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RUSSIA SETTLES CABINET CRISIS BY COMPROMISE

Socialistic Groups to Be Given Places on the New Ministry

TO PROSECUTE WAR Provisional Government Authorized to Keep Down Anarchy

By Associated Press Petrograd, May 17.—The cabinet crisis has been settled. A declaration of the government's policy has been accepted by the representatives of the Council of Workmen and Soldiers' delegates, with merely slight alterations, and was signed by them at midnight.

During the sitting M. Teheroff, national Socialist, was appointed minister of agriculture, and M. Sko-beltz, vice-president of the Council of Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates, was appointed minister of labor. It was also decided to be desirable to include in the government Feodor Kokoshkin, Constitutional Democrat, and a professor at the University of Warsaw, and M. Tsereteli, member of the Council of Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates. The duty of the men was to be prepared for the constituent assembly.

To Stick in War The declaration made by the council toward the attainment of an agreement with the allies which will realize the government's declaration April 9. The government, however, is convinced that Russia's defeat in the war would be a great misfortune to all nations and while willing to make a general peace on the above foundations, believes firmly that revolutionary Russia will not permit the defeat of its allies in the war.

The government consents to the council's demand for the democratization of the army, but desires to complete it with a stronger and more efficient fighting force. The declaration meets half way the council's Socialist program by promising further control over the production, sale and distribution of products; measures for the better protection of labor; the right to a settlement of the land and other reforms which are necessary for the development of the country.

To Down Anarchists In return the government demands such full confidence and support as will enable it to bring about a reactionary counter-revolution but also to take measures against the anarchists of the extreme left.

A new feature was injected into the situation by the demand of the peasant congress which began its sessions here yesterday that its representatives participate in the discussion. The government and council agreed and it is stated that five peasant representatives will join the conference.

American Steamer Sunk With Loss of Four Lives; Was Valued at \$3,500,000

New York, May 17.—The American steamship Hilonian has been torpedoed and sunk off Genoa, Italy, with a loss of four members of the crew, according to a cablegram received here to-day by the owners, the Universal Transportation Company.

The Hilonian was not armed. She left here April 27 for Genoa with cargo. She was a vessel of 2,921 tons gross, was commanded by Captain H. H. Williams and carried a crew of thirty-nine men, of whom eight are Americans.

The cablegram to the owners gave details of the torpedoing. It stated that Captain Williams and the engineer, who is Fred Schmidt, a naturalized Norwegian, were saved and that four of the crew perished. The cargo consisted of provisions and was worth \$2,500,000, the owners stated, and the ship itself was valued at \$1,000,000.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Friday, not much change in temperature. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Friday, with a shower Friday in north portion; moderate north to east winds.

BONES BELIEVED TO BE OF A HUMAN FOUND IN CAVE

Large Stone Falls Near Hummelstown in Hills Disclosing Huge Cavern

ONCE HERMIT'S RETREAT May Have Been Penned in by Sliding Rocks; Investigation Being Made

The falling of a large stone at the Hoffer's Quarries near Hummelstown yesterday disclosed a large cave reaching back into the hills. The probable length of the cave can only be guessed, as the explorers were unable to go in more than fifty feet until another large stone effectually blocked their progress. A torch held at a small aperture disclosed a long stretch that could not be explored. Bones, apparently those of a human being, were found littered about the main chamber of the newly-discovered entrance. The name J. Weizel was found carved on the side of the rocks, also the date 1871, proving that at some other time the cave was a retreat for human beings, although it was not known since then that such a cave existed.

Charles E. Brehm, superintendent of the quarry, was overseeing the removal of some unusually large rocks when the slipping of one of them disclosed the beginnings of the newly-discovered cavern. He immediately called George Speidel, Mr. Brehm's secretary, and immediately started to explore the interior. At several points the passage was so narrow that it required the passage of a man without stopping and others the cavern narrowed considerably.

When about fifty feet from the entrance the explorers were unable to go further because of a large rock that blocked the passage. It is expected that a narrow aperture Mr. Brehm was able to see through the entire length of the cave will be made soon. Bones believed to be those of human beings were found scattered promiscuously about.

A closer investigation of the walls of the cavern showed the name "Weizel" and another name that could not be deciphered. The date "1871" was plainly visible and had evidently been carved with very painstaking effort.

Jacob Weizel was at one time a well-known person to the older inhabitants of Hummelstown and was believed to be a hermit who had been dead for some time and during the latter years of his life lived by himself in that town. Trips to outlying parts of the country were one of his peculiarities and at times he would be gone for lengthy periods. None of the older inhabitants who knew him had ever heard him speak of the existence of the cave, which he probably discovered.

May Have Been Penned In Just before the cave was discovered the cave is puzzling the later explorers, as it was never suspected that such a cave existed. The sliding of the stone, which disclosed the entrance and its existence have been forgotten even to the few who knew of it. Whether or not any person was in the cave, it was closed cannot be determined unless the bones should be found to be those of a human being. People in the vicinity cannot remember of any mysterious disappearance in later years.

Mr. Brehm does not believe that the newly-found cave leads to the well-known "Cave of the War Department" shaft runs at an angle from the Stoverdale cave and is almost half a mile distant from the new entrance.

Eby Wanted Action on Big Appropriation Bills

Consideration of 252 bills carrying \$8,174,000 in appropriations for hospitals and homes, was presented in the House to-day because the bills were not on the file. The House failed to meet at 9:30 o'clock this morning and the bills were not delivered at that hour by the printer.

Speaker Baldwin ruled that they could not be taken up under the circumstances, whereupon Mr. Eby, Perry, wanted to know why.

"Because it would be a direct violation of the Constitution," replied the Speaker. "I know," said "Oh, I thought we could do anything here," observed the man from Newport, with a laugh.

Guard Will Not Be Called Out in Week, Officers Say

Inquiry at Washington and at National Guard headquarters in Harrisburg brought out the information that there is no truth in the rumor that the Guard will be called to the colors within the coming week.

"I am positive," said that the militia units will not be summoned for considerable time and that there is no immediate cause for alarm on that score.

HALF BILLION ADDED TO HUGE WAR TAX BILL

Increases in Income Surtax Probable Under New Budget

WIN IN FIRST VOTE Chances For Reduced Rates Lessened by New Demands

Washington, May 17.—Democratic Leader Kitchin announced in the House to-day that the Treasury Department had notified him it would be necessary to raise \$2,245,000,000 instead of \$1,800,000,000 by the war revenue bill now under debate. He urged support of new proposals to raise the income surtax increases on sums above \$40,000 as contained in the bill by one-fourth.

The bill as reported to the House was estimated to raise between \$1,800,000,000 and \$2,000,000,000, which was expected to defray one-half of the expenses of the first year of the war.

Great Surprise Kitchin's announcement was a great surprise. When the movement to increase the income taxes was started yesterday by Representative Lenroot, Republican of Wisconsin, and Representative Sherley, Democrat of Kentucky, Mr. Kitchin fought it vigorously. Yesterday he renewed his efforts and Lenroot introduced an amendment to increase the proposed surtax on incomes between \$50,000 and \$80,000.

To Cut Into Incomes To add an increase of one-fourth all along the line would fall far short of raising the additional \$445,000,000 and it was considered likely that even a greater surtax than that suggested might be levied on larger incomes. Meanwhile hopes of striking from the bill proposed on freight, light and heat bills by the substitution of the surtax increases, as proposed, by Representative Lenroot, were disappointed.

Pass Amendment The Lenroot amendment for further increases was adopted in the committee of the whole by an overwhelming vote. Preparations were immediately made to propose similar increases on all the remaining divisions of the income tax section.

12 Guardsmen Ill After Meal in Restaurant; Second Lieutenant Dead

Pittsburgh, May 17.—Four more soldiers of the Third Pennsylvania Infantry, on police duty in the Pittsburgh district, were removed from their camp at Port Perry, Pa., to hospitals here this afternoon, suffering from the effects of poison, while the military authorities and physicians investigated the death of Lieut. William P. Corcoran, of Philadelphia, and the illness of twelve other guardsmen last night.

The soldiers were on duty at Port Perry on the night of the poisoning. A meal from the restaurant conducted by Carl Miller, near their camp. Later Lieutenant Corcoran entered the restaurant, where he was seized by headquarters for the command and complained of being ill. In five minutes he was dead. Within an hour all privates had been seized by similar illness and Major Poos, commanding the district, ordered an investigation which is now being conducted in conjunction with the county authorities.

Trying to Save From Chair Archie Miller Who Killed Officers

Steps were taken at the office of the State Board of Pardons to-day to save from a chair Archie Miller, sentenced to be electrocuted for the murder of Pennsylvania Railroad officers near Wormleysburg. The supreme court affirmed the death sentence of the Cumberland county court and the next step will be to go to the State Board of Pardons. It is understood that a plea of insanity will be made.

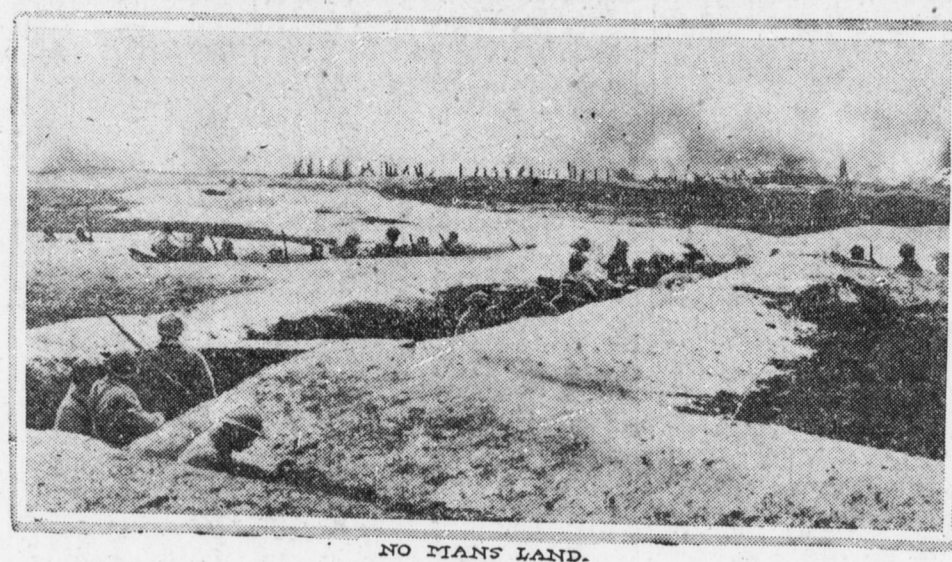
Unless the plea is pretty well supported it is not likely that it will get very far with the present board whose members have gone on record time and again against clemency for men who carry weapons and shoot down officers of the law, especially when caught trespassing.

Wheat Falls Again When Speculators Fear Allies Will Sell Their Futures

Chicago, May 17.—Reports that the United States government had asked Great Britain and her European allies to sell immense holdings of future delivery wheat purchased in this country, were largely responsible for a downward plunge in wheat prices on the Board of Trade to-day. The maximum fall in values this morning was 16 cents.

Owing to the continuance of artificial restrictions on trading the aggregate of wheat transactions was small. Wheat fell 11 1/2 as against 2 1/2 at yesterday's close, but later rallied to 22 1/2.

PREPARING FOR CHARGE ACROSS "NO MAN'S LAND"



French troops in first-line trenches ready for the command to advance across "No Man's Land" to attack the German trenches. In the distance the great British wire entanglement erected by the Germans, and behind that the "curtain of fire" provided by the French field artillery as a protection for the advancing infantrymen and to prevent the sending up of reserves by the Germans. This picture was made by a French military photographer.

PUBLIC SAFETY BODY OUTLINES PLANS FOR WORK

State Commission Completes Organization; to Meet With Committee

The State Commission of Public Safety and Defense to-day completed its organization and will meet to-morrow with a committee representing the State Commission of Public Safety and outline plans for future work. The meeting was held at the office of Governor Brumbaugh with all of the members of the commission present and Colonel Lewis E. Beiler, Philadelphia, was elected assistant to Frank B. McClain, the secretary of the commission, at \$300 per month, and William H. Ball, secretary to the Governor, was made secretary for the commission at \$200 per month. Governor Brumbaugh said both positions could be terminated at any time.

Experiments With Army Tabooed by Sec. Baker

Washington, May 17.—Secretary Baker definitely settled to-day the question of proposed changes in the army uniform by instructing bureau chiefs that he will not give consideration to any suggested alterations in organization, equipment or uniform of the army that does not bear directly on successful prosecution of the war against Germany.

Mayor Miller Spends Day at Police Station

Mayor Charles A. Miller spent much of his time this morning at the police headquarters, where he will make a careful study of conditions in the police department. It is not probable that he will be able to make any change in the present system will be needed.

Gen. Wood to Supervise Training of New Army

Washington, May 17.—The chief center of the army training camp by the War Department's decision to-day will be located in the southwestern department under Major General Wood. Twelve of the thirty-two camps will be placed in General Wood's Department which will be responsible for as many as any other two departments combined.

War Bill Lacks Only Confirmation by Senate

Washington, May 17.—The war army bill to-day lacks only the Senate approval of the conference report before being ready for President Wilson's signature. The House yesterday accepted the conference report, with its provision for \$30 million monthly pay for enlisted men, and the Senate was expected to take it up to-day or to-morrow.

Food Control Act Would Prevent Price Extortion

Washington, May 17.—The government, if given power to fix maximum food prices, would exercise the authority only to break up corners or to prevent extortion. Secretary Houston explained to-day in a letter replying to an inquiry.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK

New York, May 17.—The British steamship Harpagus has been torpedoed, according to a cablegram received here to-day by the agents, J. W. Edwell and Company. The Harpagus of 5,865 tons gross, left New York on April 21 for Marseilles, France.

WOMEN ACTIVE IN WAR RELIEF; FUTURE PLANS

Pennsylvania Railroad Women's Division to Hold Concert and Dance

The Pennsylvania Railroad Women's Division for War Relief, of Harrisburg, which furnished food and refreshments to troops from distant points passing through Harrisburg last July, enroute to the Mexican border, to which the people of Harrisburg contributed liberally, have preserved their organization. This organization is now engaged in preparing hospital equipments and similar war relief materials under the direction of the main Pennsylvania Railroad organization, headed by Mrs. George Dallas Dixon, wife of Vice-President Dixon.

NAVY'S FINEST DESTROYERS IN THICK OF FIGHT

"Start at Once" Is Reply to Query as to Fleet's Readiness for Service

London, May 17.—The United States navy, represented by some of its finest and fastest destroyers, is in the thick of the fight against German submarines in British waters. An official announcement issued yesterday says:

Redmond Rejects Home Rule Plan Proposed by British Premier

London, May 17.—John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists in the House of Commons, to-day rejected the proposal of Premier Lloyd George for a settlement of the home rule question by accepting the proposal for the immediate calling of a convention to decide on a government for Ireland.

Many Volunteer to Aid on "Conscription Day"

Twenty-five of the 125 registrars and registry assessors in the city and county polling districts have already responded and volunteered their services to make the registrations of all men between the ages of 21 and 30 years for the selective Military Service Act.

Retail Merchants Will Discuss Summer Closing

Members of the Retail Merchants' branch of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce will meet to-night at the Harrisburg Club to discuss summer closing hours.

MANGLED IN MACHINE

231 Poff, aged 27, of Dauphin, was caught in a machine at the Speersville Brick Company and drawn into the cogs. His right leg was amputated at the knee. Poff was brought to the Harrisburg Hospital.

HINDENBURG IN VAIN THROWS FRESH ARMY INTO BLASTED LINE

German Dead Piled High Before British Advance Where Withering Fire From Allied Guns Mows Path For New Gains; Tentons Fail in Tremendous Effort to Regain Initiative in Bloody Fire

The Germans have piled high their dead before the British lines, but have failed to stop the British advance. The most furious and sustained counterattacks have withered before the blast of the British artillery and the sapping of the Hindenburg line goes on, slowly but without halt.

The tremendous efforts made by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg to stem the tide of victory which was steadily setting against him have given the battle of Arras an appearance of ebb and flow, but the net result is that the most violent efforts of the Germans to regain the initiative have failed. Von Hindenburg apparently used every ounce of strength at his command to wrest from the British the villages of Roux and Bullecourt and the outcome is summed up in the almost monotonous repetition by the British war office of the statement: "Our troops made progress in the Hindenburg line."

Possibly more ominous for Berlin, in view of the wabbling condition of her Austrian ally, is the news of the great blow struck by Italy in the direction of Trieste. The Italians have opened their spring offensive in brilliant fashion, attacking on a wider front and apparently with greater forces than at any other previous operation. The Isonzo, a turbulent mountain stream bordered by mountains and cliffs, is in their hands for a distance of fifteen or twenty miles north of Gorizia. General Cadorna appears to plan a flanking movement against the Corso plateau, nature's great rampart defending Trieste. The operation is, however, in too early a stage to permit judgment of its exact import. The allied offensive in Macedonia continues with considerable success for the British forces, but the fighting is on such an extended front and so sporadic in character that its meaning is obscured. Reports from Bulgaria of nationwide discontent and weariness of the war may be significant in connection with General Sarrail's campaign.

WHITMAN HEARS STATE PLEA

Albany, May 17.—An application for the extradition from New York to Pennsylvania of Clarence and Kellogg Birdseye, charged with alleged fraud in the management of the Pittsburgh Life and Trust Company was heard to-day by Governor Whitman.

RECRUITING DROPS

Washington, May 17.—Regular army recruiting dropped to 1,731 men yesterday with Pennsylvania still leading with 281 enlistments. The grand total of 73,451 men recruiting since April 1 leaves 110,000 men to be found by the middle of next month.

ODD FELLOWS INSTALL OFFICERS

York, May 17.—Installation of the new officers and an impressive memorial service brought the ninety-fourth annual sessions of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows to conclusion here this morning. The Daughters of Rebekah concluded their sessions at the same time.

SENATE DELAYS ARMY BILL

Washington, May 17.—When the army bill came up in the Senate to-day for final action it was thrown into a long debate over technicalities which Senator Chamberlain characterized as "hair splitting." He added that such tactics might result in the bill's being held up for thirty or sixty days. The principal contention was over whether soldiers were being drafted for "the existing emergency" of "the war."

NO REPORT ON SEA ACTION

Washington, May 17.—No report has come from Rear Admiral Sims that any of the American destroyers cruising with the allied fleets have encountered German submarines, but navy officials do not expect to receive detailed statements of operations on minor engagements if no losses are involved.

MARKET CLOSING STRONG

New York, May 17.—Steel's further rise to 122 5/8 stimulated the balance of the list especially coppers and falls, in the last hour. The closing was strong.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Carl Gordon Hivel, Youngstown, Ohio, and Katherine Elizabeth Cain, Middletown, Pa. William Edgar Kline, Steelton, and Emma Rebecca Howe, Harrisburg. Luther Gray Kitzmiller and Margaret Ruth Wert, Enola. Frank William Kline and Elizabeth Katherine Lorenese, Philadelphia. Novak Vuchity and Mary Metz, Harrisburg. Harry Adams, Shermansdale, and Rosie Elin Zeigler, Harrisburg.