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RUSS MINISTRY TO FORCE ISSUE WITH RADICALS

Socialists Do Not Know What Kind of Government They Want

VISIONARIES AT FAULT Provisional Government Feared Only Because Leaders Are of Higher Class

By Associated Press. Petrograd, May 11.—The government in making suggestion of a coalition ministry, appears to have put the issue squarely up to the Socialists. The move on the part of the ministry is seemingly an effort to remedy the anomalous situation in which the country finds itself through having a nominal government with the power lodged elsewhere. Yesterday's call upon the Socialists, as represented by the council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates, was by way of shifting some of the responsibility for government upon the elements which wield the power and which assume the right to direct, criticize and thwart the acts of the ministry.

Socialists balk. The suggestion that representatives of the Socialists take a hand in directing the difficult affairs of the nation met with a flat refusal on the part of the Moscow council of deputies and the "Bolshevik" meaning the extreme left in Petrograd. The proposal elicited only slight support in the Petrograd council of deputies. Among the six prominent leaders interviewed, only two, Stankevitch and Kamenev, favored a coalition cabinet. Tseretli considered it impossible and Tcheidze, Stekloff and Dan declared that the movement was not opportune at the present moment.

Apparent objection to coalition is based upon the distrust of the cabinet which the Socialists regard as retaining a taint of imperialism from the old regime. The ministers are only critical of the ministers is that they represent the Bourgeoisie and therefore must have imperialistic tendencies. The strongest in the State realize their own limitations and are not willing to assume responsibility for ousting the present government and assuming the actual conduct of affairs.

May Force Issue. The ministers have hinted at the possibility of forcing the issue by resigning unless they receive the support that they have solicited. The outspoken threat to resign in a body, uttered in the last week's crisis, brought from the council of delegates the frank avowal that the council is not ready to assume governmental responsibility.

TWO NORWEGIAN BOATS SUNK. London, May 11.—The Norwegian steamers Tiger and Leikanger have been sunk by German submarines ten miles off the northwest coast of Spain. According to information received here the submarines halted the steamers in Spanish waters and escorted them beyond the territorial limit where they were sunk.

How About a Pet Sheep or Lamb? The proposition for the use of vacant lots and back yards for the raising of vegetables and other foodstuffs in order to meet the present emergency in this country is a most commendable one. Why not carry it still further and persuade each family to keep a pet sheep or lamb in place of a dog? It would be more profitable by far.—Textile World Journal.

THE WEATHER. For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Saturday; little change in temperature, lowest to-night about 45 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Saturday; little change in temperature; moderate northwest winds.

General conditions. The North Atlantic storm is moving slowly seaward. The weather has cleared along the Middle and South Atlantic coasts, but continues cloudy in the North Atlantic States with general, light rains in New England. Light frosts are reported this morning from Western Pennsylvania, Western New York, Colorado and Utah, and heavy frosts from Nebraska and Wyoming.

TEARS MINGLE WITH CHEERS AS INCREMENT GOES

City's Initial Detachment of Embryo Lieutenants Off For Fort Niagara

MORE ARE GOING. Another List of Acceptances Includes Two Sons of Judge Kunkel

Tears mingled with cheers and godspeeds was the farewell more than a score of Harrisburg lads, who hope to lead the United States army to have the status of officers as commissioned officers departed last night from the Pennsylvania Station for Fort Niagara, N. Y. Fully 90 per cent near relatives and "The girl I left behind me" waived a last farewell to the lads as the train pulled out of the station. Hasting pledges and delays were embryo officers should arrive at Fort Niagara to-day. The scenes were redolent of those days of the last year when the National Guard departed for those lonely months along the Rio Grande. Mothers cried just as frequently and fully as the fathers. There were while fathers smacked strapping sons on the back and gave them the same good paternal advice as in the early days of last summer. The candidates for the silver bars made up a motley throng, but all of them were able-bodied and all looked to have the stuff in them. There were a few wealthy chaps who rode to the station in limousines and dismissed their own chauffeurs, as well as those who had been waiting at the station in the morning and had to hustle to get the carfare and incidental expenses together so that they could take the train. In fact, some of the boys didn't seem to have received the notice until they arrived home last night for dinner, and they were in a hurry to get up and ready for the station in time to get the train. These same fellows wore the same muffs in which they had filled their last civilian day. And the chap

[Continued on Page 8] Defalcations of Phila. Man in Seven Years Said to Reach \$750,000

Officials of the State Banking Department stated that Jesse Williamson, 2nd, secretary of the Pennsylvania company for insurances on lives and the granting of annuities for the past seven years, was charged on the charge of taking securities valued at between \$650,000 and \$750,000. The banking company, one of the strongest in the State, has made good the amount of the loss, together with Williamson's bondsmen. Under the law Williamson will be fined \$100,000. According to information here Williamson, who entered the service of the company in 1898, as assistant bookkeeper and in 1910, as secretary, abstracted the securities through a period of seven years, all of the bonds being taken from estates of women, one of whom had \$250,000. All of these losses have been replaced in kind, it is stated here. The banking department's six examiners in this case, in a situation when officially informed of the discovery of the defalcation and Ranking Commissioner Lafean and Attorney General Brown were immediately notified, being conversant with all the steps taken. It is said that the discovery was made last night, when the May 11 securities, make good the loss of the very securities taken have been under way. The bonding company made good \$150,000 of the loss.

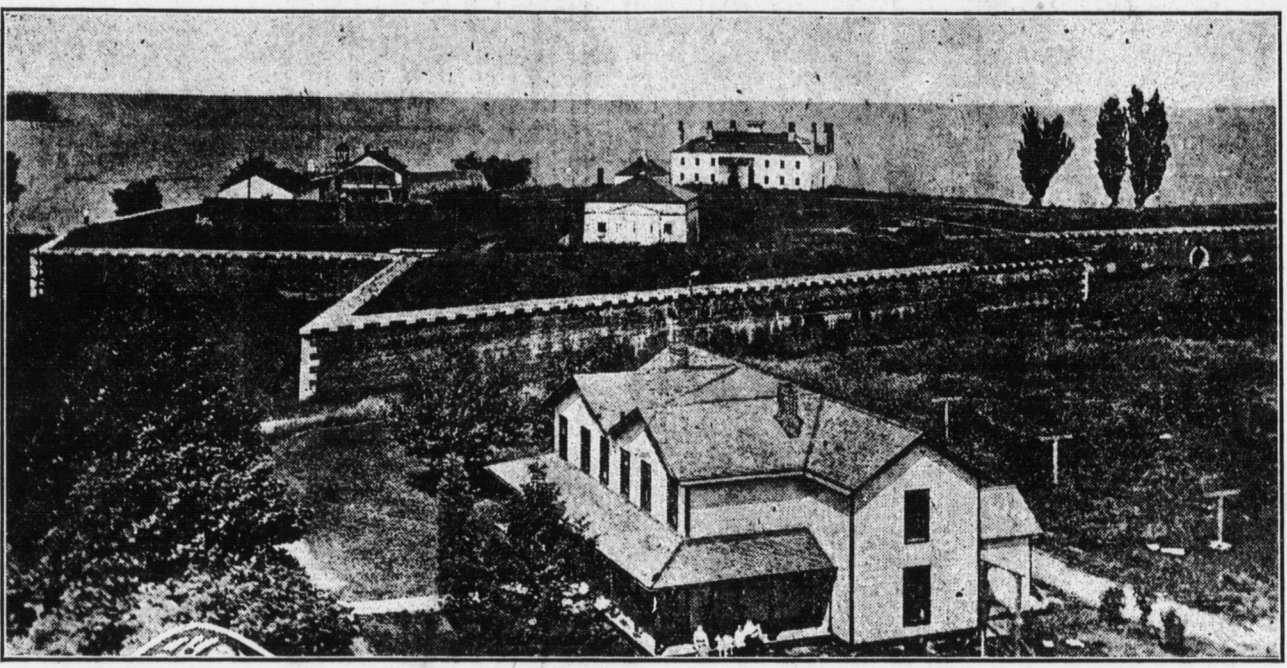
New Penny Exchange Is Now in Full Operation; Middle Division Changes

Wires have all been cut in and the new Pennsylvania railroad exchange is now in operation. It is located on the second floor of the Pennsylvania railroad station and is connected with all yards and offices in and about Harrisburg and the main line. The old exchange has been abandoned. This big improvement was made possible because of the placing of wires underground and other important changes to the telephone system. Call will be made by numbers only, a new directory is now being compiled. The wires changes will come the transfer of the headquarters of the middle division in Harrisburg from DE office at Reilly street to Maclay street, offices have been fitted up in the Fleming property at Seventh and Maclay streets, known as the Decker building. Assistant Trainmaster Jacob Whitman, with his clerical forces, and the chief caller and his men will occupy this building on and after Monday next.

Critics Attack War Bill While Supporters Say Nation Needs the Money

Washington, May 11.—The House today continued debate on the \$1-billion war bill which Chairman Keogh, of the Ways and Means Committee, said would raise more additional taxes than any measure "that has ever been presented to any legislative body in the history of the world." Members speaking in defense of the bill argued for it as a whole on the ground that it was necessary to meet the national emergency. From many representatives, however, came vigorous criticism of particularly taxes on a variety of commodities or earnings which they thought should be exempt. Representative Fordney, ranking Republican member of the Ways and Means Committee, planned to take the floor to second Chairman Keogh's plea for speedy passage of the bill. Leaders believed to-day might be disposed of by the House early next week.

MANY HARRISBURGERS ARE BEGINNING CAMP LIFE HERE TODAY



A general view of Fort Niagara proper, is shown in the photograph with its ancient walls enclosing a French castle built in the eighteenth century, a log cabin of early Colonial days and beautiful Lake Ontario in the background.

WANT WEALTH OF U. S. AS WELL AS MEN CONSCRIPTED

State Federation of Labor May Petition Congress to Adopt Such Laws

PLEDGE THEIR SUPPORT. Delegates Will Back President in Whatever War Action He Takes

That the State Federation of Labor petition the President and Congress of the United States to enact laws for the conscription of wealth as well as men for the great war in which, as a nation, we are engaging was one of the chief resolutions adopted by the State Federation of Labor this morning. Resolutions were also adopted pledging the Federation of Labor's support to the President and Congress during the war and urging the co-operation of the Federation and the State grange for the conservation of the nation's resources. Disorder marked the session to such an extent that President James H. Maurer was unable at many times to control the meeting. Delegate Charles A. Brown introduced a resolution that was later passed urging that great wealth in every instance be heavily taxed so that money as well as men be conscripted for the present war. Stress was laid on the fact the present high cost of living made the great masses of the toilers unable to stand any longer the cost of their resources. He further asked it be made a Federal law with a heavy penalty attached, for any one to gamble in the necessities of life and that a maximum price be put on all foodstuffs so the workers might not be the pawn of the men in control of the food of the nation.

To Co-operate With Grange. Plans are under way for a permanent co-operation between the Federation and the State Grange that they too might act together and serve the food of the nation to the greatest possible extent. A permanent office will be established for both organizations to use as headquarters. The resolution was introduced by R. J. Wheeler, of Allentown.

Resolutions were also adopted asking that labor be represented on defense boards, Red Cross boards and conscription boards, and commending the Ward Bakker Company for its fairness to labor and the sanitary conditions of its many plants.

War Resolutions. The resolution stating the position of organized labor during the war follows: "Whereas, the United States has been committed to a part in the great war and the social, industrial and economic conditions of the country threaten to become acute, causing distress and suffering and "Whereas by the early termination of the war and the return of peace to the nation can these dangerous conditions be eradicated and "Whereas, labor is fundamentally opposed to war and yet, wishing to show its patriotism in the grave hour of trial, therefore, be it "Resolved, the State Federation of Labor in convention assembled,

[Continued on Page 15] CONFERENCE ON SEWAGE. City Engineer M. B. Cowden and Highway Commissioner William H. Fynch, were in New York City to-day consulting with James H. Fuertes, consulting engineer, on the city's plans for the sewage disposal plant. Arrangements were started to take up changes in the plans for the plant as ordered by the State Health Department.

BOY CAUSES FIRE. A small boy playing with matches this morning started a fire at the home of Walter J. Pearson, 62 North Fourteenth street. The fire spread to the adjoining side of the house at 64 North Fourteenth street, the home of Edward E. Albright. The damage will not exceed \$50.

PLEDGES FOR BOY SCOUTS WILL OVERRUN MARK

\$11,159 Promised Before Campaign Is Half Over; Expect Big Excess

Harrisburg in two days has pledged \$11,159 toward the Boy Scout movement. This announcement was greeted with cheers at the noon luncheon held by the Scout campaigners at the Board of Trade Building to-day. It is not a question now of raising the remaining \$900 but how much over the sum set the amount collected or pledged will run.

It was a jolly crowd that gathered about the tables when Chairman George W. Reinhold called the campaigners to order. Success was in the air and the division captains awaited eagerly the reports of the Red and Blue teams, to see how the contest between the two of them stood. Blues Forge Ahead. Yesterday the Reds were ahead. To-day the Blues forged to the front and when the last of the figures on the big board were tabulated it was found that the Blues had collected or pledged a total of \$2,886, while the Reds had but \$2,169. Much of this was due to the work of the team captain, Henderson Gilbert, which turned in exactly \$1,200 for the Blues. The flags were transferred from the table of the Reds to that of the Blues, that captained by William H. Beunthum, Jr., to the winner of to-day's laurels. The rivalry has been so keen between the Reds and the Blues that Andrew E. Buchanan, head of the Blues, went down into his pocket to-day for a paid advertisement in the paper to call the attention of the public to the Boy Scout cause and giving the names and addresses of all his team captains, so that volunteer subscribers might send in their money. The last luncheon will be held to-morrow noon. Until that time it will be a "free for all race," the teams calling where they desire, not being confined to persons listed on the cards provided by the campaigner.

Troops Quell Riot When Chinese Parliament Votes Down War Resolution

Peking, May 11.—After a riotous secret session lasting throughout Thursday night the House of Representatives refused to pass a resolution declaring war on Germany. The House of parliament was surrounded by a mob which demanded war, making threats of violence. Under the orders of Premier Tuan Chi-Jui troops finally dispersed the mob. The premier addressed the House, urging a declaration of war. He was denounced by members who said he was attempting to coerce parliament. The press is opposed to the war party, urging parliament to resist military pressure on the ground that it threatens the republic.

FARM AGENT "IN FIELD" H. G. Niesley, Dauphin county agriculturalist, spent to-day in "the field" appealing in person to farmers to resist military pressure on the ground that it threatens the republic.

SEPARATE PEACE IS NOT PLAN OF RUSSIAN DUMA

Parliament Leaders Declare Country Will Not End War in Draw

Petrograd, May 11.—Thursday being the anniversary of the opening of the first Duma, an extraordinary session of delegates and ex-delegates was held at the Tauride Palace. The members of the provisional government and foreign diplomats were also present. Prolonged applause greeted a speech by President Rodzianko, in which he repudiated any idea of a separate peace. There was an enthusiastic demonstration later on when he proclaimed the loyalty of Russia toward her allies. The whole assembly stood and cheered the entente ambassadors. "The war which was forced upon us, which we did not desire and for which we are in no way responsible, must be brought to a successful termination in such a manner that the integrity of the country and the national honor of Russia shall be entirely maintained," said President Rodzianko. "The innumerable sacrifices we have laid upon the altar of this war demand that the peace should correspond with the immensity of our efforts and that the aim for which we are struggling, the triumph of the ideals of justice and liberty, be assured us. Can Be No Draw. "The Germans oppose to these splendid ideals their own program, which to tally different—the hegemony of the world and the enslavement of the nations. The struggle for principle is mutually contradictory cannot terminate in a draw but only by a decisive victory by one or the other of the adversaries. Only the complete defeat of Germany militarism will assure the happiness of the world." Prince Lvoff, the premier, also addressed the Duma gathering. "It is not the wonderful, almost magic character of the Russian revolution; it is not the power displayed and the rapidity of development which astonish the world, but the ideas which directed it and which embrace not only the interests of the Russian people, but those of all the nations," said the premier. "It is true that this revolution compels us to endure a period of great trials and tribulations, but those of all the nations, the grim specters of anarchy and despotism. But you representatives of the nation may be sure that the work you inaugurated and have pursued despite all obstacles, disillusions and hostile elements, will not have been in vain."

AMERICA HAS NO AGREEMENT ON PEACE PACT

Lansing Denies U. S. Has Promised to Stick in War to the End

EXPECT GERMAN OFFER. Secretary of State Refuses to Intimate Attitude of Administration

Washington, May 11.—Secretary Lansing to-day denied reports that the United States has an agreement with the entente allies not to make a separate peace with Germany by saying: "There is no agreement written or unwritten relative to peace." When pressed to say whether the subject had been discussed informally Mr. Lansing declined to discuss the subject further. He would not intimate that there was any probability of the United States acting separately but said the question of an agreement never had been raised. Interest in the attitude of the government springs from announcements that the German chancellor soon is to make another offer of peace terms.

Mass Meeting of Thieves Demand Share in Russia's New Political Freedom

Petrograd, May 11.—A mass meeting of thieves was recently held at Rostoff on the Don to demand a share in the new freedom and a chance to turn over a new leaf. The chief of the local militia and the president and several members of the council of workmen's and soldiers' deputies were present on invitation. Practically all branches of the profession in the city were represented and several of the most accomplished members made speeches in which they outlined the difficulties confronting them and declared that it was impossible to return to honest pursuits without the help and support of the community. The speakers complained that recently the population had risen against them and, in some instances, went so far as to lynch some of their brothers. Chief of Militia Buznikoff asked for help and support by the people in aiding the efforts of the thieves at reformation. One of the by-standers complained that he had been relieved of his purse containing six rubles. The thieves roundly protested that it was not the work of a professional and took up a collection to reimburse the victim.

School Board Hears Report of Director Boyer on Investigation of Charges

The city school board met this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock to hear the report of Director Harry A. Boyer on an investigation of charges which had been made earlier in the week and which he together with Dr. C. E. L. Keen personally investigated. At the special meeting on Tuesday afternoon a motion was passed to postpone action on the selection of an architect until this afternoon. It was anticipated when the session opened this afternoon that the architect row would be settled before the directors adjourned. Mr. Boyer's report, supported by affidavits by officials of the York Engineering company, was presented first. In it an explanation was made that a charge had been made that commissions were paid George McIlhenny and C. Howard Lloyd to secure a contract to install a heat plant in one of the school buildings of the city. Upon the failure of the affidavits to support these charges an investigation was started. Mr. Boyer said, and the affidavits from the company officials were secured.

ALLIES MASS MEN AND GUNS FOR BIG DRIVE

Lull in Great Battle in France Gives Commanders Time to Prepare For Supreme Effort to Force Invaders From Captured Country; Great Offensive Opens on Hundred-Mile Front in Macedonia

Along the entire front in Macedonia, from Monastir to Lake Doiran, a distance of about 100 miles, the allies have opened a great offensive. On every section of the line General Sarraill's artillery is roaring day and night, but the campaign is in its initial phase and there is little to indicate as yet where the main attempt at an advance will be made. Bitter fighting is proceeding in the bend of the Cerna river and in the neighborhood of the Varda, the two points on the Macedonian front where the wild barbarous country of mountains and sterile deserts is broken by fertile valleys. Military critics are agreed that it is up one of these valleys that the allied forces must force a way, but the operations have not advanced far enough to indicate which is the chosen point of attack.

In France the deadlock continues, but behind the fighting line the allies are massing men and guns for another tremendous blow such as that which broke the Hindenburg line and loosened the grip of the Germans on Champagne. General Maurice, chief director of British military operations, announced that the coming drive will be mightier in force and extent than those which opened the battles of Arras and the Somme and the indications are that the blow will not be long delayed. The comparative lull on the fighting front in France has once more directed attention to the political situation which appears to be rapidly reaching a crisis or rather a series of crises. The news from Russia is increasingly gloomy in nature and it becomes more and more a question whether the provisional government can weather the storm which has been precipitated by the radical Socialists and visionaries. In any event there seems little likelihood of any effective military action on the part of Russia for a long time to come. From Austria come renewed reports of a desire on the part of the government to break the shackles imposed upon it by Berlin. An Austrian commission is reported on its way to Switzerland with the object of opening negotiations with France for a separate peace. The complete absence of any reliable news from the dual monarchy for weeks renders, however, a correct judgment of conditions there impossible. The tide of reform in Germany is obviously growing rapidly and it seems certain that the government cannot resist very much longer the demand for a more democratic form of government.

FLLOUR REACHES NEW MARK. Minneapolis, Minn., May 11.—Flour prices touched new high points to-day, fancy patents advancing 40 cents to \$16.70 a barrel.

PASS ON ARMY BILL TOMORROW. Washington, May 11.—The conference agreement on the army bill was presented to the House to-day and it was agreed to consider it to-morrow.

HAITI DECLARES FOR PEACE. Port Au Prince, Haiti, May 11.—Congress to-day refused to declare war on Germany.

MARKET CLOSES HEAVY. New York, May 11.—Apart from alcohol, which was almost the only active feature at an advance of 3-4 points, the market fell back to lowest prices in the last hour. The closing was heavy. Alternate advances and declines attended to-day's narrow and speculative operations with further moderate liquidation of rails, metals and utilities. Sales were estimated at 430,000 shares.

CRITICISES U. S. Sioux City, Ia., May 11.—Eric Wolf, manager of a piano company here is in the custody of a United States marshal to-day in connection with alleged utterances against the government.

RUSSIANS PLAN FOR PEACE. London, May 11.—The executive committee of the Russian Workmen and Soldiers' delegates has resolved to convene in a neutral country an international socialist conference to discuss peace, a dispatch from Petrograd says.

SPECULATORS HOLD FOOD. Lynchburg, Va., May 11.—It is estimated that 734,000 pounds of beans are held in storage here by speculators. Storage warehouse men refuse to disclose the identity of the owner.

MARRIAGE LICENSES. Paul Edward Arnold, Progress, and Mary Fernella Derr, Harrisburg.

SUBSCRIPTION CARD. A Scout Habit "DO A GOOD TURN DAILY" FOR THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT in Harrisburg I will give \$..... in four payments of \$..... each. First payment to be made on June 1, 1917, and continue every six months until the last payment is made on Dec. 1, 1918. Name..... Address..... Date..... Currency or Check herewith \$..... Obtained by..... Team No..... Checks should be made payable to George W. Reilly, Treasurer, Boy Scout Campaign, Harrisburg Trust Co., Harrisburg, Pa.