

OVERTHROW OF BOLSHEVIKI REGIME IN RUSSIA THREATENED

400,000 Cossacs Together With Other Agencies Rise Against the Extremists

THE LENINE-TROTZKI DICKERS WITH FOE NEW POWER IS RISING

Temporary Armistice Signed, Bolshevi Agents Begin Parleys For Definite Peace.

Government at Petrograd, Cut Off Country's Food Supply, Goes to Extreme to Maintain Itself in Power—All Russian Judges Ousted, Ambassadors Dismissed, Bands Marching Against the Red Guard, Primary Fighting Already in Progress.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 12.—The semi-official German News Agency says demobilization of the Russian forces already begun and that peace negotiations, restricted to the terms of the armistice, have been authorized.

The news agency's dispatch says General Oberbach, recently appointed commander in chief, "with the assistance of the allies" (Teutonic), and that he has been authorized to open peace negotiations with Germany.

Bucharest, Monday, Dec. 10.—Official announcements made today of the signing of an armistice, in which with hostilities were suspended at 10:30 p. m. yesterday until further notice.

OF THE RUSSIAN SITUATION

Power in Petrograd is becoming more seriously as the opposition solidifies. There is a growing feeling in Petrograd and Moscow, the headquarters of the Cossacs, that the military leaders have advanced from the rear. Russian officials in Petrograd are reported to have composed not only of the military but also of the leaders of the political parties in Russia. The military leaders are expected to be able to depose the Bolsheviks and that by spring they will have a formidable fighting force of 400,000 Cossacs.

COAL DEALERS MUST PROMPTLY RELEASE CARS

Order is Received Here Today to Relieve Coal Car Shortage.

Neglect of retail coal dealers and others in failing to unload coal cars promptly must stop at once, under an order received by the Silver Bow county fuel committee from State Fuel Administrator Swindlehurst today. Due to this neglect the coal shortage is daily becoming more acute, says the state fuel administrator. Any dealer who fails to comply with the order will be shut off from the supply of coal.

The order says: "Notwithstanding that it has been customary heretofore for many dealers, particularly at small stations, to unload and deliver coal direct from cars to consumers, in view of the serious car shortage prevailing on all railroads, it is important that coal cars be released as promptly as possible."

TO CURTAIL PASSENGER SERVICE IN THE WEST

St. Louis, Dec. 12.—Warning that further curtailment of passenger service on western railroads probably will be necessary was issued today at the general offices of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad.

BLAZE AT CONCORD BLOCK CAUSES MUCH COMMOTION

A. May Discovers Fire Causes the Forty People in the Building, Fire-Fighters Have Hard Fight to Flare.

The thermometer far below the zero point, two scores of lodgers fled to flee into the streets in nightgowns and pajamas early when a fire threatened to engulf the Concord block on street, between Broadway and 14th. Presence of mind on Mrs. L. A. May, wife of the of the Butte business college, apartments are in the building, and quick work on part of Chief Martin's firemen prevented possible loss of life and saved the building.

"WHO GOES THERE?"



INVESTIGATE WORK OF WAR DEPARTMENT

Gen. Crozier, Chief of Ordnance, is First to Give Testimony.

Washington, Dec. 12.—With General Crozier, chief of ordnance, first to be questioned, the senate military committee today began a general inquiry into the work of the war department, a step which, Capitol leaders say, will prove the forerunner of an investigation of all phases of executive conduct of the war.

Similar investigations, promised by other senate and house committees, are expected to accomplish in a measure the purpose of the proposed joint committee for "the conduct of the war." This idea was abandoned last session because of President Wilson's objection.

OHIO GOVERNOR DEFIES FEDERAL FUEL OFFICIALS

Commandeers Solid Trains of Coal for Suffering Communities.

Columbus, O., Dec. 12.—Gov. James W. Cox went over the heads of federal fuel administration officials today and has taken the Ohio coal shortage problem into his own hands. The first move today was to order solid trainloads of coal assembled and sent immediately to points in the state most seriously in need of fuel.

LARGE SUMS USED BY GERMAN PLOTTERS IN INDIAN CONSPIRACY

Money of American Millionaire Used in One Instance by Germans.

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—Further indications of the immensity of German financial transactions incident to the alleged conspiracy to foment revolution against British rule in India were brought out here today at the trial of 31 persons charged with conspiracy in the proposed revolution.

William Wilms, millionaire lumberman and land owner of Chicago, who was a friend of Baron Hans von Reisswitz, former acting consul general for Germany at Chicago, testified that at the baron's request he had advanced \$46,000, which was later paid him on Von Reisswitz's personal check, to a Chicago jeweler for letters of credit which were dispatched to Manila and Oriental cities for the ostensible purpose of purchasing "Oriental antiques." The prosecution charged this money went to Hindu agents of the alleged conspiracy.

The prosecution introduced further papers seized by federal officers in the office of Wolf von Igel, former confidential representative of the German embassy at Washington. Among these was a memorandum which prosecution alleged showed that Von Igel had paid \$5,000 to Dharendra Sakar, one of the Hindu defendants.

FORMAL ENTRY BY GEN. ALLENBY INTO JERUSALEM

British Guards Are Stationed About Holy Places in the Ancient City.

London, Dec. 12.—Premier Lloyd George today announced in the house of commons that General Allenby, the British commander in Palestine, entered Jerusalem on foot on Tuesday.

EARTHQUAKE FELT AT IDAHO FALLS

Idaho Falls, Id., Dec. 12.—Intense vibrations of the earth were felt here at a week this morning. No damage was done.

EXTENSION OF PRICE-FIXING POWER NEEDED

Federal Trade Commission Presents Many Grave Problems to Congress.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Extension of the government's price-fixing power to other products than food and fuel, and especially to iron and steel, is believed necessary by the federal trade commission in the light of experience gained in investigating economic conditions since the United States entered the war. Recommendation that a temporary administrative body be established to determine reasonable prices for prime necessities and also to regulate the distribution of raw materials and finished products was made in the commission's annual report submitted today to congress.

Other recommendations suggest that the commission's powers of obtaining information be broadened to authorize requirement of reports from individuals engaged in commerce, as well as corporations; that information gathered by temporary semi-official organizations such as the council of national defense, including all corresponding agencies, be made available.

SURGEON GENERAL OF NAVY MAKES REPORT

Not a Single Death During the Year From Typhoid Fever.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The annual report of Surgeon General Braisted of the navy shows an encouraging degree of progress against sickness in all forms.

33 BELOW ZERO AND A BLIZZARD AT THE CAPITAL

Helena Experiences Coldest Weather of the Winter.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 12.—Along with the 11 inches of snow that fell at Helena last night, in connection with a blizzard, there was recorded a minimum temperature of 33 degrees below zero, the coldest spell so far this winter. The snow and the below zero temperatures are general over the state east of the Rockies. At Havre the minimum was 18 below; Miles City 12 below; Billings, 10 below, and Kalispell, west of the divide, 2 below, with Missoula showing 10 degrees above. The forecast is for a slowly rising temperature.

Montana livestock growers are in better shape than ever before to face a hard winter. Because of heavy stock losses last year herds were reduced this fall to such a point that there is an abundance of hay for all stock left in the state. The weather has been mild until this week, so that growers have larger stocks of hay on hand, in proportion to the size of their herds, than ever before.

FULLEST MEASURE OF CO-OPERATION BY RAILROAD MEN

Executives of the Lines Ready to Act Under U. S. Control.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Western lines were ordered by the railroad war board today to send east 100 locomotives to aid in relieving traffic congestion.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The fullest measure of co-operation in any decision President Wilson may make to solve the railroad problem, even though he should choose government operation, was pledged to the president today by the railroad war board, composed of a representative committee of railroad executives.

The railroad executives told the president they did not ask a billion dollar loan or a suspension of the anti-trust and anti-pooling laws. They told him they believed the railroads would support any plan for government operation.

BUTTE MAN MISSING AFTER EXPLOSION IN HALIFAX

Tom Morgan, His Brother, Fails to Locate Man Who Was on His Way to War. Receives Much Sad News Within One Week's Time.

David A. Morgan, a Butte man, is supposed to be among the dead in the Halifax disaster, according to a message received today by his brother, Tom Morgan, a conductor on the Oregon avenue line of the street car company. During the past week Mr. Morgan has received nothing but bad news. First he learned from his mother in England that his father's ship had been torpedoed. Next came a cablegram that his grandmother had died. The following day another telegram announced that his brother in France had both legs and arms shot off. Last came the news that another brother

PLAN TO BRING PERSHING BACK AS ARMY CHIEF

Knowledge Gained in France Invaluable to the General Staff.

HE WILL DIRECT WHOLE WORK OF THE U. S. ARMY

May Be Succeeded as Expeditionary Commander by General Barry.

Washington, Dec. 12.—A plan is being developed in the war department to bring General Pershing home from France and make him chief of staff of the United States army. If this plan is carried through it is probable that he will be succeeded as head of the American expeditionary forces by Gen. Thomas H. Barry, long commander of the central department of the army, with headquarters at Chicago.

It is believed that the knowledge that has been acquired by General Pershing would make him invaluable as head and directing spirit of the general staff during the remainder of the war. General Pershing has visited all fronts on the western line and has been a close observer of the operations of British, French and Belgian forces. He has studied the work of those governments in supplying their armies and in moving those supplies to advantageous points within reach of the fighting units for which they are designed. In fact, war office officials believe that General Pershing now has a greater knowledge of the problems that face the general staff of the army than any other officer of the American government.

HEAVY DECLINE IN MARKET SECURITIES

Uncertainty Over Railroad Situation Causes General Liquidation.

New York, Dec. 12.—Liquidation of railroad shares was precipitated on the stock exchange today by reports that it was proposed to establish a virtual government dictatorship in the transportation field. In the first half of the session railway shares of the investment class added two to three points to recent declines, in almost every important instance falling to lowest prices for some years past.

Industrial division, including the wide variety of equipments and war shares, also reacted from one to three points. United States Steel was the central feature on its decline to 33, an overnight loss of 2%, and the lowest price of the year.

ONLY FEW MEN GET CHRISTMAS FURLOUGH

Washington, Dec. 12.—Men of the national army will not be given Christmas furlough unless they live within trolley distance of their entonments, the war department has decided.