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GERMAN-AUSTRIA NEAR REVOLUTION

FEAR IS NOW EXPRESSED THAT BOLSHEVISM HAS TAKEN A STRONG GRIP UPON THE PEOPLE THAT ARE NEAREST TO HUNGARY

MAY MERGE WITH HUNGARY'S SOVIETS

By Associated Press

Paris, March 25.—German Austria, one agent reported, has even fixed the date for some time in April from the transformation of the existing government into a Soviet government which will cooperate, or merge, with the Hungarian Soviet.

Paris, March 25.—Conditions in Hungary seem to have affected German-Austria as advised to the American Peace Conference delegates from private sources in Vienna indicate the existence of a threatening state of affairs there.

LEAGUE-NATIONS COVENANT READY

Paris, March 25.—During a three-hour session last night the League of Nations Commission considered proposed amendments to the covenant and disposed tentatively of the first sixteen sections, agreeing upon a number of changes in form which the members of the commission believe will meet more than fifty per cent of the objections offered by Senator Lodge and other American senators.

Paris, March 25.—No action has been taken by the League of Nations Commission on the amendments safeguarding the Monroe Doctrine, but the subject will probably be considered at the next meeting to be held tomorrow.

COSSACKS BEAT LARGE FORCE

By Associated Press

London, March 25.—Six Bolshevik regiments on the northern Don front have been driven over the Donetz river by Don cossacks, it is stated in an undated dispatch from Ekaterinadar.

MARTIAL LAW PROCLAIMED

By Associated Press

Madrid, March 25.—Martial law was proclaimed this morning and it is understood the constitutional guarantees may be suspended for a week throughout Spain.

EMPEROR KARL IN SWITZERLAND

By Associated Press

Zurich, March 25.—Former Emperor Charles and family arrived in Switzerland today. They will reside near Rorschach.

WALTERS BILL CONTAINS TRICK

Albany, March 25.—Concealed in the "whereas" of the much heralded Walters Bolshevik resolution, Democratic leaders have discovered as cute a political trick as has been attempted in the Legislature. It provides:

1. For a Republican commission with an appropriation of \$50,000 which shall supersede the Democratic Reconstruction Commission created by Governor Smith and left without funds by the Republicans.

2. Under the guise of an investigation of alarmist conditions this Republican Reconstruction Commission is empowered to make an investigation of the economic relations of capital and labor in New York state, and bring in legislation directed against organized labor in concert with the real object of its backers.

3. It will create a job for the discredited Deputy Attorney-General, Alfred L. Becker, now under charges of perjury and already chosen for special investigator.

4. It can be used by the powerful interests behind to delve into utility finances in the State and to further the fight for higher fares as against public ownership of public utilities.

5. General reorganization of labor laws also will come under the scope of the proposed commission and a raid can be started against protectionary statutes safeguarding State workers.

NEW CLUE TO WILKINS MURDER

Mincola, L. I., March 25.—A small leather, blood-smeared pocketbook, said by detectives on the Wilkins murder case to have belonged to Mrs. Julia Wilkins, was found in the Wilkin home at Long Beach, and will be sent to Manhattan for fingerprint analysis. The Nassau County authorities say the pocketbook was always carried by Mrs. Wilkins in her handbag. There was not a cent in it when picked up by the detectives but there were blood marks on the outside and the inside as well. The bag, owned by Mrs. Wilkins, was found lying alongside the spot where she was killed, and the authorities are working on theory that it was probably in the bag carried by Mrs. Wilkins and was hurriedly extracted, emptied and thrown into the attic room where it was found.

COTTON MARKET

Owing to the parade in New York of the 27th division the cotton market was closed today.

PREFER PRISON TO FIGHTING

(By Associated Press)

Harbin, March 25.—Rather than serve at the front against the Bolsheviks thirty five hundred Rumanian prisoners of war have been released by the all-Russian government at Omsk and have surrendered their arms and returned to prison, an Irkutsk dispatch says. The Rumanians also refused to guard the railroads in Siberia.

COL. RHINEHART FALLS FROM AIRPLANE

Austin, Texas, March 25.—Colonel Claude Rhinehart, commanding officer of Kelly Field, San Antonio, was seriously hurt here. The plane in which he was riding at Pennsylvania field crashed to the ground.

It is thought that he will recover.

MRS BONTELLE'S BODY FOUND

Nahant, Mass., March 25.—The body of Mrs. George K. Boutelle, wife of the president of the Ticone Bank of Waterville, Me., was found on the rocks off East Point. She had been missing from a sanitarium.

VON ECKHARDT SAILS HOME

New York, March 25.—Heinrich Von Eckhardt, former German minister to Mexico, to whom was sent the famous Zimmermann note in which Germany proposed an alliance with Mexico and Japan in case the United States entered the war, arrived here from Mexico City by way of Laredo, Texas, and St. Louis on his way to Germany.

Accompanied by Johannes Brunow, a former German consul-general in Mexico, Von Eckhardt has assurance from the American and Allied governments of safe conduct.

LABOR REPORT NEARLY READY

By Associated Press

Paris, March 25.—The terms of the report the commission on International Labor Legislation will make to the Peace Conference were decided upon yesterday at their last meeting.

JUGO-SLAVS WANT PRESTIGE

(By Associated Press)

Paris, March 25.—Jugo-Slovene delegates to the Peace Conference take a pessimistic view of the situation in their country.

Poland and Rumania say that those regions are likely to be affected by the Bolshevik revolution in Hungary.

Delegates derive from the situation an argument in favor of recognition of the Jugo-Slav nation as a means of strengthening the authority and prestige of that government.

SMALL LOSSES IN CASUALTIES

Washington, March 25.—Four lists issued today show losses of 232 men of which North Carolina contributed five names, as follows: Sergeant Jacob Woodard, of Wilson died of disease.

Corporal Jackson Collins, of Salisbury; Privates Burton Lewis of High Point; Eddie Bullock, of Fair Bluff and Frank Smith, of Rocky Mount were wounded slightly.

PRESS CONDEMN SECRET MEETING

(By Associated Press)

Paris, March 25.—The decision of the Supreme Council of the Peace Conference to allow nothing to be published regarding its proceedings but the official communiqué has aroused indignation in the Paris press.

Newspapers that were in the habit of commenting upon foreign affairs condemn the action in strong terms.

HUNGARY'S UPHEAVAL STIRS OTHER NATIONS

RUSSIAN BOLSHEVISTS VERY ACTIVE IN CENTRAL EUROPE AND FEAR IS EVINCED THAT THEY MAY NOW SPREAD TO THE GREAT COUNTRIES

PLANS LAID TO CHECK RED INVASION.

By Associated Press

WILSON VISITS BATTLE FIELDS

Paris, March 25.—President Wilson, accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, Miss Ethel Benham, Mrs. Wilson's secretary and Admiral Gray Grayson, visited some of the bloodiest battlefields of northern France on Sunday. On his return the President said:

"The day has been very instructive to me. It has been in many ways exceedingly painful, because it was deeply distressing, but it has enabled me to have a fuller conception than ever of the extraordinary suffering and hardships of the people of France in the baptism of cruel fire through which they have passed."

Among the regions inspected by Mr. Wilson and his party were the famous Chemin des Dames (Ladies Road), Scissons, Coucy-le-Chateau, Chauny, Noyon, Montdidier and the neighboring regions, all places which gave the President a vivid impression of the battles fought there and the havoc wrought.

At a little inn at Soissons only half repaired from the damage done by shells, the party had luncheon.

NAVAL SECRET OF OCEAN FLIGHT

Washington, March 25.—Eight navy officers have the key of the big secret of the proposed seaplane flight across the Atlantic. The secret made possible a 1,000-mile sustained flight two months ago.

The method is depended upon to bring success to the two thousand mile attempt. How the 1,000 mile journey was accomplished is the secret which has never been revealed.

DEMAND THE SURRENDER OF COMMANDERS

Berlin, March 25.—Demand that the peace treaty contain a clause granting amnesty to German submarine commanders for the outrages they committed in the ruthless submarine warfare, is voiced by the Allgemeine Zeitung. The Berlin newspapers evidently expect that the Allies will demand the surrender of all German submarine commanders and to present an argument to show why these men should not be punished for the crimes they committed on or under the seas. The paper also gives warning that any attempt to hold them responsible for their murders of innocent persons might bring the flame of international hatred.

Copenhagen, March 25.—The claims of the Hungarian Soviet to supreme power is largely untrue, according to a Vienna dispatch.

Panic prevails in Budapest but the country, it is declared, has not yet resolved upon the Soviet Republic.

It is reported that a voluntary surrender of arms was made by the French because the men alleged the friction with Bolshevism was incessant, the message states.

There is a rumor that the Entente Commission at Budapest is detained by the Hungarians.

Correspondents say that the rumored advance of the Russian rebel troops toward Hungary is unfounded.

Amsterdam, March 25.—The new Hungarian government at its first meeting on Saturday, says a Budapest dispatch, decided to abolish all titles of rank; to separate the church and state and to dismiss all commissions of Karolyi's government, while inviting workmen's councils to select directorate of four members each to replace them.

Berne, March 25.—The Bolshevik army enroute to Hungary had reached Brody, according to latest news received here.

Vienna, March 25.—A dispatch to the Nieu Prie press says the British and French mission at Budapest, consisting of 246 men have been disarmed and a wireless has been sent to Lenin, the Russian Bolshevik premier, announcing that the entente missions had left Budapest.

The dispatch added "the French troops have been disarmed by us. Mutinies occurred in some of the French regiments."

Copenhagen, March 24 (wireless via London)—All Hungary has turned Bolshevik. A Soviet government has taken the palace of the Karolyi cabinet. It is headed by Alexander Carboi as premier and Bela Kun as foreign minister. Communists and extreme socialists dominate the new regime, which is out-and-out Bolshevik.

A great Russian Bolshevik army is reported to be ready between Brody and Stanislaw.

Several regiments of Czechoslovaks, inspired by Bolshevik propaganda, have mutinied and gone over to the Reds. They are now in Hungary.

SENATORS FLY OVER CAPITOL

Washington, March 25.—A flight over Washington was made by Senators King, of Utah; Sterling, of South Dakota, and Fletcher, of Florida, in a four passenger bombing airplane piloted by Captain Roy Francis.

DROPPING THE PILOT

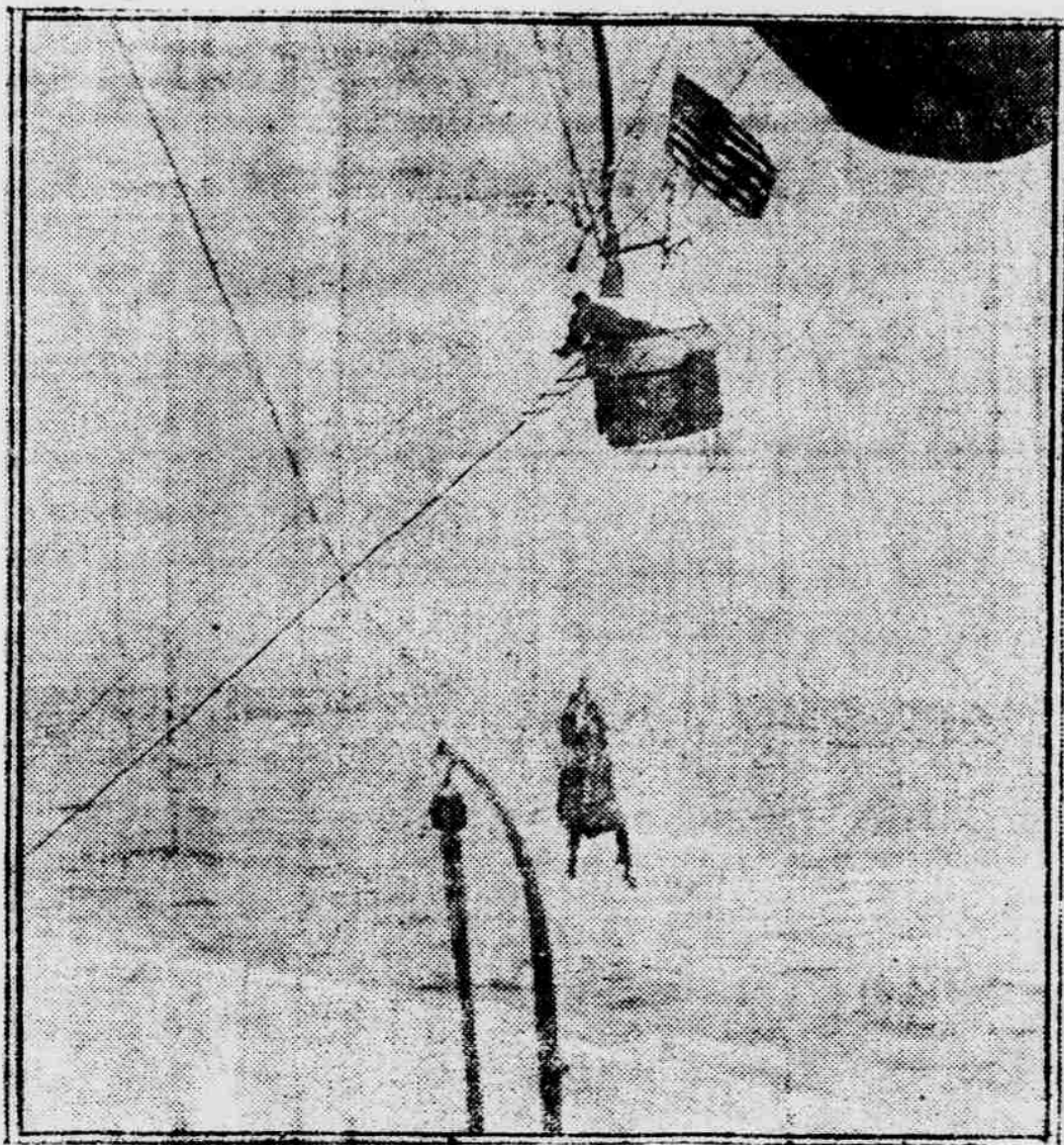


Photo just released shows the dropping of the pilot of an observation balloon with an American flag in European waters.