

GERMANY USES RUSSIA IN EFFORT TO NEGOTIATE PEACE

GERMAN U-BOAT ATTACK FAILS, SAYS PREMIER

Lloyd George Says Submarine Campaign Successfully Met, Though Hopes for Armies Have Not Been Realized Because of Russian Collapse

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) LONDON, Eng., Dec. 20.—Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain today set the stamp of his authority on the statement that the German submarine warfare is being successfully met and defeated.

In a notable statement to the house of commons, in which he reviewed land as well as sea operations of recent date, he declared that the margin of losses at sea by the U-boat campaign over the new tonnage placed into operation by the Allies is growing less and less—that Germany's hope of driving the merchant ships from the sea is doomed to defeat.

Teutons Make Big Effort to Smash Road into Italy

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 20.—With their avenues of communication through the mountain passes behind them becoming impassable because of the snow, which has been falling heavily for some days, the Austro-Germans are now making a supreme effort to smash their way through the Italian lines and into the Venetian plains, where winter quarters may be established and where the invading armies may live largely off of the country.

At two points of the line furious battles are raging, each side fighting desperately in the knowledge that the defeat of either will have the most serious consequences. At both points the Teutons have made gains, in neither case of importance, while the German and Austrian losses have been very heavy.

One series of attacks was launched against the Italians holding the western bank of the Lower Piave, this blow being aimed directly at Venice. Under cover of a concentrated deluge of shells the Teutons threw a pontoon bridge across the river some three miles from its mouth and just above that section of the district which the Italians had flooded. Across this bridge a strong detachment of the enemy poured before the Italians could rush a force to hold the ground.

After a desperate series of attacks, the Hunns were finally driven back to the river's edge, where they are now being held, with the positions behind them smashed by the Italian guns. To rescue these attackers and break the Italians, four other attacks were made simultaneously along the same sector, each being realized with tremendous losses to the Teutons. Other attacks were developing late yesterday and the fighting on the Lower Piave is still continuing. The Italians are holding firmly, however, and the situation of the first party of the enemy which crossed is desperate.

Admiral Parks Follows Harris At Washington



ADMIRAL C. W. PARKS, Made Chief of Bureau Naval Yards and Docks

In taking up the duties of chief of the bureau of yards and docks at Washington, to which he has just been appointed with rank of rear admiral, Captain C. W. Parks of Pearl Harbor will succeed Rear Admiral Frederic B. Harris, judging from information just received from Washington.

Admiral Harris has held the position of yards and docks chief since January of 1916, but was recently relieved of that position to become shipping board manager through appointment by President Wilson. The former shipping board manager was Rear Admiral Washington L. Capp, who was compelled to resign on account of ill health.

The type of man chosen for the yards and docks position is shown by the fact that both Admiral Harris and Admiral Parks are engineers of long experience and high technical training. Admiral Harris added to an already well established engineering reputation, when, against the advice of friends he attempted and carried to a successful conclusion the project of building a drydock in the quicksand at the navy yard, New York. Two contractors had already failed on the project when Admiral Harris took it up and carried it out successfully.

DIRECTOR FOR U. S. TRAINING

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—Major-General J. F. Morrison was today appointed by the war department as director of military training, and plans are under way to coordinate the work of all the army camps.

FILM COMEDIAN KILLED BY AUTO

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 20.—Eric Campbell, one of the best known comedians of the movie field, and a member of the Charlie Chaplin company, was killed here today in an auto accident.

RUMANIAN MINISTER TO JAPAN IS DEAD

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji) TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 20.—Nicholas Zenopol, Rumanian minister, died here yesterday. He came to Tokio to discuss the new treaty between Rumania and Japan. He will be buried tomorrow in the Aoyama cemetery.

U. S. Puts Ban On Exports If Space Not Sure

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—The interstate commerce commission today authorized the railroads not to accept export shipments to Pacific ports unless cargo reservations were made in advance, and all port and vessel charges paid or guaranteed.

Violent objections to the proposal of the railroads to place an embargo on westbound freight for Honolulu and the Orient were made by Honolulu railroad agents and Honolulu merchants when the plans of the railroad companies first became known here. The fight was led by H. E. Vernon, Honolulu general agent of the Santa Fe, supported by the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce, but as the Associated Press report shows, without avail.

Mr. Vernon attempted to convince officials of his company that Honolulu freight from the East would cause no congestion in San Francisco and the restriction would result in the need to employ ships' brokers to secure cargo space by Honolulu consignees. Also that old trade connections with eastern manufacturers would be severed by the embargo rule, and that new ones would have to be established on the Pacific coast.

BONUS TO ARMOUR TO HOLD PLANT IN CHICAGO ALLEGED

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—That the company operating the stockyards at Chicago had offered a bonus to Ogden Armour if the big Armour plant were retained in Chicago was told to the federal trade commission by F. R. Hart today. Hart said that the stockyards company had agreed to pay Armour in excess of 9 per cent of its earnings to prevent a proposed removal of the plant to the west.

Aged Woman Kills Farmer Son Who Killed Her Grandson

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) MONTROSE, Col., Dec. 20.—Mrs. J. H. Bush, aged 72, today confessed to the murder of her son, John, a farmer of this section, while he was sleeping. She declared that her son had killed his own son, her grandson, a boy of 11, and dismembered the body, then forcing her to assist in boiling it in the lye of a soap vat until the body was destroyed. Later, she said, she killed John and disposed of his body the same way. She said she did this because he would kill her. Officers are searching the farm seeking corroborative of her story.

MINE EXPLOSION; ELEVEN ARE DEAD

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 20.—Eleven miners were killed today when a big explosion occurred in the Dour mine, near Newnour.

ROTARIANS SEE SHAFTER FOR WEEKLY LUNCHEON

Major Charles G. Mettler ushered the Rotarians into a novel experience for the weekly club luncheon today. The club went to Fort Shafter, was met by the major, who is a Rotarian, and after an inspection of interesting things there, sat down to "mess," afterward returning to the city.

30,000 TAKE OUT PERMITS TO BUY BOOZE

Liquor Board Meets This Afternoon to Discuss Means of Handling Xmas Rush

A matter of importance which will be taken up by the liquor license commission at its meeting this afternoon is that of handling the Christmas business in the easiest way without letting down any of the bars which have been put up to prevent the illegal sale of intoxicating drinks.

To date there have been close to 30,000 liquor permits issued under the new system and the next few days will see that number greatly increased," said William H. Hutton, license inspector, this morning. "The commission this afternoon will meet heads of wholesale houses to agree on some method of handling the situation. We do not want to discontinue the use of the permits for the few days before Christmas. It is possible that we may place a man in all of the large wholesale houses to pass on the permits.

"The use of the permits has greatly helped the office in keeping a check on where the liquor goes," said Mr. Hutton. "As a result whatever is done to help the wholesalers must not in any way lessen the hold we have gained over the situation."

WILL TAX ACCOUNTS UNDER \$100

Local Banks Decide to Charge 50 Cents a Month on Small Checking Accounts

Commencing January 2, 1918, the banks on this island will make a charge on commercial depositors whose checking accounts are below the \$100 mark of 50 cents for each month that the balances are in that condition. Five banks, the Bank of Hawaii, Bishop & Co., First National Bank, the Bank of Honolulu and the Army National Bank at Schofield have mutually agreed upon this course.

MAJOR LEONARD SENT TO STATES

Maj. Charles F. Leonard, 1st Infantry, who was in command of the training camp that recently closed at Schofield Barracks and who served on the board that nominated the officers to be chosen from there, is ordered to proceed to the mainland through word from Washington received today at army headquarters.

\$75,000 Worth of Opium Seized Here Sent to Washington

Opium valued at \$75,000, according to the present high prices, is being packed today for shipment to the surgeon general of the public health service at Washington, D. C., by the customs officials. In all there are 325 pounds of the opium, one of the largest shipments which has ever been sent from here. All of this opium is the quantity which has been seized here by the customs inspectors since last March. When it reaches Washington it is to be distributed for medicinal use of the army and the navy during the war. So valuable is this shipment of seized opium that it is to be sent to Washington by Wells-Fargo Express.

French Show Honor to Local Girl When Sick

Miss Wilhelmina Tenney Admitted to Hospital Reserved for Severely Wounded

Miss Wilhelmina Tenney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Tenney, had the distinction of being the only woman patient ever admitted to certain military hospital in France. Since last September she has been in France engaged in canteen war work, and in the latter part of October was taken ill.

The only hospital near her canteen occupation, which she was unable to name in her letter to her parents, due to the censorship, was one reserved exclusively for severely wounded soldiers and to which no other woman had ever been admitted. But when the condition of the Honolulu girl was explained to the hospital superintendents they readily consented to care for the "young American mademoiselle."

WOMEN WILL BE ASKED TO HELP IN DRAFT WORK

Women of Honolulu will be called upon to aid in the big task ahead of the selective draft workers of getting the new questionnaires filled out, according to Capt. F. J. Green. At Capt. Green's suggestion the chief registrars in the various precincts will include women of their districts in the organization plan.

"This is work in which women can participate just as well as men," said the draft officer today, "and I am sure that there are a large number of women here who will be glad to offer their services in this way."

There will be interpreters at every booth to listen to questions from registrants who call to fill out the questionnaires, and these questions will be turned over to those in charge for answer. It is estimated that it will take not less than half an hour to fill out the numerous blanks.

17,000 MEMBERS RED CROSS TOTAL

No word was received this morning from Maui and Kauai as to what success these islands have had in the drive for new members to the Red Cross but the number on Oahu continues to grow, according to A. L. Castle, chairman. This morning he received a cable from Washington asking how the work was progressing, and wired back that 17,000 members have already been obtained but that he anticipated that the number would be 25,000 before the drive was over.

CENTRAL POWERS DISCLOSE PLAN TO BE USED AS LEVER ON ALLIES; COSSACKS GAIN

Bolsheviki Face Rapidly Growing Army Under Orenburg, Allied With Kaledines—Independent Cossack Government Set Up

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) PETROGRAD, Russia, Dec. 20.—Germany is planning to secure assistance of the Bolsheviki government in the forthcoming proposal for a general peace, according to statements in the press here. It is declared that representatives of the Central Powers have told the Russian peace commissioners at the preliminary armistice conference that they intend to propose peace to the Allies and have asked Russia to take similar steps. It is declared also that the Bolsheviki government is complying with this request.

PETROGRAD, Russia, Dec. 20.—Gen. Orenburg, at the head of a large army of Cossacks, is now actively opposing the Bolsheviki forces and has occupied the important town of Teletsk, a trans-Siberian railway junction.

LONDON, England, Dec. 20.—The negotiations between the Bolsheviki government and the German government to bring about peace are assuming an important aspect. Foreign Ministers von Kuehmann of Germany and Czernin of Austria-Hungary are en route to the scene of the conference with their suites, and it is reported that the main reichstag committee has been summoned to Berlin in connection with the peace moves.

Gen. Krylenko, the Bolsheviki commander, has been enabled to withdraw troops from the Russo-Teuton front in order to meet the menace of Gen. Kaledines, who is sweeping part of the southern country with his Cossacks.

The Bolsheviki are dealing drastically with all declared to be enemies of the government. The death penalty has been restored.

It is reported that the Russian troops are preparing to evacuate Poland.

Kaledines Sets Up Independent Cossack Kingdom, Wins Victories

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) LONDON, Dec. 20.—After winning a decisive victory with his Cossacks Kaledines has proclaimed the independence of the Cossack territory and has made an offer to the Bolsheviki government that strife shall cease upon the basis which he names. This was the news contained in a despatch received by the Post from its Petrograd correspondent last night.

On Monday the Cossacks finally occupied Rostov, the Post says this morning. The infantry that remained there joined forces with the Cossacks, the rear guard surrendering to the combined forces.

Following this Kaledines proposed to the Bolsheviki government that civil strife shall cease, in this proposal he expressly stipulated that the territory occupied by the Cossacks should be independent of the Petrograd government and free from any interference or intervention on the part of the Maximillists.

Reuter's Agency in a despatch received here says that a decree was issued in Petrograd turning over the entire administration of the fleets to the central committees.

Other Petrograd despatches told of the preparing of a decree by the commission of justice reinstating the death penalty against all "enemies of the nation" and that Trotsky had decreed that all consuls to foreign governments shall be elected by the Russian colonies in the cities in which they reside while the ambassadors shall continue to be named by the government.

DIVIDENDS TO ALIEN ENEMIES ARE HELD UP

Local Concerns Advised By Huber to Pay Out Nothing to Teutons Abroad

Acting upon the advice of U. S. Attorney S. C. Huber, Hawaiian corporations paying dividends to alien Germans or Austrians residing outside of the United States, or to persons of other nationalities residing in enemy nations or in nations trading with the enemy, are withholding all moneys now due these persons, and will continue to hold them until an enemy property custodian is appointed for Hawaii, or until otherwise instructed by A. Mitchell Palmer, national custodian.

LICENSES OF FOODHOARDERS TO BE REVOKED

Child Says Storage House Caught Violating Law Will Be Punished

Wholesalers and other dealers in and distributors of foodstuffs will have their federal licenses revoked if they wilfully permit food products to go to waste in ice houses or cold storage plants.

Electrical apparatus operated by a keyboard like that of a piano has been invented for ringing bells, and either to chime or continuously.