

INDICATIONS OF OFFENSIVE BY TEUTON FORCES MORE APPARENT

Closing of Border To Switzerland Indicates Large Troop Movements Towards the Italian Front and New Offensive

FRENCH SECTOR MEETS PRELIMINARY ATTACKS

American Forces Now Occupy Sector Along Chemin Des Dames Where Some of the Heaviest Fighting Occurred

NEW YORK, February 23—(Associated Press)—Indications of further preparations for Teuton offenses on the Italian and the Western front are to be found in the despatches of yesterday. On the Western front the assembling of heavy reinforcements behind the lines is reported as continuing and on the French front there was heavy fighting which continued up to last night and which appeared preliminary to an even more general engagement.

Reports of the closing of the Swiss borders which have again been closed by the German authorities and that none shall be permitted to enter Switzerland or depart along that border without the consent of Germany, is taken by the military authorities at Rome to indicate extensive troop movements to the Italian front, in preparation for a renewal of the offensive against the Venetian plains.

REPORTS CONFIRMED

Confirmation of this comes in the reports being turned in by the Italian aviators at general headquarters, of the Italian army. These reports state that there has been during the past few days a great reinforcement of the Austrian army through the arrival of regiments drawn from the Russian and Rumanian fronts. Troop trains are continuing to arrive, report the aerial observers.

AMERICAN FRONTS

Announcement is made that American troops have been for some time on the Chemin Des Dames front in France. This was kept secret until it was definitely known the Germans were aware of their presence. It is announced that a New Englander, single handed, captured a German shell hole after a hard fight.

The Americans entered the Chemin Des Dames trenches on a very dark night. The French commander of the section kissed the American flag when it was brought down, and the French were enthusiastic in their reception of their new war allies.

In several hot patrol fights Americans from the units under instruction in the Chemin Des Dames sector Thursday night killed one German and captured another. One American was wounded.

SUGGESTS INTERVENTION IN BEHALF OF FINLAND

STOCKHOLM, February 22—(Associated Press)—Sweden has suggested to several powers diplomatic intervention in Petrograd, to obtain the evacuation of Finland by the Russian troops. This was announced in the riksdag today by Premier Eden. Some of the powers have replied favorably and others have not yet answered.

BELIEVE RESISTANCE OF SLAVS WILL GROW

WASHINGTON, February 22—(Associated Press)—Observers of the Russian situation here believe that as the Germans advance into Slav territory they will meet with more resistance and eventually the vast extent of the Russian territory, its outnumbering population and its resources will bring into action more definite and forceful resistance to the German movement.

WAY TO DAMASCUS IS OPENED UP BY BRITISH DRIVE

General Allenby Clears Foothills of Jericho, Takes Jericho and Is in Sight of River Jordan With Its Rich Valley Open

LONDON, February 23—(Associated Press)—Continuing his victorious advance, General Allenby yesterday cleared the foothills along his north eastern front of the Turks and the German gunners with the Ottoman army and advanced along his whole seven mile front to a depth of more than four miles, capturing and passing Jericho and arriving within sight of the River Jordan.

Once the hold of the Turks upon the mountain passes was shaken loose, the attempted defense of the Valley of the River Jordan fell to pieces and the British with their French, Italian and Arab allies made rapid progress. This advance marks the fifth decided defeat of the Turks since their effort to retake Jerusalem two months ago. In that time they have been driven back fifteen miles through rough country, in which the defense was favored by the nature of the ground and into which the Turks had retreated from Jerusalem, confident in their ability to withstand further efforts to dislodge them.

COMPROMISE BILL MAY END FRACTION

Plans For Adjusting Differences Between Overman and Chamberlain Measures Progress

WASHINGTON, February 23—(Associated Press)—Progress is being made in the adjustment of differences between the administration and member of the senate military committee. The Overman bill is to be materially amended, according to plans formulated by the leaders of both sides and will be submitted to the senate committee on military affairs by the senate judiciary committee. It is believed the measure as amended will largely meet their wishes and may be accepted as a substitute for the bill which was introduced in the upper house by Senator Chamberlain and which the administration opposes.

The Overman Bill gives the President wide power to make over almost completely the executive branch of the government for the period of the war, rearranging existing agencies and their functions and establishing such new ones as may be found necessary. One amendment is to give to the chairman of the war industries board the power which the Chamberlain Bill would confer upon a director of munitions. Favorable report was made to the senate yesterday by the finance committee on the McAdoo War Finance Corporation Bill. Amendments are suggested, however, which would largely emasculate the bill and give power herein provided for the directors of the corporation to the federal reserve banking board. One amendment takes away the power to license the issue of securities by private corporations and places it with other questions of capital in the jurisdiction of the federal reserve board.

Another amendment would limit the power of the directors in making direct loans to corporations for the prosecution of the war and in the public interests.

INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF WORLD PUNISHED

Britain Has No Use For Dangerous Agitators of That ilk

LONDON, February 23—(Associated Press)—Great Britain will not tolerate the presence of American representatives of the pernicious organization known as the Industrial Workers of the World.

TO FINANCE BANK

TOKYO, February 22—(Special to Nippo Jiji)—American financiers in Mukden, Manchuria, are now negotiating with the Chinese business men and have proposed to organize a Chinese American bank. The company will have a capital of \$5,000,000. The main bank will be located in Mukden with branches scattered throughout Manchuria.

BEWARE OF COLDS

Children are much more likely to contract the contagious diseases when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever and consumption are diseases that are often contracted when the child has a cold. That is why all medical authorities say beware of colds. For the quick cure of colds you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers, Beeson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii—adv.

RAILROAD CONTROL PASSES IN SENATE

Measure As Finally Adopted Limits Period To Year After War — Debate Spirited

WASHINGTON, February 23—(Associated Press)—Government control and operation of the main railroad lines of the United States will continue for eighteen months after the termination of the war, if the bill passed in the senate yesterday is adopted unamended in the house.

Although the measure has been vigorously debated, it passed on roll call without a dissenting vote. There were various amendments attempted in the preliminary skirmishes on the bill, which had the backing of the administration, the hardest fight being to cut down the period of government control to a year or less after peace. All these amendments were voted down. Senator Johnson of California led a small faction which desired to kill the bill together and provide a substitute measure prolonging government control indefinitely.

As the bill passed yesterday it carried an appropriation of half a billion dollars to meet the operating expenses of the lines. The railroad debate occupied the entire day, the only observance of Washington's Birthday consisting in the reading of the text of Washington's farewell address, which was loudly applauded.

ILLINOIS SENATOR SERIOUSLY ALARMED

Lewis Fears For Pacific Possessions Unless Government Has Transcontinental Road

WASHINGTON, February 22—(Associated Press)—Declaring that the day may come when the United States will be at fight for the possession of Hawaii and the Philippines and that Germany's present inroads into Russia threaten the peace of the Pacific, Senator J. Hamilton Lewis of Illinois opposed extensive government power over railroad transportation in the debate which preceded the passage of the Railroad Control Bill today.

Senator Lewis made the prediction that government control as a domestic policy will be a prime issue in the presidential campaign of 1920. He declared that if the Germans succeed in getting control of Russia they would urge Russia to seize Alaska and he added that the day is ahead under such circumstances, when the United States will be compelled to fight for Hawaii and the Philippines.

He said that America would be powerless to protect her territory and possessions in the Pacific without a transcontinental government owned carrier.

BILL IN SENATE TO HASTEN PROHIBITION

Consideration By Both Houses Means Quicker Action

For the purpose of expediting the passage through congress of the bill which will banish booze from Hawaii, Senator Shepard of Texas has introduced into the senate the bill which is pending in the house of representatives. Associated Press despatches received yesterday told of the introduction of the bill by the Texas senator.

Without doubt the bill presented to the upper house is the same measure which Kuhio has introduced in the lower house and was probably introduced at his request. Were the senate to await the passage of the house bill before giving consideration to prohibition for Hawaii it is not unlikely the bill might fall of passage in the closing hours of the session. With the bill under consideration in both houses its consideration becomes assured. One is not waiting on the other and the measure goes steadily forward in the ordinary course of business of both at the same time.

From the progress made on this subject in the lower house it is indicated he bill will first pass that body. If such be the case any amendments to make the two bills identical in language can be made when the senate brings the Sheppard bill up for final passage.

BELT ROAD PROJECT FACES COLLAPSE

That there is danger of the complete collapse of the project to build the proposed military belt road on the windward side of Oahu, is the opinion expressed by Supervisor E. A. Mott-Smith in discussing the failure of the county, so far, to dispose of \$250,000 in territorial bonds for the purpose.

Mr. Mott-Smith is chairman of the county finance committee in which capacity he introduced a resolution in the board of supervisors asking that means be devised for accomplishing the sale of the bonds before the matter is allowed to drop. The object of the board of supervisors is to ascertain whether the belt road on county specifications, if that is desired, or in federal specifications. If it is impossible to raise the money for this purpose the matter ends there," he said.

AGREEMENT WITH NORWAY IS FINALLY REACHED

Cargoes Long Waiting Release May Now Depart — Most of Requests of United States Are Granted By Norwegians

WASHINGTON, February 23—(Associated Press)—After negotiations which have been in progress since the United States Embargo Law went into effect and became operative against the Northern European neutrals, a complete economic agreement between the United States and Norway has been finally reached, it was announced by the state department last evening. While the demands of the United States do not prevail to the full extent sought they do prevail sufficiently to warrant the lifting of the embargo in part at least. As a result some neutral shipping which has been lying in New York harbor will now move more.

While the terms of the agreement have not been made public, a full list is reported the other Allies in complete accord with the arrangement between the United States and Norway.

It is understood that Norway has acceded to most of the requests of the United States. If it is strictly provided that no American products are to be permitted to reach the Central Powers, Norway also agrees not to export products which have been replaced by substitutes imported from the United States, and the terms provide that exports of fish shall be limited as will all products from fish.

This has been the main point of difference between the United States and the Northern European neutrals. The latter have maintained it is impossible for them to cease all food exports to the Central Powers without taking sides in the war on the side of the Allies. In this point a compromise has been reached.

The terms of the agreement with Norway and which are offered to the other Neutral Nations provide they will not reexport their imports and that they will go on such a rationing system as will preclude the substituting of such imports for foods which the neutrals may export to the Central Powers. Cargoes of oil cake and other food stuffs of which the Norwegians have for months been in great need are now to be released.

AMERICAN LABOR IS LAUDED BY DANIELS

Secretary of Navy Says Failure To Stampede Is Greatest Teuton Disappointment

NEW YORK, February 23—(Associated Press)—One of the bitterest disappointments which has hit the "Russians since the entrance of the United States into the war has been the shattering of their firm belief that they would be able through their propaganda and by the judicious use of money to stampede American labor, Secretary of Navy Daniels asserted in a speech here last night.

At the outset of the war, through strikes instigated by the I. W. W. and kindred influences and through the constant spread of German propaganda were some indications of a possibility of success of the hopes of the "Russians. That danger, if ever there was any real danger of the sound and patriotic reasoning of the labor element being disturbed, has long since passed, Daniels declared.

JAPAN'S SILK TRADE IS HIT BY EMBARGO

TOKYO, February 22—(Special to Hawaii Shippo)—Because of the embargo placed by the United States upon the import of non-essentials the price of raw silk here has suddenly fallen. With the United States not asking this commodity in usual quantities the trade is seriously limited.

It is reported the Japanese government will take the matter up with the United States government and seek a lifting of the embargo in so far as shipments from Japan across the Pacific are concerned.

MRS. JACK LONDON IS VISITING IN EAST

Charminer London, widow of Jack London, who left Glen Ellen for New York to spend the winter, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hovey, editors of the "Metropolitan" magazine, at their home in New York. She wrote friends the heart of the famous Green which village with friends with whom Jack London had often planned to make a headquarters on a trip he never lived to take.

PRISONERS ESCAPE AND REACH HOLLAND

Lieutenant Marshal Flew Over Berlin In 1916 But Was Forced To Alight and Taken

AMSTERDAM, February 23—(Associated Press)—After months of imprisonment in a German prison camp Lieutenant Marshal Garrow and Airborne Marshal have reached Holland. They escaped from the prison camp and suffering great privations and overcoming grave dangers succeeded in making their way to the Dutch border.

DISMISSES FEARS OF SHORTAGE OF FOODS

McAdoo Asserts Railroads Able To Move Needed Supplies

WASHINGTON, February 23—(Associated Press)—Fears of any shortage of food in the East because of lack of adequate railroad transportation were dispelled by Director General of Railroads McAdoo. He declared that so far as the railroads were concerned he people have nothing to fear. The cost of railroad operation, he believes to have ended. While there is the possibility of further severe terms to again check transportation he winter has now so far advanced that such danger is greatly diminished.

Mr. McAdoo said the movement of six trains a day of food for the Allies could not interfere with the movement of supplies adequate to meet the needs of the people at home.

CANADA DECIDES TO USE QUESTIONNAIRES

MONTREAL, February 23—(Associated Press)—All exemptions from military services which have been heretofore granted are to be reviewed. The Canadian government has decided to proceed along lines similar to those which have now been adopted by the United States and to classify registrants in a similar manner. For this purpose the government will use the form of questionnaire which is being used in the United States.

MEATLESS DAYS ARE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL

WASHINGTON, February 22—(Associated Press)—Food Controller Hoover issued a statement today declaring that the "meatless days" up to date have saved 140,000,000 pounds of beef. During this period 165,000,000 pounds of beef and 400,000,000 pounds of pork have been exported to the Allies.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVED BY THE FRENCH

PARIS, February 23—(Associated Press)—Washington's birthday was being observed in the most enthusiastic manner in Paris yesterday. There were a number of celebrations of the day but the chief event was the speech of Foreign Minister Pichon. He delivered a splendid eulogy of America's great military leader in its fight for liberty, its first president and the acknowledged prophet of his country's great destiny.

ISOLATING CENSORSHIP IS SEVERELY PUNISHED

LONDON, February 22—(Associated Press)—Powell Gwynne, editor of the Morning Post, and Colonel Repington, his well known military writer, have been fined one hundred pounds each for violation of the censorship rules.

BOYS FROM CAMP UPTON PARADE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, February 22—(Associated Press)—Ten thousand American troops from Camp Upton, Yaphank, Long Island, today paraded Fifth Avenue. Secretary of the Navy Daniels was among those in the reviewing stand. The troops made a fine appearance.

SCOTCH MINERS VOTE

GLASGOW, February 23—(Associated Press)—Result of the referendum taken by the Scotch mine unions on the Man Power Act resulted in a heavy majority against the measure.

RUSSIA SENDS PEACE TERMS AND IF REFUSED SEES ONLY RESISTANCE TO THE DEATH

Germany Not Likely To Pay Heed To Proposals At Present Berlin Newspapers Declare

AMSTERDAM, February 23—(Associated Press)—With offers of peace reported to have been received in Berlin from Russia and with threats of resistance to the death in case those offers are refused voiced in Petrograd the Germans are continuing their invasion of Russia and moving steadily forward.

Arrival of a Russian courier in Berlin bearing proposals for peace was reported in despatches from the German capital last evening. These despatches added that semi-official newspaper articles asserted that reopening of negotiations looking toward peace with the bolshevik government is not expected for some time to come at east and that meantime the German campaign will proceed.

It is asserted that von Kuhlmann is now en route to Bucharest and will employ the interval in conducting negotiations for a peace with Rumania.

RESISTANCE TO DEATH

General Krylenko is reported in Petrograd despatches to have issued a statement that if the latest peace proposals of Russia are refused by Germany a struggle to death or to victory is inevitable. The entire heroism of the people must be opposed to the advancing enemy. All able bodied men will be ordered out and called upon to man the fortifications. Those refusing so to serve will be tried before proper military tribunals. Unlimited power will have to be given to the commissaries.

Despatches from Berlin by way of Copenhagen said that von Fertling will address the reichstag on foreign affairs on Monday. These reports emanate from Berlin newspapers, it is said.

INVASION SWEEPS ONWARD

The German invasion is sweeping forward practically unchecked, according to official reports made to Berlin and there announced. Many important cities are being surrendered to the invaders, captures being reported from seaports on the Gulf of Finland to as far south as Minsk, a distance of nearly four hundred miles.

The expedition which landed three days ago at Verden on Moon Sound, in Esthonia, have advanced north twenty-five miles and occupied the railroad terminal town of Hapsal.

In Livonia, the German troops have seized the junction city of Volmar, on the Riga-Valk railroad, and have also pushed east from Verden along the Riga-Pskof highway to beyond Ronieburg.

NO RESISTANCE OFFERED

Berlin reports that the inhabitants are offering no resistance in his section, while at Reishitia the German troops were given a welcoming ovation by the citizens. One Esthonian regiment has deserted and joined forces with the invaders.

On the south, the Germans have captured Leuzine, an important junction point in the province of Minsk. Leuzine is thirty five miles east of Pinsk and directly east of Brest-Litovsk, where the recent abortive peace conference was held.

An official Berlin statement says that great quantities of supplies and war materials are falling into German hands in the rapid advance. The announcement says that the Germans have taken 1353 guns and more than 900 motor cars. The City of Rovno has been cleared of the Russians. A thousand cars, many laden with food, large numbers of airplanes and such miscellaneous war material has been captured.

According to advices from Petrograd, the bolshevik leaders have finally wakened to the truth of the situation and the fact that their idealistic appeals to the German people are falling upon deaf ears. They know now that they have been tricked into abandoning their defenses and surrendering their arms and are at last trying desperately to repair the mistakes and unite the people against the enemy. "Defense to the death" is called for in a proclamation issued in Petrograd by the Russian commissaries, according to a Petrograd despatch by Reuter's agency.

The proclamation appeals to the soldiers to destroy the railroads leading from the front and to compel the bourgeoisie and peasantry to dig trenches under penalty of death. The soldiers are asked to stand by the colors and prepare a line of defense. However, the disorganization of the Russian army has reached such an extreme that there is no likelihood of the commands being obeyed in any extensive manner, says an Exchange Telegraph Agency despatch today.

Russian naval officers at Revel, the naval port at the entrance to the Gulf of Finland, have reported to the bolshevik central government that in order to save the Russian navy from the Germans it will be necessary to remove the ships at Revel to Kronstadt, abandoning the Oval defenses.

Little Opposition According to another despatch to day from Petrograd, the Germans are meeting no serious opposition in their new offensive against the Russians. The indications are that the Germans are settling their own peace terms completely, and failing to receive immediate compliance, are pressing forward. The Germans are capturing immense stores from the disorganized Russians. It is believed the Germans can reach Petrograd if they so desire.

Proclamation Issued Petrograd despatches of yesterday morning report the issuing of a proclamation in which all Russia is called on to resist the Germans. Every Russian is appealed to for immediate defense of the fatherland.

LOW GRADE SUGARS BRING TOP PRICES

NEW ORLEANS, February 9—Perhaps the most outstanding incident of the week in local sugar circles was the report that large quantities of the crop of second sugars of the 1917 season have been sold and that second and third sugars are being consumed for table use all over the country. Local sugar distributors made this statement this week and added that second and third sugars for such consumption were bringing full prices. Together with this report was another to the effect that a decrease in the production of beet sugar in 1918 was forecasted by men heretofore engaged in that industry who said that the beet acreage in many Middle Western districts was being materially cut down. Quite a large number of the Louisiana factories have not finished their seasons and both the second and third crops will be much shorter than usual owing to the fact that a great many of the houses made a larger percentage of first molasses than is normally the rule.