

NEXT MAILS
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BOLSHEVIKI POWER WANES; REVOLT IN RADICAL RANKS

ADMINISTRATION IN PUBLIC STATEMENT SAYS SHORTAGE OF SUGAR NOT MYTHICAL

DEMANDS OF ALLIES CAUSE UNPRECEDENTED SHIPMENTS ABROAD—CUBAN STOCK-JOBING STORY IS DENIED FLATLY BY WHITE HOUSE AFTER UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO PUT FACTS BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Supporting the action of the federal food control bureau under Herbert Hoover, the White House has made public a statement on the sugar shortage, after an unsuccessful effort was made to place the statement before the senate sub-committee investigating the shortage.

It was before this committee that Claus Spreckels declared that Hoover and the sugar control officials had discriminated in favor of coast refiners and that the shortage was unnecessary. The White House statement says that before the war the Allies produced much of their own sugar supply and procured the rest from Germany.

Then, that is, before the war, the Allies took 300,000 tons annually from the western hemisphere. Now these Allies take 1,400,000 tons annually from the same part of the world, creating an unprecedented demand for Cuban and domestic sugars.

The shortage will continue for the next year, and the shortage then will amount to 300,000 tons below the normal supply unless the Allies go to Java for their supply, says the statement, and it adds emphatically:

"If the statements that there will be an abundance of sugar are believed by the American public it will do the country's war efforts incalculable harm." The statement denies the charge that sugar stocks were permitted to remain unremoved, causing an artificial shortage, and also that sugar was left in Cuba while an effort was made to "bear" down Cuban prices.

RUSSIAN MASSES LOYAL TO ALLIES SAYS RED CROSS MAN

Dr. William S. Thayer, Noted Physician, Just Back From Russia Declares Majority is Opposed to Cessation of War Against Germany Until Honorable Peace is Secured

"Russia is still loyal to the Allies and their cause, even though the present government in Petrograd is seeking peace with Germany. The Maximalist and Bolsheviki parties represent but a fraction of the great Russian population. The majority of the population is utterly opposed to stopping the war with Germany until an honorable peace has been secured."

This is the only comment which Dr. William Sydney Thayer, who is returning from a Red Cross mission to Russia, would authorize for publication today while in Honolulu. Of the conditions which have led up to the present chaotic state and the street fighting which occurred in Moscow at the overthrow of the Kerensky government he felt more free to speak.

Dr. Thayer is one of a trio of noted physicians, Thayer, Osler and Welch, formerly connected with the Johns Hopkins University and hospital in Baltimore.

For many years he was an associate physician of the Johns Hopkins hospital and professor of clinic medicine in the university. Besides belonging to the prominent medical associations of America, he is an honorary member of the Therapeutical Society of Moscow and is known as an authority on typhoid and malaria.

Dr. Thayer went to Russia with the Red Cross mission in July. He was in Moscow when the revolution started which deposed Kerensky. The fighting was much more severe in Moscow than in Petrograd and lasted for nearly a week, he says. The defense against the revolutionists was made by cadet officers and the number of wounded and killed was much larger than it was in the spring when the Nevskii in Petrograd was swept by machine guns.

The doctor is reticent about telling what has been accomplished by the Red Cross in Russia, as he is to make an official report, but says that the organization has continued to send out supplies from Moscow and other headquarters.

Harbin, Siberia, is not as bad as it has been painted, he thinks, although there is little police protection at night. He denies emphatically that Japan has sent troops to Harbin, but

Czar's Daughter Safe In Peking Japanese Report

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji) TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 26.—Princess Tatiana, daughter of the former czar of Russia, arrived at the Russian legation in Peking yesterday. It is not known definitely whether she will visit the United States. According to reports from China, the princess was in the best of health upon her arrival.

ATROCITIES BY GERMANS BEGIN; SENTRY MURDERED

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless) WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 26.—German atrocities against American soldiers in France have already been begun and yesterday were made the subject of an official report by a commander. The report says that an American sentry was found dead, his throat cut. It is declared, after examination, that the man was first captured and then killed by cutting his throat.

MINE BLAST IN JAPAN KILLS 361

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji) TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 26.—An explosion in the Kirino coal mine on Monday caused the death of 361 laborers and hundreds of others were injured. Only 40 out of the number employed in the mine were saved. It is rumored that the catastrophe is the result of a German plot.

Red Cross 'Drive' Brings More Than Thirteen Million

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Announcement was made here today that the Red Cross Christmas "drive" has netted more than 13,000,000 members, bringing the total to 18,000,000.

U-BOAT AWAITED U. S. OFFICERS

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 26.—Passengers arriving at this port yesterday say that in at least one previous instance a German submarine crew knew of the movements of a steamer carrying American officers. It is declared that the crew of this submarine, which was captured while moving undersea and later sunk, knew the movements of the steamer in question, and that the submarine lay in wait for the vessel to sink her. That the sneaking tactics of the U-boat was not successful was due to the vigilance of the convoying vessel, which repelled the planned attack and later drove the submarine to capture, say the passengers.

U. S. SOLDIERS RENEW PLEDGES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—General Pershing yesterday signaled Christmas in a brief but eloquent cablegram to the chief of staff, pledging renewed devotion by the entire American expedition to the causes for which the United States is fighting.

FRENCH TO HOLD NO MORE ELECTIONS TILL GREAT WAR IS ENDED

PARIS, France, Dec. 26.—The chamber of deputies yesterday passed a resolution extending the terms of all elective officers until the end of the war, without elections in the interim.

SENATE COMMITTEE HEARS OF CONDITIONS IN CAMPS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—The senate military affairs committee today listened to testimony as to conditions in Camps Wadsworth and Bowie.

2 HURT IN AUTO SMASH

As the result of a collision Monday night between his automobile and another bearing the number 3292, Clarence Olson, attorney, is wearing a piece of sticking plaster over his nose and Mrs. Fred Ohrt's forehead has a four-inch gash caused by the flying glass of the windshield. Mr. Olson was traveling waikiki on Berea when automobile 3291 came up Miller street, cut the corner and the two machines collided. Fred Ohrt and Mrs. Olson on the rear seat were not injured.

TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 26.—Prince Yamagata, president of the privy council, has announced that he will resign from the position. Marquis Saionji will be appointed to succeed him.

First War Christmas For America; Fourth For Battling Europe

The Associated Press last night summed up the world-war situation as follows: America's first war Christmas for many years finds her loyal sons of the United States in training camps here and in France, and guarding the ocean lanes against enemy submarines.

This is the fourth war Christmas of the leading belligerents of Europe. For the first time in a century Bethlehem and Jerusalem, where occurred most of the important events in the life of Him whose natal day is commemorated, are in the hands of Christians.

On Christmas Day military events over the great theater of war were almost at a standstill, except on the Italian front, where the Austro-Germans persisted in their efforts to break the Italian line.

Last Christmaside the world was discussing the terms of peace then put forth by the "Central Powers." Today, it was reported, would be again marked by a proffer from the countries held under sway of German military autocracy. The Bolsheviki negotiations have progressed so far that it is understood the Russians will receive the Teutonic answer today to their proposals, the answer professing to desire peace, which, say the Entente Powers, cannot be accepted with honor.

BANDITS OF MEXICO IN BORDER RAID

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless) EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 26.—News reached here yesterday that an American stage driver was hanged and his throat cut by Mexican bandits who raided the border town of Candelaria. The bandits held up the stage, looted it and killed the stage driver. Cavalry detachments are pursuing them.

LATE NEWS AT A GLANCE

SENATORS PROBING COAL SHORTAGE NOW WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—The coal shortage has displaced the sugar shortage as center of attention by the investigating senate subcommittee. Dr. Harry Garfield, fuel controller, was called to the stand today and the testimony of Herbert Hoover, food controller, will probably not be given until Friday.

BRITISH OFFICIAL DECLARES TOBACCO WAR NECESSITY LONDON, Eng., Dec. 26.—Lord Rhondda, food controller of Britain, today declared that tobacco is a necessity for the troops and that it should not be classed as a luxury. He believes the loss of tobacco for the troops would be a national misfortune. The local papers are forecasting a new system of rationing.

LABOR TRADES MAY BE MOBILIZED SOON WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Indications that artisans and other skilled laborers may soon be mobilized according to trade, for service in the war, are seen in the instructions today from General E. H. Crowder, provost marshal-general, to all governors to secure reports of the number of bricklayers throughout their states available for war duty. They are to prepare for immediate mobilization in Texas, preparatory to being sent to Pershing's command. This is the first application of the special occupational classification plan and indicates that there will be similar calls for other trades.

FILIPINO GIRL, KIDNAPED FROM KAUAI, IS FOUND A 4 year old Filipino girl, who was kidnaped by a countryman and taken from Kauai to the Waimanalo plantation, Oahu, has been found by Probation Officer Joseph Leal, who restored the youngster to her father today. No motive for the kidnaping can be learned. The man is under surveillance.

LIQUOR AND UNIFORMS LEAD SEVERAL INTO TROUBLE Five Russians, charged with selling liquor to soldiers, have been arrested by federal officials on information furnished by military officers at Schofield Barracks. They are being held pending a commissioner's hearing. The federal officials have also arrested a Filipino and two Chinese, charged with unlawfully wearing parts of the U. S. uniform. One of the defendants had a campaign hat and the other two olive drab shirts.

WANT WAR BOARD REPRESENTATIVE HERE. Raymond C. Brown, secretary of the chamber of commerce, today cabled George McK. McClellan, representative for the local chamber in Washington, D. C., asking him to take up with the war trade board, the matter of the appointment of a Honolulu agent for the board to issue export and import licenses. At present a blanket license has been issued in the case of all imports for Hawaii, but as there is a possibility that this arrangement may be abrogated at any time the chamber of commerce is moving forward to have a representative of the war trade board stationed here.

RICHARD TRENT NAMED BISHOP ESTATE TRUSTEE Richard H. Trent, president of the Trent Trust Co., was appointed by the justices of the supreme court at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, as a trustee of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop estate, succeeding A. W. Carter, resigning. According to the justices, this appointment does not have to be confirmed by a judge of the circuit court, under a decision recently handed down by the supreme court. The trustees of the Bishop estate recommended the appointment of Francis M. Hatch, while the Kamehameha Alumni Association suggested that the new trustee be of Hawaiian blood.

Because he cursed the United States government and made slurring remarks against the British, Hans Mohler, was arrested last night and is being held for the federal authorities. The arrest was made by Deputy Sheriff J. W. Asch on the complaint of two waterfront watchmen. Mohler admits he is a German.

Americans Bring Joy To French

Soldiers Play Santa Claus to Thousands of Youngsters and Refugee Families; Grim War Put Aside With Santa as "Commanding Officer" for Holiday

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless) WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 26.—Calling a halt in the grim business of war for the happier duty of celebrating a patriotic Christmas, the officers and soldiers of the American expeditionary force yesterday took part in the most unique holiday ever observed by Americans on foreign soil.

The expeditionaries really began their celebration at sundown on Monday night, when with one accord the thousands of men capitulated to Santa Claus and put aside temporarily their martial task.

At dusk on Monday a light snow was falling and there was no danger of an offensive from the enemy on that section of the front held by the Americans. All the soldiers but those few most necessary quit their duties on the front lines, and at the bases and camps behind the lines, and started to do the bidding of the "jovial saint," temporarily designated as the "commanding officer of the American expeditionary force."

Rush to Open Packages For days huge loads of Christmas packages had been arriving and these were received and held undisturbed in the camps. Immediately after the cessation of military work the packages were given to the various commands and there was a great rush to open them.

Some of the late mail was slow in being delivered at the docks of the French ports where the American supplies enter. In order to get it to the men of Pershing's army it was put on swift motor trucks and lorries and these rushed at full speed to the various camps.

The headquarters of the first division which landed had a huge celebration, elaborate in detail and of the most wholesomely festive character. The great Y. M. C. A. "hut" was converted for the occasion and this structure was the center of the festivities. The curious French children, who flocked around the hall were excluded by sentries in a humorously

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TROTZKY GOVERNMENT TOTTERS; PEACE NEGOTIATIONS STOPPED; I.W.W. INVOLVED IN PLOTTING

World-Wide Intrigue to Overthrow All Existing Governments Is Bared—Vessel With Arms Arrives at American Port - All Crews Hereafter to Be Searched

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless) LONDON, Eng., Dec. 26.—Torn with dissension in its own ranks, the Bolsheviki government is tottering. There is a growing unanimity of statement in the Petrograd despatches indicating the waning power of the Trotsky regime. The causes of the alleged breakdown are said to be increasing drunkenness among the people, reluctance to work and scarcity of food.

Instances are cited of Bolsheviki troops refusing to march and of making resistance to disarmament. The leaders of the movement are reported to be conscious of its hopeless failure, and there is noted the tremendous growing opposition to the ultra-radical rule. Former supporters of the Lenin-Trotsky government are now opposing it. "German hirelings" is a common epithet used against the leaders and followers of the Bolsheviki.

The postponement of the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk has resulted in the return of the Russian commissioners to Petrograd. Apparently they intend to await the arrival of the enemy delegations to discuss the political aspects of an eventual peace conference.

Sir George Buchanan has issued a statement refuting the charges of interference by the British embassy with Russia's internal affairs. He says that there are now three distinct Russian governments and it is difficult to avoid the appearance of conflicting relations.

PETROGRAD, Russia, Dec. 26.—News has been received here of revolutionary plots flaring up against Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria. Conditions in Bulgaria are said to be greatly disturbed. This news confirms previous reports that a revolution in Bulgaria was developing.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—U. S. government agents have uncovered evidence tending to show that the I. W. W. is working with the Bolsheviki element in Russia and with other anarchistic and rabid Socialist elements in a world-wide plot to overthrow all the existing orders of society, all government and all rule of officials.

The steamer Shilka arriving at a Pacific port from Russia has been discovered to carry arms and ammunition, and this is but one of several instances in which arms are being sent to the United States from the ultra-radicals of Russia.

Because of this and other incidents, a federal inspection of all crews of incoming vessels was ordered yesterday.

WHARF MAIL BARRED BY CENSORSHIP

All Letters Must Go Through Postoffice; Lines Violating Rule Liable to Fine No more mail, whether in government stamped envelopes or not, will be accepted at the gangways of steamers departing from Honolulu, if the order put into effect today by the Pacific Mail is followed out by the other steamship lines. If they do they will render themselves liable to a fine of \$10,000 or imprisonment for the person held as guilty.

It is the censorship law prohibiting the taking out or bringing in of any form of communication which has not passed through the ordinary channels of the postoffice service which makes this order necessary. The federal act places the carrying out of the law in the treasury department, through the customs inspectors, who are required to search the persons and baggage of all passengers leaving or entering an American port.

While the law is primarily intended to check communication with the enemy, it also provides a check on such communication by indirect means, through correspondents of the Central Powers who may be or are located in neutral or allied countries. This being the case, the paragraph of the act providing punishment for its violation does not specify that such illegal communication should necessarily be proven as intended for the enemy, as the following extract plainly shows:

It is unlawful for any person to send, or take out of, or bring into, or attempt to send, or to take out, or to bring into the United States, any letter or other writing of tangible form of communication, except in the regular course of the mails, and the violator is subject, upon conviction, to a fine of not more than \$10,000, or to imprisonment for not more than 10 years or both.

An order issued by the San Francisco office of a local shipping agency states, based on the requirements of the treasury department rulings regarding the "Enemy Act," as approved by the executive order of October 12, is given:

"In the future, all mail must be refused, except it has passed through the United States post office or is handed to you by Customs officials in the employ of the Collector of Customs."

PETROGRAD, Russia, Dec. 26.—News was received here yesterday that the Trans-Siberian railway has been cut near Irkutsk, Siberia, where a Bolsheviki force destroyed a big railroad shop. Heavy fighting is reported at many places in Siberia, between the Bolsheviki's hastily organized troops and those who were identified with and still support the original revolution.

Items who have censored the mail and then placed it in your hands for delivery on board our vessel?

DR. HAYES SEEKS TRIAL JANUARY 2

Notice was to be served on the city attorney's office today by the attorneys for Dr. H. Homer Hayes, under indictment by the territorial grand jury on a charge of having performed a criminal operation, that it would request the circuit court to set Jan. 2 as the date for the beginning of Dr. Hayes' trial. Dr. Hayes recently pleaded not guilty to the charge in the indictment.

"We are ready to go to trial at once," a member of the law firm said today, "and we have so notified the city attorney's office. Doctor Hayes is a professional man, and upon his profession hinges his entire stock in trade. In fairness to him and in view of the recent newspaper comment on the case we believe that he should have an immediate trial."