

CLAIM PETROGRAD IS IN REBEL HANDS

OVERTHROW OF SOVIETS PREDICTED

London Reports Fighting in Russia, With Center of Disturbance in Moscow and Petrograd—Kronstadt Garrison Joins Insurgents—Cossacks Fight Bolsheviks.

LONDON, March 2.—Reports received in official British circles today confirm dispatches telling of an anti-soviet rising in Russia. They state that the situation in Russia is serious. The latest official news received however, did not indicate that the soviet government had lost control.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—Batum is being evacuated by allied traders and bankers and by some refugees who reached that city from Tiflis. Russian bolshevik troops in large numbers are invading Georgia from all directions. It is said in dispatches received here. The ninth soviet army has crossed the Kador river and is driving Georgian troops southward toward Poti.

LONDON, Mar. 2.—Reports from Russia received today in Helsingfors by way of Estonia, disclose a situation "which may result shortly in the complete overthrow of soviet rule," says the Central News Helsingfors correspondent.

Fighting is proceeding in many parts of Russia with Petrograd and Moscow as the centers of the revolutionary movement. The fighting in Petrograd is of gigantic proportions, according to the reports, for 300,000 strikers are declared to be arrayed against the soviet troops, whose exact number it is impossible to estimate.

Moscow Situation Dim. Reports of the revolution in Moscow are meager, doubtless owing to the censorship. One message indicates that large numbers of former officers of the Russian army are leading the insurgents there.

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Johnson Charges a Needless Sacrifice On Armistice Day

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Charges of needless sacrifice of the lives of American soldiers on Armistice day were stricken from a sub-committee report today by the house war investigating committee after three hours' debate. Representative Johnson, republican, South Dakota, author of the sub-committee report, fought to retain the charges and when unsuccessful, changed his vote to pave the way for re-consideration and final action tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—President Wilson signed today the \$10,500,000 diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, while congress completed and sent to the White House the agricultural bill carrying \$38,000,000.

SWIFT COMPANY SCHEME THROWN OUT BY COURT

District Court Opposes Plan to Sell Stockyard Interests—Cudahay Plan Is Approved and Trust Company Will Be Named.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The substitute proposal of Swift and company and Armour and company for the sale of their stockyard interests was disapproved today by Justice Stafford in the district supreme court.

The court decreed that a Washington trust company should be named to take over the interests of Morris and company and Wilson and company in stockyards, stockyard terminals and market newspapers and dispose of them. Morris and company's plan was modified, however, so as to require that the sale be consummated within one year instead of thirty months as proposed.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—A. T. Hert, republican national committeeman from Kentucky announced today that he was not a candidate to succeed Will H. Hays as chairman of the national committee and that it would not be possible for him to accept if elected.

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CHAM' CLARK DIES, AFTER HARD FIGHT

Former Democratic Speaker Finally Succumbs to Pleurisy After Courageous Rally—Aged 71 Years—Congress Takes Recess—Mrs. Clark Voted Year's Salary.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Champ Clark died here today at 2:10 p. m. in his seventy-first year and within two days of his retirement from the house of representatives after service of 26 years.

Death was due to an attack of pleurisy and a complication of diseases incident to his advanced age. Up to 10 days ago, however, when he developed a severe cold, Mr. Clark had shared actively in proceedings in the house as democratic leader.

Members of Mr. Clark's family left the funeral arrangements to congressional leaders, who expressed the wish to have services Saturday in the rotunda of the capitol before sending the body to Bowling Green for burial. A large delegation of representatives and senators will accompany the body to that place.

Pay Mrs. Clark \$9,000. Immediately after the death of Mr. Clark was announced, the house recessed for 30 minutes. Representative Rucker, democrat, Missouri, who made the announcement, said it was Mr. Clark's wish as expressed through his son, that there be no interruption of congress in its closing days.

His Last Hours. To his last conscious moments the former speaker's mind was engrossed with memories of his long legislative career. Just before he lapsed into final unconsciousness early today those at his bedside heard him whisper: "The question is on the adoption of the conference report."

Grandchild Dies. Close friends believe his death was hastened by the death a year ago of his only grandchild, Champ Clark Thomson, three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Thomson.

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LIBERTY BONDS. NEW YORK, Mar. 2.—Liberty bonds closed: 3 1/2's \$91.02; first 4's \$85.07; first 4 1/2's \$87.20; Victory 3 1/2's \$97.46; Victory 4's \$97.46.

Citizens of Costa Rica Volunteering For War on Panama

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, March 1.—Hundreds of citizens of Costa Rica are volunteering for service against Panama and patriotic spirit is being shown in all parts of the country.

DEMAND JAP RETIREMENT IN SIBERIA

Far Eastern Republic Asks for Definite Date From Tokio—Japanese Charged With Plot to Overthrow Bolshevik Regime by Giving Aid to Semnoff—Charge Atrocities.

PEKING, Mar. 2.—Demands that Japan fix a definite date for the evacuation of Siberian territory have been sent to the foreign office in Tokio by the minister of foreign affairs of the Far Eastern republic. It is said in a dispatch received here.

It was charged that trains had been held up at Grodekova, near the eastern Manchurian frontier, by "criminal persons" and that passengers had been robbed, beaten and abducted, and the Far Eastern government at Chita had been unable to remedy the situation, owing to opposition by the Japanese military command.

Protection and patronage was given General Semnoff, anti-bolshevik leader in eastern Siberia. It was charged, and assertion was made that this was done in a manner which suggested a challenge to the Chita government. It was said the present activities of General Semnoff "promise a new adventure in the spring," with Japanese help.

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LONDON, Mar. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—Peace will be signed, probably tomorrow, but at any rate before the week end, between France and the Turkish nationalists. It was learned here today. The signing will take place in Paris.

DENVER, Mar. 2.—Fire of undetermined origin broke out in the F. W. Woolworth and company department store here today and destroyed stock and fixtures estimated at \$100,000. Other buildings were undamaged.

YAP TANGLE INCREASING IN GRAVITY

League Nations' Reply Shows Pacific Possession Mandate Up to Supreme Council—Difficulty of Situation Is Admitted—U. S. A. Attitude to League Stressed.

PARIS, Mar. 2.—(By Associated Press.) The League of Nations is not concerned with the allocation of the former German possessions in the Pacific which includes the Japanese mandate for the Island of Yap, the American government is informed in the reply of the council of the league, to the American note on the mandate question.

The allocation was made by the supreme council of the allies, the note points out, but the council invites the United States to be represented at the meeting of the council in May or June when the other classes of mandates are to be taken up for final determination.

U. S. A. Out of League. It points out, however, how the situation is complicated by the fact that the United States has not ratified the treaty and has not taken a seat in the council of the league.

Spirit of Friendship. The council might easily have dwelt on the controversial aspects of the American note but this procedure would ill-represent their true attitude.

Island of Yap. The main American objection in this case, it is understood from your excellency's note, is to the effect that the Island of Yap was included by the council in the mandate given Japan, whereas your excellency states that the United States has on several occasions refused to agree to the allocation of this island to any one state.

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Hope of Enactment Soldier Bonus Bill This Session Ends

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Prospects for passage of the naval appropriation bill were said by senate leaders to have improved when the senate reconvened today to continue the struggle.

TESTIMONY IN L. EVANS TRIAL IS CONFLICTING

State Witnesses Swear to One Thing and Defense Witnesses to Another—R. H. Hines Takes Stand for Evans—Sheriff Testifies.

Testimony and records were introduced in the case of Lark Evans, on trial in the circuit court charged with assault and robbery tending to show that at the time on September 12, 1919, when the prosecuting witness, W. G. White, a Grants Pass jitney driver testified Evans was holding him up, he was employed in the Hines and Snider garage in this city, and engaged in putting a vacuum tank on the Blue Ledge car, driven by Sam Sandry. The time book and the time slips of the auto firm were introduced by the defense, which began its case this morning.

R. D. Hines, a member of the then existent firm of Hines and Snider was the first witness. He testified that Evans went to work for them and that he saw the defendant on the afternoon of September 13th, as he did on every day of his employment. He testified that Evans worked but one Saturday, and that Saturday was September 13, and that Evans was discharged on September 17th, a Thursday. Hines testified that he distinctly remembered Evans working on the afternoon of September 13th, 1919, because he had sent him to the A. W. Walker Auto company for a larger vacuum tank than the one on the Blue Ledge car, and that when he looked out of the office window he saw Evans putting on the same sized vacuum tank, and that he went out outside and called his attention to it with the remark: "That is a boob trick to do."

On cross examination, Hines maintained his original story, and in response to queries said that his interest in the case was because he "did not believe Evans guilty," and that after he heard of Evans' arrest for the robbery he had taken the firm records to then District Attorney Roberts, and showed them. He also

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L. GEORGE AGREES TO INVASION

Evasive Actions by German Envoys Ends British Premier's Opposition to Use of Armed Force—Occupation of Ruhr and Mannheim Is Sanctioned.

LONDON, March 2.—Mr. Lloyd George, the prime minister, consented today to the employment of armed force against Germany in the event of her non-compliance with allied reparations demand, to the extent of the occupation of Mannheim by British, French and Belgian troops, and also of the Ruhr ports on the Rhine where coal is handled.

LONDON, Mar. 2.—(By Associated Press.) Notice to Germany that her reparations proposal would not be discussed and that the allies were ready to enforce the payment of German obligations was in preparation today by the committee of the supreme council appointed to frame a reply.

Offer Is Fantastic. Today's newspapers were unanimous in declaring the German offer yesterday of the equivalent of \$7,500,000,000 in reparations was wholly inadequate, "impudent," "ridiculous," "fantastic," and "grotesque," were some of the adjectives the principal newspapers used in commenting on the German terms.

It is not easy to speak with precision of this combination of business cunning, chicanery and sheer impudence, asserted the London Times. "Doubtless the German delegates are armed with a whole series of successive schemes, each giving a little more than its predecessor. But when her bluff is called she will abandon it."

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