

JAPANESE HARD HIT IN SIBERIA FIGHTING

Two-Day Battle With Russian Troops Results Disastrously to Invaders

SOVIETS ASK POLISH TRUCE

By the Associated Press
Honolulu, March 31.—Severe losses have been suffered by a portion of the Japanese troops stationed near Nikolavsk, Siberia, in a battle with Russian forces, says a Tokyo cablegram to the Nippon Jiji, a Japanese newspaper here. The cablegram quoted delayed dispatches from Japanese military headquarters in Siberia as its authority.

The cablegram said the fighting began March 18 and continued two days, but gave no estimate of casualties or the number of troops involved. According to the dispatch, the Russians destroyed the Japanese consulate at Nikolavsk during the fighting. The fate of the consul is unknown.

London, March 31.—Bolshevik troops have penetrated to Petrovsk, on the Caspian sea in the northern Caucasus. Soviet cavalry occupied that town yesterday, according to a wireless communication from Moscow today.

The key point of Vladikavkaz, on the railway to Petrovsk, about midway between the Black and Caspian seas, was occupied by the Red forces March 24. At Petrovsk five armored trains and enormous booty were taken. All of the oil wells were found to be in order when Trotsky's forces reached them.

Warsaw, March 31.—Willingness to commence peace negotiations with Poland on April 10 and proposals for an armistice over the entire front are contained in the reply of the Russian Soviet government to the Polish note of March 27, which was received here this morning.

The Soviet note suggests that the peace conference be held in a neutral state, preferably Estonia instead of Borissow, as proposed by the Poles. It is understood that it is probable the Polish government will refuse to agree to an armistice, and will also insist upon Borissow as the place to conduct negotiations.

Washington, March 31.—(By A. P.)—The Bolshevik offensive against the Polish eastern frontier is under the direction of the famous Russian general, Brusiloff, who planned the great Russian drive which swept over the same territory in 1916, according to advices received today at the Polish legation.

Opposing General Brusiloff in the Podolian sector is a former comrade in arms, General Jendzieski, who served during the war in two Russian armies. Recent German reports of the defeat

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SAYS MARS IS SIGNALING US

Fiammarion, Astronomer, Predicts Interstellar Communication
Paris, March 31.—(By A. P.)—Belief that the strange signals picked up by wireless stations recently come from Mars is expressed by Camille Fiammarion, famous astronomer. He thinks interstellar communication may yet become a realized fact, but is inclined to believe it will be by the use of some magnetic force not yet developed.

"Since the signals appear to be regular," he says, "it is improbable they come from the sun, although our great luminary is displaying prodigious activity. It is possible, however, the present chaotic conditions on earth may be traced to solar storms, which may have a reactive effect on the earth and the minds of men."

VIENNA GOES SHOELESS

Society Folk Form Barefoot Clubs to Discourage High Prices
Vienna, March 31.—A society composed very largely of the intellectual classes, professional men and others whose incomes now are about the smallest in the country has been formed to encourage barefootedness among the people. They announce they will shortly appear shoeless in public.

The organizers say their action is not only a necessity because of the prohibitive cost of footwear, but also a protest against the profiteers who are fattening on the misery of the country. No man, they declare, can appear on the streets fashionably attired under present prices, as hundreds do, and say he earned the money honestly.

It is estimated that a hat, a suit of clothes, a pair of shoes and a light overcoat of really good quality now cost about 50,000 crowns (normally \$12,500).

GENERAL STRIKE CALLED BY DANES

Decision Follows Rejection of Compromise by King and New Cabinet

WILL BEGIN NEXT TUESDAY

By the Associated Press
Copenhagen, March 31.—A general strike will go into effect throughout Denmark on Tuesday next, following the rejection by King Christian and the

new ministry of an offer by the trades unions to compromise the political crisis if the Rigsdag was convened immediately. The strike was declared by the Trade Union Congress.

All classes of the population are hoarding food, petroleum, candles and water. No serious trouble has developed as yet, as the police have been able to disperse hostile street crowds.

Independent Socialists have joined the Majority Socialists in calling a general strike. The Liebe ministry has issued an appeal to the population saying it will resign as soon as elections are over and the new Rigsdag has met.

The Social Democratic parliamentary group has issued a manifesto summoning the people to elections to overthrow the king's "reactionary designs." It says:

"Our watchword is drastic democratization of our constitution—a responsible and a one-chamber system, with suffrage at the age of twenty-one."

In the new cabinet just formed, M.

WALES HALTED BY ROCK

British Prince Delayed in Trip Through Panama Canal

Panama, March 31.—Blasting operations in the Culebra cut section of the canal were necessary today before the British battleship Renown, with the Prince of Wales on board, could proceed through the great waterway.

As the Renown neared the point where landslides have recently occurred, boats went ahead and made soundings, discovering a rock fifty feet square directly in the course to be taken by the vessel. After a wait of two hours the rock was removed at the risk of disploding more landslides and the Renown

was towed through the dangerous and narrow channel.

When the Renown arrived at the Atlantic end of the waterway it was boarded by Governor Harding, President Letorve, American and French representatives and commanders of the United States military, naval and isthmian forces. When Gatun dam was reached Governor Harding explained the operation of the canal, the prince expressing astonishment at the magnitude of the engineering feat accomplished there.

Poss as U. S. Agents: Steal Booze

Lake Geneva, Wis., March 31.—(By A. P.)—The wine cellar in the Lake Geneva summer home of Frank Rehn, son-in-law of J. B. Grommes, formerly a wealthy liquor wholesaler of Chicago, was robbed of \$10,000 worth of choice whisky yesterday by three men who posed as federal prohibition enforcement officers. They deigned the caretaker and helped them to load the whisky on a motortruck. Later the robbers were captured.

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