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BOLSHEVIKI CHANGE MIND; WILL RESIST GERMAN INVASION

Opposition Will Be Given the Teuton Army Sweeping Eastward Into the Heart of Great Russia, Is Decision Reached by Bolsheviki Leaders; Chaotic Condition Exists in Russian Navy

WEIGHT IS GIVEN TO RUMORS THAT TROTZKY WILL RESIGN

Foreign Minister's Name Is Missing From Proclamation Ordering That Hun Advance Be Resisted; Trotzky Reported to Have Cast Deciding Vote in Favor of Accepting German Peace

By Associated Press

LONDON, Feb. 22.—"Defense to the death" against Germany is ordered in the proclamation of the Russian commissioners, Reuter's Petrograd correspondent telegraphs. The commissioners appeal to the soldiers to destroy railways and provisions, and compel the bourgeoisie to dig trenches under penalty of death.

Petrograd, Thursday, Feb. 21.—(Midnight)—A proclamation ordering resistance to the German advance, calling on all Russians to defend the fatherland and declaring Petrograd in a state of siege was issued tonight from the Smolny Institute, the Bolsheviki headquarters. The proclamation was issued at the order of the People's Commissaries and is signed by Premier Lenine and Ensign Krylenko, the Bolsheviki commander in chief.

The Bolsheviki government again has changed its mind and has ordered that opposition be given to the German army now sweeping eastward into the heart of Great Russia. All Russians are summoned to the defense of their country in a proclamation signed by Premier Lenine and Ensign Krylenko, commander-in-chief of the Bolsheviki armies. Petrograd has been declared to be in a state of siege.

Other sections of the long front the Germans had captured large quantities of war material, including more than 1,300 guns and 9,000 prisoners.

Germany is advancing into Russia to restore the monarchy and the privileges of the landowners and the capitalist classes, the Bolsheviki government in Petrograd declares in a proclamation to the people, and it calls upon them to resist the German armies and defend the republic "to the death."

Explicit instructions are given the peasants and workers to take all measures to prevent valuable property from falling into the hands of the Germans. Railroad rolling stock and food supplies are particularly mentioned. Everything must be done, the people are adjured, to keep German militarism from crushing the working classes in Great Russia and the Ukraine.

All Russians must co-operate in the defense, the bourgeoisie classes by compulsion if necessary the official proclamation declares. Petrograd has been declared in a state of siege.

British Forces Capture Ancient City of Jericho; Little Resistance Offered

London—The British have captured Jericho, in Palestine, the war office reports. Since the capture of Jerusalem the British have been pushing steadily ahead, striking out to the north and east. Official statements from London in the last few days have reported rapid progress, and apparently the Turks have offered no determined resistance.

Aside from its historical importance, in connection with the British plan to free the Holy Land from the domination of the Turks, the capture of Jericho is of little significance, it consists merely of a group of squalid hovels and a few shops, with about 500 inhabitants. Its chief strategic value lies in the fact that it gives the British domination of the valley of Jordan, and also control of a network of highways radiating from the town. A further advance eastward of twenty-five miles, however, would take the British to the railway from Damascus to Mecca, which would cut off the Turkish line of communication with Arabia and greatly assist the revolting Arab tribes which are co-operating with the British. Jericho is near the northern extremity of the Dead Sea, fourteen miles north east of Jerusalem.

The ancient Jericho, which was situated to the west of the modern Jericho, was a town of considerable size. It was the first Canaanite city to be reduced by the Israelites, who, according to the Bible, were blowing trumpets.

When you buy a THRIFT STAMP you are paying for five shells for a machine gun or rifle. Isn't that worth while?

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Cold and snow, with slightly warmer weather to-night; Saturday milder and warmer. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Cloudy and warmer to-night, probably light snow; gentle southeast winds. Note—Legal holiday; no river receipt or detailed weather conditions. Temperature: 8 a. m., 26. Sun: Rises, 6:23 a. m.; sets, 5:27 p. m. Moon: Full moon, February 25, 4:34 p. m. River Stage: 14.1 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 16. Lowest temperature, 10. Mean temperature, 14. Normal temperature, 51.

FLOOD VICTIMS APPEAL TO CITY FOR ASSISTANCE

Mayor Keister Receives Urgent Appeal From Lock Haven

PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING

River Choked With Ice Here, Keeps Within Its Banks

Lock Haven, seriously flooded and almost isolated, has appealed to Harrisburg for relief.

The Mayor of Lock Haven at noon to-day called upon Mayor Keister, of Harrisburg, and asked him if this city cannot come to the aid of hundreds of people of that town who are suffering severely from hunger and cold. Provisions, blankets and medical supplies are needed immediately and later pumps will be required to clear cellars of water. The condition is such, the Mayor says, that prompt measures must be taken to prevent the homeless from starvation or freezing.

Mayor Keister got at once into touch with the State Health Department, which rendered such prompt and valuable aid when the town of Austin was swept away some years ago, and also called upon Andrew Patterson, president of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Lyman D. Gilbert, head of the Harrisburg Red Cross chapter, to co-operate in every way.

Mayor Keister got busy at once on the measures to be taken for the alleviation of suffering in Lock Haven, rendered heatless, lightless and almost foodless by the high water and ice of the past three days. The Red Cross Society opened its headquarters.

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CITY PARKS AND STREETS USED AS PUBLIC DUMPS

Officials Find Winter's Refuse Scattered About in Profusion

ADMIT NASTY SITUATION

Council's Failure to Provide Collections Brings Inevitable Result

City officials yesterday afternoon on their ash inspection trip over the city were shown a series of public dumps in parks, street intersections, on pavements, city school property—conditions unprecedented in the history of the city.

Commissioner Lynch had charge of the trip. With him were the other three commissioners, Mayor Keister and other city officials. That Mr. Lynch has been doing some private investigation work was evident from the start as the autos sped over a definite route, passing places where the worst conditions exist. While the city officials on the trip admitted the situation was bad,

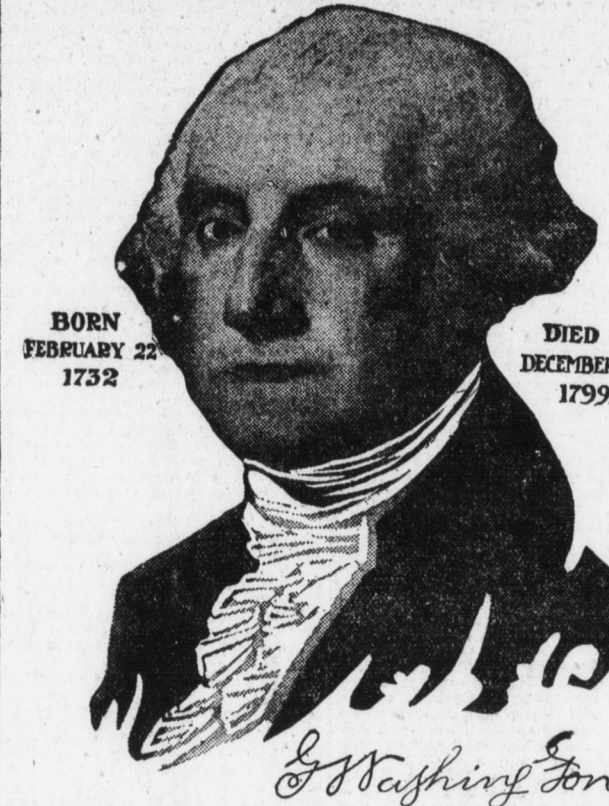
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Rifle Expert to Speak Before Commerce Chamber

The Chamber of Commerce is sending out a special call for the Harrisburg public to get in on an uncommonly interesting event which takes place at 8 p. m. to-morrow at the Board of Trade building. It is called a "smoker" and it is free to everybody who will call at headquarters in the Dauphin building, or write or phone for tickets.

The entertainment committee has been most fortunate in getting Major W. A. Garrett, general manager of the Remington Arms Company and the man who is now making the new Enfield rifles for our forces in France. Major Garrett is not so suppressed as the usual military man. He has a rare eloquence and such a definite knowledge from first hand of the situation in France and every one with a friend or a relative "over there" will be repaid by hearing him. Sent by our government as a member of the commission of railroad executives charged with determining what railroad facilities would be needed by Pershing, Major Garrett, a former executive of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway, will have much to say that will interest railroad men.

MADE DEMOCRACY POSSIBLE



BORN FEBRUARY 22 1732

DIED DECEMBER 14 1799

America's Tribute to Washington

GREAT leader of men, we have come! We have come to the crossway and left it behind With its weakness, its trembling and fear, And we're paying the debt to the great Lafayette, For America's sons are not men to forget When the fate of a nation draws near.

Great leader of men we have come! Through highways and byways of struggle and stress, Through war years and peace years till now With the eyes of the world on our dear flag, unfurled; With our answer, flame-tipped, in the great vortex hurled; Thy name is the pledge of our vow.

Great leader of men we have come! To the simple deep secrets of God-given life Where we glimpse through the veil of the dawn Till the forms of our dead and the blood they have shed Form the beacon of light by which we are led With the sword of America drawn!

ANNA HAMILTON WOOD. Written For the Telegraph

SURVEY OF FOOD SUPPLY IN CITY SHOWS PLENTY

General Conditions Found Good by Donald McCormick in Investigation

A survey of the food supply for Harrisburg and vicinity has been made by the county food administrator among the wholesale dealers and millers. It showed more than 2,000,000 pounds of staple commodities on hand at noon to-day. The survey does not include the stock held by grocers nor those commodities supplied the city by the dealers and farmers at city markets.

These figures indicate, said Donald McCormick, that there is an ample supply of all foods on hand. Dealers state that the amounts vary during the week, but that the totals given indicate the general conditions of those several commodities. The supply of potatoes is given as good, though no accurate figures could be supplied, owing to the fact that many grocers receive their supplies direct from farmers, while a large number of consumers buy direct from the producers at the city markets. The amounts of the various staples on hand are as follows: Flour, 200,000 pounds. Corn meal, 20,000 pounds. Oat meal and rolled oats, 80,000 pounds. Beans, 119,000 pounds. Sugar, 62,300 pounds. Meat, 1,021,000 pounds (sufficient for a month or six weeks). Lard, 30,000 pounds. Canned vegetables and fruits, 634,000 pounds.

Despairing Cry Reaches Emperor William's Heart

Amsterdam, Feb. 22.—Emperor William, according to the Frankfurter Zeitung, replied to a message from the Lubek Senate, appealing to him to help the Estonians as follows: "Your words have found a lively echo in my heart. The despairing cry of distress which is ever more urgent reaching our ears from the Baltic country shall not go unheard. Effective measures must be taken to safeguard the tortured population from the burning and plundering or robbery hordes and end the state of complete lawlessness."

CITY TO RALLY AT PATRIOTIC MEET MONDAY

Noted Speakers to Appear on Platform Here

Harrisburg's Public Safety Committee will take possession of Chestnut Street Hall Monday night for a real jubilee mass meeting, to which the public is cordially invited, and it is fair to predict that every one will have a lively and interesting time. It is the plan of Chairman Charles C. Stroh to have an old-time community song festival, reviving some of the Civil War popular airs and led by a good band. The singing will start promptly at 7.30. The list of speakers should attract any one with a desire for accurate information and those who merely wish to be entertained. Harrisburg will have its first peek at Howard Hinz, Federal Food Administrator for Pennsylvania, who knows about as much as Hoover concerning the intricacies of this job. Lieutenant Sutton will tell something of genuineness in an individual battle with a Turkish soldier in the Gallipoli campaign. He has been through Zeppelin raids, in the trenches and pretty much everywhere in the war activities. Last, but not least, there will be George Wharton Pepper, chairman of the Public Safety Committee for this state and an eminent Philadelphia lawyer.

Allied Ministers Will Remain in Petrograd Unless Germans Enter

London, Feb. 22.—The Allied embassies in Petrograd, according to a dispatch from the Russian capital to the Morning Post dated Monday, have been besieged by anxious inquirers, who have been assured that as far as is known at present the embassies will quit the city if the Germans come, but not otherwise. The Allies, it is added, have no intention of abandoning their once-greatest ally.

ENGINE WRECKED CARRYING BOY TO CITY AMBULANCE

Engineer Critically Hurt in Crash at Reading Depot

LAD HAS ARMS CUT OFF

Fire Alarm Sent in When Escaping Steam Alarms Workmen

In a double accident on the Philadelphia and Reading Railway this morning, Theodore Levan, 627 Benton street, aged 16, and Joseph P. Schell, 1512 State street, engineer, were seriously injured and were rushed to the Harrisburg Hospital for treatment.

The Levan boy received his injuries when a train ran over him after he had fallen off a moving coal car on to the tracks east of tower MB, between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh streets. Schell received his injuries when his engine, on which he was rushing the injured boy to the hospital, crashed into the Reading station, tearing off the cab.

Steam escaping from the engine, which pushed its way through the bumper, the iron gate and the platform where the passengers take the train, clear back to the stone wall of the station, and coal flying from [Continued on Page 20.]

DEMAND FOR HOMES IN CITY EXCEEDS SUPPLY

Even Apartments Are Hard to Find by Persons Who Must Move April 1

SITUATION IS SERIOUS

Really Men Expect No Relief Until After the War

There are no houses for rent in Harrisburg. Even apartments to which persons, who must move April 1, have been turning in increasing numbers because of the scarcity of dwellings, are almost impossible to get.

A decided increase in the population caused by the unprecedented prosperity of the industries and business houses and the great operations of the munitions plants is said to have made the demand for homes in the city and suburbs within a five-cent trolley car limit greater than ever before in the city's history. As hundreds of leases expire April 1 the shortage is said to be serious.

See No Relief

Really men to-day were of the belief that there will be no material relief from the situation until after the war. Whatever number of houses may be built until that time will not be large enough to make a material difference, it was said. Building operations necessarily will be held up to some extent because of the uncertainty of getting shipment of materials and the labor shortage. The number of houses listed for rent by various real estate men to-day consisted almost entirely of dwellings with a rental of \$40 or more a month. The number of dwellings of medium rental that are being advertised are negligible and for the first time in years persons are advertising in an effort to rent either an apartment or a dwelling. Intending to put an advertisement for the sale of his small house out on Allison Hill, a resident of the city had the misfortune to see the notice inserted as "for rent." It appeared in an evening paper and between 8 o'clock and 10 that night his phone rang exactly thirty-two times. Eighteen more calls jangled next morning.

Germans Take English in Raiding Party

London, Feb. 22.—Early last night a large party of the enemy raided two of our posts in the neighborhood of the Ypres-Roulers railway and a few of our men are missing. "A raid attempted by the enemy early yesterday morning against posts held by Belgian troops in the Merckem sector, was repulsed by artillery and machine-gun fire."

FIRST CONTRACTS FOR BIG MILITARY DEPOTS HERE LET

James Black, Contractor; Aviation Depot Additions at Middletown to Cost \$800,000; First Unit of New Warehouses Will Cost \$750,000, of Brick and Steel Construction; Committee at Washington Hopes to Switch Site Back to East Bank of Susquehanna

Washington, Feb. 22.—Contract for the enlargement of the aviation depot, near Middletown, has been let to James Black, of St. Louis, at an estimated expense of \$800,000.

Black is also given the contract for the first of the big warehouses to be erected in the vicinity of Harrisburg, where it is planned to establish great military depots. This first unit will cost \$750,000.

This is only the beginning of the Harrisburg development, it is understood, which it is expected will run very high into the millions. The work is to be completed, if possible, in 90 days and Mr. Black has left for Harrisburg to inspect the proposed sites. These structures are to be of brick and steel construction.

The foregoing dispatch from Washington leaves no doubt that the Government means to go ahead immediately with its program in the vicinity of Harrisburg. Mr. Black could not be located by reporters in Harrisburg to-day, although it is understood that he and Major Gray, the engineer in charge, went in company over both the Middletown and the talked-of New Cumberland sites. Financial reports say that Mr. Black is a masonry builder and contractor of high rating with offices in St. Louis, Detroit, Chicago, Boston, Omaha and Seattle. It is understood that he has the backing of the great City National Bank, of New York.

Whether or not the military depots will be erected at Middletown or between New Cumberland and Marsh Run, on the west side of the [Continued on Page 8.]

Nine Members of Family Dead in Morning Fire

Peabody, Mass., Feb. 22.—Nine persons, all members of the family of Morris Miller, lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the Miller home, near here, early to-day. Reuben Miller, a boy of 19, who was employed on a neighbor's farm, was the only member of the family who escaped.

The police list of dead follows: Morris Miller, Mrs. Miller, Sadie Miller, 20; Rosie Miller, 15; Minnie Miller, 12; Samuel Miller, 8; Harry Miller, 5; Esther Miller, 2, and a baby girl two months old.

CHAMBER TO AID FLOOD SUFFERERS

Harrisburg—The Chamber of Commerce late this afternoon agreed to underwrite the Lock Haven relief fund for \$1,000. Contributions to the fund are being sought for the work.

UKRAINIANS JOIN GERMANS

London—Austrian and German troops are advancing in the south simultaneously with the Germans in the north and Ukrainian troops are reported to have joined them against the Bolsheviki, according to a Petrograd dispatch to the Morning Post. The Polish Legions of the Russian army have offered an armistice in the prevailing civil war on condition of free passage in any direction and now are trying to reach Warsaw.

MEATLESS DAYS EFFECT BIG SAVING

Washington—Meatless days in the United States, have saved 140,000,000 pounds of beef in four months, the food administration announced to-day. During this period 165,000,000 pounds of beef were exported to the allies together with 40,000,000 pounds of pork products.

RETAIN SECURITIES PROVISION

Washington—The Senate retained the provision authorizing the President to buy and sell railroad securities with \$500,000,000 revolving fund, defeating 38 to 11 a motion by Senator Kirby, Democrat, of Arkansas, to strike it out.

HEALTH CONDITIONS SHOW IMPROVEMENT

Washington—Health conditions in all American Army camps showed decided improvement during the week ending February 15 and for that week there was a lower death rate in all camps than at any other time since last November. Deaths in all camps, Regular Army, National Guard and National Army, for the week, totaled 177 of which 96 resulted from pneumonia. Fewer new cases of the more serious diseases, especially pneumonia and meningitis, were reported as compared with last week. The regular's show the highest death rate—12.9 per year.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Osman Packard, Harrisburg, and Virginia B. Tillotson, Binghamton, N. Y.; Earl F. Smullin and Emma K. Florie, New Cumberland; Benjamin A. Wells and Mary E. Hitegel, Lykens township; George G. Weber, West Fairview, and Edna H. Keppord, Camp Hill; Willis R. Schenk, Harrisburg, and Ethel E. Myers, Fayetteville.