hun Army Now 820,000, Allies Approximately 10,000,000—Germany Reduced to 15 Percent, Allies to 75 Percent.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Figures on the latest status of the military forces in Europe, General March announced, show that the armies of the central powers as now organized constitute about 15 percent of their strength when the armistice was signed, while the allied soldiers still organized comprise 75 per cent of their total strength on November 11.

Official dispatches show the aggregate strength of the central powers now as 1,125,000 men against their combined strength in November last of 7,630,000 men. The allied armies in November totaled 13,633,000 of which only 25 per cent have been demobilized.

The German army estimated officially at 4,500,000 on November 11, has been reduced to 820,000; the Bulgarian army has dropped from 500,000 to 129,000; the Austrian from 2,230,000 to about 60,000 and the Turkish from 400,000 to less than 20,000.

DECLARES FIUME WISHES TO JOIN WITH ITALIANS

PARIS, April 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—Asked if the Italians would leave the peace conference if denied Fiume, Salvatore Barzilai, one of the Italian peace delegates, said today:

"No decision has been reached as yet, but it is obvious the Italian delegates feel they must follow the will of the Italian people."

He declared that the national council of Fiume had unanimously adopted a law by which the city took the Italian flag as the banner of the city.

Signor Barzilai contended that this was the best proof of Fiume's wishes to be joined to Italy under the Wilsonian policy of self determination and added that the Italian people and parliament, without distinction of party, were determined that Fiume should be a part of the kingdom.

Signor Barzilai said that Fiume cannot live except as an Italian city because it must belong to a large country as it did when a part of Hungary if its financial prosperity is to be assured.

"Even now Fiume is burdened with a debt of several million crowns," he said, "and the new Juro-Slav state lacks the resources to keep the city in a flourishing condition."

SEVENTEEN ARE ARRESTED

TACOMA, Wash., April 5.—Seventeen former soldiers, many of them vet in uniform, were arrested by Tacoma police this morning for selling tags on the streets in defiance of the law. Other arrests are expected. The police this morning said at least 100 former sailors came from Seattle to assist in defying the order of the Tacoma authorities that tags cannot be sold.

The controversy largely is waged around the purpose of the organization that is wanting to sell the tags. It is called the Soldiers' and Sailors' Council. The Tacoma city council believes it is founded along the lines of the Russian soviets. Leaders in the organization declare its purposes are misinterpreted.

The soldiers arrested were put in the city jail. Bail was fixed at \$5.

When news of the arrests reached headquarters of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Council additional tag sellers were at once sent out; the police have learned.

An inventory of the men arrested showed sales of tags aggregating all the way from 82 cents to \$49.50. The purpose of the tag sale, the soldiers' organization declares, is to assist soldiers and sailors who are in need.

Overseas Men Arrested
Early this afternoon the police were busy arresting persons selling the tags. The patrol wagons were filled as rapidly as they could make trips from downtown streets to the city jail.

The streets are filled with people, but the police have thus far made all arrests without great disorder.

At least four soldiers who served overseas have been put in jail. Shipworkers, who were depended (Continued on Page Six.)

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS DEFY CITY POLICE

Tacoma in State of Siege Following Order to Arrest Discharged Men Selling Tags—Claim Plot to Put City in Hands of Bolsheviki—100 Extra Police Sworn In—Labor Leader Declares City Officials Looking for Trouble Can Have It.

TACOMA, Wash., April 5.—At noon today more than 100 extra policemen were put on downtown streets to keep members and friends of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Council from selling tags for the benefit of the council.

This action was taken when Harvey Johnston, president of the Metal Trades Council, declared this morning that 2,000 shipworkers would defy the police this afternoon and sell the tags.

"If the city officials want some trouble we will give it to them," Johnston is said to have declared, according to a report to Chief of Police Harry Smith.

Hold Conference

When the action of the head of the Metal Trades Council became known, Commissioner Pettit, head of the city department of public safety, called a meeting which members of the Soldiers' Council attended. He made it plain the city will remain firm, and he said if the shipworkers cause trouble the heads of the organization will be arrested on the charge of inciting a riot.

The 17 members of the Soldiers' Council who were put in jail this morning were given an elaborate noon day meal by the council.

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BAKER, OREGON FAVORS HALF MILLION ISSUE

BAKER, Ore., April 5.—At an enthusiastic mass meeting of citizens of Baker county, held last night, it was voted unanimously to bond the county for \$500,000 for the construction of trunk and market roads.

The meeting was called by the county court for the purpose of ascertaining the sentiment of the taxpayers on a constructive road program.

The bonding election will be called for June 3.