

BERLIN PLANNING BREAK WITH REDS

Germans Fear Bolshevik Will Soon Be Swept From Power

HOLD PARLEY FUTILE

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 23. According to a Berlin telegram, the Federal Assembly reports that parliamentarianism is not the Russian situation as yet.

The latest news from Petrograd, it is explained, shows clearly that the apprehension of the Bolsheviks is seriously increased, and the question arises whether it is wise to negotiate further with men whose animosity may at any moment sweep away. Political circles are taking into account the possible influence of events in Petrograd upon negotiations at Brest-Litovsk.

Public attention in North Russia is centered on the bread shortage, the lack of virtually all foodstuffs, the breakdown of transportation and the general stagnation as the result of the closing of the banks.

Moscow, Petrograd and all the larger cities of North Russia have little bread. The bread allowance in Petrograd has been reduced to a quarter of a pound daily, and the food commission has had eggs in circulation under three years, each child to have four eggs a month. But eggs are not obtainable at any price.

The commission also has failed from want to distribute between the ages of three and twelve, with a half pound monthly to each child. Children have been prohibited from going to school, and many of the shops in North Russia, but the cost is equivalent to eighteen cents per pound in Petrograd and consequently, the masses of the people cannot buy them.

LIEUT. COL. EWING

Formerly of the old Sixth Pennsylvania Infantry, recently appointed commandant of the officers' training school at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., has been honorably discharged from the service because of physical disability.

City Probes Freight Jam in New York

Continued from Page One. Government officials informed an average of twelve ships a day to go to the port of New York for a dozen during that period. This has had the effect of adding to the freight jam in that port, instead of lessening it.

PHILADELPHIA BEYOND REACH

Soldiers and sailors have become peddlers throughout North America and are making excursions into the country and returning to the cities with bread, meat, tobacco and many other commodities. The cities without stocks, the streets are lined with soldiers offering supplies at high prices. Ammunition also is not obtainable in any quantity, and the cities are suffering from lack of foodstuffs. The cities are suffering from lack of foodstuffs. The cities are suffering from lack of foodstuffs.

Begin Bia Attack on War Conduct

Continued from Page One. Plans would be laid on the war measure. Plans called for its introduction today and its unobstructed reference to Chamberlain's committee. An immediate favorable report may come from that body, and if so, reference to the Naval Committee—for opinion—will be attempted.

ARMY CAMP CONDITIONS

Health conditions in army camps, which the committee has been told have been bad, will be given full attention. Investigations today passed into their final stages with prospects of early reports from the many singled inquiries into the war situation.

MAJORITY TO CRITICIZE

The majority report, it is believed, will contain severe criticism of the fuel and coal administration, if not actually recommending the repeal of the law creating them.

AUSTRIAN UNREST DUE TO BOLSHEVIKI

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—(Cross) among the people of Austria-Hungary, where great numbers of striking workmen in munition plants and other war industries are reported to be clamoring for peace, was inspired by the Russian Bolsheviks, Colonel H. Thompson, who headed the American Red Cross mission to Russia, asserted in an address at a dinner of the Rocky Mountain Club last night.

SUICIDE'S "PIPE LINE" DESTROYS HIS HOME

Hazleton Man Taps Plugged Gas Connection and Resulting Explosion Injures Three Persons

HAZLETON, Jan. 23.—Committee suicide by the use of gas, which led from the basement of the house to his bedroom through a pipe connection of his own making, thirty-one days ago, a frustrated man, caused an explosion early this morning that blew out one end of the side of the house and killed his brother-in-law, John Wilmer. The explosion resulted in the death of Mrs. Wilmer, awakened by the cries of her babe, and a child to see what was wrong. She was hurled through the broken window and landed on the street, where she was killed. Her husband and sister's mother, Mrs. Anna Santee, were seriously burned about the face and hands. The family had no gas for either cooking or illuminating purposes, but there was a plugged connection in the cellar with the street main, which Santee had tapped.

SNOW AGAIN HAMPERS MINING OPERATIONS

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Jan. 24.—Mining and railroad conditions are again aggravated today by another fall of snow. The driven snow of Tuesday had not been cleared up at many points and the fall of today, adding to the troubles. Three of the largest collieries in the possession of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company in the Mahanoy valley continue idle due to lack of water and timber, and thousands of tons of coal are lost to the market.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast WASHINGTON, Jan. 24. A large area of low barometer overpressure, virtually all of the country from the Rocky Mountains eastward, and the temperatures have risen under its influence throughout the central valleys, the Lake region and the eastern belt, and are beginning to rise in the middle Atlantic States. Seasonable conditions prevail in the middle west this morning, and mild temperatures for the season are reported from the northern plains States. Light snow has fallen in the Lake region and in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

JERSEY SALOON MEN LOSE PLEA

Walter J. Staats, fuel administrator of Camden and Gloucester Counties, today denied the petition of the saloonkeepers of Gloucester City to be exempted from the duty of 6 o'clock, instead of 8 o'clock each morning, as provided in the closing order providing no gas or electricity is used. A delegation of the saloonkeepers laid the matter before Mayor David Anderson at a conference this morning, who passed their plea along to Mr. Staats.

Big Camden Fire Halts War Work

Continued from Page One. Large quantity of leather and other materials was stored in the building and that the loss to that company alone would be in the neighborhood of \$200,000.

Car Convulsion at Mines Abates

Continued from Page One. In fact, the general convulsion, brought out by factors that the mines have been particularly benefited in that cars are obtained in much greater number, and "cars" means cars, and the cars are getting the cars they are producing more coal.

FULL CAPACITY OUTPUT IN LEHIGH COAL FIELD

HAZLETON, Jan. 24. The mines of the Lehigh coal field are being operated to their full capacity and tonnage is moving from the breakers to market as fast as the railroads can take out the train. Car shortage is almost a daily source of complaint, but the situation is not so serious as to cause any idleness. Every crew is out and railroaders are making a maximum amount of overtime.

LEDGER MAILPOUCH

There is a letter in the EVENING LEDGER sports department for Jimmy Brown, the basketball player of the St. Columba team.

REVOLUTION GRIPS VIENNA, REPORT TO PETROGRAD SAYS

Continued from Page One. between the Russian and Austro-Hungarian soldiers, and armed clashes are increasing in extent and seriousness.

Another telegram from Petrograd today quoted a member of the Bolshevik Government as saying that the prospects for a separate peace between Austria and Austria-Hungary are growing stronger daily.

KAISER WARNED BY SOCIALISTS GERMANY IS PLAYING WITH FIRE

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 23. The German Socialist organ Vorwaerts in its issue of Wednesday evening, received from Berlin, printed the remarks of Doctor Ebert before the German Reichstag Committee, declaring there were sensational rumors of street fighting at Budapest and Vienna, and of the proclamation of a republic at Frankfurt (Main).

According to Vorwaerts, Ebert assailed the German Government in these words: "The whole world knew of the general strike in Austria-Hungary—only the German people did not know of it. This results in sensational rumors of street fighting at Budapest and Vienna, and of reports of proclamation of a republic at Prague."

"We salute the action of the Austro-Hungarian proletariat and express our warmest sympathy. German labor, where necessary, will use its full power to combat efforts to prevent an early peace based on understanding and right."

"The German Government is playing with fire. Germany's situation is but little different from Austria's."

Philipp Scheidemann, leader of the German majority Socialists, so warned the German authorities in another speech before the main committee of the Reichstag, the Vorwaerts also reports.

Wednesday evening's issue of Vorwaerts was its first since the three-day suspension recently meted out to it by the German Government for printing news of unrest in Austria.

HERTLING PLANS TO SPEAK TODAY; CONCILIATORY SPIRIT NOT EXPECTED

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 24. Count von Hertling, the German Chancellor, is scheduled to address the main committee of the Reichstag this afternoon, replying to the speech of the British ambassador, Lord Curzon, who is expected to speak in the afternoon. Word from Berlin touching upon the tenor of his talk is eagerly awaited here.

With the Chancellor in control of the German Government's peace attitude, it was not expected that the Chancellor's address would contain much of a conciliatory spirit, and in fact, an authoritative source indicated that the Government has not yet given up hope of making peace on the basis of the present war aims.

The Kaiser's address after differently regarding the propaganda amount both the civilian population and the army that the United States is not giving her full aid to the Allies, although it is evident that the German Government knows differently.

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REPORT OF AUSTRIAN REVOLT BORNE OUT BY NEWS OF STRIKE

is the first rumor of an actual revolutionary movement in Austria-Hungary. Demonstrations for the last week have reported great social and economic unrest in the dual monarchy. The people were expected to meet at the village of Switzerland indicating almost complete paralysis of industry in Austria-Hungary.

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Halt Arbitrary Coal Diversion

Continued from Page One. —is far worse than at any time in the last few weeks.

This is the opinion of the men appointed to care for the coal needs of the city, dealers, business men whom plants are in danger of being forced to close unless sufficient shipments of fuel reach here, and householders, whose bare cellars show the seriousness of the situation.

To make matters worse, the shortage is increasing.

This is because the daily need of domestic coal has increased two to three thousand tons. In explanation of this it was said at the office of William Potter, State controller, the new demands purchased four or five times the fuel for fuel are being made by persons who during the spring and summer months and whose supply is now exhausted.

Coal arrivals during the last twenty-four hours approximated the small shipments of the five-day shut-down. Only 2500 tons came into the city over both railroads.

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