

FAMINE RELIEF UP IN SENATE Hitchcock Opens What Administration Leaders Hope Is Final Debate

URGES ITS PASSAGE Chides President's Critics and Says Measure Is Business, Not Charity

By the Associated Press Washington, Jan. 22.—In opening what administration leaders hoped would be final debate on the House bill appropriating \$100,000,000 asked by President Wilson for European famine relief, Chairman Hitchcock, of the Foreign Relations Committee, vigorously urged its passage as a measure to bring world peace.

Main Socialists Win Plurality

Continued from Page One According to advisers received from Berlin, the Socialists won a plurality in the election to elect a provisional government. The assembly then will consider the draft of a constitution, which is expected to occupy the remainder of February.

By JOSEPH HERRINGS Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

Berlin, Jan. 21 (via Copenhagen, Jan. 22)—The government's decision that the national convention shall be convened at Weimar, where it will open on February 6, at the former Court Theatre, will meet with the fiercest opposition from the whole Berlin press, except the Socialist wing, while probably all the provincial newspapers, except the Pan-German and other reactionary organs, will support.

In deciding on Weimar, the government has given way to the pressure of the southern German States and western Prussian provinces, which wish the convention to be removed as far as possible from the influence of the old Prussian spirit. Much the same motive actuated the revolutionary party in calling their national convention at Frankfurt-on-the-Main.

The government has made a public statement, emphasizing that it has no intention of displacing Berlin as the seat of the central government, and explaining that the national convention is not a permanent parliamentary institution, but is merely required to outline the fundamental basis on which the new Germany is to be erected, and to adopt a constitution, the condensed text of a draft of which will be presented today.

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Majority of the people's commissioners. After that the convention's business, it is set forth, will be largely transacted by committee, which only the people's commissioner will attend.

WELMAR BEING MADE READY In view of this situation it is difficult to understand Governor Noske's order withdrawing most of the troops from Berlin, leaving only the Reichardt regiment and a somewhat doubtful group of marines for the protection of the city.

The national convention will certainly be more secular at Weimar, and the smallness of that city will be no impediment, as there are large hotels and other buildings easily made habitable for about 8000 persons. The government has appointed a commission, which will be in Weimar this morning to provide for all necessary accommodations, including press facilities, telegraph and railway service.

Will Protect Danzig Hindenburg and Groener will direct any military operations found necessary for the protection of the eastern front. Replying to a letter addressed to him by the minister of Danzig, he said that his aid for the preservation of that old German city and West Prussia as an integral part of Germany, Hindenburg replied.

Danzig's fate concerns me deeply. Be assured that I will do everything possible to prevent her separation from Germany. I have no knowledge that our enemy has taken any step toward so far as Danzig is concerned. Danzig's citizens may rest assured that the highest war councils long since prepared measures for the protection of the threatened province.

The division of the old kingdom of Prussia into seven or eight new States, which is part of the program of the Socialist government, has aroused a storm of indignation among the reactionary elements, which immediately made it the main issue in the election for the Prussian State convention coming Sunday. Even the Socialist provisional cabinet governing Prussia now have grave apprehensions concerning that division and will meet tomorrow to consider the question. The cabinet's principal objection is to the clause providing that any section counting over 2,000,000 in population may obtain Statehood. This, some cabinet members fear, might lead to the splitting of Germany into more States and stateslets than even the most liberal interpretation of self-determination warranted.

The reactionary argument is that it is doubtful if the German federation can be preserved if split up according to the government plan, could never be reunited. Prussia's preservation, however, must be the highest duty of the patriotic parties.

Amsterdam, Jan. 22.—Supreme command of the German peace army has been transferred from the People's Commissioner to the Minister of War, who will be responsible to the government. The transfer was made with the approval of the Soldiers and Workmen's Council, which will still be responsible for all social and economic regulations concerning the army.

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COL. BEARSS CITED IN FRENCH ORDERS

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TOOK WHOLE BATTALION Quentin Roosevelt Among 208 Americans Named in French Army Orders

Colonel Hiram I. Bearss, 1221 Spruce street, the "fighting bearcat" of the army and the marines, has been cited for bravery and distinguished service, by the French Government.

The name of Colonel Bearss is among those of 208 Americans cited in French army orders made public today. Leading the list is the name of Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt, son of Theodore Roosevelt, who lost his life in the aviation service.

Director General Asks Pre-War Standing Be Restored Washington, Jan. 22.—(By A. P.) Restoration and betterment of the post-war standards of passenger service at the earliest moment was urged yesterday by Director General H. H. Wood, in a speech before the American Passenger Traffic Association here.

SENATE GETS GRAFT CHARGE

War Department Agent Said to Have Asked \$100,000 Commission Washington, Jan. 22.—William S. Bennett, formerly a Representative, representing E. S. Hines, a Chicago lumber dealer, charged before the Senate Buildings and Grounds Committee that Milton J. Trainor, connected with the real estate department of the War Department, had attempted to obtain a commission of \$100,000 from the Shanks Construction Company, of Chicago, in connection with a contract for the construction of the Chicago speedway hospital.

FRANCE IN NEED OF SHIPS

Two-Thirds of Merchant Marine Lost in War Paris, Jan. 22.—(By A. P.)—M. Buisson, commissioner for merchant marine, discussing the construction of French shipping, declared that France had lost during the war almost two-fifths of her merchant fleet which was already greatly inadequate for the requirements of the French trade.

MRS. LEBAUDY IN SECLUSION

Widow, Freed in Slaying Case, Goes to Home of Maid's Mother Westbury, L. I., Jan. 22.—Seeking a rest such as she had not had for four years, Mrs. Marguerite Lebaudy yesterday left her home, Phoenix Lodge, and went to Glenwood, L. I., about ten miles away. She was accompanied by her daughter, Jacqueline, and her maid, Missie Widenor, at whose mother's home she will remain for a week or ten days.

PLANS BETTER R. R. SERVICE

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SAVED 47 FROM CASTALIA

Liner Reports Rescue of Men on Wrecked American Steamship Stockholm, Jan. 22.—The Norwegian American liner Herbjornstad, which has arrived here, reports saving forty-seven men from the American steamer Castalia, which was wrecked off Sable Island by a storm on Jan. 11. Herbjornstad was on her way across the Atlantic.

Shore Magistrate Releases Girl

Atlantic City, Jan. 22.—After passing thirty-six hours in jail, Mildred Engler, seventeen years old, daughter of Howard Engler, a machinist of South Bethlehem, Pa., was released through the leniency of Magistrate Richard J. McNally. The girl, smartly attired in a blue-tailored suit and large picture hat, was arraigned to answer charges of false pretense. The police have five complaints of worthless checks.

REDS MAY YIELD RUSSIAN CAPITAL

Trotsky Orders Surrender Without Fight if City Is Attacked PEASANTS IN REVOLT

Esthonian Forces Now Within 75 Miles of Petrograd and Advancing

The Bolshevik forces have been defeated and a large part of them have surrendered. In addition, great numbers of peasants are reported to be in revolt in various parts of Bolshevik Russia. (Zinovieff is a close associate of Premier Lenin. He has been in command in Petrograd most of the time since the Bolshevik capital was removed to Moscow. Last October he put down an uprising of Petrograd sailors who revolted against being conscripted into the Bolshevik forces.)

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Everybody's MAGAZINE

Esthonian officials say that the defeat of the Bolsheviks after the capture of Narva amounted to a complete rout, according to a Helsinki dispatch to the Daily Mail. Esthonian advance guards now are within seventy-five miles of Petrograd and continue to capture prisoners, arms and munitions, their booty including an armored train.

By the Associated Press London, Jan. 22.—Leon Trotsky, the Russian Minister of War, has ordered Zinovieff, the Bolshevik Governor of Petrograd, to surrender that city without a fight if it is attacked by the northern Russian forces, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen.

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Everybody's MAGAZINE

There has been no infantry action since, though there has been a constant rain of shells on the village. The American artillery is vigorously replying.

May Restore Property in Mexico El Paso, Tex., Jan. 22.—(By A. P.)—President Carranza is preparing a manifesto restoring all confiscated property to the original owners throughout Mexico, according to an article published in La Republica, a Mexican daily here.

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