

SUPREME WAR COUNCIL TO ACT QUICKLY AS HUNGARIAN REDS SEIZE POWER AND THREATEN TO WAGE WAR ON THE ALLIES

Teutons May Be Behind Alliance

PREMIERS MEET TO QUELL REDS Polish Troops to Be Dispatched to Danzig

THE question of the barrier which the Peace Conference intended to erect against the spread of Bolshevism into the former Central Powers has come sharply to the front as a result of the situation in Hungary, where Bolshevik elements have seized the power and declared that a state of war exists between Hungary and the Entente powers.

Premiers Called to Confer Premiers of the allied states were called to meet in special session in Paris at 3 o'clock this afternoon and it was reported that important military differences might be taken at the meeting of the Supreme Council at 4 o'clock regarding the situation in Hungary and Poland.

Germany May Be Instigator Paris newspaper writers see the situation as calling for military action. They express the belief that Germany may be behind the movement for the purpose of defeating the work of the Peace Conference.

Courier Goes to Moscow A report through Switzerland to Paris says that Karl Kautsky, an independent Socialist, has been sent to Moscow by Count Von Brockdorff-Rantzau, the German foreign minister, to inquire into the question of closer relations between Germany and the Soviet government.

Polcs to Go to Danzig It is understood in Paris, according to one report that the three Polish divisions in France will be shipped at once to Danzig. The allied proposal to use Danzig as the port of embarkation for these troops was one of the main causes for the breaking off by the Germans of negotiations with the allied commiss-

WHEN THE BOYS COME HOME

If you have a boy or husband in the Twenty-eighth or Seventy-ninth Divisions or other unit of the Army, in the Marine Corps or the Navy, if at home or "over there," we want you to join the Home Folks Victory Association to take part in the Welcome Home Reception and Parade that will be held in the near future.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair tonight and Tuesday; not much change in temperature; lowest tonight about 38 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair tonight and Tuesday; not much change in temperature; fresh, northwesterly wind.

The Russian Excursion Into Utopia



MOTHER LEAVES BABY AT HOTEL AND GOES AWAY

Returns After Five Hours to Find Police Looking For Her

After leaving her five-month-old baby girl at the St. James' Hotel at 6.30 this morning while she went to work, a woman who registered there as Mrs. Leon Hummel, of Harrisburg, returning about 11 o'clock to claim the child, did not succeed until mid-afternoon in having the infant returned to her by the Associated Aid Society who had been given custody of it.

TO INITIATE "CEDARS"

Harrisburg Forest, No. 42, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, will be organized to-morrow evening in the Chestnut Street Auditorium at 7.30 o'clock. Initiation ceremonies will be conducted by members of the Lancaster Lodge of the organization.

A. S. PAYNE FINDS FIRST ARBUTUS OF THE SPRING

Local Naturalist Who Specializes in Hepaticas Sets Up New Mark For Rivals to Shoot At A. S. Payne, 1709 Market street, is the claimant of the honor of being the first man in Harrisburg to find a perfect specimen of arbutus in the mountains north of the city. Mr. Payne returned Saturday from a long tour of the rungs and valleys north of Rockville with the bloom. To Payne also belongs the rather divided honor of finding the first hepaticas, several other local naturalists taking care that he did not get all the credit by putting in rival claims.

AUSTRIA GLAD TO SEE HUNGARY JOIN BOLSHEVISTS

Copenhagen, March 24.—The communists of Vienna held a meeting of sympathy with the proletariat dictatorship in Hungary on Sunday morning, according to a Vienna dispatch to-day. The demonstration developed into a manifestation against the Entente. There was no disturbance of the peace, the dispatch declares.

DRIVE TO CLOTHE REFUGEES BEGUN BY RED CROSS

No Garment Too Old For Thousands Left Destitute by the War The Red Cross campaign for the collection of clothing for the destitute sufferers in the allied countries of Europe, and also for Palestine, began this morning when a receiving station was opened in the Donaldson building. "Bundle up your bundle" is the slogan. The rooms formerly occupied by the automobile division of the State Highway Department will be used through the courtesy of George A. Shreiner, auctioneer.

5 to 7 Years For Thugs Who Shot Highspire Man

Hammond Gregory, convicted on a charge of shooting R. W. Lerch, a liquor dealer of Highspire, with the intent to rob him, was given a penitentiary sentence of from five to seven years by President Judge George Kunkel to-day. Lawrence Brown, also convicted in this case, is being held for trial in connection with the Lacob murder in Steelton. Charles C. Stroh, who with several other men is in the river coal business here, was ordered to pay \$22 a week for the support of his wife and daughter, Helen. Mrs. Stroh testified on the witness stand that her husband had provided for her until a few months ago, when he began paying attentions to another woman. Stroh denied the charge and accused his wife of being too suspicious.

MIGHTY TRUCKS TAKE PLACE OF PLEASURE CARS

Big Auto Show Now Devoted to Machines Designed For Industry

The immensity of the auto truck activity in America is vividly illustrated in the magnificent exhibit at the Overland warehouses, Twenty-sixth and Derry streets, which opened at 10 o'clock sharp, this morning, as a continuation of the passenger car show which concluded Saturday evening with its record unprecedented for sales and attendance. Some of the glitter was lacking to-day when twenty-three brands of trucks, representing the last word in American ingenuity, were steered in cautiously and accurately, each taking its allotted position on the spacious floor. But such is their important mission and so attractively were they painted and festooned that the gay, luxurious passenger car seemed trivial to those who want a motor for business.

CHILD EATS BICHLORIDE OF MERCURY TABLET

Catherine Brownman, 1-year-old daughter of Randolph Brownman, 121 Dock street, is in the Harrisburg Hospital, as a result of swallowing a bichloride of mercury tablet on Saturday. Her condition is reported as being good. It is not known how she secured the tablet.

HUNDREDS SEE CONVERTS BAPTIZED IN SUSQUEHANNA

Half Dozen Men and Women Immersed in Biting Cold Water by Head of Gospel Mission Hundreds of people lined the shore of the Susquehanna river at the foot of Verbeke street yesterday afternoon to witness the ceremony of baptizing a half dozen converts of the Gospel Herald Mission Society, which has its headquarters in the hall over the Broad street market-house. There was a sharp wind and the water was cold. One of the converts, a man, gave way to his emotion in the water and a reclaimed woman found the chilly river almost too much for her strength. There was bright sunshine overhead, but a touch of frost in the air clearly made the immersions less comfortable than the spectators thought they should be. The ceremony occupied the greater part of an hour and scores of people stopped in their walk in the River Park to witness the baptisms.

Czech-Slovak Army Sent to Battle

MASARYK QUILTS AS PRESIDENT Delay in Making Peace Given As Cause of Revolt

Copenhagen, Mar. 24.—A Czech-Slovak army has been sent against Hungary, according to an official report received in Vienna and forwarded here. T. G. Masaryk, the president of Czechoslovakia, has resigned, according to a report received from Berlin.

London, Mar. 24.—A Bolshevik army of seventy thousand men has crossed the river Dniester south of Lemberg, according to a Zurich dispatch received in Paris and forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph Company. The army is said to be commanded by Major Georgy and to be composed mainly of Hungarians and Bulgarians who were prisoners of war in Russia.

London, Mar. 24.—The Hungarian revolution and the reported alliance of the new government with the Russian Soviet, which is considered here as a grave menace to Europe, has given rise to new criticisms here of delays in the Peace Conference proceedings. The Globe referring to the situation in Hungary, says: "That is the natural consequence of the delay of the peace conference in making peace and if the delay continues we will have worse consequences still. Making this discussion of the league covenant before even a preliminary peace has been reached simply encourages the spread of the Bolshevik disease and gives our chief enemy opportunities for intrigues."

Berlin, March 24.—A special dispatch to the Freiheit announces the disarmament of Entente troops at Budapest. It is unconfirmed, however, and appears questionable. Recent events at Budapest were not the result of the Entente note outlining the new boundary between Hungary and Rumania, according to the Vossische Zeitung, which says the situation there was hopeless before the note was delivered. Communists were unemployed and have been ignored by the socialist ministers, according to the newspapers.

Mass demonstrations began last Wednesday, when demands were made that every employed person receive five hundred crowns for relief, besides payment of house rent. [Continued on Page 8.]

MANY HOMES ARE ENDANGERED BY MOUNTAIN FIRE

Ten Thousand Acres and Much Valuable Timber Is Burned

HUNDREDS FIGHT FIRE High Wind Drives Flames Rapidly Towards Small Town

Winds, switching from the southwest to the north, will save the village of Poland, which has been threatened by the big forest fire burning a several mile-wide path in the South mountains. The latest theory advanced as to the probable cause for the fire is that it was caused by lighted matches carelessly thrown about by arbutus hunters.

Ten thousands acres of timberland, much valuable cut lumber and a few outbuildings have been consumed on the South Mountains, between Mount Holly Springs and Red Bank, about eight miles from Carlisle, in one of the forest fire Central Pennsylvania has known for years.

The fire, which started on Saturday afternoon, is advancing rapidly over some of the best timberland of the section and the destruction of Poland, a thirty-house village, occupied by employees of the Philadelphia clay works, and of Gardner's Farm, a hamlet of six dwelling houses, is threatened. Fire fighters, to the number of almost a half-thousand, are hard at work to stay the advances of the conflagration.

Blaze Started Saturday Hundreds of men have fought the flames almost continuously since Saturday afternoon when they were first discovered. The main fire broke out between 1 and 2 o'clock and since then two smaller blazes have been discovered, but less far the damage caused by the fires has been inconsequential.

All day yesterday and until early this morning an army of fire fighters were hard at work to stop the onslaughts of the blaze. At 2 o'clock this morning it was believed to be under control and most of the worried men were permitted to go to their homes.

Winds Stirs Flames This morning, however, as the wind freshened, the flames not entirely extinguished, grew, and the smoldering embers again broke into flames, and a call was again issued for every person available to assist in the work. Fire Warden J. R. Williams, of Pine Grove, has been on the scene almost continuously directing the men in their work and is actively engaged in it.

The cause of the fire at this time has not been definitely determined. The most plausible theory advanced and one that is receiving general acceptance is that sparks from a passing engine on the Pennsylvania Railroad line, formerly the old Philadelphia and Reading line, fired the rapidly drying leaves and other material which cover the timberland.

Residents of the section declare that the ravages of this fire are greater than any that has occurred within the past score of years. The estimate that ten thousand acres had been burned by 30 this morning, is believed to be quite conservative in this territory much valuable timber has been felled and much of it is actively being consumed.

D. W. Sunday, of Middlesex, was one of the heaviest losers thus far. He has thus far been able to make no accurate estimate of his loss. As yet not of the Sixty timberland in the section has been touched by the blaze, but unless the flames are speedily checked, it is practically certain that some of it will be reached within the next several hours. One of the smaller fires is burning near Hunter's Run, but this is on timberland that was burned over about five years ago and little real damage has resulted, although a considerable area has been covered.

Good Will Retreats in Good Order When Called to See Street Accident

Harrisburg firemen are often called upon to do startling things but the Goo dWill Hose Company claims the belt for things unique. This morning a trolley car hit a delivery truck of the Atlantic Refining Company at Sixth and Harris streets. Immediately some excited spectator summoned the fire ladders to lend a hand. Finding their chemical truck of no avail, the fire fighters retreated in good order. The trolley car Oil from the truck covered the street and boys with buckets saved large quantities.

CHEAPER FOOD IS PREDICTED

Washington, March 24.—Cheaper food in the near future was predicted to-day by Chairman Peek, of the Department of Commerce industrial board, as a result of a conference with food administration officials in New York. Mr. Peek said there had been general misunderstanding of a recent statement by Mr. Hoover that wheat might go to \$3.50 a bushel, and added that the billion-dollar grain appropriation was made by Congress to enable the public to get wheat products at reasonable prices, as well as to make good the guarantee to the producer. With wheat prices reasonable, Mr. Peek said, reasonable prices of other products could be expected, because wheat was the barometer of the food trade.

ASSESSMENTS IN LOWER PAXTON SAID EQUITABLE

Majority Commissioners Satisfied of Fairness of Returns After Hearing

After more than two hours of discussion of assessments in Lower Paxton township in the presence of John E. Unger, the assessor, and a number of property owners, County Commissioners C. C. Cumber and H. M. Stine, declared they were convinced the valuations as fixed for the district were fair and equitable, and passed a resolution approving them. Commissioner H. C. Wells voting against it.

The special session to-day was called as a result of the appeal from the assessment of the Hetrick farm along the State highway. It had been reported that this farm was only assessed for \$5,000, but the [Continued on Page 15.]

SPORTSMEN JOIN TO KEEP HUNTING GROUNDS OPEN

State-Wide Movement Begun to Prevent Closing of Mountain Lands

BLAME FOR BIG HOLDERS Would Bar Public From Benefits of Streams Stocked by the State

A State-wide movement to prevent large individual landowners from closing woods and streams that have been stocked by the State to hunters and fishermen, has been started by the Lykens and Williams Valley Game and Fish Protective Association, Lykens.

In a letter mailed to-day to sportsmen's associations throughout Pennsylvania, J. Allen Barrett, secretary of the upper-end club, calls attention to the growing tendency to close the fine hunting and fishing grounds adjoining game preserves and calls attention to the effort now being made by a big corporation to close the famous Clark's Valley road between Dauphin and Tower City which runs through one of the best hunting and fishing places in this section of the State.

Mr. Barrett is a sportsman who has taken an active part in the fight to prevent the closing of this big tract and in many other activities of the big upper-end organization. Associated with him in the present campaign is H. E. Buffington, an [Continued on Page 12.]

Settlement Likely in British R. R. Dispute

London, March 24.—Another long conference was held at the Board of Trade yesterday in an endeavor to arrive at a solution of the dispute of the railway men. It failed of its object and was adjourned until to-day. It is understood that the negotiations are proceeding smoothly and that there is a prospect of a settlement of the matter.

FIRE DESTROYS JOINT GARAGE HARRISBURG—FIRE AT 3 O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON BELIEVED TO HAVE STARTED BY AN EXPLOSION DESTROYED THE TWO-AND-A-HALF-STORY GARAGE AND WAREHOUSES OCCUPIED IN SOUTH CAMERON STREET BY THE CITY TRANSFER COMPANY AND THE STUDEBAKER-BROCKWAY SERVICE COMPANY, I. W. DILL, MANAGER OF THE FORMER COMPANY, WAS BURNED BEFORE HE COULD MAKE HIS ESCAPE FROM THE RAPIDLY BURNING BUILDING. A NUMBER OF AUTOMOBILES AND TRUCKS WERE DESTROYED. THE LOSS IS PLACED AT MANY THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. FIREMEN WERE UNABLE TO SAVE LITTLE BECAUSE OF THE RAPIDITY WITH WHICH THE FLAMES SPREAD THROUGH THE BIG BUILDING.

PENNSYLVANIA TROOPS ON MANCHURIA

New York.—The steamship Manchuria which arrived here from St. Nazaire with 4,494 troops had on board the 304th trench mortar battalion of the 79th division (National Army, Southern Pennsylvania). Aero squadrons for Camp Devens also were on board.

BELA KUN INSPIRED HUNGARIAN ALLIANCE

Berlin.—Bela Kun (or Kuhn) probably was the man who formulated the Hungarian communist proclamation which has led to the declaration of a state of siege between Hungarian reds and the entente. He spent a long time in Russia as a prisoner and there made the acquaintance of Nikolai Lenine and Leon Trotzky. He was originally chosen to organize the Spartan-Bolshevik movement in Germany, but instead went to Hungary.

FORMER EMPEROR GOES TO SWITZERLAND

Copenhagen.—Former Emperor Charles, of Austria [Continued on Page 12.]

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Edward A. Chandler, Jr., Baltimore, Md., and Edith D. Denney, Bolting Springs; Paul E. Snellbaker, Conowingo township, and Lillian J. Miller, East Mount; Adam H. Krieg and Mary H. Bentsel, Harrisburg; Harold E. Movers, Harrisburg; and Mary S. Thrasher, Highspire; James McLaughlin, Fishersville; and Elsie V. Miller, Dettle-ried; Francis T. Finchaugh, York county, and Pina A. Brenemann, Red Lion.