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## PREMIER LENINE SEES "WRITING ON WALL"

REVOLUTION AND ALLIED OPPOSITION TO BOLSHEVISM HAS CAUSED RED LEADER TO APPEAL FOR TERMS

### HE HAS MADE DEFINATE CONCRETE PROPOSAL

By Associated Press  
London, April 4.—Reports that the revolution against the Soviet government has broken out in Petrograd are supported by an official Russian wireless dispatch received here, which says that there is a serious strike of railway men in the Petrograd region. The strike, it is said, was prompted by the Mensheviks and the Social Revolutionaries. The Russian wireless message reads: "There is no transport, and consequently there is no bread in Petrograd. The Mensheviks and the Social Revolutionaries are calling out the railway men, and railway communication has been stopped."

Paris, April 4.—The Peace Conference has a definite and concrete proposal from the Russian government for cessation of hostilities, hearing Premier Lenine's nature. It also has authoritative information that Karl Kautsky, German Radical, is in Moscow seeking to accomplish a formal alliance between Germany and Russia.

Secrecy surrounds the Lenine proposal, but it is known it offers a way to end hostilities between the Russian and British governments. How America is affected is impossible to ascertain. There appears to be an opportunity to break at the outset the rapidly moving Bolshevik front—Russia, Hungary, and with Germany, and possibly Rumania and Serbia.

## TUNNEL BETWEEN ENGLAND-FRANCE

(By The Associated Press)  
London, April 4.—Construction of a tunnel under the English Channel to connect England and France which, according to government announcements, will soon begin, is a century-old scheme hatched by Napoleon by the celebrated French engineer Mathieu. Napoleon favored it but nothing came of the plan owing to war and Napoleon's downfall. It was not until Napoleon III came to the French throne that actual preliminary work was undertaken, with approval of the French ruler and Queen Victoria.

The Franco-Prussian war and the scheme again lapsed. Shortly after that war a convention was signed between France and England setting forth the conditions under which the tunnel could be constructed. On the English side boring operations were begun near Dover at a depth of 100 feet and a seven foot tunnel bored for a distance of 2,000 yards. Strong opposition on grounds of military strategy developed in the British Parliament against the project and again it was dropped.

## MISS CRITTENDEN HAS BROKEN ARM

This afternoon while driving a Ford car between Coughenour's Mill and Mr. G. K. Moore's place Miss Claty Crittenden lost control and the car turned over, breaking Miss Crittenden's arm. The young lady was rushed to Dr. Thigpen's office where the arm was set and the patient taken home. It is not thought that any other bones are broken nor is there likelihood of complications setting in.

## 800,000 MEN IN BOLSHEV ARMY

(By Associated Press)  
Berne, April 4.—The armies under the command of the Bolshevik government in Russia comprise approximately 800,000 men but only about 250,000 of them are actual combatants, according to information received here from sources usually considered reliable. The forces are divided into fifteen armies of 17,000 combatants each. Twelve of them are described as completely organized. Each army consist of two or three divisions of two, three or four regiments. The number of officers and men in each regiment varies from a few hundred to two thousand.

## MINERS WANT GOV. OWNERSHIPS

Indianapolis, Ind., April 4.—American miners will stand "shoulder to shoulder" with the miners of Great Britain on the question of wages and working conditions, according to Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois district of the United Mine Workers of America. Mr. Farrington made the statement in explaining the objects of the three principal recommendations recently embodied in the report of the general policy committee of the United Mine Workers, which call for increased wages, shorter hours and nationalization of mines. The recommendations, which were made by Frank J. Hayes, international president, serve as notice to the United States government as well as the British government that the attitude of Great Britain miners is reflected in America, Mr. Farrington said. He added that only through nationalization of mines could a six-hour day, a five-day week, and increased wages be brought about.

## UMBRIA SUNK -STRUCK MINE

(By Associated Press)  
Paris, April 4.—The Italian transport Umbria, with two thousand soldiers, bound for Vaniceto and Tripoli is said to have struck a mine and sunk, according to advices from Bari, Italy quoting the newspaper of that city. Several on board were killed and over one hundred injured.

## 142 NAMES IN CASUALTY LIST

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, April 4.—Two casualty lists were issued today by the War Department giving the names of 141 men killed, wounded or died of disease and missing, of which only one was a North Carolinian: Private Frank B. Williams, of Lewiston, died of disease.

## "RAINBOW" MEN COMING HOME

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, April 4.—The assignment of the complete rainbow division to an early convoy home is announced by the War Department.

## QUEEN VICTORIA HAS OPERATION

(By Associated Press)  
Madrid, April 4.—The condition of Queen Victoria, who underwent a slight operation on Wednesday, is satisfactory, according to an official announcement.

## MRS J. D. THRASH RECEIVES BANNER

(By Associated Press)  
Louisville, Ky., April 4.—A number of addresses and the transaction of general business is the program for today of the Daughters of the Confederacy Convention now in session here. A number of banners and loving cups were awarded last night for the best essays upon subjects of importance to confederate history. North Carolina for the second consecutive time when Mrs. L. H. Raines banner was received by the State President, Mrs. Jacksie D. Thrash, of Tarboro.

## MILLION DOLLARS FOR HIGHWAYS

Atlantic City, N. J., April 4.—Atlantic County will spend nearly a million dollars on highway improvements to help provide employment for returning soldiers. The Board of Freeholders has approved a plan to pave with concrete the celebrated White Horse Pike, the main road to this resort. The road will cost about \$60,000 a mile and Atlantic City will pay nine tenths of it.

## ANGRY CROWD ATTACKS PAPER

(By Associated Press)  
Brisbane, Australia, April 4.—The Labor Newspaper here which praised the raising of the red flag by Russian demonstrators has been menaced by angry crowds which smashed the windows of the building. All hotels have been closed until further notice.

## PHILIPPINES GET FREEDOM

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, April 4.—Members of the special mission of the Philippine Legislature, seeking immediate independence for the islands were told today by Secretary Baker that he spoke the president's mind when he said that he believed the time had come to grant the complete desires of the Filipino people. Baker further stated that he believed the mission would be able to carry home word that the American people loved liberty too dearly to deny it to them.

## GERMAN STRIKE HAS COLLAPSED

(By Associated Press)  
Berlin, April 4.—The Wurtemberg government announced that the strike in that section of Germany had suddenly collapsed, according to a Stuttgart telegram.

## AMERICAN IS LONDON MYSTERY

(By Associated Press)  
London, April 4.—Is London's "mystery man" Edmund Seeley, of Chicago, a mechanic attached to the Marine Flying Corp at Dun Kirk? Here is a worm's eye view of the mystery which has London agog today, because it is still unsolved. In the American hospital at Park Lane, is a husky lad, about twenty three blue-eyed of corn-colored hair and pink-cheeked—the type the maiden war workers call "sweet"—who does not remember anything prior to 1:40 o'clock last Friday morning, when the night porter at the Curzon Hotel in Bolton street, Mayfair heard a taxicab stop for a few seconds and then speed off. Subsequently he found the lad wearing unlaced shoes and regular American underwear—nothing else. He was semi-conscious. Mysterious Mumbling When able to take the lad mumbled, "I won't sign it—by God, I won't sign it!" Later, on Friday the caretaker of Landsdowne House, Berkeley Square, nearby, found a pair of socks, a garter, a pair of naval trousers and a cap—the trousers bearing the name of Seeley. There was no wound in the boy's head and no indication of drugs or liquor. The boy was first taken to St. George's Hospital and thence to the American Naval Hospital. He was unable to talk un-

## ENGLAND AND FRANCE IN PERFECT ACCORD

LLOYD GEORGE STATES ENGLAND WILL MAKE FURTHER SACRIFICES TO SECURE INDEPENDENCE FOR FRANCE

### "BIG FOUR" MEET WITHOUT WILSON

## NEW EVIDENCE IN WILKINS CASE

(Associated Press)  
Paris, April 4.—In a statement to the Petit Parisian Premier Lloyd George denies there is any discussion between France and England regarding the guarantees for France against Germany. He declared that the understanding between the two governments was complete and England is ready to make fresh sacrifices, if necessary, to secure the peace and independence of France. Washington, April 4.—President Wilson is confined to bed in Paris with a severe cold, Read Admiral Grayson the President's physician, called Secretary Tumulty today. The president caught a cold yesterday and is unable to be about although his condition is not regarded as serious. Paris, April 4.—Although President Wilson is confined to his room today with a cold the Council of Four met in the Paris White House as usual. It is understood that all necessary matters will be referred to the sick room or conferees will consult the president personally if occasion arises. Paris, April 4.—Colonel E. M. House took President Wilson's place at the Council of Four meeting today. Paris, April 4.—Danish aspirations were received favorably at the Peace Conference, le Matin says. Indications are that Denmark will recover part of Schleswig-Holstein, of which she was deposed. The conference, the newspapers adds, has decided to return to Denmark immediately the natives of Schleswig-Holstein who served in the German army and were captured by the allies.

## NEW ATTACKS AT ARCHANGEL

(By Associated Press)  
Archangel, April 4.—At allied headquarters it was reported yesterday afternoon that the situation was unchanged on all fronts. The enemy has made no new attacks since being severely repulsed on Tuesday, but the artillery on both sides continues active on the Odozerskaia sector. London, April 4.—The Bolshevik delivered an attack on the Archangel during the last 48 hours, but were beaten off with a fair amount of losses, according to news received here. The allied losses were slight. The attack occurred at Bolshoi Ozera.

## MOTHERS CLUB MEETING TODAY

(By Associated Press)  
Mrs. Coleburn, state organizer of the National Mother's club who has been here sometime arousing interest in the work, will organize a local Mother's Club this afternoon at five o'clock in the school house. The work is quite comprehensive and includes the school, teachers, civic and church phases of the child's life. It is the purpose of The Commonwealth to give a somewhat exhaustive explanation of the purpose of the club shortly. He came or what had happened. til yesterday, when he professed no knowledge of his name, whence he came or what had happened.

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## STEEL BOUGHT BY COMPETITION

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, April 4.—Steel for the navy continues to be brought on competitive bidding regardless of the prices agreed upon by the Industries Board. This was the result reached after the legal officers of the department had ruled that the department was required by law to secure this material by public advertising for contracts said Acting Secretary Roosevelt today.

COTTON MARKET	
(Closing)	
	New
May	25.67
July	23.37
October	20.90
December	20.65
Local Market NOMINAL	