

RUSSIA TALKS PEACE BUT PREPARES FOR WAR

Senator Brady Dying; Feared End Will Come Before Another Day

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ALL MIDDLE STATES IN GRASP OF A BLIZZARD

Worst Storm of the Winter Sweeps Over the Country From Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic.

Deaths and Injuries Reported Throughout Stricken Section—Railroads Are Forced to Abandon Their Schedules.

WORST BLIZZARD IN YEARS SWEEPS OVER MIDDLEWEST

Fuel, food and milk supply cut off in scores of cities. Railroads forced to abandon schedules, many towns isolated and trains stalled in snow drifts. Snowfall from five to ten inches with 30-mile-an-hour gale. Thousands unable to reach offices and employment. Many war industries temporarily suspended. Deaths and injuries resulting from storm reported throughout stricken district. Below zero temperatures increased suffering and threatened to add to death list. Telegraph and telephone wires broken down by the snow and wind. Thousands of cattle and livestock believed frozen to death. Fire departments powerless to push through blockades.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—The center of the storm which has been sweeping across the country for three days expanded during the night and today, extending from the upper Lakes region to the St. Lawrence valley and southward to the Atlantic seaboard.

The accompanying snow, wind and low temperatures had combined to paralyze transportation and cause intense suffering. Cities were marooned and faced serious fuel and food shortages. Tie-up of local traffic prevented delivery of coal and milk. Many deaths were reported and scores of persons suffered from frost bite. Weather bureau officials declared the intense cold would continue throughout the country until Monday, when there would be a "slight moderation" in the Missouri valley and plains states. This, they said, would gradually extend to other parts, but no actual return to normal temperature is yet in sight.

TORNADOES IN SOUTH.

The weather bureau received reports from Atlanta that tornadoes had swept eastern Alabama and central Georgia, killing a dozen persons and injuring a hundred. Communication with that section has since been cut off and confirmation is lacking.

The zero area extending from the Ohio valley northward into Canada and from Cleveland westward into the plains states. The cities reporting the lowest temperature in the country today were Indianapolis and Ft. Wayne, Ind., with 23 degrees below zero. In Chicago it was 14 below; in Nashville 10 below; in St. Paul four below, in Cleveland four below; in Vicksburg four above; in New Orleans 20 above and in Madison 14 above.

HEAVY FALL OF SNOW.

The snow region covered practically the same area. About eight inches had fallen in Chicago within 24 hours, added to the 18 inches previously fallen since the last thaw. The snowfall will continue throughout the storm center well into the night, according to the weather bureau. All railroads entering Chicago abandoned efforts to moving trains today. Many crack passenger trains are utterly "lost," while others have been discovered marooned in small towns or the open country. Suburban traffic here has been discontinued, while surface lines are practically out of

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BANK AT CAMP FUNSTON ROBBED AND FOUR KILLED

Employees of Institution Hacked to Pieces by Robber, Who Escaped With Funds—The Trail Lost.

WORE CAPTAIN'S UNIFORM. CAMP FUNSTON, KAN. JAN. 12.—THE AXE FIEND WHO SLEW FOUR MEN IN THE ARMY BANK HERE WORE A CAPTAIN'S UNIFORM, KEARNEY WORNALL, WOUNDED SURVIVOR OF THE ASSAULT STATED THIS AFTERNOON ON AGAIN RECOVERING CONSCIOUSNESS. THE IDENTITY OF THE ARMY OFFICER IF THE ROBBER WAS NOT WEARING THE UNIFORM AS A DISGUISE, HAS NOT BEEN LEARNED.

Camp Funston, Kan., Jan. 12.—One bandit, unaided, killed four men and seriously wounded a fifth, in the robbery of the army bank here last night, according to Kearney Wornall, cashier, who was wounded.

Wornall recovered consciousness long enough today to refute the earlier belief that four bandits participated in the axe murders. He sank into a coma and is expected to die.

Military police and civil authorities, aided by police dogs, were continuing the search for the robber, or robbers, this afternoon. The exact amount stolen has not been determined.

The dead are:

C. Fuller Winters, Kansas City.

Carl Orleson, Kansas City.

John W. Jewell, Springfield, Mo.

A clerk named Hill.

Kearney Wornall, Kansas City, cashier of the bank, was wounded.

The robbery and murders took place between 7:30 and 8 o'clock last night.

Shortly after 8 o'clock a regimental company patrolling near the bank heard groans from within. He entered and saw the bodies lying on the floor. He notified the military police and Captain J. C. Smallwood, acting provost officer, went to the bank with a squad of men.

GUARD THROWN ABOUT CAMP.

A cordon of guards was thrown about the camp and police in all cities within a radius of 100 miles notified.

The army officers are strong in affirming their conviction that no soldier was connected with the crime, but are taking every precaution to prevent any men leaving the cantonment. An inspection of all men and all barracks is being made.

Police dogs, stationed at the camp, followed the trail of the men from the bank to the interurban station where the trail was lost.

At about the time the crime was committed, four men were seen going along the road, one of them carrying a suitcase. All were dressed in civilian clothes and it is believed they were the men guilty of the crime.

COLDEST DAY OF WINTER.

The robbers chose a time when there were fewer chances of discovery than usual. The day had been the coldest of the winter at the camp and there was but little movement out of doors. Patrolling had been reduced to a minimum.

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EQUIPMENT FOR ARMY STILL POINT OF DEBATE

Senator Chamberlain Insists Secretary Baker Is Misleading the Country by Statements.

Commanding Officer at Camp Sherman Says Troops Short of Blouses—Plenty of Overcoats but Not Properly Distributed.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Senate military probes today again raked Secretary of War Baker's claim of adequate supplies for America's soldiers.

Instead of going into cantonment construction with a view to hastening an end of the hearings, the committee put Baker on the grill again today and doggedly hammered at his calm insistence that initial needs of the army have been properly met.

"I have no disposition to cavil," said Senator Chamberlain, "but your general statement is calculated to leave the impression that all necessary equipment is in the hands of the troops. I saw the commanding officer of Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, O., this morning and asked him whether his men were fully clothed. He told me they were short several thousand blouses. In the face of that your statement has the effect of lulling the country into a false sense of security."

ENTITLED TO FACTS.

"The country is entitled to feel secure," maintained Baker.

"The country is entitled to know the facts," said Chamberlain.

Baker at once asked Assistant Secretary Crowell, who was present, to order General Goethals, quartermaster general, to wire the officer in command at Camp Sherman for an immediate report on clothing conditions there.

"To have the commanding officer of a camp tell senators or anyone else that men have no uniforms is a serious matter," said Baker. He asked Crowell, who four weeks ago visited Camp Sherman, to tell what conditions were there.

"Ninety-five per cent of the men were fully uniformed," said Crowell. "Many new recruits were coming in and these were not fully provided for." Senator McKellar said 95 per cent left a considerable number without some part of the uniform.

LEGISLATION NEEDED.

Chamberlain said the fault he finds is that if the congress and the people

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Senator Brady Near Death; May Not Survive Day

(Capital News Special Service.)

WASHINGTON, JAN. 12.—SENATOR BRADY'S CONDITION CHANGED FOR THE WORSE THIS MORNING. HE IS SINKING RAPIDLY AND APPARENTLY CANNOT SURVIVE THE DAY. EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES WERE TAKEN TO KEEP HIM ALIVE TILL HIS SONS GET HERE. THEY ARE DUE THIS AFTERNOON. OXYGEN AND NITROGLYCERINE WERE ADMINISTERED. IT WAS ANNOUNCED AT THE SENATOR'S OFFICE THAT HOPE HAD BEEN GIVEN UP.

JAPANESE STEAMER CAPTURED BY ENEMY AND MADE A RAIDER

Tokio, Jan. 12.—The officer of a Dutch merchantman, arriving at Nagasaki today reported the steamer Hitachi Maru, missing three months, was captured by the enemy and converted into a cruiser. The passengers, he asserted, were taken prisoner.

The Japanese admiralty does not believe the report although the loss of the ship, enroute to Delago bay from Colombo has been known.

TRIP TO JAPAN NOT ON SECRET MISSION

A Pacific Port, Jan. 12.—Juan Burns, former Mexican consul general in New York, is going to Japan as consul general for the Carranza government and not on any "secret mission," General Ramon P. De Negri, consul general for Mexico for the Pacific coast, announced today. He branded stories printed by certain newspapers that Burns is enroute to negotiate a secret treaty with Japan as "laughable."

"Burns is going to Japan as a consular representative," he said. "He is accompanied only by a secretary. There is no 'mysterious Japanese treaty' or 'ammunition purchase mystery.' Burns is remaining on board a Japanese liner in the harbor here because of an indictment returned against him while he was in New York. He is free on bonds but fears he may be re-arrested if he lands."

Two naval officers yesterday boarded the Japanese ship and sought to cross-examine Burns, but he refused to give any information.

DENMAN WILL PLACE BLAME ON CONGRESS

Washington, Jan. 12.—Two members of congress shared in responsibility for loss of more than 15 steel ships to registry under the American flag, according to charges of William Denman, former shipping board head, made public today.

Sending Chairman Fletcher of the congress ship "probe" committee an outline of his prospective testimony, Denman said he would disprove printed claims that 15 ships were lost to the flag through neglect arising from the Goethals-Denman differences.

"I will show," said Denman, "that I was one of the active participants in saving over a million tons of vessels to the American flag."

Denman's letter predicted a grave shortage of shipping, even with present plans.

GOVERNMENT STORES IN THE PATH OF FIRE.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—Destruction of government stores valued at several hundred thousand dollars was threatened when fire attacked the Gallagher Brothers' and S. T. Fish company's commission houses during the height of the blizzard early today.

The fire was controlled within a few hours. The loss was estimated at \$20,000.

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Forecast for Boise and vicinity: RAIN TONIGHT AND SUNDAY; WARMER TONIGHT.

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Petrograd, Jan. 12.—The Bolsheviks are preparing for possible resumption of war.

Decree for mobilization of all able-bodied men up to 32 years of age is expected to be issued shortly. Ensign Krylenko, commander-in-chief, has stopped the leave of all officers. The Bolshevik government is apparently pushing all operations to continue fighting.

CONFIDENT THE GERMANS WILL NOT ATTACK.

They are confident, however, that the Germans will not attack the Russian lines. German officers are strenuously and vainly seeking to halt fraternization between their troops and Russians.

Russian propaganda is filling the German trenches.

A telegram from Brest-Litovsk today declared the Russian peace delegates were greatly pleased with the attitude of the liberal British press but are insisting on British recognition of the Maximilianist rule.

STRONG SUPPORT BY GERMAN SOCIALISTS.

The message optimistically reviewed the attitude of the German Socialist press and its warnings to reichstag members against the German government's annexationist policies. The message said the Russian propaganda among the German troops promised to have strong support from the German Socialists and concluded:

"If we need to renew the war, we will await this new factor of great and decisive influence."

Petrograd is quiet and orderly and despite predictions of starvation, the food situation seems improved.

DESTROYER LOST WITH ALL ABOARD OFF IRISH COAST

H. M. S. Raccoon Hits Rock and Founders—Believed at Least One Hundred Men Perished.

London, Jan. 12.—H. M. S. Raccoon foundered and was lost with all aboard off the north coast of Ireland, Wednesday, an admiralty statement announced today.

The statement said the vessel struck a rock.

The Raccoon was a destroyer of the 1910 class and was 266 feet in length with a beam of 28 feet. She displaced 915 tons and her engines developed an indicated horsepower of 12,500 giving her a speed of 27 knots. At the time of the outbreak of the war she was armed with one four-inch and three three-inch guns and two torpedo tubes. Her complement was 105 men.

All her crew was lost probably at least 100 men perished.

FEDERAL MEDIATOR SETTLES DISPUTE

Chicago, Jan. 12.—G. W. W. Hangar, federal mediator, today announced settlement of the first wage dispute since the government took over the railroads. About 400 telegraphers of the Chicago & Alton railroad were granted a wage increase of about \$7.75 a month, reduction of the working day by one hour and overtime for Sunday work.

MAYOR GIVEN CLEAN BILL.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 12.—Mayor Daniel W. Hoan has answered questions as to his stand on the St. Louis Socialist platform satisfactorily. His advisory board, which forced an answer, "has full confidence in his loyalty and patriotism."

ON FLOUR RATIONS.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—The United States will be placed on flour rations within the next month.

Harry W. Wheeler, Illinois state food administrator, announced today that food administrators of the country in conference with Herbert Hoover had determined restriction of consumption to 70 per cent of present requirements was necessary. The administration will commensurate 30 per cent of the output at the mills.

TWO KILLED IN STORM.

Macon, Ga., Jan. 12.—Two persons were killed and three were injured in the storm which swept over this region late yesterday, according to incomplete reports today. Local streets are strewn with debris from damaged buildings. Marvin Harris, a wagoner of the 122nd infantry, was crushed to death when the corral at Camp Wheeler, a storm center, was blown down. An aged negro was frozen to death.

NEW FOOD REGULATIONS.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Stringent regulations of food consumption in America, including compulsory wheatless and meatless days, is in prospect as a result of a conference between Food Administrator Hoover and congressional leaders today.

Legislation towards this end will be introduced in both houses of congress at once, it was announced after the conference.

APARTMENT HOUSE FIRE.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—More than 300 persons were driven into the snow weather early today when an oil stove exploded in the basement of a north-side apartment house and threatened destruction of the building.

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RESPONSIBILITY ON KAISER.

The Russians' willingness to continue at Brest-Litovsk puts complete responsibility upon the Germans for some adjustment in the original terms of peace they offered. Rather than make any concessions, the Germans sought to cover up by the pretext that they would not transfer the negotiations to Stockholm all peace discussions were terminated.

Further dispatches from Brest-Litovsk today quoted Trotzky as insisting that there was no justification for the German fear that there could be allied interference with any negotiations conducted on neutral soil, but as voicing his desire for continuance of the discussions.

Delegate Bolobovitch, from Ukraine, was declared to have notified the general conference that he would adopt an independent attitude toward the negotiations until the formation of "a Russian federation of states," determined exactly what relation Ukraine should bear to Russia.

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