

TEUTON SLAP FAILS TO SHAKE SWEDEN

Premier Promises Continued Neutrality Despite Aland Island Seizure.

BRITISH GOODS NEEDED

Closer Understanding Among Scandinavian Nations Declared Important.

STOCKHOLM, March 21 (delayed).—Premier Eden, speaking yesterday at Hankooping on the new anti grave problems facing Sweden through the complete transformation in the situation in the Baltic, declared the Government would maintain a policy of unshakable neutrality.

With reference to Finland and the Aland Islands questions, the Premier said the Finnish Government had repeatedly requested arms and ammunition from Sweden and Swedish military intervention in the civil war. Sweden had been obliged to refuse the request, he explained, to avoid being dragged into the war.

The request for intervention, continued the Premier, was made simultaneously to Sweden and to Germany. Germany responded to the call and would not allow herself to be displaced. Sweden might have pursued the same policy had she chosen to participate in such a dangerous game, he added.

The Premier alluded to negotiations to secure a million tons of goods from Great Britain against a transfer of tonnage. He said Sweden must limit that transfer as much as possible and safeguard tonnage for her own imports and exports.

"We have been unable to prevent the great change in the balance of power in the Baltic," continued the Premier. "And we desire to maintain the most friendly relations with Germany, who now dominates this sea, while at the same time safeguarding our independence. A close understanding among Sweden, Norway and Denmark has consequently become of more vital importance than ever."

"Sweden, however, cannot concentrate herself solely upon her Baltic interests. Never was it more imperative to keep an open door to the west, so can we and our neighbors safeguard in common the free and independent position of Scandinavia."

REDS GUARD GRAIN.

Machine Gun Attack Causes Surrender of Russian Soldiers.

HARBIN, March 19 (delayed).—Passengers arriving here on the first express train over the Transiberian Railroad in three weeks report that conditions along the route are much improved. At Ekaterinburg, in European Russia, soldiers attempted to couple cars on the express and the Red Guard demanded that the soldiers give up their arms. When the soldiers refused to do this, the Red Guard opened fire with machine guns. After one soldier was killed and two wounded the others surrendered. Bolshevik troops escorted the train through the lines to Chinese territory, where it approached the Manchurian border.

The train left Petrograd carrying the American, Japanese, Chinese and Siamese Embassies. All except the Japanese got off at Volodga.

GERMANS HANG REDS.

Socialist Says They Have Been Ordered to Kill "Bandits."

LONDON, March 23.—German officers operating in Finland and the Ukraine have ordered the soldiers to take no prisoners, but to hang all Red Guards, as they are only bandits. German newspapers report Georg Ledebour, an independent Socialist leader, as declaring in the Reichstag, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Amsterdam, Deputy Ledebour added:

"On the one hand we make peace with the Bolsheviks and on the other we hang them. This is the best way to stir up hatred that will last forever against everything German."

The speaker was interrupted by President Kampeff, who called him to order.

Three Year Course for Middles.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Senate bills to reduce the course of instruction at Annapolis from four to three years and to fix the age limit of candidates for admission between 16 and 21 years were passed by the House to-day.

GERMANS CAPTURE FLEEING ENEMIES

French and British From Colonies Caught in Icebound Boat.

CROSSING FINLAND GULF

Sixty German Barons Imprisoned in Petrograd Are Released.

By the Associated Press. MOSCOW, Wednesday, March 20 (delayed).—An intercepted German wireless message says that many members of the French and British colonies fleeing from Petrograd were captured by the Germans when an allied vessel was caught in the ice in crossing the Gulf of Finland to Sweden. The captives, the message said, were sent to concentration camps.

Sixty German barons from Livonia and Esthonia, who were arrested for counter revolutionary activity and imprisoned in Petrograd, have been released.

As the result of the great exodus from Petrograd, the departure of foreign firms and the demobilization of troops, the business of the Petrograd postal and telegraph offices has declined greatly. Of 18,000 employees in these services at least one-fifth are no longer required and business is falling off daily.

Leon Trotsky delivered an address before the Moscow Soviet to-night and declared unequivocally for a new army of 300,000 to 350,000 commanded by trained officers and strictly disciplined. He said it is foolish to suppose that officers can be improvised. Trotsky denounced guerrilla warfare as useless and undisciplined. He said the Bolshevik army is helpless against skilled troops.

"We need a strong army to defend ourselves in this critical world position," he said. "From east and west enemies are upon us, according to news reports Germany has proposed peace without annexations or contributions to the western Powers, with Alsace to be returned to France and Belgium to be restored. This is unconfirmed but probable. It means peace at Russia's expense."

"There is a struggle between two currents in England. One favors a compromise at Russia's expense and the other reckons with a powerful development of the laboring masses, which wars against an alliance with Germany. We are surrounded by enemies on all sides. If it were proposed to France to return Alsace the French Bourgeois would sell Russia to-morrow."

Mr. Trotsky denied the charge that the Bolsheviks had wrecked the old army, but said that it was disorganized and enfeebled by three years of war, and when false war aims were made clear the complete collapse ensued.

ODESSA PROTESTS.

Opposes Occupation and Attachment to Ukrainian Republic.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The Municipal Council of Odessa has sent a delegation to the Austro-German authorities to protest against Odessa's occupation and against its administrative attachment to the Ukrainian Republic, according to an official despatch to-day. The delegation declared that Odessa was not a Ukrainian city and did not desire to become one.

The council, the despatch says, has elaborated a plan for a constitution, by which Odessa proclaims herself a free city. Its status similar to that of Bremen and Hamburg, formerly cities of the Hanseatic League. The delegates declared that all infringement of the rights of the population of Odessa will be regarded as a blow against the rights of the people.

The German commander refused to pay any attention to these claims.

M. KAMENEFF ARRESTED

Russian Peace Envoy to Brest-Litovsk Seized by Germans.

STOCKHOLM, March 23.—The *Dagblad* says that M. Kameneff, who was one of the Russian representatives at the first peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, has been arrested by the Germans. He was on his way to Petrograd, and was seized on arriving at the Aland Islands.

M. Kameneff was last reported in London, on his way to Paris as Bolshevik plenipotentiary to France.

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