



U. S. MUST RUSH TROOPS TO EUROPE SAYS WAR COMMISSION

RUSSIA HALTS PEACE PARLEY WITH HUNS; REBELS OBSTINATE

German Attitude Regarding Poland and Lithuania Is Cause of Concern. Self Definition Impossible Until Last Hun Has Left Invaded Territory; Bolshevik Aims, Says Correspondent, Is World Revolution of Peace

London, Jan. 2.—Peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk have been broken off by the Bolshevik government owing to the German attitude in regard to Poland and Lithuania and the enemy's proposal that garrisons be retained at Libau, Riga and elsewhere, according to a telegram from the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News appearing in a late edition of that paper to-day.

RICE, BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO U. S., RECALLED

Demand For Younger Men Causes Retirement of Prominent Diplomats

Washington, Jan. 2.—The report that Sir Cecil Spring Rice, British ambassador to the United States, will retire from his post here, was confirmed to-day in official circles. The ambassador arranged to see Secretary Lansing this morning and it was understood he would inform the Secretary of the change.

The retirement of Ambassador Spring Rice will not be followed by any change in policy at Washington by the British government, it was said.

After the ambassador had conferred with Secretary Lansing, he made this statement: "The British ambassador is going home on leave, but he can make no further statement at present in regard to the matter."

It is understood a formal announcement will be made in London.

Lock Haven Faces Serious Water Shortage

Williamsport, Pa., Jan. 2.—Lock Haven, Mill Hill and Flemington face a serious situation due to water shortage and coal scarcity. Steamers feeding two reservoirs from which the three towns secure water supplies are frozen and the reservoirs contain little water. Mill Hill and Flemington and a part of Lock Haven are practically without water. Schools and industries in Mill Hill and Flemington were closed to-day. The hospital of Lock Haven is in the section affected by the water shortage.

This afternoon trolley service between the towns stopped as the company was unable to keep fires under in boilers. Lock Haven's gas supply was cut off early to-day due to the cracks in mains as a result of dislodgment by the frost and a scarcity of coal.

Battles With 4 German Machines; Escapes Death

Paris, Jan. 2.—Lieutenant Raoul Luffbery, of Wellington, Conn., of the Lafayette escadrille, had a narrow escape in a fight with four German battle machines late Saturday. The gasoline pipes on his airplane were punctured during the engagement and although he had the advantage of a higher altitude, his machine became almost helpless by the stoppage of his motor.

Lieutenant Luffbery seemed virtually at the mercy of the Germans, but by clever maneuvering, with one of the Germans following him down almost to earth and firing continuously, he managed to escape unhurt. His machine was found to have eleven bullet-holes in it.

AMERICA TO RUSH YANKEES TO FRONT

Washington, Jan. 2.—American troops are to be rushed to Europe in as large and as constant a stream as is humanly possible; the allied nations will so arrange their shipping as to provide the necessary transports; the merchant shipbuilding program must be rushed; there is to be closer co-operation of all the co-belligerents to present a single and united front to German autocracy; the part of the United States has been clearly defined and arrangements made to carry it out.

These are the principal results, as they affect America, of the recent inter-allied war council in Paris, announced to-day for the first time by the State Department.

The principal recommendations of the American delegates, headed by Colonel E. M. House, as President Wilson's personal representative are: "That the United States exert all their influence to secure the entire unity of effort, military, naval and economic between themselves and the countries associated with them in the war."

EVERY \$20 A WEEK FIRST VICTORY CLERK MUST PAY AN INCOME TAX

Big Force of Experts Here to Advise Harrisburgers How to Rush Payments

A big squad of government trained men, all experts in the intricacies of the new Income Tax law arrived in Harrisburg this morning under the command of Deputy Revenue Collector M. E. Plymire and took up quarters at Room 5, second floor of the Spooner Building, No. 9 North Second street.

Each of them will be appointed shortly to a county seat town in one of the fifteen counties in this district. Mr. Plymire will remain here, with a staff of assistants and take

charge of the work in each county.

Court-Martial Sentences Five More Negro Rioters to Death by Hanging

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 2.—Five of the negroes tried by the last court-martial in connection with the Houston riots have been sentenced to be hanged, according to the verdict of the court, announced by Major General Ruckman this morning.

Dr. Chamberlain May Plead Guilty at Trial

Goochland, Va., Jan. 2.—Interest in the trial of Dr. Asa W. Chamberlain, charged with the murder of his brother, Albert P. Chamberlain, set for to-day in circuit court here, was heightened by the announcement yesterday at Richmond by James C. Page, counsel for the accused man, that he would enter a plea of guilty. The state had prepared a circumstantial case seeking to show the men quarreled over a debt and that the physician killed his brother, whose body was later found buried in portions in the physician's yard near here.

Catawissa Suffers a Lightless Night

Williamsport, Pa., Jan. 2.—The borough of Catawissa suffered an enforced lightless night last night. The coal supply of the town's electric light plant was exhausted and none could be secured until to-day. Candles and oil lamps were used in every home in the borough.

CAUSE OF PIPE MILL BLAZE BEING PROBED BY COMPANY'S MEN

Officials Believe Cigaret or Match Thrown Into Barrel of Explosive Paint Caused Blaze; Plans For Rebuilding Shops of Concrete Already Under Way; Plenty of Work For Employees.

Two plants of the Harrisburg Pipe and Pipe Bending Company and the electric transforming hut, which regulates the corporation's power supply, were completely destroyed to-day by fire which started shortly before 4 o'clock this morning.

Thousands of dollars in machinery and finished and unfinished war munitions for the United States government were ruined in the blaze. Two employees who helped fight the flames are in the Harrisburg Hospital with minor hurts.

Officials at noon were of the opinion that a match or cigarette thrown into a ten-gallon can of highly inflammable paint in the cylinder finishing department, David E. Tracy, president of the company, has ordered a minute investigation. The loss to the Pipe Bending Company is estimated conservatively at more than \$200,000. William P. Starkey, superintendent of the plant, placed the loss at that figure, while all other officials in the offices of the company placed the losses much higher, some even estimating a half a million.

The cylinder finishing department, with thousands of dollars worth of finished products for the United States government, was the first plant destroyed by the fire, which rapidly spread south to the roun turning shop, where four-inch shells are made for the United States Navy. Directly across a narrow roadway from the south end of the cylinder finishing plant, is the transforming hut, with its two electric transforming machines, which was destroyed. The loss in this one small building alone is estimated to be at least \$50,000. It is in this building that the electricity supplied by the city is reduced in voltage power, and distributed throughout the entire plant.

The two machines procured during the last year are a complete loss, it was thought this morning. Throughout the two plants destroyed the entire equipment was practically new, having been acquired by the company since it started to work on the government contracts recently awarded.

In the cylinder finishing department, the ten new fifty-horsepower

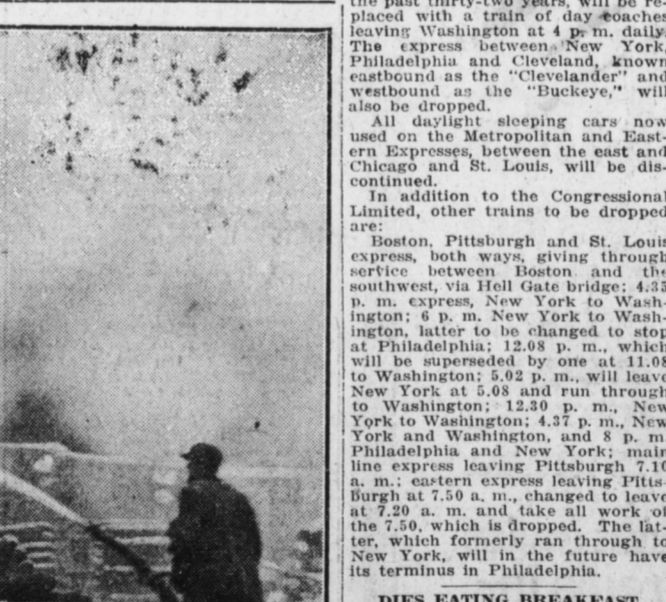
Marines Stand Guard Over Norfolk Ruins; Loss Is \$2,000,000

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 2.—Marines and bluejackets stood guard to-day over the downtown section of Norfolk, where three separate fires yesterday wiped out five of the city's largest buildings, entailing losses estimated at \$2,000,000. Police Chief Kizer and Fire Chief McLoughlin to-day were less inclined to place blame for the fires on incendiaries, although both declared the circumstances were suspicious. Military guards, however, were in no way relaxed and during the night all persons who could not give an account of themselves were warned away from the business section.

Revised lists of the casualties from the fire which engaged the attention of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Suffolk firemen all day yesterday and into the night showed that Charles McCoy, a fireman, was the only person known to have lost his life. Four firemen were seriously hurt and a score of others were less seriously injured. Firemen said it was possible that removal of debris would show other deaths from falling walls.

More than a score of persons were arrested as suspects during the day and night and about a dozen held for investigation. Two men thought to be Germans were among those held. They gave their names as Hugo Schmidt and H. K. Leasing.

PLAYING WATER ON PLANT RUINS



Little of the two Harrisburg Pipe and Pipe Bending Company shops burned early to-day are left standing. Firemen worked until noon to prevent the spread of the blaze. All energies now are being turned to rebuilding the works. Men in the departments will be employed elsewhere in the works.

LATE NEWS

TUSTIN TOURS COUNTIES

Philadelphia, Jan. 2.—To assist in completing the organization of district speakers bureaus of the Pennsylvania Committee of Public Safety, State Chairman Ernest L. Tustin, to-day began touring the counties accompanied by a staff of speakers.

CHAMBERLAIN DENIES GUILT

Goochland, Va., Jan. 2.—As Dr. Asa W. Chamberlain went on trial here to-day for the murder of his brother, Albert Chamberlain, he repudiated his counsel's statement that he would plead guilty and ask the mercy of the court, and reiterated his innocence.

WILLIAMSPORT NAMES COMMISSIONER

Williamsport, Pa., Jan. 2.—The city council to-day established the war-time position of commissioner of trade and commerce and named Charles C. Krouse, president of the Board of Trade, the first incumbent. He will serve without a salary. Krouse will open an office in Washington to represent the combined manufacturers of Williamsport in an effort to secure government contracts for local concerns. All plants, making non-essential articles will be converted into war order factories.

SUGAR INVESTIGATION RESUMED

Washington, Jan. 2.—The Senate Manufacturers' Committee resumed its investigation of the sugar situation to-day prepared to hear a statement from Food Administrator Hoover replying to charges that the fixed import price imposed by the administration was responsible for the recent shortage. The food administrator is expected to elaborate upon a denial he previously issued through the White House.

WILL RECONSIDER PROPOSAL

London, Jan. 2.—In consequence of strong protests the British war cabinet will reconsider its proposal to take over the British Museum Building for the use of the air board.

FRENCH BRING DOWN SIX HUN PLANES

Paris, Jan. 2.—Six German airplanes were put out of action yesterday by the French, it is announced officially. Artillery fighting continues at various points on the front but no large infantry actions are reported.

ITALY WILL INTERN ENEMY SUBJECTS

Rome, Tuesday, Jan. 1.—The Italian government has taken measures to intern all enemy subjects in Italy within four or five days, La Epoca says. No exceptions will be made.

GERMAN RAIDING PARTIES REPULSED

London, Jan. 2.—Several raids were made by the German forces last night on the British positions on the Belgian and Arras fronts. The official statement says all the raiding parties were repulsed.

MONTREAL RINK DESTROYED BY FIRE

Montreal, Jan. 2.—The Montreal Arena, the biggest skating rink in Eastern Canada, was destroyed by fire here to-day. One side of the building was blown down when an ammonia plant, used for making artificial ice exploded. The rink was the scene of many of the leading hockey matches of the Dominion.

ITALIANS BLOCK ATTEMPT TO CROSS PIAVE

Rome, Jan. 2.—Another attempt to cross the Piave river has been defeated by the Italians, the war office announces. Half a score of vessels loaded with enemy troops were disposed at Intestadura, when the crossing was attempted.

NEW PEACE CONDITIONS IN PROGRESS

London, Jan. 2.—The central powers within the next ten days will make new declarations regarding Germany's peace conditions, a dispatch from Geneva to the Daily Express quotes the Munich Nachrichten as saying. It is added that modifications may be introduced owing to the attitude of the entente powers.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

William E. Harvey and Harriet W. Adams, Lancaster; Harry B. Crall, Siddonsburg, and Alice C. Bucher, Wellsville.