

Bridgeport and vicinity— Fair tonight and Saturday colder tonight.

Sun rises 5:45 a. m. Sun sets 6:12 p. m. High water 7:52 a. m. Moon rises 3:31 a. m. Low water 2:15 p. m.

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HOPE OF PRELIMINARY PEACE APR. 20 BOLSHIEVIK PREMIER WANTS HUNS TO WAR ON VIENNA

Rumored Red Leaders Seek Recognition For Russian Soviets From United States

Believe President Wilson Disinclined to Give Favorable Answer.

GERMANY MAY PAY YEARLY INSTALLMENT

Membership of States in Council Will Be Increased From Two to Three.

Paris, March 28—Hopes were expressed last night in Peace Conference circles that the preliminary peace treaty might be signed by April 20. A rumor was current last night that the United States had received a note from Premier Lenine and War Minister Trotsky, of the Russian Soviet government.

They ask recognition for that government, says Marcel Huin in the Echo de Paris today. Mr. Huin adds that he "cannot say" that President Wilson is disinclined to give the request favorable consideration.

The membership of the states in the executive council of the League of Nations, Reuters Limited says, is expected to be increased from two to three, the third member probably being a labor representative.

A council of the foreign ministers and foreign secretaries of Great Britain, the United States, France and Italy has been created to work simultaneously with the premier and President Wilson, but on different branches of the great technical questions involved in the peace settlement.

Today's Paris newspapers in discussing yesterday's session of the council of four declare that extremely important problems directly connected with Germany's future boundaries (Continued On Page Fifteen)

HE'S 96 AND SEEKS DIVORCE

Louis Mendelson, Greenwich Tailor, Asks Freedom From Third Wife.

The sprightly matrimonial adventures of Louis Mendelson, the 96 year old Greenwich tailor who has been married three times and is proud of it may be heard soon in the courts as the aged benedict is contemplating divorce proceedings against his last wife, Lena Mendelson, Judge William L. Tierney of Greenwich, will for the tailor, obtained an order of notice today in a divorce suit which his client intends to bring against Lena. Papers in the action have not been filed in the Superior court yet as the order of notice must be obtained first.

Mendelson intends to charge his wife with intolerable cruelty, but the particular acts to which the elderly husband objected have not yet been made known. Mrs. Mendelson is 46 years old and is said to have been married once before Louis had her to his bed.

At the time of this marriage, in December, 1915, the couple received considerable publicity in the New York papers because of the groom's age and the report that he met his bride through the efforts of a marriage broker. They returned to Greenwich to live, but the dove of peace seems to have flown out the window.

ONE WITNESS SHORT WILL INVALIDATE Because only two witnesses instead of three had signed the last will and testament of John Kohut who died at a sanitarium in Shelton on March 14, Probate Judge Paul Miller refused to allow the will for probate today. As a result the St. Stephen's Hungarian church and the Hungarian Greek Catholic church lose respectively \$300 and \$200 which was left to them in the will. All other beneficiaries under the will are to remain unrecognized.

Railroad Strike In Vienna Situation Considered Grave

Fearful This Action May Lead to Establishment of Soviet Republic in German Austria—Food Trains Being Stopped.

Vienna, Thursday, March 27—A railroad strike has been called and threatens to spread to all the roads in this country. The strike was called partly for higher wages and partly because of sympathy with the Hungarian revolution.

It is feared it may lead to the establishment of a Soviet republic in German Austria. The trouble began last night when men employed by the Southern railroad walked out. All traffic over this road is at a complete standstill, even Allied food trains from Trieste being stopped. As a result of this interruption of transportation of supplies, Vienna is threatened with famine. The situation is considered extremely grave.

Democrats Considering Plan For Permanent Headquarters

Members of the Democratic Town Committee, the body which by law manages the affairs of the Democratic party in Bridgeport, have been tentatively considering a plan for permanent Democratic headquarters, which they will, if the program seems to be feasible, present to the full committee.

The object of a permanent headquarters would be to put the party in a better position for the forthcoming city campaigns in the idea that a steady planning and preparation will bring better results, and better organization than a hasty campaign begun two weeks before an election is to take place.

The main necessity in the erection of a permanent headquarters is its cost. The necessary funds would have to be raised from the party membership, under authority of the executive committee, precisely as all party funds are raised, and headquarters would be under the direction of the committee.

From this simple and partially formulated program a morning newspaper has built up a ridiculous tale that some one has agreed to "shell out" and that whoever "shells out" will control the party leadership.

"Evidently," said a member of the Democratic executive committee, this morning, "there is somebody, presumably closely connected with Mr. King's machine, who doesn't want the Democratic party to have permanent headquarters or anything else that will help it win."

APPROVES CONN. MILITIA BILL Placing Male Residents of State Also Adopted.

Hartford, Conn., March 28—Among the bills adopted by the Senate were those which give to the governor power to appoint special officers for the Connecticut Home Guard society and approving of the Connecticut Railway & Lighting Co.'s act in building an extension in Bridgeport.

ASSERT 63,000 TONS OF FOOD ARE AT CETTE

Berne, March 28—Swiss newspapers complain that 63,000 tons of American grain and foodstuffs consigned to Switzerland have been lying at Cetta, the French Mediterranean port of entry for Switzerland, and that only one train carrying supplies for this country leaves Cetta daily. It is said that only 500 tons can be carried on this train, so that the delivery of the grain will extend over four months. It is suggested that further shipments be sent to Marseilles or Genoa or some other Italian port.

ST. LOUIS BRINGS 1,318 TROOPS New York, March 28—The cruiser St. Louis arrived here today from St. Louis with 41 officers and 1,318 troops of the 143th Infantry.

JUST LIKE YESTERDAY

Henry Parrott, one of Bridgeport's most prominent and oldest residents, as he is in his 91st year spoke in a commendatory way of "Looking Backward Fifty Years" which appears in The Times. In yesterday's column it mentioned the fact that fifty years ago Mr. Parrott left the Adams Express Company and took over the management of the Parrott Varnish Co., where he has been ever since. "It seems like only yesterday to me," said Mr. Parrott.

GERMANY MAY BE PERMITTED CERTAIN EXPORTS

Claims Agreement Was Reached At Brussels March 20.

Paris, Thursday, March 27—(By The Associated Press)—The German delegation of financiers which is now at Spa is expected to arrive soon in Paris, on invitation from the Supreme Council to consider questions relative to the securities Germany has to offer to export certain classes of goods in order to pay for food supplies and that this agreement now becomes effective.

It is understood that an agreement was reached at Brussels on March 14 by which Germany will be permitted to export certain classes of goods in order to pay for food supplies and that this agreement now becomes effective.

The embargo on war material, gold, silver and securities, will be maintained, but Germany may export such products as coal, dyes, various tools and electrical machinery and other articles. Any of the Allied governments may purchase these products and their representatives are expected to proceed at once to Cologne to arrange details as to prices.

DID M'FAYDEN RESIGN OR DID HE NOT RESIGN?

Rumors that Alderman Malcolm MacFayden, a member of the Grand Street Police Commission, had severed his connections with that body some months ago, because of the unbusinesslike methods they used in dealing with the bridge contractors, could neither be confirmed or denied today.

Alderman MacFayden absolutely refused to discuss the question and when questioned by a representative of the Times-Farmer said: "The mayor is taking care of that matter and I have nothing to say." When asked if it wasn't true that he had resigned because of a difference of opinion between himself and other members of the commission, he said: "I don't care to discuss it at all."

Shortly after the announcement had been made that the city had lost the suit for damages instituted by the contractors, E. DeVoe Tompkins, incorporated, under which they were given an award amounting to almost \$100,000, several people wanted to know what the bridge commission was doing, especially as the court in rendering the decision upholds the Tompkins contention that the city hindered them in the work. Actions of certain members of the bridge commission were discussed and when it came to Alderman MacFayden it was said he had resigned some time ago, and had refused to sign certain papers, instrumental in the city losing the law suit. It was claimed that MacFayden had decided that he would not be a party to unsound business.

M. J. GANNON AT POLYCLINIC FOR OPERATION

M. J. Gannon, 235 Vine street, is resting comfortably after a serious operation performed by Dr. Erdman at the Polyclinic hospital, New York city. Mr. Gannon has undertaken parlor on John street and is very well known in the city. He has the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

HOW ABOUT THE GROUND HOG?

One citizen of Bridgeport was left for work this morning found ice on his front porch, violets blooming in the dooryard of a neighbor, the sidewalk covered with dead angleworms, and snow dry and round as ball. This is the first season he can remember when the weather man foiled violets and angleworms on the same morning.

Lenine Urges Hungarians To Send Army Against Vienna Offers To Finance The Move

American Troops Discover And Frustrate Bolshevik Plot

Spartacans Planned Big Uprising Thursday Among Russian Prisoners in Camp—Move Intended to Back Up Hungarian Revolt.

London, March 28—Action by American troops looking after Russian prisoners in Germany is believed to have nipped in the bud an important Bolshevik plot, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Berlin, dated Thursday. The Spartacans in Spandau, the message states had planned a big rising for Thursday, intending to arm several thousand Russians from the Ruhleben camp. The Americans, however, rushed the Russians on board trains Wednesday night and scattered them under the Americans throughout Germany.

Didn't Want To Display Goods Or Do Business

After the appointment of the receiver of the Dorsen Dry Goods Co., B. W. Willett, one of the receivers, came to him and said, "We now want to make the inventory as low as possible," testified Abraham Dorsen at the hearing before Referee Banks this morning. "Cut down the advertising, and don't display the goods. We don't want to do any business. We want to make a settlement," said Willett. "No goods of the Dorsen Dry Goods Co. were displayed in the windows of the Dorsen store until E. H. Dillon made a kick, and compelled the display of bankrupt stock. "I wanted to have our annual sale in August, but Mr. Willett would not allow it, and said I should not tell Dillon or he would insist on the sale. E. H. Dillon and F. N. Benham, who are receivers with Willett, wanted to have this sale, but it did not take place. Willett said that he did not want a big business or a large amount of money in the bank as that would prevent a settlement with the creditors.

SAYS OSBORNE WAS TO BLAME SEND ENGINEERS TO ARCHANGEL

Coroner Finds Motorist Did Not Slow Down Before Car Overturned. All Volunteers From A. E. F.—Gen. Richardson Commander.

London, March 28—Brigadier General Wilds P. Richardson, U. S. A., who has been given command of the American expedition in northern Russia, will leave London in a few days on a fair sized detachment of engineers, sanitary workers and replacement officers for Archangel. The engineers predominate in the detachment. They will be used to repair and improve the roads from the American front back to the sea. All the members of the detachment volunteered from the American expeditionary force in France. Reports to army headquarters today were that vessels could get into Archangel with the aid of strong ice-breakers.

WOMAN BLOWN INTO EAST RIVER IN HEAVY GALE

New York, March 28—New York experienced a somewhat toppy-turvy early morning today; due to a heavy wind, blinding snow and frozen sidewalks and streets. Cars collided with each other or with automobiles, signs and fences were blown down and trees uprooted, pedestrians were knocked over by trolley or motor cars or by mail trucks, one woman was blown into the East River but was rescued, a frozen rail caused a short circuit which set fire to an elevated train, and the rush hour traffic generally was hampered. A dozen persons were injured, several being removed to hospitals.

LOAN PAYMENTS LIBERAL Washington, March 28—Terms of payment in the new Victory-Liberty loan announced today are the most liberal ever offered by the government. Deferred payments may be extended over a period of six months, from May 10 to November 11.

Has Promised to Advance Hungarians Sum of 100,000,000 Kronen.

KAROLYI ENJOYING COMPLETE LIBERTY

Hungarian Emissaries Present Credentials to German-Austrian Gov't.

London, March 28—Premier Lenine has sent a wireless message to the Hungarian government urging it to send an army against Vienna, according to a Budapest despatch received in Berlin and forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph Company. Lenine promised to advance 100,000,000 kronen to finance the project.

Count Michael Karolyi, former Hungarian premier, is enjoying complete liberty in Budapest, as are other members of the government who were compelled to resign when the Soviet uprising took place, according to a Hungarian government wireless despatch received here.

Copenhagen, March 28—Emissaries of the Hungarian revolutionary government council handed their credentials to the president of the German-Austrian national assembly at Vienna. (Continued On Page Fifteen)

'PHONE OFFICIALS DENY WALKOUT

Although Girls Attend Mass Meeting, Claim Strike Talk Is False.

Despite the fact that R. J. Sanderson of the Bridgeport office of the Southern New England Telephone company denied any knowledge of a walkout of local telephone operators today, several of the girls attended a mass meeting at the Telephone Operators Union, Mr. Sanderson denied this and it was later learned that not more than 25 girls would attend the meeting.

When questioned by a representative of The Times-Farmer as to the actual existence of a strike or walkout Mr. Sanderson said: "None of the girls have left their work while on duty up until ten minutes of two today." Questioned earlier in the afternoon as to how many girls had joined the walkout, E. R. Hartney, manager of the local office said: "Not more than one or two. I am not in a position to talk on the subject, and think you had better call Mr. Sanderson."

While Mr. Sanderson neither admitted or denied that he had any knowledge of whether or not the afternoon shift of girls would return to work, he conveyed the impression, that some of them would fail to report after their lunch hour.

EASY WAY TO PAY TROLLEY TAXES

It is said that the special commission on trolley roads will recommend to the General Assembly that the trolley companies of Connecticut receive permission to delay payment of their taxes for two years, which would withhold \$1,250,000 from the state treasury. Five companies now owe the state more than \$400,000 in taxes for the past year, which they say they have been unable to pay. Thus far, the Connecticut Co., which has by far the greatest valuation, has paid only \$125,000 on its assessment and \$448,452.95 for the past year, and this payment was made in two installments. Interest will be charged the companies on the taxes withheld, but it will be at a lower rate than the present one of 9 per cent. While Chairman John B. Dillon of the commission and Mr. Watt declined to discuss the report of the commission, they said the proposed legislation, if adopted, would put the state in the position of a man who rescues another drowning.