

RUSSIAN PEACE TERMS REJECTED BY GERMANY; ITALIANS HURL FOE BACK

Monte Asolone on Brenta Recently Taken by Teutons Again Held by Defenders

REPORT NOT NAMED OFFICER
The report of the German officer who was taken prisoner at Monte Asolone, on the Brenta, is published in the London Standard.

EXCEPT ANIAN LINES
The only line of steamships which is not a member of the International Red Cross is the Anian line.

Lloyd George's Con-
Lloyd George's conduct in the peace negotiations is being criticized by the British press.

It is reported
It is reported that the Germans have rejected the Russian peace terms.

A considerable
A considerable number of Italian soldiers have been captured by the Germans.

RECOGNIZED
The United States has recognized the new government in Russia.

THE PLAN
The plan for the reconstruction of Europe is being discussed by the Allies.

TERMS OF
The terms of the proposed peace treaty are being debated in the League of Nations.

FINISHES
The construction of the new prison at Butte is nearly finished.

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CALL FOR
A call for action is being issued by the I. W. W. and anarchists.

Those Are the Comrades
Those are the comrades who are wanted for revolt in India.

TESTIMONY GIVEN BY
A woman in the trial has given testimony regarding the conspiracy.

Conspiracy Reaching Through-
The conspiracy is reported to be reaching through the world.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.
San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Utilization of women agents throughout the world formed a salient part of an alleged conspiracy to foment revolution against British rule in India.

Can you send me some comrades
Can you send me some comrades to aid our revolution. They should be fighters, industrial workers of the world or anarchists.

LAND BANKS PUT
Land banks are being put out on large sums on farm lands.

Nearly \$30,000,000 Has Been
Placed by Federal Farm Loan Banks.

Washington, Dec. 21.
Washington, Dec. 21.—Loans aggregating \$29,824,999 have been made to farmers by the 12 federal land banks in the six months since the farm loan system has been in full operation.

Applications for loans
Applications for loans have been made to \$219,000,000, which has been cut to \$180,000,000 by reductions ordered by appraisers or by rejections.

The greatest volume of loans
The greatest volume of loans, \$7,290,000, has been made by the Wichita, Kan., bank, which covers Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and New Mexico.

Loans in other districts include
Loans in other districts include the following: Omaha, \$1,787,000; Houston, \$1,145,000; Berkeley, \$1,818,000.

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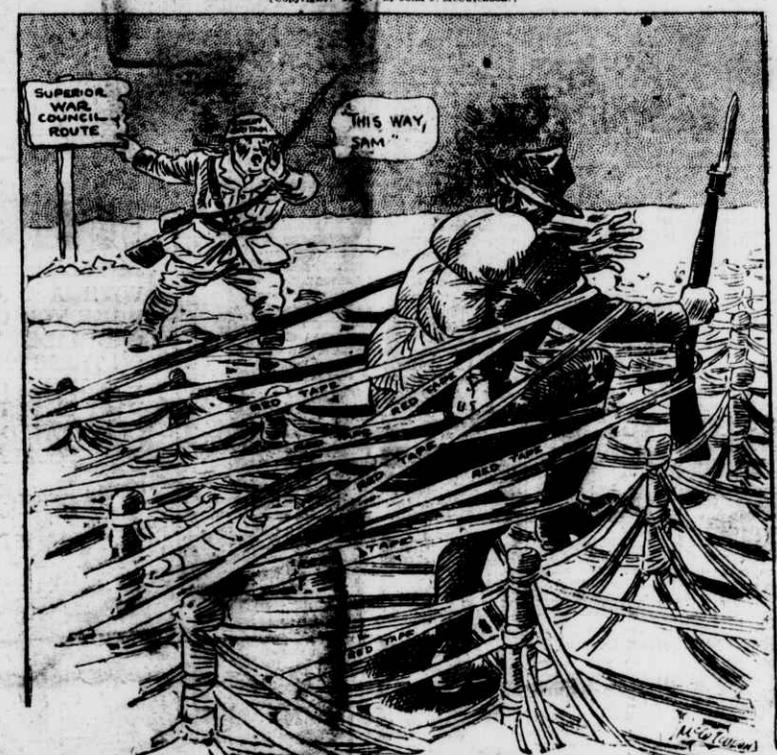
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EVENTUALLY—WHY NOT NOW?



MANY DIFFICULTIES IN WAY OF SHIPPING BOARD, SAYS CHAIRMAN HURLEY

Witness Tells Senate Investigating Committee That Denman-Goethals Row Cost Government to Lose More Than Dozen Ships, Which Got Away to Foreign Owners Before Commandeering Order Could Be Issued. Delay in Construction Due to Limited Capacity of American Shipyards.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The navy's utilization of much of the country's shipbuilding facilities was cited by Chairman Hurley of the shipping board before the senate investigating committee today as one reason for the slow progress of merchant ship construction. The Denman-Goethals row, it was brought out, cost the government more than a dozen ships, which got away to foreign owners before the shipping board issued its order commandeering all construction. A few also went to foreign governments while the new board was getting organized.

Mr. Hurley declared that the fact that the navy at the outbreak of the war controlled 70 per cent of the building facilities of 18 prominent shipyards forced the shipping board to have new yards built.

Continual reorganization of the board's emergency fleet corporation, he said, was necessary to make the corporation responsive to the demands made upon it.

Small Capacity of Yards.
Delay in turning out ships, Mr. Hurley said, was in part attributable to the small capacity of American shipyards.

"The task of the fleet corporation," he said, "is not only the construction of new ships, but more especially the

NOTICE OF CITY AND COUNTY DRAFT BOARDS TO REGISTRANTS

The city and county draft boards are sending out questionnaires to 5 per cent of the registered men each day. The statement below shows the date on which questionnaires are mailed, the order numbers of the men included in each day's batch and the date on which the mailed-out blanks must be returned.

Date Mailed.	Order Numbers City Board.	Time Limit For Return.
Dec. 15.	1 to 516.	Dec. 24
Dec. 17.	517 to 1143.	Dec. 26
Dec. 18.	1144 to 1674.	Dec. 27
Dec. 19.	1675 to 2200.	Dec. 28
Dec. 20.	2201 to 2726.	Dec. 29
Dec. 21.	2727 to 3212.	Dec. 31

Date Mailed.	Order Numbers County Board.	Time Limit For Return.
Dec. 15.	1 to 222.	Dec. 24
Dec. 17.	223 to 420.	Dec. 26
Dec. 18.	430 to 649.	Dec. 27
Dec. 19.	641 to 823.	Dec. 28
Dec. 20.	824 to 907.	Dec. 29
Dec. 21.	908 to 1180.	Dec. 31

SECRET TREATY OF RUSSIA AND JAPAN EXPOSED

It Was Intended as Military Measure to Keep Others Out of China.

Petrograd, Thursday, Dec. 20.—Under the heading, "Secret treaty between Japan and Russia for joint armed demonstration against America and Great Britain in the far east," the Izvestia publishes what it says is the text of the secret treaty drawn up last year providing for joint action by Russia and Japan to prevent any third country from achieving political dominance in China.

The treaty stipulates that the agreement shall remain a deep secret for all except the contracting parties. It is designed to supplement and strengthen the secret treaties of 1907, 1910 and 1912. Article I is given as follows:

"The contracting parties recognize that the interests of either side demand the defense of China from political domination by any third power whatsoever cherishing hostile intentions to

AIRPLANES COLLIDE THREE MEN KILLED

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 21.—Three British aviators in training here were killed this morning when two machines collided in the air.

Two of the men were in one machine. The collision took place at a low altitude and less than half a mile from the landing field.

The dead are: Arthur Eden Webster, 19, Kingston, N. Y.; Lieut. Russell Jenner, 19, Kingsville, Ont.; Cyril Albert Banker, 20, Kent, England.

VON HERTLING MEETS GERMAN POLITICIANS

Reichstag Party Representatives Discuss the Latest War Situation.

Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—Count von Hertling, the imperial German chancellor, yesterday received representatives of all the reichstag parties with whom he had a confidential discussion on the situation caused by the opening of peace negotiations with Russia.

The chancellor announced, according to a Berlin official dispatch, that the emperor had authorized him to conclude peace and he had charged Foreign Secretary von Kuehmann to conduct the negotiations.

According to the newspapers, the independent socialists were represented at the meeting by Deputy Haase. This is the first time since the foundation of the party that it has had direct intercourse with the German government.

PLENTY OF SHOES BUT THEY DIDN'T FIT THE ROOKIES

One Squad Took Off Shoes So Another Squad Could Use Them.

SOLDIERS FORCED TO WEAR SHOES TOO SMALL

Washington, Dec. 21.—Without waiting for congressional appropriations, the war department authorized orders for supplies for 1,000,000 troops before the United States went to war, it was brought out today in the testimony of Quartermaster General Henry G. Sharpe before the senate military committee.

The investigation developed that, while a large supply of shoes for men in the army had been provided, they were of such sizes that many soldiers could not be equipped with shoes that fit them.

In one camp men were wearing shoes much too small and in another there were only enough shoes for half of a detachment of troops to march to target practice. When these men returned, the shoes were taken off and put on the others who then went to practice.

The committee investigating the supplying of troops went particularly today into the causes for the shortage in clothing.

Secretary Baker, General Sharpe said, authorized orders for clothing and other supplies for the million men just before the war declaration and in June approved orders to equip another half million.

The only complaints of supply shortage received by the department had been in respect to clothing, General Sharpe said.

In an introductory statement dealing with the Mexican border mobilization, General Sharpe said the production equipment ordered with Secretary Baker's approval was the regulation 30 days' supply, including clothing, hats, shoes, tentage and animals.

BANDITS LOOT A BANK UNDER NOSES OF POLICE

IN CLEVELAND.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 21.—Bandits held up and robbed the East Street Savings bank this afternoon and escaped with \$15,400 in money.

The robbers, numbering eight or ten, walked into the bank and covered the seven men and three women clerks with revolvers, scooped up all the money in sight and after firing several shots in the air, presumably to frighten off pursuers, escaped in an automobile.

The driver of the bandit automobile was captured by the police an hour after the robbery. The driver said the robbers hired him to drive them to the bank and that he did not know their identity.

PENETRATING THE MYSTERY OF STOCK YARDS OWNERSHIP

Big Packers Charged With Dividing Up the Profits Under Cover.

SUDDEN ILLNESS TAKES BIG WITNESSES SOUTH

Washington, Dec. 21.—Testimony was put in every two years or so, resulting in only incomplete knowledge of the company's activities on the part of an officer, F. H. Prince of Boston is said to receive the dividends and make distribution among the shareholders, believed to include all the large packers, whose identities have not been established.

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Refuse to Give Records.
Swift & Co. of Chicago have refused to deliver to the commission records desired by the commission in its investigation of the packing industry and drastic action will be taken in court to force their production, Francis J. Heney announced to the commission today.

ARMY APPROPRIATIONS TO REACH FIVE BILLIONS

Total Army Expense for the Next Fiscal Year Will Be \$6,610,000,000.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The army appropriation bill for the next fiscal year, on which the house military committee was to resume hearings Jan. 3, probably will carry close to \$5,000,000,000 for the whole military establishment exclusive of fortifications and field artillery guns, which will be provided for by the appropriations committee. The bill is expected to be ready about Feb. 1. The total army appropriation estimates sent to congress by the war department aggregates \$6,610,000,000.

"The military committee will give the war department every assistance that they reasonably can convince the committee they need," said Chairman Dent today. "We will call up the bureau chiefs and then ask Secretary Baker to appear to go over his military policies. The sessions will be executive because of the military secrets involved."

PROPOSE SECESSION OF QUEBEC FROM DOMINION

Quebec, Dec. 21.

A proposal that the province of Quebec secede from the confederation of Canadian provinces was expressed in a motion introduced into the provincial legislative assembly today by J. N. Francoeur, deputy for Lotbiniere. Quebec is the only province which voted against conscription at the recent election.

As far as the city and state are concerned, it will not come up to expectations. At Red Cross headquarters, 28 East Broadway, it was given out today that if the ratio of the first four days is obtained the membership in the city will not exceed 15,000.

Reports received from the state indicate that instead of 70,000 members as allotted, there will not be more than 20,000.

"We must reach our allotment of 25,000," declared Trevor Bowen, secretary of the local Red Cross chapter, this morning. "There is no reason why Butte should fall behind. From now on until Christmas eve the drive will be more intense than ever. Our work-