

RUSSIANS REJECT SEPARATE PEACE

Refuse to Accede to Teutons' Demands, but Continue Negotiations

HOPE FOR REVOLUTION

PETROGRAD, Feb. 7. The people's commissaries are reported to have sent an ultimatum to the British embassy demanding recognition of M. Litvinoff, Bolshevik ambassador accredited to London.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 6 (delayed). Russian delegates to the Brest-Litovsk conference unanimously refused to accede to the Teutonic delegates' demand that a separate peace be signed immediately.

The greater portion of the Russian armies want peace—regardless of terms. But the Bolsheviks, adopting a "win or buy" policy, are determined to surrender to Germany only as a last resort.

They are hoping that a revolution in Rumania, or possibly in the Central Empires, will save the situation for them.

The Bolsheviks are counting so strongly on an Austro-German revolution, in fact, that they are already planning to delegate to leaders of the Socialists in the Central Empires the task of representing Russia in Berlin and Vienna after the war.

Foreign Under Secretary Tschelichin demanded of former Minister Bach, one of the German delegates, an explanation for the cutting of the wire. Minister Bach denied the Germans were responsible, declaring their own wires were cut.

Tschelichin replied that the explanation was "raw," and that the severance of communications was "unquestionably deliberate."

Thousands of war prisoners are starving in Russia as a result of disorganization of transportation, it was declared by Russian officials admitted their fear of an uprising.

Commissioner of Prisoners Meutzi-Kovskiy said he would "decline to take the consequences" arising from the serious situation.

Efforts to move supplies to the prison camps and to transport prisoners to points where foodstuffs have been stored have failed through lack of train facilities.

AUSTRIA AND GERMANY DISAGREE ON POLAND

ZURICH, Feb. 7. Austria and Germany have failed to reach an agreement on the division of Polish territory between them, according to German newspapers reaching here today.

It is understood that Germany wants the industrial and mining regions, allowing Austria to retain only the agricultural districts.

The Lokal Anzeiger and the Tagblatt speak in awed tones of the plans for Teutonic campaigns against the northern lines in Russia and on the eastern front.

They report that Quartermaster General Ludendorff insisted upon and obtained his own way in directing the Austro-German operations against the Russians.

ALEXIEFF LEADS ARMY OF 35,000 ON KHARKOFF

PETROGRAD, Feb. 7. General Alexieff, with 35,000 "black troops," is reported to be marching upon Kharkoff and Voronezh. He is occupying the railroad stations en route.

General Katiushin, an employee, who former War Minister Savinkoff, although apparently uniting in organizing an army to oppose the Bolshevik government, are said to be on the verge of a split.

The old and young Cossacks are drifting apart and are reported to be facing an armed clash. The Bolsheviks are gaining the support of the young Cossacks.

AZIONI DI ARTIGLIERIA AL FRONTE ITALIANO

Gli Aviatori Italiani ed Inglesi Abbattono Altri Cinque Aeroplani Nemici

INCURSIONI AEREE

Il Vapore "Tuscania" con a Bordo Truppe Americane Silurato Presso le Coste Irlandesi

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ROMA, 7 febbraio. Delle notizie giunte dalla fronte di battaglia e da quanto e' stato ufficialmente comunicato si rileva che un'avanzata attivita' aerea e di artiglieria si e' verificata lungo tutte le linee italiane durante la giornata di ieri.

Intensi duelli di artiglieria si verificarono nei punti piu' ristretti del Brenna e lungo il Piave, mentre i reparti d'incursione della fanteria esplicarono una straordinaria attivita' spingendosi fin presso le posizioni occupate dagli austro-tedeschi e riuscendo a catturare moltissimi prigionieri.

L'attivita' da parte degli aviatori italiani ed inglesi non si limito' a qualche settore, ma fu intensa in ogni punto della fronte. Essi sorpresero e bombardarono efficacemente truppe austro-tedesche che si trovavano in prossimita' di Primolano e San Giacomo di Veglia, ad oriente del delta del Piave, e causarono un esteso incendio ai magazzini adibiti dagli austriaci per deposito di munizioni, presso San Sisto di Livenza.

Nei corso delle dette operazioni gli aviatori sostennero notevoli scrosci con le condizioni atmosferiche contemporaneamente ad essere buone, come ora si sta verificando, vi e' ragione di credere che alla fronte italiana, da ambo le parti, saranno effettuate intense azioni aeree ed operazioni di fanteria che potranno, quanto prima, condurre ad estesi ed importanti combattimenti.

Con tutta probabilita' le armate italiane ed i contingenti francesi, operanti sulla fronte nordica, inizieranno ulteriori azioni per sconvolgere il nemico dalle posizioni dominanti verso i limiti austriaci, e, in pianure venete, ed impedire definitivamente che gli invasori possano fare qualsiasi tentativo per un'offensiva mirante ad avanzare per le pianure austriache.

Presentemente, pero', si considera impossibile che il nemico abbia intenzione di rinnovare la sua offensiva contro l'Italia, giacche' le condizioni al fronte italiano sono materialmente cambiate in favore dei difensori.

Gli aviatori austro-tedeschi, ieri l'altro, poco dopo il tramonto, compirono una incursione sopra Venezia, Mestre e Treviso, lasciando cadere alcune bombe, senza pero' causare danni o fare vittime.

Ecco il testo del comunicato ufficiale pubblicato ieri dal Ministero della Guerra in Roma: "Le nostre pattuglie d'incursione spiegano una rimarchevole attivita' nella cattura dei prigionieri."

Un'avanzata intensita' nelle azioni di artiglieria si verifico' verso i punti piu' ristretti del Brenna e lungo le posizioni del Piave.

Una vivace attivita' aerea e' stata seguita lungo tutta la fronte di battaglia. Durante la giornata di ieri, i nostri squadroni da bombardamento, in unione a quelli inglesi, attaccarono con ottimi risultati truppe nemiche in vicinanza di Primolano ed il terreno aviatorio a San Giacomo di Veglia.

Le nostre aeree truppe causarono un esteso fuoco nei magazzini di munizioni del nemico a San Sisto di Livenza.

Cinque aeroplani nemici furono abbattuti dai nostri aviatori e tre dagli aviatori inglesi.

Seri, poco dopo il tramonto, Venezia, Mestre e Treviso furono nuovamente bombardate dagli aerei austro-tedeschi. Non si ebbero a verificare danni o vittime.

WASHINGTON, D. C., 7 Febbraio. Il Dipartimento della Guerra ha annunciato che, durante la giornata di ieri, il vapore "Tuscania" con a bordo truppe americane destinate in Francia, e' stato silurato ed affondato da un notoroso sommergibile tedesco nella zona di guerra e precisamente verso le coste nordiche dell'Irlanda.

Il "Tuscania" aveva a bordo tra ufficiali ed uomini di truppa 2175 persone, comprese rappresentanze della Croce Rossa Americana e della V. M. C. A. Finora 1912 uomini sono stati sbarcati nei porti irlandesi di Buncrana e Larne. Non e' stato ancora fatto noto il numero esatto delle vittime e si spera che esso sia limitato.

Un dispaccio da Londra, giunto stamane, dice che 210 persone avrebbero perduto la vita con l'affondamento del "Tuscania". Il numero esatto delle vittime e' ancora da dirsi.

Il vapore "Tuscania" fu costruito nel 1914 a Glasgow dalla Anchor Line e passava sulla Anchor Line. Spostava 14,218 tonnellate. La Canard Line dal principio della guerra ha perduto cinque dei piu' grandi vapori.

SINKING SPEEDS UP WAR MACHINE

All Departments Prepare for Greater Efforts Against Germany

MEASURE PRESIDENT ADVOCATES BEING FOUGHT BY REPUBLICANS AND SOME DEMOCRATS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. Stunned by Germany's dramatic stroke at America's transport lines, the war government today gathered itself for the greatest effort it has thrown into the war.

Congress had before it President Wilson's request for unprecedented legislation giving him unparalleled powers for reorganizing and co-ordinating the entire Government war work.

The shipping board announced formation of an interrelated transportation committee to allocate tonnage and speed up shipment of troops and supplies to France.

The war and shipping boards were considering a plan to restrict imports and increase service of neutral ships in transatlantic trade.

The shipping board put it squarely up to labor to make the shipping program a success.

Administration influence was thrown behind the housing bill before Congress in belief that the fate of the shipping program now depends largely upon the workers.

President Wilson apparently is determined to slash red tape mercilessly. In his request for legislation which virtually would empower him to break the fetters of peace time laws, reorganize the Government and create or disband bureaus and commissions, as he sees fit, is seen a move to stop competitive buying between the army and navy, empower the war industries board to enforce its rulings, now merely advisory, and co-ordinate various departments now working at cross purposes or duplicating effort.

And behind the scenes of tremendous war activity the Senate Military Committee went into executive session with Secretary of War Baker and army officers to satisfy their craving for knowledge of the scope of the work under way.

Critics of the War Department, who have crystallized their remedies into the munitions director and war cabinet bills, declared that the President's action was at least a partial vindication for them. They say it is an admission by the Chief Executive that a shake-up is needed.

"We seek by mandatory legislation to effect the reorganization of the Government in his mind," said one of them.

GERMANS THREATEN DUTCH MAY STARVE

Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs Warns Teutons Won't Show Special Kindness

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 7.—Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs Busche, of Germany, in discussing Dutch-American affairs with the Berlin correspondent of the Handelsblaad, declared that Germany will not quietly submit to the consequences of the outrage whereby the enemy position is improved and Germany made worse.

America, the Under Secretary said, counted on the fact that Germany would not allow the Dutch to die of hunger and cold.

Germany, however, he added, will not show special kindness to a country where its interests are opposed.

Kensington Men Cancel Banquet The annual banquet of the North Kensington Business Men's Association, planned for this evening, has been canceled.

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Steel \$364 in Jewelry The home of A. I. Danner, at 321 South Forty-third street, was entered by robbers this morning at an early hour and valuable jewelry was taken.

Entrance was gained to a second-story room in the rear by the robbers from a shed just below a window, which was broken. The jewelry was valued at \$264, said Mr. Danner today.

PERSHING IS WARNED TO SAVE ARMY FOOD

Secretary Baker Wants Soldiers to Practice Economy Too

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Secretary Baker has suggested food conservation, by the American forces in France. The American commander was asked to consider regulations governing the purchase of food by soldiers from post exchanges and from the French people and to take up the subject of avoiding food wastes at the table.

The Secretary's cablegram, given out by the food administration, in part reads: "The importance of the conservation of food and the avoidance of waste is being emphasized to our Allies, as well as to our military forces and civilian population, suggests the advisability of increasing, among your forces in the matter of the necessity of food conservation. Active looking to similar result has been taken up in division camps, contingents and war prison camps in the United States."

The idea suggests itself of issuing instructions to your command looking not only to the avoidance of waste in messes, but also to a possible regulation of the sale of foodstuffs in post exchanges. Complaints have been made that the French people in selling food products to American soldiers are charging exorbitant prices and thereby increasing the cost of living for the French people. Your recommendations in this matter are requested.

MARQUIS OF DUFFERIN DEAD His Widow Is the Daughter of John H. Davis, of New York

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The Marquis of Dufferin, who married Florence Davis, of New York, died today.

Marquis Temple Blackwood, second Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, who bore in addition the titles of Baron Claude-bone, Earl of Ava and Baron of Sutherland, died at his home in London, Feb. 6, 1918.

The Marquis had had a distinguished diplomatic career, having served at Constantinople, Paris and Stockholm, and had been in the British Foreign Office since 1896, and in his earlier years he was second secretary in the diplomatic service.

AMERICAN FIRMS MAY TAKE "ENEMY" RENTALS

War Trade Board, However, Must Get Lease From Tenants or Landlords

The War Trade Board, on January 24, 1918, has authorized branches of American corporations and other American houses established and engaged in business in neutral countries, or in countries associated with the United States in the war, in cases where a lease has been made without knowledge of the "enemy" character of the tenant or landlord, as the case may be.

First. To receive rent from "enemies" or "allies of enemies" where refusal to accept the same will result in failure to collect the debt.

Second. To pay rent to "enemies" or "allies of enemies" where refusal to pay the same will result in forfeiture of the lease or damages.

Provided that a report of every such lease shall be mailed to the War Trade Board, Washington, D. C., after the discovery of such "enemy" interest. Such report shall state the date when the lease was made, the date when the lease expires, the amount of rental payable, the name or names of the "enemy" tenant or landlord, as the case may be, and the names of other parties to the lease.

BULGARS MAKE RULES Edict Forbids Business Deals That Would Favor Enemies

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Consul General Murphy, at Sofia, Bulgaria, reports: It is announced by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that in conformity with Article 19 of the regulations relative to trading with the enemy the execution of pecuniary and other obligations with French and English subjects is permitted only when in favor of Bulgarian subjects.

The payment of insurance premiums, loans, mortgages, and other such examples of permitted dealings. It is provided, however, that payment is made in Bulgarian money—even where the contract has been agreed upon in the contracts. If the agreements, however, contemplate payment in gold, Bulgarian gold notes must be the medium of payment.

MEADOO KEEPS HANDS OFF Will Not Take Over Street Railway System of St. Louis

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Railway Director Meadon will not take over control of the street railway system of St. Louis. This was made plain today from sources close to the director general.

In the face of the growing strike situation, the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce yesterday decided to request that the system be placed under Federal control, as a war emergency measure. The normal request has not yet reached Mr. Meadon, but it was pointed out that even were he inclined to comply, there is some doubt as to whether it is within his jurisdiction to take such a step.

SPEED UP THE WAR TO BE G. O. P. SLOGAN

Penrose Also Predicts 100 Republican Majority in Next House

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. "Speed up the war, abolish inefficiency and eliminate the inefficient."

This is to be the Republican battery in the coming campaign, Senator Boies Penrose, Republican national committee chairman of Pennsylvania, today announced.

Colonel Bradley, who played a prominent part in the development of Atlantic City utilities, died at his home last night at the Hotel Brighton, where he had made his home for the greater part of several years past.

He was president of the Pleasantville Electric Light and Power Company and in the taking over of warping seashore gas companies by Clarence M. Geist, was one of the largest stockholders of the old Atlantic City Gas and Water Company.

Colonel Bradley was seventy-four years old and a member of the Columbia Club, Philadelphia; the Atlantic City Yacht Club and the Atlantic City Country Club. He is survived by Mrs. Bradley and four children. The funeral will be held from his Philadelphia residence, 2009 Park avenue.

Colonel Bradley had not been in good health for more than a year, but his condition did not become alarming until a week ago.

IT'S A FIRST AID to economy in the kitchen. Wastefulness is to be avoided. Begin with food. Make second cuts equal to first. Make food palatable.

LEA & PERRINS SAUCE THE ORIGINAL WORCESTERSHIRE Use it in the kitchen.

PURCHASING ORDERS ACCEPTED Hirsch's 923 MARKET STREET Unexpected Purchase and Sale of Furs

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Up to \$100 Fur Sets Red Fox \$19.75, Jap Cross Fox \$25.00, Maline \$35 & \$49.75, Taupes \$35 & \$49.75, Natural Cross Fox

Fur Scarfs Black French Coney \$3.98, Rose Mouton \$5.98, Black Wolf \$15.00, Shunk Opposum \$19.75, Red Fox \$19.75, Taupes \$19.75, Kamchatka Fox \$47.50, Silver Wolf \$47.50, Cross Fox \$47.50, Battle-ship Gray Fox

FUR COLLARS \$1.00 Black Wolf, Seal Skunk, Kit Coney, Natural and Australian Opposum, Hudson Seal Cape, with blend of squirrel \$49.75, Chink Sable Cape \$75.00, Numerous Other Pieces

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Hirsch's have been famous for the wonderful waists they have offered at this low price. This is the best group yet, and every waist is worth double.

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ANTI-U-BOAT PLANS STOLEN Theft Laid to Man Arrested by Navy Secret Service NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Two blue-prints of secret devices for use in combating the submarine menace are alleged to have been stolen from a firm of manufacturers of marine telegraphic apparatus here last week by Herman Lubarsky, an employe, who was arrested Saturday by agents of the Naval Intelligence Bureau.