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Radical Bolshevik and Ardent Peace Advocates Find Fault—Leon Trotzky Declares Government of Russian Workers Will Not Accept Plan Outlined.

Petrograd, Jan. 3.—The bolshevik foreign minister, Leon Trotzky, declared today that the government of the Russian workers would not consent to the German peace proposals.

The Russian peace delegation officially has suggested to the central powers that the meeting place of the peace delegates be transferred to neutral soil, and has protested against certain articles in the Austro-German terms already submitted.

The halt in the Russo-German peace negotiations and indications of a German refusal to move the conference to Stockholm have revived universal discussion in Petrograd of a resumption of fighting, with a greatly reduced army, probably three million men.

Even the most radical bolshevik and the most ardent peace advocates have been aroused by the German position. They declare that a resumption of hostilities is imminent and express the belief that it is possible to organize and make effective a small army.

Indications are that the German attitude is harmonizing domestic differences and is convincing Russians that they must fight to save their revolutionary principles.

Chairman Joffe, of the Russian peace delegation, today sent an official telegram to the chairman of the German-Austrian-Bulgarian and Turkish delegations, saying the Russian republic deems it necessary to conduct further peace negotiations on neutral soil and suggesting a transfer of the conference to Stockholm.

Article 1 and 2 of the Austro-German terms submitted Dec. 12 (Dec. 25 new style), the message says, are in direct conflict with the principles of self-determination of nations insisted upon by the Russian peace delegation and supported by the Russian republic and the central executive committee of the congress of workmen's and soldiers' delegates.

Article 1 and 2 of the Austro-German terms, as cabled under a Brest-Litovsk date by way of Berlin last Sunday, covered the ending of a state of war and evacuation of occupied territory. The article 2, however, it was declared, that the people of Poland, Lithuania, Courland and portions of Estonia and Livonia demand independence and separation from Russia, and that the German occupation of Russian territory did not apply to these districts, which include most of the Russian territory captured by the Germans.

BROTHERHOOD HEADS AND M'ADOO CONFER

Director-General Turns Attention to Railroad Labor and Finances.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Railroad labor and finance questions engaged the attention of Director-General McAdoo and his staff today, along with the movement of coal to New England and the east.

Heads of the four railway brotherhoods were called into conference to discuss the general employment situation under government operation. Although the union chiefs had no intention of pressing their demands for 40 per cent. higher pay at this time, it is understood their case will be taken up along with many other wage matters as soon as the railroad administration has disposed of the most pressing transportation problem.

Many railroad executives are prepared to recommend a general increase, especially for unorganized labor, to prevent the men from going to other industries where wages are better.

John Skelton Williams, comptroller of the currency, and the director-general's advisor on railroad financial questions, discussed with Mr. McAdoo the situation which will develop soon when railroad companies' bonds and other obligations fall due.

TEUTON ARMIES BOMB ITALIAN HOSPITAL

Rome, Jan. 3.—"On the whole front," says the official statement issued today by the Italian war office, "there has been nothing of importance to report."

"On Tuesday night enemy airmen dropped bombs on Castelfranco Veneto, obtaining two direct hits on two hospitals. Eighteen patients were killed."

GERMAN REPORT CLAIMS SLIGHT ADVANTAGE

Berlin, Jan. 3.—(Via London).—Following is today's report from army headquarters:

"Western front: Artillery duels occurred. Near the coast prisoners were captured in a successful raid. French attacks in the Champagne north of Prosmes and north of Le Mesnil broke down under our fire.

KAISER AND HIS LEADERS CONFER

Hitch in Brest Litovsk Peace Proceedings Arouses Activities of Politicians.

London, Jan. 3.—The situation created by the hitch in the Brest-Litovsk negotiations, dispatches from Amsterdam reflecting news from Berlin show, has aroused the activities of the rulers and politicians of Germany and Austria-Hungary.

Emperor William yesterday received in joint audience Chancellor Von Hertling, Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, Gen. Von Dudenorff, Finance Minister Von Rottler and Foreign Secretary Von Kuehlmann. The foreign affairs committee of the German bundesrat, under the presidency of Count von Danal, discussed the Russian situation at the chancellor's palace.

Chancellor Von Hertling had a long conference with Admiral Von Tirpitz, the former minister of marine, and Emperor Charles received in audience Prof. Kucharevski, the Polish premier.

Foreign Secretary Von Kuehlmann's return to Brest-Litovsk, after a hurried visit to Berlin, is said to have created surprise as did his conference with reichstag leaders who were summoned suddenly.

Leaders of all parties were present at the conference, according to information in Amsterdam, and they informed Dr. Von Kuehlmann they adhered strongly to the demand that the reichstag be summoned as speedily as possible. It is expected that the demand will be discussed at Thursday's session of the reichstags main committee.

The feature of the conference is said to have been the outspoken speeches of Philip Scheidemann and Friedrich Ebert, for the official socialists, and Hugo Haase, for the independent socialists. They are credited with having told Von Kuehlmann his attitude in the Russian negotiations was prejudicial to peace. They told him that to say one day that Germany wanted no Russian territory and to say the next day that it wanted virtually all territory occupied by German troops justified entente statesmen in declining to place confidence in the word of Germany's leaders. The foreign secretary is said, however, to have made "complete explanations."

It is said that both Von Kuehlmann and Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign secretary, returned to Brest-Litovsk, where they were expected to arrive yesterday with new instructions.

The Leipzig Zeitung, the leading independent socialist newspaper, commenting on the Brest-Litovsk situation and the activities of Von Kuehlmann and the government, says: "Germany now reveals her eastern peace aims. Everybody in Germany, Russia and entente countries now knows that she is not aiming at a just peace, without annexations and indemnities, such as Von Kuehlmann depicted, but at a peace providing for an enormous increase in Germany's military, political and economic strength."

"These intentions must strengthen the war will of the entente, Germany intends really to annex all territories she now holds. Her excuse that the populations of these territories have declared their willingness to be severed from Russia is untrue. Individuals may have done so, but they always have been irresponsible, acting on some German suggestion."

THROW OFF MASK.

Petrograd, Wednesday, Jan. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—Petrograd newspapers are unanimous in declaring that the Germans and the Austrians have, after one week, thrown off the mask and made it clear that the central powers do not want a real democratic peace. The Pravda says: "German imperialism is again beginning to show its claws."

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NEW MILESTONE IN WAR

Veteran Officer Tells Thrilling Story of Battle.

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Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Jan. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—The French in their recent successful operation in Monte Tomba captured more prisoners than they had men engaged, according to a veteran officer who witnessed the fight.

"It was a record-making fight in many respects," he declared. "The French took more prisoners than they had men engaged, which is among the records in military annals. They also captured their first Austrian prisoners, which is another milestone for them, as heretofore they had captured only Germans."

"In addition to the 1,400 prisoners we counted 560 dead on the ground, and no one knows how many more were in the ovens and under the bushes. The perfect French military system enabled them to accomplish this with insignificant losses—less than fifty men."

"The Fifteenth Austrian division, the one attacked, is considered a good fighting organization. But the Austrians were accustomed to fighting Russians and Rumanians and this was the first time they had met the highly trained French troops. The result was that rancor and discipline were swept away before discipline and training."

"When the prisoners were brought in I never saw a more miserable, pitiful, starved lot of soldiers. When the officers were lined up there were forty-two Austrians and two Germans. The Austrians were told they would receive the usual treatment given officers and gentlemen, but the two Germans were told plainly that they would receive exactly the same treatment given French officers in Germany. The group of Austrian officers was impressed greatly at this and openly declared their hatred of the Germans. A little later we heard the Austrian soldiers cheering and it turned out they were cheering their French captors."

REPORT DR. NAON HAS RESIGNED POST

Argentine Ambassador to U. S. Implicated in Luxemburg Secret Telegrams.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 3.—It is reported without confirmation that Dr. R. S. Naon, the ambassador at Washington, has resigned in consequence of friction arising on the publication of the secret telegrams sent by Count von Luxburg, before his dismissal as German minister to Argentina, to Berlin through the medium of the Swedish legation.

In these telegrams Count von Luxburg advised the "sinking without trace" of Argentine vessels and advised his government concerning German propaganda in South America. Some of the dispatches were withheld from public circulation for several weeks, and it has been reported previously that they would be given out was to be recalled.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Dr. Naon, the Argentine ambassador, when informed of the foregoing dispatch from Buenos Aires, said there was no comment he could make and added in response to a question as to whether he had resigned, "not that I know of."

AMERICANS KILLED BY MEXICAN BANDITS

Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 3.—Two Americans were among the thirty-six persons killed yesterday and two among the wounded when the Yaqui Indians attacked a Southern Pacific train south of Empalme, Sonora, according to messages reaching the railroad's offices here today.

The railroad reports also said, Mexican federal troops in the vicinity of the Yaquis encountered a party of raiders last night, and lost five killed. The Yaqui losses were not given.

A relief train which went out from Guaymas returned this morning with the bodies of the dead.

CONGRESSMAN NELSON IS EXONERATED

Madison, Wis., Jan. 3.—The indictment charging Congressman John M. Nelson with conspiracy to evade the selective draft law was quashed by Judge Carpenter in federal court today.

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Lieut. Walcott, a son of the secretary of the Smithsonian institution, is reported to have fallen in his first battle with the Boche airmen. He went from Princeton, where he was graduated last May, to a French flying school and became a member of the Lafayette Escadrille. Recently he was transferred to the American force.

SMOOT HAS SUBSTITUTE FOR INCOME TAX BILL

Washington, Jan. 3.—A substitute for the war tax law is to be introduced soon by Senator Smoot. It would practically reconstruct the present income and excess profits tax sections from which it is proposed to obtain about three-fourths of the total amount to be raised by the bill.

CHINA HAS 125,000 MEN BEHIND FIRING LINES

New York, Jan. 3.—China already has 125,000 men behind the firing lines in Mesopotamia and France, Dr. Wollington Koo, Chinese ambassador, said today before the chamber of commerce of the state of New York.

CRISIS IN AUSTRO-GERMAN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

A crisis is nearing in the Russo-German peace negotiations and indications are that a definite break is not far off. The Russian government has demanded that the conference, which was to have reconvened on Jan. 4, be transferred to Stockholm and has protested against the German attitude regarding occupied territory.

FAIR, SAYS BILLY 'POSSUM

SOMEONE JUST explained TO me WHY an engine IS akin TO a loaf OF bread, WAR bread. THE one, A necessity; THE other, AN invention. Q. E. D. NECESSITY IS THE MOTHER OF—NUFF sed!

The weather? Fair and continued cold tonight and Friday.

PROMISES DENOUNCED AS UNCONSCIONABLE LIES

Pamphlet Issued by Bolsheviki So Characterizes Austro-German Promises of a Democratic Peace—Twenty Persons Perish in Mysterious Fire.

UKRAINE MAKES DEMAND

Petrograd, Jan. 2.—A small party of delegates from the Ukraine elected to the constituent assembly arrived in Petrograd today and demanded an answer from the council of people's commissioners as to when the constituent assembly would open. A conference of all parties except the bolsheviki, from which the members of the left of the social revolutionists withdrew, decided that the constituent assembly should be opened upon the arrival in Petrograd of one-third of the membership.

STATE OF LAWLESSNESS

Petrograd, Jan. 2.—A general state of lawlessness prevails in Moscow and that martial law is threatened. The report, which is a long one, was so garbled in transmission that the foregoing facts were all that could be announced with certainty.

HUGE APPROPRIATION BILLS IN PREPARATION

Washington, Jan. 3.—Congress, reconvening at noon today, after its holiday vacation, planned immediate adjournment until tomorrow, out of respect for Senator Newlands and Representative Bathrick, who died during the recess. The big war legislative program will begin tomorrow, when President Wilson is expected to outline his plan for government operation of railroads in an address to a joint session.

AMERICAN BANKS IN PETROGRAD SEIZED

Petrograd, Jan. 3.—The Moscow branch of the National City Bank of New York, which for several days escaped the general order for the confiscation of all banks there, was seized by the bolsheviki Saturday night. H. J. Dreher, the manager, was not arrested.

HOSTILE RAIDS NEAR LA BASSEE REPULSED

London, Jan. 3.—"Hostile raiding parties were repulsed last night south and southwest of La Bassee, leaving a few prisoners in our hands," the war office reports. "The enemy artillery showed considerable activity during the night east of Ephey."

SWEET SINGER AND AUTHOR PASSES AWAY

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