

ALLIES' CHIEFS PLAN TO STRIKE HEAVILY AT FOE

Situation Will Be Firmly Dealt With in Near Future, Is Declaration

GREECE IS INVOLVED

War Council of French and British Statesmen Believed Prelude to Quick Action

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The Allies have reached a definite agreement as to their future military and diplomatic policy in the Balkans. It was stated today, following the departure of the French Premier and military officials who attended the allied war council here yesterday.

"Any situation that may arise within the near future will be dealt with firmly, the world may be assured of that," was a statement emanating from a well-informed source.

Exactly what phases of the international situation were considered at the brief session of the war council could not be learned officially today. It was understood, however, that developments in Greece formed a principal topic of discussion.

Following the departure today of the French Premier Aristide Briand and his colleagues, who took part in the allied war council yesterday, it was learned from a high source that France has not yet fully endorsed the plans of England to tighten the blockade of Germany, because of the deleterious effect it would have upon the United States commerce.

When M. Briand left for Paris he was accompanied by Jules Cambon, general secretary of the French Ministry for foreign affairs, and Alexandre Millerand, former French Minister of War.

The situation in Sweden where anti-British feeling has crystallized into active measures of reprisals was also thoroughly discussed. Sweden has not yet released the great quantity of British mail matter that was seized in violation of the seizure of Swedish shipments by England.

The British Government is determined to cut off all shipments of merchandise into Germany, even if it has to establish a blockade of the ports of Holland, Denmark and Sweden.

Berlin reported today that the German people are now convinced that the Allies plan either to unseat King Constantine and place Venizelos at the head of the Greek republic, or to force Greece into the war by cutting off all shipments and threatening her with starvation.

ROME, Jan. 20.—The Italian Cabinet met today to consider a program of concerted action in the Balkans, said to be under consideration by the Allies.

Whether this includes the landing of more Italian troops on the Albanian coast for an offensive movement against the Bulgars and Austrians is not known.

King Victor Emmanuel ordered the Cabinet summoned into session upon his return from Taranto last night. He reviewed the Italian fleet and conferred with several naval officers.

GIANT WATER POWER "TRUST" ALLEGED

Secretary Houston Tells Senate "Community of Financial Interests" Forms a Monopoly

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Existence of a giant Water Power Trust in the United States was charged today in a report to the Senate by Secretary of Agriculture Houston.

Through common ownership of stocks, the presence of certain personages as dominating influences in many enterprises and a "community of banking and financing interests," it was charged, there had grown up a monopolizing tendency "which must be viewed with grave concern." Of public service power 35 companies hold one-half and 55 control 68 per cent, says the Secretary.

The names of all the leading banking and bonding houses of the country and other investing sources and charts showing how each is related by more or less tangible connections into one great commercial unit, were submitted. There are 1500 corporate units.

Municipal water, according to the report, have invested only \$18 for each horsepower developed, while the private companies have spent \$20.

BURY SLAYER AND WIFE APART

Pleas of Murderer's Brother for Mass Also Denied

BRISTOL, Pa., Jan. 20.—Fervid pleadings of John Rosetti that the body of his brother, Tony Rosetti, who murdered his beautiful young wife in a fit of jealousy and then shot and killed himself, be interred with that of the wife in the consecrated ground at St. Mark's Cemetery, were unavailing. This morning at 10 o'clock the body of the wife was buried in the consecrated ground after a solemn Mass had been said at St. Ann's Church.

The body of the husband and murderer was buried in the non-consecrated part of the cemetery. Rosetti went when it was decreed that no mass would be said over his brother's body.

SCULL EXECUTORS NAMED

Children to Administer Estate of Camden Coffee Merchant

Letters of administration making William C. Scull of Camden, N. J., and Mrs. Laura De La Cour and Mrs. Marion Biddle, of Hiverton, N. J., administrators of the estate of the late William S. Scull, of Camden, valued at \$200,000 and upwards, were granted today by Surrogate Reeves.

Mr. Scull, Mrs. De La Cour and Mrs. Marion Biddle are the children of William S. Scull, who died intestate last January 8. They gave bond in the sum of \$1,000,000.

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"MOTHER" JONES BRINGS PEACE TO MINERS' MEETING

Factions Bury the Hatchet as Result of Her Pleas

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 20.—Warring factions of the United Mine Workers of America buried the hatchet just before the noon adjournment of the convention today. "Mother" Jones appeared upon the scene at the finish of the fight that had been raging for the last 10 hours in the convention over the resolution asking that a committee be named to investigate the international officers. She begged the leaders on each side to step upon the stage and shake hands and call it off.

"Mother" Jones demanded a vote on the resolution introduced by Adolph Germer, of Illinois. The vote was taken and the resolution was defeated.

"Now, boys, come up and shake hands and let's stop fighting," said "Mother" Jones.

Then followed a scene which was cheered by every man in the house. President John P. White, who did most of his own talking against the charges by Germer, and Duncan McDonald sprang to the stage, and were followed by the two men who a few minutes before had been bitterly assailing the officers of the union. They clasped hands and Germer and McDonald pledged their support to the administration.

James Matthews, of Shamokin, Pa., president of District No. 5, today gave out a statement predicting there will be no strikes in the anthracite districts.

"I feel certain the anthracite situation will be adjusted satisfactorily if the operators will only be fair. No suspensions will result," he said.

SLAVS LAUNCH BIG OFFENSIVE IN BESSARABIA

Heavy Forces Batter at Austrian Line in Galician War Zone

TEUTONS REINFORCED

Emperor Nicholas Reported En Route to Czernowitz Front

RUSSIAN troops are again battering the Teuton defenses at the southern end of the battle front. Having organized the positions taken in the first attacks on the Austro-German forces along the Bessarabian and Galician fronts, the Czar's army has renewed its offensive.

Emperor Nicholas has left Petrograd and is reported to be proceeding to the front near Czernowitz. The success of the great flanking movement now under way is said to depend upon the outcome of a general conflict about Czernowitz, the opening engagements of which have already been fought.

The Teuton troops confronting the Russians in this region have been strongly reinforced.

A dispatch from Bucharest states that part of the Austrian and German troops fought in Serbia and Montenegro are again being transported to the eastern front.

MONTENEGRINS DENY PEACE TALK WITH AUSTRIANS

PARIS, Jan. 20.—Official announcement was made here today that peace negotiations between Montenegro and Austria had never taken place. King Nicholas, it was stated, is at Podgoritz, in southern Montenegro with his troops continuing resistance to the Austro-Hungarian invaders.

In transmitting the report from the Montenegrin Premier, the Montenegrin Minister expressed regret at the harsh criticism of King Nicholas appearing in the Italian press. He denounced as utterly untrue the charge that the King had entered into a secret agreement with Austria two months ago.

The main Montenegrin army is believed to be concentrated in the south near the Albanian border toward which other detachments were retiring when the armistice caused cessation of hostilities.

\$100,000,000 in Copper Charters WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 20.—The Andes Copper Mining Company and the Andes Copper Company were chartered in a over today, each with \$50,000,000 capital. Other charters were the Potrerillos Railway Company of Chile, \$5,000,000; the Standard Supply Company, New York, \$1,000,000.

ALLIES' ARMEN MEET GERMANS IN MANY DUELS

Twenty-two Battles in Past Two Days—Teutons Lose Five Machines

NANCY SHELLED BY FOES

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The west front has been the scene of great activity on the part of the opposing aeroplane squadrons for the last two days. On Monday there were 19 battles in the air, in which five German and two allied machines were destroyed, and a British squadron bombarded an enemy supply depot at Le Sara, causing considerable damage.

Yesterday there were three separate air raids. German aeroplanes bombarded Nancy and a French squadron dropped 22 shells on the railway stations at Metz and Arnayville, which suffered some damage. One Teuton and one allied aeroplane fell before hostile fire.

Berlin reports a small advance on the Yser front. London and Paris claim a Teuton and mine successes at several points. British troops raided enemy trenches north of the River Lys, and brought back several prisoners, according to the London communication.

"On Monday," says the British statement, "18 of our aeroplanes attacked an enemy supply depot at Le Sara, north-east of Albert, causing considerable damage. During the day there were 19 air encounters, in which five of the enemy machines were driven down and two of our aeroplanes were lost."

"Tuesday afternoon the enemy exploded two mines south of Fricourt, doing light damage. "Today we successfully bombed hostile trenches at several points. At dusk a party of our troops raided enemy trenches north of the River Lys and brought back several prisoners. The enemy exploded a mine near the Hohenzoller Redoubt and another in front of our trenches southeast of Culmy (near La Bassée). No damage was done. Hostile artillery has been active northwest of Fromelles and east of Ypres."

"A hostile aeroplane was brought down near Freilighen by our fire."

"The London communication says: "To the south of the Somme, in the sector of Libons, an enemy blockhouse was destroyed by our fire."

"Between Soissons and Rheims our trench guns caused serious damage to the enemy works in the region of Alliez, west of Craonne."

"In the Argonne we cannonaded moving troops in the region north of Les Courtes Chaussees."

"In Lorraine, a fire carried out against a group of houses occupied by the Germans near Alcourt, west of Chateau Salins, has given the best results."

"In the night of January 18-19, two German aeroplanes having dropped four bombs on Nancy, one of our squadrons immediately took the air and bombarded the railway stations at Metz and Arnayville. Twenty-two shells were dropped on the buildings, which suffered some damage."

Today's War Developments

The Czar is pressing offensives against the Austrians in Bessarabia and Galicia and the Turks in Armenia, where the Grand Duke Nicholas is only two days' march from Erzerum, the fortified capital.

The King of Greece has registered a bitter protest against the Allies' violation of Hellenic territory.

No information has been made public of the results reached by the Allies War Council held in London yesterday. Defense of the base at Salonica and renewal of action in the Balkans are believed to have been the chief decisions.

France, it is reported, hesitates to sanction absolutely the proposed British blockade of Germany on the ground of complications with the United States.

The Montenegrists have resumed hostilities against Austria, according to an official statement given out in Rome today.

Action on the western front is confined to aerial and minor artillery duels.

DU PONT POWDER PLANT AT HOPEWELL DAMAGED

Explosion of Acid Tank Causes \$100,000 Loss—One Man Killed

HOPEWELL, Va., Jan. 20.—A one hundred and fifty thousand gallon acid storage tank exploded in the Du Pont Powder Company's plant here about 3 o'clock this morning, wrecking the storage shed and badly damaging surrounding buildings. The loss will exceed \$100,000.

The tank was located in scale house No. 1 of B plant. No one was supposed to have been in the building at the time and the cause of the explosion is not known. The windows and doors of nitration house No. 1 and other surrounding buildings were blown away. A foreman of the nitration house was burned by acid thrown through the door from across where the explosion occurred.

Buildings in Hopewell were shaken by the explosion and many inhabitants were awakened by the terrific report. The acid which was lost was valued at over \$2 a gallon.

The cause of the explosion is unknown, but following as it does yesterday's explosion and fire, it is thought investigation may reveal tampering from outside.

Chester Councilman Robbed

CHESTER, Pa., Jan. 20.—It developed here today that a thief stole \$88 from a cash drawer in the City Clerk's office at the City Hall on Monday. The interior of the office, which is on the ground floor, can easily be seen from Market street, and there were several persons in the office when the thief took the money, which belonged to Councilman Charles B. Mould. The police have thus far failed to find the man who committed the theft under their very noses.

BRITISH POLICY AGAIN MENACES U. S. COMMERCE

"Anti-Luxury Program" Announced in Commons New Danger

BLOCKADE A DETRIMENT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The European commerce of the United States was seriously threatened today from two sources. Chief, of course, was the suggested actual blockade of Germany and all adjoining territory by the allied warships. But another real source of danger, the extent of which Department of Commerce officials frankly admit they cannot gauge in advance, is the proposed "anti-luxury" program of the British Cabinet.

The cool admission by Walter Runciman, president of the British Board of Trade, to Parliament that "drastic steps are to be taken to force lessening of expenditures by all classes" is accepted here as indicating that such a new measure will be directly planned to affect American manufacturers.

Officials here have realized for months that there was a concerted movement throughout official circles in Great Britain to keep the United States trade that have temporarily been abandoned by the British because of the necessities of the war measures. The new movement, which Runciman asserts will be designed to "keep luxuries out of the home markets," is declared by commercial experts here to be designed to further this course.

One thing that officials here believe certainly will come if an actual blockade is attempted is a real naval battle.

If the British battle fleet is pressed into service to completely strangle all German commerce it cannot be maintained as a single unit, and naval experts here say that this is what Germany has been waiting for ever since the war began.

They declare that with such a blockade in existence the German fleet would certainly attack, and the long-looked-for naval battle would come immediately.

Every move in the trade war in Europe is being watched by the State Department officials. So far there are no indications that President Wilson is planning any sweeping changes in policy.

350,000 BRITISH RECRUITS CALLED TO THE COLORS

First Volunteers Under Derby Plan Begin Reporting

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The first volunteers under Lord Derby's recruiting scheme to be called up by the War Office for active service began reporting today. These men are approximately 50,000 in number. They range in age from 19 to 23.

The members of group No. 1, because of their youth, have not yet been called to the colors, but their turn will come later. The members of group No. 1 are only 18 years old.

Lord Kitchener has directed that the training of the volunteers be commenced at once and by the beginning of the summer front. They constitute what is technically known as army reserve, section B.

The proclamation calling these men to the colors was issued last month, a month being given for the volunteers to claim exemption from military service under the various clauses covering that contingency.

The next batch of Derby volunteers to be called to the colors for active service probably will begin reporting next month and from that time on there will be a steady stream of recruits into the British army, swelling its ranks to unprecedented strength.

U. S. REJECTS TEUTON LUSITANIA PROPOSAL

Reservation of Admission of German Wrongdoing Not Satisfactory to Washington

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Germany's proposal to incorporate in the settlement of the Lusitania case a reservation of any admission of wrongdoing by her submarine commander is understood to have been rejected by the United States Government.

A new proposal from the British Government is expected momentarily, however, and the controversy may be settled by eliminating all mention of the actual torpedoing, Germany agreeing to pay an indemnity for the American lives, reiterating expressions of regret and calling attention to her own effective disavowal by making arrangements for the future.

If the new proposition should make an attempt to justify the sinking of the Lusitania on the ground that the British constituted a reprisal for the British blockade, that will be rejected.

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