

HARRISBURG TELEGRAPH

The Star-Independent

LXXXVII—No. 64 16 PAGES

HARRISBURG, PA., SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 16, 1918.

Single Copy 2 Cents

HOME EDITION

GERMANS MAKE PEACE MOVE, IS LATEST RUMOR

Proposed Terms at Expense of Russia, Is Washington Belief

ALSACE-LORRAINE BAIT

Losses in West Would Be Counterbalanced by Gains in the East

By Associated Press Washington, March 16.—Inferences that Germany may have made a new peace offer to the allies, proposing terms at the expense of Russia, coincide with an undecurrent of discussion which has been running in diplomatic circles here for some time, but which never has shown any evidence of tangible development.

The statement of Lord Robert Cecil in London yesterday that no such proposals would be considered, coupled with Marshal Hindenburg's announcement that the German offensive would go on in view of the enemy's unpromising attitude toward Germany's peace intentions, served to strengthen the view of neutral diplomats who for some time have believed that some sort of underground feelers have been going out for some time.

To Give Alsace Lorraine

Some of the neutral diplomats, however, have for some time firmly believed that Germany would be willing even to give up Alsace-Lorraine if such were permitted to retain her hold on the Baltic provinces, and the mineral belts in the other nearby sections of Russia. The general current of opinion in diplomatic circles for some time has turned toward the possibility of Germany attempting to give way in the west and make up her losses in the east.

The extent to which the question of future supplies of iron ore enter into Germany's peace plans is indicated by latest advice received here showing discussion of the subject in Germany. These show that Germany knows production of ore within her own borders is limited by exports to fifty years, that Sweden, contemplating an iron industry of her own, will require her own ore and that the deposits in Spain, upon which Germany also has drawn, is approaching exhaustion.

Consequently German officials contend that her supply of ore must logically come from the fields in Norway and Brier, assuring ore for a century, unless it is to come from somewhere else. Inasmuch as the allies are pledged by repeated declaration to the restoration of France, diplomats see in proposed permanent acquisition of mineral belts in the Russian provinces Germany's last hope of remaining a military power.

Saving for War is as important as Conserving Food

Says Donald McCormick Buy a Thrift Stamp Now!

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and warm to-night and Sunday; lowest temperature tonight about freezing.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair, warmer to-night and Sunday; moderate winds, becoming south and southwest.

The Susquehanna river and all its branches will fall the North and West branches quite rapidly by this afternoon and Sunday, and the main river Sunday. A stage of about 13.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Sunday.

General Conditions Under the influence of the high pressure area that covers nearly all the country, fair weather has prevailed in all districts, except in Florida and along the West Gulf coast, where light rains have fallen.

It is 2 to 24 degrees colder from the Great Lakes eastward to the Atlantic coast, south and east of the Ohio river and in the Southwest.

A depression that has appeared over Manitoba has caused a general rise of 2 to 20 degrees in temperature along the northern border from New York State westward to the Pacific coast and in the Canadian provinces.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 24. Sun: Breeze, 6 to 4 m.; sets 5:55 p. m.

Moist: First quarter, March 19, 12:30 a. m. River gauge: 75.7 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 48. Lowest temperature, 32. Mean temperature, 40. Normal temperature, 37.

CARS FOR BEER WHILE NATION BEGS FOR COAL

Report of M. E. Conference Shows That 1,080,000 Cars Hauled Brewers' Output

ALSO USE MUCH SUGAR

Liquor Interests Burn Much Needed Fuel in Their Plants

By Associated Press Philadelphia, March 16.—The wiping out of the breweries of the country and the absolute prohibition of the manufacture of beer, is declared in the report presented at to-day's meeting of the 131st Philadelphia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The report, which is an official governmental order permitting the serving of liquor to soldiers and sailors in the homes of friends as a drastic measure to conserve sobriety and efficiency in the Army and Navy.

The report says in part: "The camouflage of the liquor interests compels us to look upon dis-appointing and un-American picture of a nation of a hundred million people bled and almost impotent. The largest corn crop in the history of the United States is threatened with rot for lack of cars for transportation purposes. The coal tonnage of the United States last year was greater than that of all Europe. The daily cry has been 'corn shortage, wheat shortage, coal shortage.' We have reason to believe that the coal famine and the corn rot danger is largely due to the fact that in 1917 the railroads of our land prostituted 1,080,000 cars for the transportation of liquor to the saloons and hotels. Three millions of tons of coal used up in producing the poison stored in the booze vats of the land. It requires no special wisdom to foresee the source of this threatened corn rot and gigantic fuel outrage."

Grain Would Support Army

"Brewing of beer in the United States was sufficient to support an army of more than five million hard working men for one year. The sugar used amounted to 549,810,000 pounds in 1916, and the molasses waste than wasted, amounted to 44,364,133 gallons. In any wonder we face starvation in our country within the next two years?"

"Imagine the power for good to ourland and our allies if these 1,080,000 cars would have been used in the transportation of corn, coal, wheat and other essentials instead of devoting them to enriching the few, impoverishing the people, making cowards of our sons, turning thousands insane and debauching the nation."

German Paper Realizes Determination of Allies to Wage Economic War

By Associated Press London (Thursday), March 14.—Germany must count as accomplished the fact of economic war between the Allies and Germany. The British and the United States sea-borne traffic in raw materials, declares the Pan-German Tagliche Rundschau, a Berlin daily, in a dispatch from The Hague to the Daily Mail. The Tagliche Rundschau adds:

"Germany must make up her mind to exploit the countries available to her and these are the Balkan and Black Sea districts, followed by the Caucasus, Transcaucasian district, Persia and Siberia."

Lower Austrian House in Turmoil as Czech and German Members Clash

By Associated Press Copenhagen, March 16.—Czech and German members of the Lower House of the Austrian Parliament engaged in a wild scuffle in which several were injured Thursday during a speech by the Czech deputy, Soukup, says a Vienna dispatch to the Hamburger Fremdenblatt. The disturbance became so serious that the chairman had to dissolve the sitting.

Deputy Soukup complained that Prague, the capital of Bohemia, had been for several days without food, Russian potatoes. It was not indicated what might be its form or its manner of delivery.

America's attitude toward intervention in Siberia Japan, whether she acts independently or in conjunction with other powers, has not undergone any change, it was said to-day at the State Department.

Washington Remains Firm Against Japan's Plan of Intervention

By Associated Press Washington, March 16.—There were intimations in official circles to-day that President Wilson might make an early declaration on the Russian situation. It was not indicated what might be its form or its manner of delivery. America's attitude toward intervention in Siberia Japan, whether she acts independently or in conjunction with other powers, has not undergone any change, it was said to-day at the State Department.

It is known that the United States has been doubtful of the need of intervention by Japan, many officials of this Government fearing that such a move might bring together the various factions in Russia to combat the Japanese if they were supported by the armies of the empire and America and however good their intentions.

WE NEED THE GROUND FOR WAR GARDENS



SIX VICTIMS OF WRECK ABLE TO LEAVE HOSPITAL

Conductor Edwards Will Recover From His Serious Injuries

Six persons who were among those taken to the hospital to receive treatment for the injuries they sustained in the railroad wreck at Glouchester early yesterday morning, left the hospital this morning, and one man will leave some time this afternoon. The remainder of the injured victims of the accident were reported late to-day to be in good condition.

Armed Men Guard Big Auto Truck Hauling Millions in Gold

By Associated Press Philadelphia, March 16.—Gold, securities and bonds estimated to total more than \$100,000,000 were whisked in an armored automobile five squares over city streets to-day when the Federal Reserve Bank removed its old quarters, 408 Chestnut street, to 925 Chestnut street.

United States secret service men and the police also co-operated in forestalling a possible raid on the government treasure stocks, as they were carried from the bank and lifted into the armored car. Twelve reserve policemen formed a lane on the sidewalk through which the men carrying the sacks passed.

Secret service men in another automobile accompanied the armored car when it made the trips from the old quarters to the new. Plain clothes men were stationed at intervals along Chestnut street and they kept a watchful eye for all suspicious characters.

MUST LEAVE HIS WIFE AND SEVEN CHILDREN FOR THE ARMY

It's Plain Now That Old Man Sherman's Vocabulary Was Limited When He Described War

It wasn't Sherman's fault that he described war the way he did for the campaigns he saw were not exactly Sunday school picnics, but the doughty old general had a small vocabulary which has been greatly improved upon by some of the men classified to-day by the district appeal board.

No desire to evade the provisions of the law were shown by this man who to-day informed the board that his wife is able to take care of her self without his help. "My wife," he said, "is skilled as an amateur wrestler for which she is physically able to perform. It is immediately possible for her to get a job."

RAISE POULTRY IF YOU WANT TO EAT, IS SLOGAN

Every Citizen Urged to Make His "Backyard His Munition Factory"

The community poultry movement of Central Pennsylvania was launched at the State Capitol to-day with a stupendous burst of enthusiasm inspired partly by the unexpected appearance of a United States government poultry scientist, D. M. Green, who broke all rules and red-tape knots by reciting an original poem which is bound to become an epic. "Get your backyard a munition factory," demanded the Washington expert, "and we'll win the war in no time."

Chairman F. W. Delaney introduced Mr. Green after he himself had explained the urgency of a poultry army in Pennsylvania and told what the association had done. No vast activity inspired by the war progress to develop so swiftly as universal chicken raising. Dozens of poultry men in this section volunteered before the meeting adjourned.

Swiss Now Shelter Many War Prisoners

By Associated Press Berne, Switzerland, Thursday, March 14.—Switzerland now shelters 26,000 interned war prisoners, says a recent census. Sixteen thousand are French, English and Belgian, while 10,000 are Germans. In addition 7,000 relatives of interned men are visiting here.

Owing to the scarcity of food no further visitors for a long stay will be accepted.

CITY LIBRARIES OPENED WIDE FOR YANKS IN CAMPS

Boy Scouts Gather Hundreds of Books in Thorough Canvass

With nearly 1,500 books and hundreds of magazines already received at Boy Scout headquarters and forwarded to the Public Library, the drive for books to be used by the soldiers is a success. It is expected that before the day is ended at least 4,000 books will be in the hands of the Dauphin county district. Frank A. Robb, general manager of the Harrisburg Public Library, reports that Scouts who come in with their wagons filled with books, both new and old, tell many interesting tales of people's self-sacrifice in giving books. Late fiction by Robert W.

Liberty Loan Committeemen Named For Campaign About to Be Launched in District

Two chairmen of sub-committees for the Third Liberty Loan drive in this district have been appointed by William Jennings, chairman of the district. Mr. Jennings, chairman of the district, has named Frank A. Robb, general manager of the Bethlehem Steel Mills, at Steelton, will be the chairman of the drive at Steelton and have charge of the various canvassing committees there.

J. Landis Stricker, postmaster at Hummelstown, will be the chairman of the Hummelstown committee. Mr. Stricker was a worker on the committee during two previous drives and his fine work made his promotion to the chairmanship logical.

Henderson Gilbert has been appointed chairman of the "Stunts" committee in the city drive by A. S. Patterson yesterday. This is only one of the many committees that will conduct the drive here.

Whisky by the Gallon Runs in Market Street

With several gallons of whisky running down the trolley car tracks in Market street this afternoon, 300 boys and men stopped long enough to get much gratuitous advice to the owner who sorrowfully watched his supply soak into the asphalt with one's swift to compensate him for his money.

The owner with another man came into the city about noon and filled a red-covered suit case with "bottled goods." As he was crossing Market street, near Dewberry, the top came loose and the bottle toppled out. He refused to give his name.

DRIVE OFF A GERMAN PATROL BY GUNFIRE

Americans Near Toul Fought Hun Plan at Raid; Kill Several

SILENCE ENEMY SNIPERS

Believe Germans Have Abandoned Lines Now Held by Sammees

By Associated Press With the American Army in France, Wednesday, March 13.—Active artillery firing continues on the American sector northwest of Toul and east of Lunville. A considerable number of gas shells have been falling intermittently on the Toul front. An enemy patrol was discovered this morning in the American wire entanglements northwest of Toul. The Germans were driven off with rifle fire and a number of them were hit. One body was left hanging in the wire.

American snipers have been very busy on both sectors. East of Lunville six enemy snipers were silenced by the Americans. On the Toul front during last night and today considerable talking, and even singing, was heard within the enemy lines. Several times the Germans stuck their heads over the parapets to see what the Americans were doing.

After several of their number were hit, the Germans stopped looting. Recaptured German Prisoner. At one place last night an American sentry saw a figure slinking through the darkness. The man halted when he saw the sentry and was found to be a German prisoner who had escaped and was trying to get back to his own lines. The German was turned over to the French authorities.

The place where the German was captured was not far from where an American one-pounder was busy firing on a large nest of enemy snipers. The Germans withdrew.

The American artillery in the Toul sector again battered the German lines and observation posts and caused an explosion, probably of an ammunition dump. Hundreds of big shells were sent into three new German trenches, where weapons resembling gas projectors had been erected.

Huns Hurling Big Shells The visibility was poor to-day, but many airplanes were up. It is believed that the Germans have permanently abandoned trenches to the northeast of Badonvillers, near Lunville. The enemy now is hurling quantities of large shells some of two inches, at the American positions there.

An Associated Press dispatch from the American front in France Thursday reported that General Pershing's men had made their first permanent advance in occupying evacuated trenches northeast of Badonvillers and consolidating them with their own lines. German attempts to eject the Americans were repulsed.

American Legation Protests to Mannerheim Over Arrest of Emery

By Associated Press Stockholm, March 15.—An attaché of the American legation left to-day for Finland carrying a formal protest from Minister Morris to General Mannerheim, commander of the government forces, against the arrest of six Britishers in the same port with Mr. Emery, all of whom were taken aboard a German steamer and taken to Danzig, Germany.

Minister Morris did not wait for instructions from Washington, but called a conference of entente ministers which decided to take the matter straight to General Mannerheim who will have a chance to show whether Finland is an independent state or a vassal of Germany.

Maximalists Murder Japs in Siberia

By Associated Press London, March 16.—Maximalists in Siberia have murdered 150 Japanese at Blagovieshtchensk, capital of the Amur province, says a report printed in the newspaper Hochi Shimbun, Friday, and forwarded by Reuter's Limited.

A dispatch from Tien Tsin, China, to the Daily Mail, says the Japanese embassy at Peking has been informed that during recent disturbances at Blagovieshtchensk, three Japanese were killed and seven wounded while defending their property against Bolsheviks.

Fair and Warmer During Coming Week

By Associated Press Washington, March 16.—The forecast for the week beginning Monday, issued by the Weather Bureau to-day, follows: Present pressure distribution indicates that fair weather will prevail generally throughout the country during the week, with temperatures above the seasonal average as a rule.

FINAL ACTION ON GERMAN TREATY NOT DETERMINED

Negotiations With Central Powers Apparently Not Settled Finally by All Russian Congress of Soviets at Moscow; Split Occurs in Council of People's Commissioners; Social Revolutionists Oppose Ratification

London, March 16.—A conflict between the Maximalist and Social Revolutionists of the Left members of the Council of People's Commissioners occurred in Moscow Friday, says a report received here from the Petrograd Telegraph Agency.

The Social Revolutionists refused to ratify the treaty of peace with Germany and said they were resolved to resign the moment the treaty is ratified by the All-Russian Congress of Soviets.

Final action on the German peace treaty apparently has not yet been taken by the All-Russian Congress of Soviets at Moscow. While the Social Revolutionists of the Left reported Thursday from Petrograd that the Congress had decided overwhelmingly to ratify the treaty, advice from Moscow Friday says there has been a split in the Council of People's Commissioners and indicate that Russia has not yet been committed to the German terms.

Bolshevik approval of the treaty seemingly has aroused the members of the government belonging to the part of the Social Revolutionists of the Left who refuse to ratify it. The Social Revolutionists are said to have resolved to resign from the council if the congress approve the treaty. This probably means that decisive action has not yet been taken by the congress as a whole.

An Associated Press dispatch from Moscow, dated Thursday, says the Bolsheviks at a party caucus voted to approve the course of the Lenin government in agreeing to the German terms, which nevertheless they

TWO AVIATORS KILLED IN FALL

Port Worth Texas—Two American aviators were killed in a fall at Hicks field late to-day.

SEEK CAUSE OF POISONING

Covington, Ky.—With 125 horses dead and 145 others that will probably die, the investigation into the alleged poisoning of a large consignment of government horses here yesterday continued with unabated zeal to-day.

30 BURNED IN LUMBER CAMP

Truro, N. S.—Word reached here to-day that twenty persons were burned to death when the lumber camp of A. A. Sutherland at Alvin Siding, N. S., was destroyed by fire last night. The dead include the wife and six children of one of the lumbermen.

NEGRO LYNCHEE IN COURTHOUSE YARD

Monroe—The body of George McNeal, one of the two negroes arrested yesterday, suspected of implication in the assault of a young white woman here Thursday, was found hanging to a tree in the court house yard early to-day.

DUTCH ACCEPT ALLIES' DEMAND

Amsterdam—The Associated Press learns on excellent authority that the Dutch government has accepted the demand of the allied governments to the use of Dutch ships in the danger zone.

DAYLIGHT SAVING NOW UP TO WILSON

Washington—Daylight saving now waits only on Wilson's approval. House amendments to the daylight saving bill requiring all time pieces to be advanced one hour beginning the last Sunday in March, were accepted to-day by the Senate.

FRESH DISORDERS ON GERMAN FLEET

Petrograd—Fresh disorders have occurred in the German fleet off the Aland Islands, says the Russian military newspaper Krasnaya Armiya. The Germans, it is added, have occupied Razdelnaya station on the Odessa railway line, and the evacuation of Odessa and Nicholai is proceeding.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harvey C. Davidson and Nellie J. Bethyon, Burnham; John P. Prosser and Margaret C. Hottelot, Harrisburg; Charles T. Jones and Eleonor M. Evans, Harrisburg; Carmine Carlier and Ruth G. Stauffer, Harrisburg; Harry B. Gross, Allen, and Clara M. Brown, Hovmandale; Claude N. Hoffman and Esther N. Lawrence, Harrisburg.