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IMMEDIATE PEACE REFUSED BY HUNS; SLAVS WILL FIGHT

German Military Leaders Refuse to Open Negotiations; May Push Campaign Into Baltic Provinces Before Giving Reply; Trotzky Leaves Petrograd For Early Conference With Teutons at Dvinsk

Berlin, Feb. 23.—In their new invasion of Russian territory the German forces have reached Walk, in Livonia, 90 miles north-east of Riga, it was announced to-day by the German general staff.

In Volhynia the Teuton armies marching from Lutsk have reached the town of Dubno. The statement adds that the number of prisoners brought in has been increased to two generals, twelve colonels, 433 other officers and 8,770 men.

London, Feb. 23.—Austrian and Ukrainian troops are nearing Kiev, the Ukrainian capital now held by the Bolsheviks, according to dispatches from Petrograd in the late editions of the morning newspapers. It is said Polish legionaries aided the Germans in occupying Minsk.

Petrograd newspapers, it is added, report Russian soldiers on the northern front seized twenty-seven trains which are being used to carry 40,000 of the soldiers to Moscow. The Germans are taking no prisoners, merely disarming the Russians and liberating them.

German airplanes, says the Petrograd correspondent of the Times are distributing proclamations, calling on the Russian people to remain calm and keep order as the Germans are coming to suppress anarchy and to bring food as soon as possible.

The Bolsheviks are greatly perturbed and depressed. Foreign Minister Trotzky is reported to be sick in consequence of renewal of hostilities and is unable to attend meetings of the Council of People's Commissaries which are being held constantly.

In the last two days the Germans have not met with a single case of resistance, a Petrograd dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says, "Evacuation of the port Reval is proceeding slowly, the soldiers declining to assist.

The headquarters of the Russian western army has been removed to Smolensk, 250 miles southwest of Moscow.

The change was made in such haste that the staff lost touch with the various armies.

Peace negotiations with the Russians will not be resumed immediately by the Germans and guerrilla warfare probably will be instituted by the Bolsheviks to impede the German advance, which apparently is not moving as swiftly as in the first days of the week. The Germans, however, are meeting with little resistance on the long line and Austrian and Ukrainian troops are approaching Kiev.

Rumanian Nibbling at Peace Bait It is announced semi-officially from Berlin that Dr. von Kuhlmann, the Foreign Secretary, has gone to Bucharest to discuss peace with a Rumanian emissary and, therefore, renunciation of negotiations with the Bolsheviks will have to be postponed. Leon Trotzky, the Bolshevik

Foreign Minister, is reported to have left Petrograd for Dvinsk to seek an early conference with the Germans. Bolshevik resistance seemingly depends on whether the Germans will accept readily the capitulation of the government. It is apparent, however, that the Germans, with the Rumanian negotiations as an excuse, are going to push their campaign in the Baltic provinces before answering the Russians. In the region east and north of Dvinsk and along the Gulf of Finland, the Germans have vacated further than in the south, where, east of Minsk, they are near the line of the Beresina, in crossing which in 1812 Napoleon suffered a serious defeat while retreating from Moscow.

Place Faith in Red Guards With the regular army and navy seriously demoralized, the Bolshevik leaders are placing their faith in the Red Guards and guerrilla warfare by the inhabitants of the invaded districts. The Russian commander on the northern front reports the Germans advancing in detachments of from 100 to 200 men and not as regimental units.

British Airmen Active Except for artillery duels, there has been no fighting activity on the western front. On the American sector the bombardment by the big guns continues. German raiders were dispersed by American fire, while rain has put a temporary halt to the intense aerial activity. A trench mortar shell has caused the death of three Americans and the wounding of four others. British airmen have accounted for nine more enemy airplanes, bringing their total for the past six days to nearly 100. There has been no letup in the intensive bombing of German airdromes and other targets.

TURKS BEGIN OFFENSIVE London, Feb. 23.—The Turkish army in the Caucasus has begun an offensive, a correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company wires from the headquarters of the Russian western army. The attack was started before the expiration of the armistice. The Turks occupied Platana, and paralyzed the evacuation of the Caucasian corps which now is grouped along the coast.

River Recedes With All Danger of Flood Gone; Ice Gorge Still Intact The river opposite the city had fallen to 10.8 this morning and will probably recede, to eight feet by tomorrow morning, according to Weather Forecaster Demain. All the ice and high water from the west branch has passed this city, and no further danger is expected.

The great gorge at Pequea remains intact, and the ice is continuing to pile up there. In places there is ten feet of water over the railroad tracks, and towns along the line of the gorge are inundated and isolated. Property loss has been considerable, but no lives have been lost.

The State Water Supply Commission nor Weather Forecaster Demain could make an estimate as to when the gorge will break up. The water is finding a way through, and it receded four feet at Pequea since yesterday. It may remain until warm weather has gradually disintegrated it.

General Conditions The disturbance that was moving inland from the Pacific ocean on Thursday morning, has moved northward to Manitoba, bringing light to moderate precipitation generally over the Pacific slope and attended by a general rise in temperature over all of the country, except the South Atlantic States, where it is slightly colder. Marked rises in temperature occurred in the West, the greatest plus change noted since Thursday morning being 62 degrees at Sheridan, Wyoming.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 20. Sun: Rises, 6:35 a. m., sets, 5:27 p. m. Moon: Full moon, February 25. River Stage: 10.4 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 24. Lowest temperature, 14. Mean temperature, 20. Normal temperature, 31.

HOHENZOLLERN, THE HIGH-TOLL-TAKER



HOUSEWIFE SAID NOT SO LOYAL AS THE HOTEL MAN

Food Administration Declares Homes Are Not Giving Full Co-operation

The housewife is not so loyal as the restaurant man. This is the charge of the state food administrator spread broadcast to-day through the Commonwealth. The housewife, it is said, will not for some reason get behind the nation and observe the important wheatless, meatless and porkless days.

Announcement has been made through the Federal Food Administration by J. Miller Frazier, chairman of the Administration Hotel committee, that the hotel and restaurant men of the state have done much to save 1,512,000 pounds of food.

Price For 1918 Wheat Crop May Be Increased by U. S. Proclamation

Washington, Feb. 23.—There were indications to-day that the price of the 1918 wheat crop would be increased soon by Presidential proclamation. Under the food control law the price for wheat of the 1918 crop was set at \$2 a bushel but that is considered by a minimum and that the President has authority to increase the price if he considers conditions warrant it.

It was pointed out to-day that an obvious advantage in fixing the price of the 1918 crop at \$2.25 would be that it would release quantities of wheat which might be held in the expectation of a higher price being fixed by Congress and would encourage planting by farms who are inclined to delay, feeling that the price might only be \$2.

Real Sacrifices Necessary to Avoid Catastrophe—Hoover

THE FOLLOWING was sent yesterday to Howard Heinz, Federal food administrator for Pennsylvania, by Herbert C. Hoover: "The food situation of the allies grows more critical every week. Their own short crops, coupled with the ever-increasing shortage of shipping, which limits the importations more and more to food from the nearest markets make the responsibility of America in the provision of food for the allies even greater.

"All our efforts must be redoubled to meet the absolute food necessities in the war during the months to pass before the next harvest.

"Unless we do meet them, the war cannot go on. I appeal, therefore, with renewed earnestness to the people of Pennsylvania and to our people all over the land to give their support to the attempts of the food administration to solve this food problem. Every measure adopted has for its first aim the winning of the war.

"The latest measure restricting the purchase and use of wheat flour by food manufacturers, bakers, wholesalers and retailers has been adopted only after much thought and because it is the only way in which the necessary wheat saving can be effected.

"It is only by the help of all the people and their whole-hearted acceptance and support of the measures adopted by the food administration that the situation can be met. Without this help food cannot be sent. If it is not sent it means but one thing—CATASTROPHE.

CITY AT WORK ON RELIEF PLANS FOR LOCK HAVEN

Appeal From Stricken Town Made Direct to Harrisburg Officials

Contributions for the Lock Haven flood relief fund are being received by officials of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce. The Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce, in response to a direct appeal from Mayor John T. Cupper, of Lock Haven, underwrote \$1,000 for the relief of the stricken town, which lay thirty-six hours under a depth of four feet of freezing water. Zero weather and snow following the flood left the town in the most deplorable condition.

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Hoover's Call to Nation Supplemented by State Administrator

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NEED OF CLEANUP OF ENTIRE CITY NOW RECOGNIZED

Councilmen Agree Something Must Be Done on Problem

OPEN ASH BIDS MONDAY Conditions Realized by Commissioners, Who Plan For Action

While contracts may be let for regular ash collections, members of Council to-day declared a general cleanup of all the city streets is an absolute necessity and must be done at once, as the new contractor can not be held liable for this work.

The inspection tour which Commissioner Leary arranged for the other city officials showed the need of immediate action to provide for removal of all the refuse dumped at random in the city streets and parks, and for drastic action to prevent a repetition of the disgraceful conditions now existing.

Pending the opening of bids for ash collections by districts, which will be done on Monday, none of the officials would make any definite statement about provision for regular removal in the future. Some of them expressed confidence that the new proposals will be reasonable enough to be accepted, but were unanimous in favoring a cleanup now.

The failure to furnish adequate service during not only the last few months, but for several years, had gradually brought about the situation as it now stands, some of the Commissioners said. Many of the householders, left to make their own arrangements for disposal of refuse, let children haul the refuse to the nearest place where it is con-

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Liner Escapes U-Boat Fleet by Night Journey Through Strange Channel

An Atlantic Port, Feb. 23.—How the master of an Italian passenger liner, the Dante Alighieri, dodged a fleet of submarines in the Mediterranean by venturing a midnight passage through an uncharted channel, between a small island and the Spanish coast, was related by passengers of the ship on her arrival here to-day.

The wisdom of the captain's move was demonstrated last morning, they said, when lifeboats were sighted carrying passengers and crews of three torpedoed vessels out of a convoy of five which the Dante Alighieri was following.

The names of the three ships sent to the bottom were the Duca Di Genova, a passenger vessel; the Ville de Verdun and the Caprera, all Italian. The precise location of the ships in their path was learned by the master of the Dante Alighieri through wireless warning. The lifeboats were not picked up as they were within a few miles of the Spanish coast and the occupants signaled that they had preferred to land.

The passage through the unlighted and dangerous channel, only 30 feet wide, was made after the master of the liner had notified all his passengers of the danger. The steering gear, comprising the machinery, were brought to the cabin decks. Lifeboats were distributed, boats partly lowered and all preparations made to abandon the vessel should she strike the rocks.

Captain D. M. Nicoll and several of the crew of the American steamship Suruga, torpedoed December 29 off the Italian coast, were among the Dante Alighieri's passengers. He said his ship was one of four torpedoed within twenty minutes out of a convoy of five. He succeeded in beaching her and when he left Italy the task of refloating her was under way. The captain brought home the propeller blade of the German torpedo as a souvenir.

"Fifty-Fifty" Flour Is on Sale in Harrisburg

"Fifty-fifty" flour now is on sale in Harrisburg. For a time purchasers under the new ruling were compelled to buy with their white flour an equal quantity of wheat substitutes. This resulted in waste and extravagance. Within the past few days a "fifty-fifty" flour, already mixed at the mills, has been put on sale and with this no substitutes need be purchased. Not all the stores have it as yet but it is meeting with a ready sale and those who have used it say they are getting just as good results in their baking as they did with ordinary white flour. Many like the mixture better, saying that it has more substance and a distinctly pleasant flavor.

Second Draft May Come in April or Early May

Washington, Feb. 23.—White War Department officials reiterate that no date has been definitely fixed for the calling of the second draft for the National Army, all available outward indications would seem to point to a postponement until the month of April, or at the latest, early in May.

Such an estimate is based on the known preparations for equipping and housing the men. It is no military secret that equipment and supplies for men of the second draft will be come available soon after April 1 and that the second draft will be called soon after that.

The number of men to be called in the first increment has not yet been determined.

POWER COMPANY GETS COAL The Harrisburg Light and Power Company was again relieved of a possible shutdown to-day, when Dauphin County Fuel Administrator Hickok secured seven cars of bituminous coal from local railroad sidings. The company has been leading a hand-to-mouth existence since its coal supply ran out several weeks ago, and the recent cold spell depleted their bins again. Ten cars of river coal were supplied the company by one of the power company's contractors.

STARTLING FACTS OF WAR TO BE TOLD MONDAY

Situation Facing Entente and U. S. Troops to Be Told For the First Time

BIG SPEAKERS TO APPEAR Singing of Popular Old Patriotic Airs to Feature Program

Every Harrisburg man and woman interested in the winning of the war will be at the Chestnut Street Auditorium Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock when the most astounding and sensational disclosures are promised regarding the actual conditions in Europe, especially as they relate to the American troops and their allies. Lieutenant Frank A. Sutton, a member of the Royal Engineers, will be the principal speaker and it is intimated that what he will tell will open the eyes of Harrisburg people and bring them to a full appreciation of the actual situation which now confronts the United States and the other countries fighting for peace.

Other speakers will be George Wharton Pepper, chairman of the Committee of Public Safety of Pennsylvania and Howard Heinz, the Federal Food Administrator.

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FAIR AND WARMER WEATHER PROMISED

Washington, Feb. 23.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday, issued by the Weather Bureau to-day, are:

North and Middle Atlantic States: Fair and warmer until about Wednesday. Rain Wednesday or Thursday; colder Thursday. Remainder of week uncertain.

PROHIBITION IS GIVEN Y. M. C. A. ENDORSEMENT

Resolution Supporting "Dry" Amendment Passed by State Body

HEAR OF WAR WORK Fiftieth Annual Convention Closes After Prominent Speakers Talk

"Whereas, The National Prohibition amendment has passed the United States Congress and is now submitted to the states for ratification; "Resolved, That we, the delegates to the fiftieth state convention, pledge ourselves to do all in our power to secure its ratification by the Keystone State."

This resolution was passed at the closing session of the fiftieth annual state convention of the Young Men's Christian Association, held in Zion Lutheran Church, this morning, following addresses which showed clearly that every Y. M. C. A. delegate would unite in the fight for prohibition to be waged at the next session of the Legislature. The resolution was, at first, embodied with a number of others in the report of

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Deadlock on Three County Appointments Now Broken

All county appointments which are now pending will probably be made on Monday at the first meeting of the county commissioners, at which Captain Henry M. Stine, a member of the board, will be present. Captain Stine returned a few days ago from camp and will remain here permanently. During his absence an effort was made to appoint a prison inspector, mercantile appraiser and a janitor for the courthouse, but Commissioners C. C. Cumber and H. C. Wells could not agree with the result that on each of the ballots taken a tie vote resulted.

TO BUILD SUBMARINE KILLERS

Detroit—Announcement was made to-day by the Ford Motor Company that work was started yesterday at River Rouge, a suburb, on a shipbuilding plant that is to turn out submarine killers. The buildings which are to cover five acres probably will be completed in May. It is understood the plant will employ between 10,000 and 15,000 men.

120,000 SLOVAKS WITH ALLIES

New York—The statement that the army of Czechs and Slovaks now training in France to fight with the Allies and now numbers 120,000 was made at the closing session here to-day of the convention of the Slovak League of America, in connection with the adoption of a resolution to cable the convention's greetings to the "Slovak armies in France."

LABOR TO SUPPORT WAR AIMS

London—The inter-allied labor conference in session here reached an agreement to-day to support the British war aims program.

BERMUDIAN ACCIDENTILY SUNK

New York—The British passenger steamship Bermudian, formerly in the tourist trade between New York and Bermuda, has been accidentally sunk in the harbor of Alexandria, according to information received in shipping circles here to-day by way of Halifax. The Bermudian was owned by the Quebec Steamship Company, and several months ago was requisitioned for transport duty by the British government. The report added that the vessel can be refloated.

NON-SINKABLE SYSTEM TRIED OUT

A Gulf Port—The former Austrian steamer Lucia equipped with a non-sinkable system has sailed from here with a cargo. The steamer is equipped with more than 12,000 air and water tight cells, which the inventor claims will keep the vessel afloat even should she be torpedoed.

WILL LEAVE IF GERMANS THREATEN

Petrograd, Friday—The allied embassies will leave Petrograd in the event that the German advance threatens the city. They are ready, however, to aid Russia to fight.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles A. Bobb, Penbrook and Grace L. Harper, Harrisburg; Earl Brubaker, Harrisburg; and Corienne E. Light, Anville; Guadalupe Giovannone, Palmyra; and Ellet Florio, Swatara; Harrison F. Seitzer, Enola; and Mary A. Kerlin, Lowell; Isaac Nelson, Camp Meade; and Gertrude Dressler, Millersburg.