

PLEA FOR CHANGE IN ARMISTICE TERMS TURNED DOWN BY FOCH

The Government, which is regarded as a development of the greatest importance and as tantamount to the overthrow of the Ebert-Haase coalition, is the adoption, at least nominally, of the existing Russian system.

SOLDIERS REJECT LIEBKNECHT PLEAS FOR RULE OF THE REDS

Aided by Rosa Luxemburg, the Radical Leader Agitates Against the Government.

BERLIN, Nov. 25 (Associated Press).—Dr. Karl Liebknecht, the radical Socialist leader, is devoting himself primarily at present to an effort to influence the men returning from the front. His henchmen comprise a small army of Red soldiers, who are accused of plotting various meetings sufficiently to secure the majority necessary to pass through resolutions and other measures calculated to embarrass the present Government.

Dr. Liebknecht's agitation is the official propaganda of the Spartacus group of extreme radicals, who chiefly direct his attacks at the proposed national assembly. The indications so far are that his effort to win over the returning soldiers has failed absolutely, and Saturday's meeting was marked by the violent opposition of soldiers who are declared to have been attracted to the meeting under false pretenses.

Rosa Luxemburg is ably seconding Dr. Liebknecht. Her oratory is of the eloquent and fire-eating brand. The Spartacus group meetings are invariably attended by numerous women.

The irony of the situation lies in the fact that the freedom of speech and of the press for which the social democrats have been clamoring is now proving the chief source of menace to the new government.

NO INCREASE IN TAX ON THEATRE TICKETS

Senate Committee Reduces the Rate on Receipts of Movie Film Lessors.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—Revision of the special miscellaneous tax rates in the War Revenue Bill was completed today by the Senate Finance Committee. Decision again was postponed on the proposal, which Republicans are opposing, of prescribing rates for 1920.

In amending the special taxes the committee made no increase in the present tax on amusement admissions. The House provision increasing the admissions tax to 2 cents on each 10 cents paid was reduced to 1 cent, rate of existing law.

The committee also reduced from 10 to 5 per cent, the rate on receipts of lessors and licensees of moving picture theaters.

The committee today worked on the draft of the amendment proposed by Chairman Simmons, removing persons engaged in trade or business from the class of those subjected to war excess taxes.

FLOTILLA GOES TO CLEAR KIEL CANAL OF MINES

British Squadron Will Go in Later to Intern Balance of German Navy.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—A flotilla of minesweepers left the Fifth of Porth this morning to clear a passage to Kiel for the British squadron which, it is understood, will disarm and intern the remnants of the German Navy.

MAJOR GEN. EDWARDS IN POST GIVEN UP BY CROZIER

Will Command Northeastern Department of Army, With Headquarters in Boston.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—Assignment of Major Gen. Clarence H. Edwards to succeed Major Gen. William Crozier in command of the Northeastern Department, with headquarters at Boston, was announced today at the War Department.

SEA BAN STILL IN EFFECT. Restrictions on British Women Returning Not Removed.

It was announced by the British Military Mission today that restrictions had not yet been removed in relation to British women in this country who wish to return to England.

The announcement was made to correct rumors that the restrictions had been removed. It was added that permission to British women to go home will be granted only in cases of urgent necessity and that a mere desire to visit relatives will not be considered a sufficient reason.

FOCH TURNS DOWN ANOTHER PLEA FOR ARMISTICE CHANGE

Lively Discussions at the Sessions of the Joint Commission at Spa.

PARIS, Nov. 25 (Associated Press).—The conferences on the preliminary terms of peace probably will be held in Paris instead of at Versailles owing to the superior accommodations and conveniences in the capital. Only the formal sessions at concluding stages will be held at Versailles.

The only active sessions now going on are those of the Joint Armistice Commission which holds daily sessions at Spa, the former German headquarters, but which is now held by the French. French, British and German delegates attend the meetings. Gen. Nudant represents Marshal Foch, with Commandant Bloteron as his assistant. Gen. von Winterfeldt is the German military representative and Mathias Krueger, who also was a member of the German armistice delegation, participates in most of the sessions.

Some of the meetings are described as having been very animated over the efforts of the Germans to secure modification of the terms of the armistice. Marshal Foch's reply was a refusal to consider a change, and a despatch from Basel gives the text of the Marshal's reply, which says: "No attention can be given to the demands presented in Gen. von Winterfeldt's letter of Nov. 21."

The Joint Armistice Commission meeting appears to be in accordance with Clause 34 of the armistice, which admitted the principle of a permanent International Armistice Commission, under the direction of the Allied military and naval chiefs. While its duties are restricted to the execution of the armistice, it is one of the preliminary steps which will merge later into the session of the Inter-Allied conference and the peace by Congress.

HARD COAL SHORTAGE PROBED BY SENATORS; LABOR EXCUSE FALSE

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Senator Reed questioned him on comparative prices in effect on coal in Canada and the United States. Mr. Neale said it was difficult to make comparison on account of the variation in grades. There was, he thought, about \$1.45 a ton difference between the Canadian and American prices, in favor of Canada.

ORDERED TO FURNISH DATA ON HOLDINGS OF COMPANIES.

Senator Reed directed that the Fuel Administration furnish the committee with accurate information as to the exact acreage of coal lands owned by each of the big holding companies. He insisted on full light on this subject and asked that the data be supplied at the earliest moment, as it has a direct bearing on the questions involved.

It developed that the big railroad companies which control 75 per cent of the mine property have their own selling and distributing organizations in New York, Boston and other large centers. The mining companies would not sell to independent jobbers, the witness said.

The witness testified that in addition to his mining holdings he has a 25 per cent interest in the Thorne-Neale Coal Company, a jobbing house, with headquarters in Philadelphia and offices in New York.

This concern handles commission coal other than that produced at the mines in which Mr. Neale is interested.

An interlocking community of interests between the producing companies and the selling agencies was touched on, and before the inquiry is finished this phase of the situation will be probed.

The witness was asked to produce a list of the Thorne-Neale Company stockholders as early as possible.

The trend of Senator Reed's questions indicates a keen desire to get at the facts of the shortage of coal and the high prices.

On several occasions he did not mince words in reviewing the manner

DUTCH RELUCTANT TO KEEP EX-KAISER, SAYS NEW ENVOY

J. Theodore Cremer Arrives to Fill Post as Minister to U. S.

J. Theodore Cremer, new Minister from the Netherlands to the United States, talked about European affairs today at the Ritz-Carlton just before leaving for Washington. He threw an interesting light on the present situation of his country, which is playing the part of reluctant host to the ex-Kaiser.

"It is impossible to guess how long the Hohenzollern will remain," he said, "but Holland certainly would have been better pleased if they had gone to Switzerland instead."

He was asked about the rumors of a Dutch revolution.

"Holland will never be a Republic—at least not within the life of the present generation," he said. "The Queen is beloved of her people."

"Our present problem is to get food, and for this we need ships. Hundreds of thousands of refugees from neutral countries are within our borders, and the task of feeding them is exceedingly difficult."

Mr. Cremer avoided discussion of international problems with the exception of the programme of the Fourteen Points outlined by the United States.

"Adherence to these points," he said, "would certainly make for the benefit of all free peoples."

In the fall of Germany he hinted that Holland recognized a commercial opportunity.

"Although we have never been ambitious to compete with Germany," he said, "there is a possibility that my country's trade will increase because of Germany's loss. We have a rapidly growing trade with South America and all we need is ships to keep it growing."

The former German Crown Prince, the Minister said, is in a safe place, interned on an island surrounded by waters so shallow that no large vessel can get near it.

This is Mr. Cremer's first visit to America since the Hudson-Fulton celebration, when he came as Holland's official delegate. He arrived in New York yesterday on the Holland-Lloyds steamship Hollandia, which anchored at Quarantine last night and proceeded this morning to her dock at Pier 55, North River.

The people in Berlin were "dazed and depressed" by the last days of the war, according to Frederico Alberti, attaché of the Chilean Legation at Berlin, who also arrived on the Hollandia. He left the German capital Nov. 20.

"State food rationed in thimbleful quantities was not at all to the German people's liking, according to the attaché. He said the butter ration was twenty grams a week. Only 1,850 grams of black bread was allowed and its composition was of very uncertain character."

of arriving at coal costs as well as production.

For example, he insisted upon a thorough explanation of the increased price of \$1.05 per ton which went into wheat the first of this month. The writer also stated he pointed out that the labor increases were not commensurate with the increased price of coal, according to the testimony of the witness.

COMMITTEE DETERMINED TO GO THROUGH WITH INQUIRY.

That the committee has determined to go through with the investigation of anthracite coal in a thorough manner is evident by the statements of some of the members.

Senator Keaton said: "The facts brought to the attention of the committee, it seems to me and I speak only as one member thereof, justify a more thorough investigation into the anthracite coal situation. There certainly is nothing in the way of raw material in the Nation more important than coal, and the only light without which the children of our country but for the health and comfort of the people. I trust the committee will go to the bottom of the whole thing."

Mr. Neale—So far as the full light of publicity, if things are all right they can stand publicity. If they are wrong, publicity will tend to rectify them.

The character of the testimony being taken at the hearing and how thorough the committee is going into the coal question is indicated by the following transcript of some of the questions and answers:

Senator Reed—Did not we have a serious shortage last year?

Mr. Neale—We certainly did.

Senator Reed—Are we not entering this winter with \$63,000 tons less anthracite than we had last year?

Senator Reed—Have you produced more bituminous coal this year than last?

Mr. Neale—Twelve or thirteen per cent more; I do not know the exact figures.

EX-KAISER KARL FEARS BOLSHEVISM; CRIES FOR FOOD

America Should Not Lose a Day in Aiding Stricken Austria, He Declares.

VIENNA, Sunday, Nov. 24 (Associated Press).—Declaring that there is pressing need in Austria for assistance from America and the Allies, former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary insisted today that the danger of Bolshevism is great in his country. It was in conversation with a correspondent of the Associated Press that the former sovereign told of the peril which is impending.

The former Emperor, his wife and five children, Otto, Robert, Felix, Carl and Adelheid, are at Eckertau Castle. With them are a few faithful men and women, including Count Alexander Esterhazy, former Chief of Court to the Emperor, and naval Capt. Seebank.

The correspondent was met by Capt. Seebank and conducted through a lofty hall to the second story of the castle, where he was received by the former Emperor, Charles, who was wearing a uniform and was apparently vigorous, but lines about his blue eyes gave hints of the stress of recent days.

"I authorize the Associated Press to say that not a single ray should be lost by America and the Allies to helping the people here, so grave is the situation," said the former ruler.

"During the war one of my preoccupations was the task of obtaining food for the soldiers and people, but now, notwithstanding all my efforts, it is most distressing to find there is none left for them. If America and the Allies do not recognize this fact, suffering here will be very great within a few weeks. Indeed, it is already so and every day we do not use in the endeavor to get food is a day lost."

"We have done our best and more cannot be done. If food and coal is not brought we shall have disorder in Vienna. Possibly that disorder from Russia, which we call Bolshevism, will come. The people here are starving and patient, but when any one is without food he is apt to do many unusual and violent things. Looking back, we may recall that Bolshevism started in Russia because of the lack of food. I think it is in the interest of the Allies to aid us, as Bolshevism, when started, may spread and become a danger to the Allies, too."

"Our coal and food situation is worse because of transportation conditions. The railroads became badly disorganized. I am glad to see an American who represents a country which is working for peace. I have worked for peace always."

"Regarding the future—I cannot speak of the past—I can only repeat that I feel I did my duty. However, I do hope that peace will bring good fortune, happier days and a better understanding among all peoples."

During the interview the former monarch did not show bitterness toward the Allies or America because of their military victory, though it may be inferred that he is heart-sore over the loss of his army and also over his failure to preserve his empire intact. He feels that the breaking up of the empire into small groups of nations is bound to bring economic and political disaster to all, and that some sort of a central government is necessary for their own common interests.

When the former Empress Zita received the correspondent he was shown the children, especially Otto, the eldest, who passed his sixth birthday only last week, and given an intimate view of the life of the former imperial family in greatly changed circumstances.

In view of the food conditions the correspondent was permitted to present to the children a two-pound box of American chocolates. Speaking in English the former Empress thanked him enthusiastically for it, saying: "For two years we have not had real chocolate. It is also most difficult to obtain milk for the children without which, not only mine, but all children will be stunted in growth and perhaps may become ill."

It was pointed out to the correspondent by officers at the Castle that the former Emperor's whole heart and mind has been centered on the work of obtaining the welfare of the people. The only pleasure he has taken during the war has been to hunt for a few hours each week. He worked eight hours a day for long periods. He is said to be much hurt by stories which were circulated in Allied countries about his private life, especially his drunkenness. As a matter of fact he drinks but one glass of wine or beer at lunch and never drinks liquor at dinner.

Charles inquired if President Wilson was well. He expressed no surprise when told that the President's health has grown weaker since the United States entered the war, seeming himself to feel the undermining strain of the great conflict.

Italian Troops Occupy Innsbruck. ROME, Nov. 23.—Italian troops occupied Innsbruck, the capital of the Austrian Tyrol, on Friday in accordance with the terms of the Austrian armistice. They also took possession of Landeck, west of Innsbruck on the Ina River.

LIEUT. MARTIN OWENS AND 19 OF HIS MEN ARE DECORATED BY FRENCH



LIEUT. MARTIN OWENS. Former New York Policeman Awarded the War Cross With the Silver Leaf.

PARIS, Nov. 25.—Twenty members of the section of the American Army Ambulance Service commanded by Lieut. Martin Owens, formerly a New York policeman, have been cited in a divisional order of the French Army and awarded the War Cross with silver leaf. Sergt. George H. Lowe, Lieut. Owens' assistant, has been promoted to a First Lieutenant.

SING SING CONVICT CASTS NEW LIGHT ON HAMEL MURDER

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halted. Regan was sentenced in Brooklyn last August to from five to ten years in Sing Sing for burglary.

When Mr. Koenig was questioned he said Regan had given valuable information of a sort to indicate that Miss Baksa is innocent. No details of his revelations will be given until his testimony has been introduced in court.

The occurrence caused confusion at the trial. Attorneys and witnesses walked about the room speculating on the nature of the new evidence, and it was after noon before the court session got under way.

The prosecution prepared to put on the stand two men whose testimony will have an important bearing on the case.

One of the men is said to answer the description the girl gave to detectives of the man she said she found bending over the body of Mrs. Hamel when she returned to the house and discovered the murder. This man is Eugene Wendel, who roomed at the house and found the body.

The other witness has figured in the trial as a mysterious lodger who left the Hamel home suddenly a few days after the murder. He was found at an army camp, and his name is Joseph F. MacGowan. The prosecution asserts both of these men can prove alibis, showing they were not in the Hamel house when the murder was committed, thus tightening the circumstantial net around the Baksa girl as the slayer.

There will also be further testimony regarding the teeth prints in Mrs. Hamel's arm, the strongest point in the case against Miss Baksa. It is believed the jury will decide Miss Baksa's fate before the end of this week.

COUNTER REVOLT MOVEMENT SPREADING IN AUSTRIA

National Council Warns Public Against It by Placarding the Streets.

ZURICH, Nov. 25.—The counter-revolutionary movement in Austria is progressing to such an extent that the National Council has placarded the streets, warning the public against it.

It is said the monarchists are resorting to all kinds of methods to excite distrust of the Council and trying to frighten the people by the prospect of Allied occupation, according to a Vienna despatch to the Frankfort Gazette.

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MAJOR M'KENNA, KILLED ON OURCO, AWARDED D. S. C.

Mother of Officer of Old 69th Receives the Decoration—Lauded by Colonel.

Major James McKenna, who commanded the third battalion of the 165th (old 69th New York Regiment), and who was killed at the battle of the Ourcq, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

The news was received on Victory Day, Nov. 11, by his father, James A. McKenna, in the following communication from the War Department:

"This office has been advised by cable by the Commanding General American Expeditionary Force, that he has awarded the Distinguished Service Cross posthumously to your son, Major James A. McKenna, 165th Infantry, for the following act:

"Extraordinary heroism in action near Villers-Sur-Fere July 28, 1918. He was killed while successfully leading a most difficult and trying attack across the River Ourcq and against the strongly prepared positions on the heights beyond."

On last Saturday Mrs. McKenna, the dead officer's mother, received the Cross.

By a strange coincidence there arrived also this morning a letter from Brigadier Gen. Frank McCoy, former Colonel of the 165th, addressed to Mr. McKenna. It reads:

"While I had the honor of being Colonel of the 165th Infantry very much of the personal interest in the regiment was due to the happy comradeship with your two boys."

"Capt. William McKenna, as the Adjutant, was a very present help and constant pleasure. Major McKenna was first my operations officer, when he soon showed himself fitted to command a battalion, and by recommendation of the former Colonel and the senior officers of the regiment. So there was not a shadow of a doubt in giving him the hardest fighting command, and never a doubt thereafter in or out of the fight."

"Our association was close and he both interested and amused me; never a grouch during the most grueling times. And he trained and inspired the battalion which made the successful assault over the Ourcq."

"I personally gave him the orders for hasty action in the dark, literally and figuratively, and saw him carry them out quickly and quietly. He was coming to report to me after the attack when he was killed by a shell which I am happy to feel did not strike him, nor even distort his cool, fine face."

"I was proud of him, and I know you and his mother are. It has been my deep sympathy for you both that has kept me putting off so long the telling of it."

In a letter received today from France mention is made of the writer having met Capt. William McKenna, Major McKenna, in another part of France in company with Capt. John Mangon, formerly of the Supply Company of the 165th Regiment. The writer also stated that he, in company with two girl friends of the McKenna family, had found the grave of the dead Major James McKenna and had placed flowers on it.

A cable received today from Major "Bill" McKenna states that he is now attached to the Third Army, U. S. A.

4,500,000 "BOYS" LETTERS.

Record Mail Shipment Carried by Luser Hochbauseau.

The greatest shipment of mail from American soldiers in France ever received, no less than 4,500,000 letters, came in yesterday on the French liner Hochbauseau. These letters "to the folks back home" were going today to all parts of the United States on every mail train.

A special force of postal men was put to work sorting it in this city and every available carrier was on duty to insure quick delivery.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Table with columns for stock names, high, low, and other financial data.

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SHOT AND BEATEN BY THREE ROBBERS; \$2,500 FURS TAKEN

Store of A. Pines & Co. in West 26th Street Looted—Thieves Escape.

It took a bullet wound and a clubbing to put Rohmer Pines out of action this morning when he tried to defend the stock of A. Pines & Co., furriers, No. 23 West 26th Street, of which his uncle is proprietor.

Three robbers in an automobile drew up before the place and entered, carrying a burlap bag. Pines, suspecting nothing, advanced to greet them. Three revolvers met him and he was ordered to put up his hands, but he didn't.

Instead, he plunged forward and tackled the first man about the feet. The other two already were packing fox skins in the burlap bag.

There was a struggle on the floor, Pines trying to reach his opponent's gun hand, but in vain. Slowly the weapon was brought around until Pines could feel its nose against his side. If it were fired in that position he knew the wound might easily be fatal. He swung his body with a jerk, therefore, and interposed a leg as the trigger was pulled, and the bullet entered his thigh.

Frightened by the noise, the robbers fled, taking with them the burlap of skins, whose estimated value is \$2,500. The motor of their car was still running and the car started at high speed.

Pines dragged himself to the front door and shouted for help, but did not get it immediately. The robbers turned into Broadway and lost themselves in the maze of traffic, but the police have a good description of the men and the car.

It is believed one of the robbers knew just how to choose the moment for the job. It was done just before the traffic policeman was due on the corner and there were only two persons in the store. The other was Silvio Magnani, seventeen, who fled at the first sight of the robbers. The police think the robbers expected to find nobody in the store except this boy, and normally an expectation would have been justified, but Pines had arrived early for a special errand. His injuries were dressed by Dr. Marsland of New York Hospital.

American in Canadian Casualties. MONTREAL, Que., Nov. 25.—The following Americans are listed in the Canadian casualty list today: Killed in action, J. Donnelly, New York; D. Co. William E. Ray, New York; W. Wellville, Allegheny; N. Y. prisoner, N. J. J. gassed, E. Gale, Newark, N. J.

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Son of Vice-Prefect of Rome Gets Military Medal for Feat Which May Be Record.

ROME, Nov. 25.—The world record for taking prisoners apparently goes to Italy.

Professor Cardinal, son of the Vice Prefect of Rome, has been awarded the silver Military Medal for his work during the Austrian retreat. The citation says that while reconnoitering with three armored cars, manned by fourteen men, he headed off 4,000 Austrians and took them prisoner. (This is a ratio of 266 2/3 prisoners per man.)

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