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TROTSKY IN LIGHT OF GERMAN EMISSARY

DISCUSSING PRESIDENT WILSON'S PEACE PROPOSALS HE USES GERMAN PROPOGRANDA IN CRITICISM AND ATTACK

DISPLAYS WEAKNESS IN WORLD AFFAIRS

(By United Press)
Petrograd, Feb. 1.—Polish legions in the vicinity of Minsk have declared war against the Bolsheviks, according to dispatches from that city.

Bolshevik forces are said to have attacked General Ottapovis division, and hot fighting is under way.

Petrograd, Jan. 28. (Delayed)—Copyright. Foreign Minister Leon Trotsky today replied to the war aims declaration of President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George.

Referring to the president's peace proposals Trotsky said: "academically speaking President Wilson's latest peace formula seeks to meet ours, but if applied in reality would result practically in a similar plan to the German diplomacy."

"The central empires originally accepted our formula in their declaration on December 25 whereafter in applying it practically resolved itself into an annexationist imperialistic demand under cover of a democratic formula.

"Manifestly President Wilson addressed himself primarily to Austro-Hungary. He is willing to concede autonomy to nationalities within the dual monarchy, but not their independence, thus hoping to divorce the dual monarchy from the central alliance.

"Mr. Wilson's latest formula actuated primarily by the important fact that America does not seek territorial aggrandizement, but is strengthening the preparation for her own imperialism.

"The problem of the American middle class is to obtain an awakening to the imperialistic sides of the European conflict in order to make American capitalism her European capitalism. That is why the praise bestowed upon us by Mr. Wilson, when only two weeks before American and entente press called us German agents, has not called out from our side the enthusiastic response it expected."

HOSPITAL CASES IN COMPARISON

Washington, Feb. 1.—A recent comparison of health reports from troops in the United States and the Expeditionary Forces shows the admission rate to hospitals to be greater among the men in France.

Admissions to hospitals in one week in the Expeditionary Forces, figured on a basis of 1,000 men, were 45.2; in the United States the rate was 33.7 per 1,000 men. In the overseas forces the non-effective rate (the total number of men excused from duty for any injury or ailment, whether or not ordered to hospital) was 54.1 per 1,000 men; in the troops in the United States it was 46.4.

FOOD RULING ON FLOUR, ETC.

Raleigh, Feb. 1.—The following is the specific new ruling of the food administration covering the sale of wheat flour, and what constitutes the substitutes which dealers are required to sell together with wheat flour which is shown on a card received by the local food chairman, Mr. W. E. Smith, who will be glad to advise with anyone.

This is as follows:

(1) All retailers are forbidden to sell wheat flour except in combination pound for pound, with other cereal. These other cereals are as follows: Corn meal, edible corn starch, homony, grits, oat meal, rolled oats, buckwheat flour, rice, rice flour, edible wheat shorts or middlings, corn grits, barley flour, cottonseed flour, milo, kaffir, sweet potato flour, potato flour, fetarita flours, and meals, soybean flour, peanut flour, cassava flour, taro flour, banana flour.

(2) The dealer may sell one pound of whole wheat in combination with half a pound of other cereal substitutes, as the whole wheat flour contains twenty-five per cent of wheat middlings and bran.

(3) The retailer is required to distribute the flour he receives as equitably as possible among his customers so that no customer shall receive more than his fair share. The dealer must sell not more than 24 to 48 pounds of flour at one time to any customer in a town or city, nor more than 48 to 98 pounds to a customer in the country.

(4) Because of the necessity and desirability of selling smaller quantities of flour as a result of the new ruling regarding combination sales, our recent ruling fixing the maximum price of flour at \$12.50 per barrel is hereby revoked, and merchants are authorized to charge their usual profits up to one cent a pound on flour in quantities less than 24 pounds.

HENRY A. PAGE
Food Administrator for North Carolina

FRANK REPORT SAYS ZEITUNG

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, Feb. 1.—From uncensored sources the Committee on Public Information has received editorial comment on the President's recent message in the Frankfurter Zeitung a liberal organ with large circulation throughout the German Empire. The following paragraph appears in the translation:

"The foundation for the peace negotiations has not yet been found, but we have approached much nearer to it. Wilson seeks a way out of the war and does so in a manner not entirely in accord with us. We see no reason for exposing ourselves any longer to the charge of lack of clarity about our war aims. Germany and her allies should come out openly with their terms. Then perhaps it will be seen that a continuation of the war can be avoided and the resistance of governments to the desire for peace of their peoples can be overcome."

SHOOT TO KILL ALL STRIKERS

(By United Press.)
Amsterdam, Feb. 1.—Germany is ready to shoot to kill as a final desperate means of putting down the strike.

No distinction will be made between strikers and others, it is officially announced in Berlin today.

ATTEMPT ON LENINE'S LIFE

(By UNITED PRESS)
Petrograd, Feb. 1.—Another attempt on the life of Nikolai Lenine, the Bolshevik premier, was made today.

An unidentified youth got past the guards at the Smolny Institute and fired at Lenine, but missed the mark.

The assailant was arrested and the guards will be court-martialed.

KITCHIN HANDLES WAR FINANCING

Washington, Feb. 1.—Democratic leader, Claude Kitchin, Secretary McAdoo and Senator Simmons, in conference agreed upon the administration to create the War Finance Corporation with half a billion dollars of capital, and with authority to issue four millions in short term notes to finance private war industrial operation.

This bill will be introduced in the house by Majority leader Kitchin, and simultaneously in the senate by Senator Simmons, on Monday, Secretary McAdoo urging prompt action on that measure and also on the administration railroad bill.

SPAIN, A COMPLEX QUESTION FOR ALLIES

UNITED STATES DEMANDS EXPLANATION FOR ACTS CONTRARY TO NEUTRAL PROFESSION AND HOLDS SHIPS WITHOUT COAL

70,000 GERMAN RESERVISTS IN SPAIN

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, Feb. 1.—Spain today is one of the most important and complex problems facing the United States and the allies.

Already she is feeling the teeth of America's grim war determination to make her answer for her interference with shipments of needed supplies for General Pershing in France.

Three of her big merchant ships are idle in New York being refused bunker coal licenses pending the outcome of negotiations now going on, the nature of which cannot be revealed.

Meantime the United States is able to prevent an authoritative sight into Spanish conditions based on information sent here of a reliability that cannot be questioned.

Her army is regarded as pro-

AIR RAID OVER PARIS

(By UNITED PRESS)
Paris, Feb. 1.—Forty-five persons were killed including eleven women and five children and two hundred and seven wounded in Wednesday night's air raid on Paris, it was officially announced today.

COSSACKS IN CIVIL CONFLICT

(By United Press.)
Petrograd, Feb. 1.—The Cossack regiments which revolted against General Kaledine, the hetman of the Don Cossacks, have declared a civil war, according to advice received here today.

Following their capture of Kieff the Bolshevik forces are continuing their advance against the revolting Ukrainians.

WIFE AND CHILD DEPENDENCY

(By United Press.)
Washington, Feb. 1.—A statement by the Provost Marshal General shows that of 859,150 total discharge for dependency 743,141, or 86.50 per cent, were for wife or wife and children: widowed parent, 6.51 per cent; in firm parent, 5.75 per cent; motherless child, 0.66 per cent; minor orphan brothers and sisters, 0.58 per cent.

Of the total of 1,057,363 men certified for service in the National Army 418,309, or 39.56 per cent, are listed as involuntary conscripts—those failed to appear or file unsuccessful claims for exemption or discharge. Voluntary conscripts—those who filed no claims for exemption or discharge—number 639,054.

"EVERY MAN MUST NOW DO HIS DUTY"

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JOHN JILL IS CAPTURED

(By UNITED PRESS)
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"We must win, therefore, and we shall win."

Thus president Wilson spoke yesterday through the lips of President James of the University of Illinois, and was only prevented from presenting his message to the farmers of the nation on account of a severe cold.

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ICE SHORTAGE NEXT SUMMER

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, Feb. 1.—A large harvest and storage of natural ice for summer use is being urged, accompanied by the statement that unprecedented demands for ammonia by the Army and Navy indicate a shortage in this chemical so widely used in producing ice and in refrigeration.

A shortage of ice during warm weather in 1918 would result in untold waste of perishable foods in the home, in small creameries and other establishments dependent upon constant ice service. The United States Department of Agriculture has for distribution complete information on harvesting and storing of natural ice.

RED CROSS INSTRUCTOR

The local Red Cross are expecting an instructor next week on the proper making and handling of bandages. She will have a class of about twenty.

BOY SCOUTS MEETING

The Scout Master, Dr. D. F. Keel, has ordered a meeting of the Boy Scouts for tonight at 7:30 at the School building.

The meeting is of considerable importance and the scout master desires that all Scouts be present.

'FATTY' WONDERS OVER RECIPIENT

By J. W. Pegler
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
With the American Expeditionary Army, France, Dec. 26 (By Mail)—Roscoe Arbuckle sent a package of cigarettes to France to be given to the Sammys.

Fatty, the laugh-maker would never guess in a million years who got those cigarettes.

Telling is against the rules but maybe Fatty Arbuckle can recognize the recipient from these facts about him:

Six feet tall, lanky, fire-red-haired, generous and, back in the fall of 1914 the idol of every sand-lot for something he did with a bat and ball on a certain field in Boston.

He says they were good cigarettes.

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GREAT INCREASE AUXILIARY CORPS

(By United Press.)
Washington, Feb. 1.—When war was declared the strength of the United States Army in animals was 66,145; it is now over 344,000. The Remount Service April 6 consisted of one officer and four clerks in Washington. The Veterinary Corps, responsible for the treatment of animals, consisted of 64 officers and no enlisted personnel when the United States entered the war.

The Veterinary Corps faced the job of building an organization of about 1,000 men and 12,000 men. The 1,000 officers have been secured and enlisted men are being transferred at a rate which will soon bring it up to its full authorized strength.

The Remount Service strength is about 300 officers and 11,000 enlisted men. In place of 5 remount depots it has 34, for which plans had to be drawn, sites chosen, and construction of shelter, hospitals, storage buildings, and unloading facilities in short time.

COTTON MARKET

	Open	High	Low	Close
Mar.	30.42	30.42	29.88	29.98
May	29.76	29.76	29.27	29.35
July	29.21	29.21	28.85	28.90
Oct.	28.83	28.83	28.35	28.54
Dec.	27.63	27.63	27.28	27.28

Local Market 28 cents.
COTTONSEED MARKET.
\$1.08 per bushel in wagon loads.