

**BOLESHEVK RANKS
SPLIT ON PEACE**

Two Radical Members
Quit Cabinet to War
Against Imperialism

TREATY IS DENOUNCED

London, March 18.—Leon Trotsky remains in control of the situation at Petrograd while Nikolai Lenin is managing at Moscow. It is agreed by special dispatches received here today.

Trotsky, it was declared, relinquished the commissariat of foreign affairs to M. Chicherin because he had his hands full as president of the revolutionary war commission and food dictator.

Petrograd, March 17.—The Bolshevik commissaries quit the Russian Cabinet, in addition to the four Social Revolutionaries of the Left, as a result of the Pan-Soviet ratification of the German peace treaty at Moscow Saturday, it became known today. The Leftists' action was pronounced, but that of the Bolsheviks came as a surprise.

The Bolshevik Ministers were M. D. Bonko and M. K. Krasnov. The Social Revolutionaries were M. Steiner, M. Katsileff, M. Karelin and M. Proshia. The latter announced their party's intention of declaring a "mercenary war" on imperialism.

The vote on ratification of peace was 104 to 271. The description of the peace pact was a typical "leftist" process. M. Martoff, chief of the Menshevik faction, charged that the full treaty was not publicly known and declared that the indemnity demanded was \$1,435,000,000 instead of the 3,000,000,000 rubles previously announced. He also charged that the treaty declared Petrograd a "free city."

"We are treating the situation, not only from Germany but from Japan," declared Martoff. The speaker at midnight and repeated his arguments for ratification of the pact.

The chairman of the Pan-Soviet Congress was speaking from Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, representing the American side. He declared that "Gompers" the American Scheidemann and said he believed the answer to President Wilson's message made unnecessary any additional reply to Gompers. The congress agreed.

Peace negotiations have been started with the Ural Government of Ukraine, in compliance with the agreement with the Central Powers, it was reported today.

Herr Von Rosenberg, Foreign Minister Kuchmann's assistant, has been named envoy to Moscow. Herr Ballin will come to Petrograd to take charge of German finances.

A conference of eighty workmen, representing every factory in Petrograd, made a public declaration yesterday against the caucus vote of the Bolshevik faction, which favored ratification of the peace terms.

All relatives of the Romanoffs (the family name of the former Czar), above fifteen years of age, have been ordered to register. It is believed possible they will be exiled to Siberia with Grand Duke Michael.

**PETROGRAD ALREADY
VIRTUALLY EVACUATED**

London, March 18.—It is understood that the evacuation of Petrograd has been completed. None of the population is permitted to leave the city hereafter, and in order to make certain that the order is obeyed all passenger trains have been suspended.

The council of commissaries of "The Commune of Petrograd," which will be a district surrounding it in future, has observed the disappearance of all so-called bourgeois newspapers which had an appearance since the beginning of a German offensive.

**EACE NOT PERMANENT;
DECLARE BOLSHEVIKI**

Moscow, March 18.—Bolshevik leaders here claim that the treaty with Germany still insures permanent peace, but how long a respite might be expected Lenin said that question was possible to answer, as it depended on many international movements, such as what extent Germany may succeed in Ukraine and Finland, when Japan makes advance, and also on the general course of the war on the other fronts and the Russian domestic situation.

The Moscow soviet has decided to raise a local soviet army. At the same time the necessary demobilization of the new Bolshevik army and arms, the Bolshevik leaders are working a plan for the organization of a new army. The German, it is declared, will hinder this movement, and it seems that hereafter defense will be sought through local soviet armies.

The Social Revolutionary party organization has issued a mandate to withdraw its six members from the cabinet, and pledges support to the Bolshevik government in all its activities, which a party may regard as being in accordance with the victory gained by the latter revolution. M. Steinberg, minister of justice, and M. Katsileff, minister of agriculture, are the most prominent cabinet members thus withdrawn.

The All-Russian Congress of Soviets, after having approved the removal of the capital to Moscow, and electing a new central executive committee to consist of 200 members.

**HERR BALLIN ON WAY
TO RUSSIAN CAPITAL**

Petrograd, March 18.—The director general of the Hamburg-American Line, Herr Ballin, with Herr Langhof, a Russian financier, will soon arrive in Petrograd on a business mission.

**MAY TAKE DUTCH
SHIPS TOMORROW**

U. S. Delays Seizure—Holland Given Until Midnight to Reply

HINT GERMAN RUMORS

Armed Guards Await Orders to Commandeer Ships Exceeding 600,000 Tons

**UKRAINIAN SUPPLIES
DISAPPOINT GERMAN**

Washington, March 18.—Delay in receipt of an expected official cable bearing on the Holland-Allied negotiations for taking over Dutch tonnage at noon today will probably hold up the seizures until tomorrow, it was officially stated today.

At no definite action had been decided on, but it was known that armed guards were being held in readiness to be sent aboard the Dutch vessels. The State Department also was reticent. It was said that no confirmation had been received here that the Dutch cabinet had accepted the demands of the Allies, and would voluntarily turn over all vessels now in American ports. It was believed in some quarters that the report originated in German sources for the purpose of endeavoring to block the decision to take the vessels over at once.

Although no definite statement was forthcoming as to the hour the vessels were to be taken over, it was said in some quarters that the authorities would appear to be authorizing seizures that would be made at once, and advanced for putting them into service.

Some of the vessels are the finest in transatlantic service, and are more than 10,000 tons. Plans have been made to put them into the service certain to bring about the greatest results, it was said.

**GERMANS MAKE BIG
GAINS IN UKRAINE**

Copenhagen, March 18.—The German advance along the Black Sea coast in southern Ukraine continues, according to reports received here today. Having occupied Nikolai, seventy miles northeast of Odessa, the Germans are now in the direction of Kherson, an important Russian commercial port at the mouth of the Dnieper River.

Immense stores of grain are believed to have fallen into the Germans' hands at Nikolai, while the German advance along the Black Sea naval station. The greater part, if not all, of the Russian Black Sea fleet fled to Sebastopol when the German occupied Odessa, it is now reported, although it is understood that the invaders captured some small craft in the Odessa harbor.

A train service between Berlin and Odessa has been installed, but it is supposed that the bulk of the grain shipments into the Central Empire will be made by way of the Black Sea and the Danube.

Rich seizures of Russian soil are being made by the Turks as well as the Germans, both forces apparently meeting little or no opposition.

**GERMANS ORGANIZING
NEW FORCES IN RUSSIA**

London, March 18.—German army officers were reported today to be actively engaged in "organization work" in Russia.

According to information from Tokyo, a German army of nearly 40,000 prisoners of war (presumably both German and Austro-Hungarian) is being formed in Russia, adding fresh impetus to the situation in the Far East.

**SEES NEW RUSSIAN
RISE AGAINST KAISER**

New York, March 18.—Russia's acceptance of Germany's peace terms has been repudiated even before the signatures have been attached to the ineffective document.

The resignations of six commissaries from the Revolutionary Government in protest against any agreement with German imperialism demonstrates that only a small clique under the domination of Nikolai Lenin is responsible for the unreasoned action of the Pan-Soviet at Moscow. Von Hindenburg's diplomats are once more in a quandary. They cannot trust the peace they have secured for fear of betrayal, and they dare not continue to treat Russia as an active enemy lest this provide the very impetus for a recovery of Russia's offensive power.

There is every reason to believe that the delegates to the Pan-Soviet Congress were men without experience in public affairs, who were not informed authoritatively concerning terms of the peace treaty they were accepting. They put their trust in Lenin, who, practically alone, is responsible for the delivery of the paper pact to the German autocrats.

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DEINES GERMAN CANARD

Archbishop Declares No War Use Has Been Made of Cathedral

Paris, March 18.—Cardinal Ludovic Henry Lucon, Archbishop of Rheims, has denied the charge made in a German official statement that an observation post had been observed on Rheims Cathedral. The Cardinal says: "There is not, nor has there been previously to the German entry into Rheims on September 4, 1914, either optical, wireless or any military installation on the Cathedral that might have been mistaken for an observation post. Later a few workmen have been employed on conservation labor there."

**BIG STRIKES SPREAD
IN AUSTRIA-HUNGARY**

Telegraphic Communication Between Budapest and Vienna Reported Cut

Amsterdam, March 18.—Strikes are reported spreading in Austria and Hungary, according to reports appearing in German newspapers. A Vienna dispatch to the Wiener Zeitung, of Bremen, says that a strike has begun in Budapest and is assuming large proportions. Telegraphic communications between Budapest and Vienna were suspended Thursday.

A Vienna dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger, of Berlin, confirms the report of last week that workmen in railway shops have gone on strike. It says Vienna and neighboring industrial centers are affected. The men in the railway shops of one line quit work on Tuesday and were joined on Wednesday by the shop workers of other railways. Under threat of military intervention the men returned, but did not work.

DUTCH TO GET FOND

Under present arrangements the Dutch will get a portion of the shipping and a liberal supply of American food. Germany is threatening retaliations against Holland, saying she will no longer keep the Dutch shipping lanes open that she will submarine the food ships.

Addition of the shipping will be a considerable help, especially as now America is straining her resources to the utmost in order to speed up troop shipments abroad. Her work to date is meeting with success and hence every added ship is of material aid.

The Dutch problem offers delicate possibilities in view of Holland's situation between "the devil and the deep sea." She wants to remain neutral, for she realizes that either side supporting her territory the latter nation would soon become a shambles such as Belgium was.

In line with the situation is the protest of Norwegian shipping associations sent to the German people and made public here today. This protest over which stands in sharpest contrast with the "express directly to the German nation their most deep abhorrence of the German navy's conduct, the brutality of which stands in sharpest contrast with the love of humanity and is without parallel in the history of naval warfare and is unworthy of a seafaring nation."

**DUTCH TO BEAR BRUNT
OF SUBMARINE WAR**

Amsterdam, March 18.—Germany's answer to the Entente Allies' decision to take over Dutch shipping will be an increase in the rigor with which even the submarine war is being conducted. Liberal newspapers assert a marked increase in the destruction wrought on shipping by the under-sea boats will be noted immediately.

The Frankfurter Zeitung says: "Under the proposed circumstances no really neutral Dutch ships will exist. Germany will have no reason longer to leave open a free passage to the North Sea, which was created only in the interest of Dutch shipping. This passage has been only a nuisance to our submarines, whose warfare in future will be much more effective. Unfortunately, Dutch ships will suffer most, and the supplies promised Holland by the Entente will be exposed to uncertainty."

The Vorposten Zeitung terms the step taken by the Allies as monstrous violence. The Tageblatt says "Holland naturally must require a further supply of coal and other indispensable materials from us."

**ALLA VIGILIA DELLA
OFFENSIVA TEUTONICA**

Gli Italiani Hanno Respinto il Nemico sulle Linee delle Montagne

LOTTA DI ARTIGLIERIE

Le Batterie Italiane Impegnate in Considerevoli Combattimenti nel Basso Corso del Piave

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Roma, 18 marzo. Gli ultimi dispacci giunti dalla linea di battaglia confermano che una grande attivita' di pattuglie si nota lungo tutta la fronte nordica. Da tale attivita' e da altre operazioni del nemico e' evidente che gli austro-tedeschi hanno preparato un'offensiva con l'obiettivo di invadere la pianura.

I dispacci aggiungono che distaccamenti italiani sono stati forzati ad accettare battaglia nelle vicinanze di Monte Asolone e sono riusciti a respingere il nemico in tutti i punti delle montagne, indiligenti perdite considerevoli.

Importanti combattimenti di artiglieria si stanno svolgendo lungo il basso corso del Piave. Roma, 18 Marzo. Notizie giunte dal Quartier Generale italiano, circa le operazioni svoltesi durante la giornata di sabato alla fronte italiana, recano che i riparti austro-tedeschi in ricognizione nelle Valli Conca e Giudicaria, sulla fronte del Trentino, furono posti in fuga dal fuoco di fucileria e della mitragliatrice italiana. Anche a sud di Asiago riparti avversari,

**GERMANS ARE FLYING
FROM AERIAL ATTACK**

Citizens of Towns Bombed by British Flee in Panic to Interior

Geneva, March 18.—Panic is occurring in Germany as a result of British aerial attacks on German towns, say reports from there. At Coblenz, according to a Basel dispatch, there was several fires in the southern portion of the town, and an ammunition factory was blown up. The railway station at Fribourg was again badly damaged.

Swiss travelers report that in the principal Rhine cities many houses and apartments are vacant, numbers of persons moving to central Germany and Switzerland. They say opinion is growing against continuation of German air raids.

BOOST BRITISH FUND

Benefit for Soldiers' Families Attended to Overflowing

The fund to be used for the benefit of the families of British soldiers is richer today by many Philadelphia dollars, collected yesterday at the Forrest Theatre at the British relief committee of the Emergency Fund. After the building had been filled to capacity several persons were forced to remain on the sidewalk.

The rally was in charge of a committee headed by Mrs. E. Burd Grubb and composed of Mrs. J. Willis Martin, Miss Kate F. Robertson, Mrs. Bayard Henry, Mrs. Adolphus Charles Almond and Miss Elizabeth Hayes. During the program baskets were passed by the girls of the Emergency Aid and contributions were liberal. Speakers told of experiences with the British forces in campaigns both in France and in the Gallipoli peninsula.

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