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RUSSIAN SITUATION AGAIN WIDE OPEN

Effort to Bring Conflicting Factions Together Fails And Anarchy Threatens Muscovite Empire

Petrograd, May 16.—Foreign Minister Milukoff resigned today.

(By W. G. SHEPPERD)

Petrograd, May 16.—The provisional government decided today to reject the terms which the soldiers and workmen's council proffered as acceptable to themselves for the formation of a coalition cabinet.

The insistence of the council on certain matters of foreign policy was the demand which the Duma leaders refused to approve. The provisional heads held that the Government could not make renunciation of the principles formally announced on April 9th and such renunciation was practically what the council demanded, it is understood.

The decision now made leaves the Russian situation again wide open. It came after many elements in Petrograd had hailed with relief and with gratification the action of the council in voting acceptance of the Duma Government's offer of a coalition to restore governmental order.

The precise terms of the council's acceptance have not been made public except it has been hinted that they included a demand that the minister of Foreign Affairs, Milukoff, must not appear in the re-organized cabinet. From the Government's rejection of the council's proposal, however, it is understood that the terms offered went much further than a demand for Milukoff's official head. Possibly the renunciation of certain agreements with the allies was insisted upon.

In rejecting the proposal the Duma Government issued a statement declaring that it was impossible to expect Russia to renounce the principles enunciated on April 9th. The Government further insisted that it is necessary to confirm the unity of all forces on the allied fronts and to wage an energetic struggle against internal anarchy.

SUFFRAGISTS HAVE GAINED A POINT

(By United Press)

Washington, May 16.—The President has written Chairman Pou of the House Committee on committees, urging the appointment of a special committee on Woman's Suffrage. Suffrage workers have fought for years for such a committee.

LOOKING FOR ANOTHER SITE

(By United Press)

Washington, May 16.—The objections of North Carolinians to locating a German internment camp near Asheville has caused Secretary Wilson to try to secure another site.

SUCCESSFUL OPENING AT R. E. QUINN & CO'S

A large crowd gathered at the big store of R. E. Quinn and Company an hour before the doors were opened Wednesday morning and by nine o'clock the crowd had grown so large that it was slow work and a hard job to get in the door at all. Shoppers from city and country were there not only to look on but to buy.

LOAN IS MADE TO RUSSIA TODAY

(By United Press)

Washington, May 16.—The United States Government today announced a loan of \$100,000,000 to Russia.

BRITISH REGAIN LOST GROUND

BITTER FIGHTING IN PROGRESS. GERMANS TRYING TO RETAIN INITIATIVE ON FRONT AGAINST BRITISH PRESSURE

With the British Armies Afield, May 16.—Despite the determined resistance of the Germans, the British this morning regained nearly all the ground in Bulecourt which they lost yesterday and also established new posts west of the village.

Bitter fighting is still in progress as this is dispatched. The Germans are striving their utmost to regain their initiative on that part of the front where the British pressure increasingly threatens them.

Early today the enemy started heavy barrage fire along the British front from Scarpe on the north to the railway running from Arras to Douai, a distance of about a mile. A hail of Teutonic projectiles rattled away for an hour, then came the attack.

East of Bulecourt near the Hindenburg line some Germans, including an officer, were captured today.

Rome, May 16.—Italy's great offensive is gaining ground over a front of from 25 to 30 miles. Italian guns and roaring infantry are steadily advancing. Several thousand prisoners have been taken. The fighting is very heavy behind Gorizia where apparently the greatest force of the Italian drive is launched. The big Italian guns have inflicted heavy losses.

Paris, May 16.—A tremendous German attack on a front of two and a half miles between Moulin and Lafaux has been repulsed.

Berlin, May 16.—Several hundred yards of outer trenches have been captured from the French it was announced here today.

BANQUET ON FRIDAY NIGHT

MANAGER PUGH IN RICHMOND TODAY TO SECURE PROMINENT SPEAKERS FOR OCCASION

The Annual meeting and Banquet of the Chamber of Commerce will be held Friday night instead of Thursday night as previously announced on account of the session of the Episcopal Council in the city.

The business meeting for the election of officers will be held at the Court House at eight o'clock and all members are especially urged to be present. The Banquet will be held at nine o'clock at the Southern Hotel and those desiring to attend must purchase tickets from Mr. H. G. Kramer before nine o'clock Thursday morning. The price of the tickets is \$1.50. It is necessary that the committee know how many will be present so as to make arrangement with the Hotel management.

AT NEW THEATRE FRIDAY MAY 18th

Cora Kimball Young will be seen at the New Theatre on Friday. In "Without a Soul." This has never been shown in this city before and it will be worth your while to see this wonderful production. The world's greatest screen invention will be seen both

LONDON POOR TO EAT U. S. CEREALS

(United Press Staff Correspondent) London, May 16.—Mrs. David Lloyd George, wife of the British Premier, has changed "Paddy's Goose", for years London's most notorious public house, into England's first communal "War Kitchen." Mrs. Page, wife of the American Ambassador, participated in the opening ceremony and received a warm reception when she introduced the East End poor to American cereals for the first time. "Lycett", another ill-famed English "pub" on Miles End Road has also been opened to the poor, and a third, "The Crown", which serves 17,000 hot dinners a day, is in full swing. Although intended to relieve the food shortage and suffering resulting among the East End poor, England's new communal "War Kitchens" are by no means charitable institutions. From the very beginning, Mrs. Lloyd George said, "we have sought not to make this movement another outlet for charity. It is not our intention to give away free meals, but at the same time, we hope to supply our meals at such prices that will be a real help." Expressing her confidence that this East End example would be followed throughout the country, the wife of the Premier, welcomed over 200 first day customers to the new kitchen. "I don't know any more economical way than this," she said, "of saving food and at the same time giving good nourishing food to children of the poor districts. We want to save all the toys and girls that we can. They're very precious to the nation—particularly at this present moment."

Tonight's Show At Alkrama

Tonight will mark the beginning of the new Triangle features at the Alkrama theatre.

The picture for tonight is "The Microscopic Mystery" and it is entirely different from the kind of stories that have heretofore been released on the Triangle program. It has many original twists and is said to be well worth seeing.

Miss Constant Talmage, the dainty little star of the play, makes her initial appearance in this city today and the fact that she is introduced by such a celebrity as William Lucas assures her a successful debut.

In addition to the feature picture a Metro comedy will be on the program. "The Lady Killer" is the title, and Manager Kramer says you can rest assured that it contains all the fun you are looking for.

Thursday at the Alkrama Paramount pictures presents the extraordinary Vivian Martin in one of the best pictures ever shown here. Vivian Martin is one of the favorites in Elizabeth City, and in this new play, "The Spirit of Romance" she has every opportunity to display her vivaciousness and versatility of character. Friday is special feature day at the Alkrama and Charles Ray and other Triangle stars have been booked to present "The Honorable Algy" which Manager Kramer says is one of the pictures that you can't afford to miss. Pearl White in "Pearl of the Army" is another picture for Friday night, and one that is sure to please.

ELECTED FIRE CHIEF

While the Fire Chief, Jerome Flora, is away, E. Pratt Fearing, fire man, will act as fire chief. Mr. Fearing has been a member of the Department for a number of years and it is thought he will make a good Chief.

FIRST MEMBER TO OFFER SERVICES

(By United Press) Washington, May 16.—Representative Gardner of Massachusetts, preparedness advocate, resigned from Congress to report to the officers reserve corps today. He is the first member to offer his services.

WEATHER Fair tonight, Thursday fair, warm.

GERMANS EXTORT SEVERE FINES

SEVERE PENALTIES IMPOSED FOR TRIFLING OFFENSES A MERE PRETEXT FOR WRINGING MONEY FROM POPULACE

(By HENRY WOOD)

(United Press Staff Correspondent.) With the French Armies, May 16.—Germany's efforts to "Kulturize" the occupied districts of France and Belgium by the introduction of German "system and organization" reached such a degree that the civil population was subjected to fines of the most extortionate amounts if their watches and clocks did not agree to within a few seconds of the official time as established by the "Kommandateur."

Every new town retaken by the French armies reveals fresh facts regarding the almost incredible system employed by the Germans to "Germanize" the local inhabitants.

Officers had the right to stop any civilian on the street and demand that he show his watch. If the hands varied even to the slightest degree from the "German official time" as carried by the officer, the unfortunate civilian was heavily fined.

Officers could also enter private houses to look at clocks. If the latter did not have enough "German system and organization" in their mechanism to register the hour as fixed by the "Kommandateur," the unfortunate house owner was subjected to a fine so severe that it amounted to confiscation of property.

While the system of fines originally was ostensibly for the purpose of bringing the civil population up to the German standard of "discipline, system and organization," this pretext has now been completely abandoned.

Forced as the Germans now are to realize that they cannot hold indefinitely the occupied districts of France and Belgium, the fine system is now being used for the open purpose of extorting the last penny that the civil population possesses while they still have it in their power to enforce the extortion.

At Brussels alone the fines now being imposed are declared to amount to millions of francs every month.

Some idea of the nature and the amount of these fines can be secured from the following cases in towns recently retaken by the French.

At Guivry, two horses were in some mysterious manner injured in a stable. For this four inhabitants who knew nothing about the affair were found guilty, and forced to pay 3,000 marks.

At Uguay-le-Gay a house was burned down by the German themselves. Nevertheless, they charged that the owner had set fire to the structure. The village as a whole was held responsible and forced to pay 10,000 marks.

At the same village a civilian was heavily fined for driving a horse that the Germans declared was not sufficiently curried. As a search of the man's premises failed to reveal sufficient money to pay the fine, he was given fifteen days in prison.

Failure in every instance to produce the amount of cash fined by the Germans is invariably followed either by deportation or long prison sentences.

At Channy three prominent citizens were imprisoned. An offer was then made to release them upon the surrender of a certain amount of municipal bonds. These three men finally secured, whereupon the Germans deciding they wanted the amount demanded in cash instead of bonds, refused to accept the latter, and confined the three men in a humid room without fire, light nor bedding and a diet of a pint of coffee in the morning and a piece of bread in the evening.

The men were kept in this condition until friends succeeded in raising in the neighboring villages the sum demanded.

Up to date five cemeteries have been found at Bray Saint Christophe, Champion Amy, Boursignes and Chapeauaenil, where all of the more promising looking tombs had been dynamited and the coffins stripped not only of the metal lining but of any objects of silver that adorned them. Not in a single instance was the body ever found back in the

HOLWEG ADMITS PEACE ANGLING

(By United Press) London, May 16.—Formal admission that Germany is angling officially for separate peace with Russia is the main point in Holweg's address that struck the British press and public today.

It is realized that Holweg baited his hook with enticing words to Russia but the belief is expressed that despite disorganization in Petrograd differences in government there are settled.

EAST LAKE BRIEFS

East Lake, N. C., May 15th.—Mr. Dewey Twiford of Norfolk is home visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Twiford.

Miss Ethel Sawyer has returned home after spending a few weeks among relatives and friends here.

Mr. J. W. Meekins of Buffalo City purchased a new car last week.

Miss Florence Twiford has returned home after teaching school at Vane, Virginia.

Mrs. C. W. Smith is very ill at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Duval spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. J. E. Duval of Sycamore.

Miss Ruth Sawyer has returned home from Elizabeth City after spending a few weeks among relatives and friends.

Miss Essie and Jessie Sanderlin spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. D. C. Twiford of Buffalo City.

Mr. L. B. Sawyer made a brief visit to Elizabeth City last week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Bodwell have returned from Ederton.

Mrs. B. L. Twiford has returned from Elizabeth City after spending a few weeks with her daughter Mrs. Pattie Coanery.

TEXTILE WORKERS CAN HAVE GARDENS

AVERAGE \$30 SAVING HAS BEEN MADE FROM SMALL PLANTS—CHICKENS, PIGS, AND COWS HELP REDUCE LIVING EXPENSES

Washington, D. C., May 16.—How hundreds of people in the various textile mill towns of North and South Carolina are prepared "to do their bit" toward increasing the food supply by successful gardening is told by investigators of the Department of Agriculture, who have found that each of 548 families raised on an average \$30 worth of food in gardens containing only about .15 of an acre and with an average total cost of labor and fertilizer of \$3.54. Chickens, pigs and cows are often kept by the people to good advantage. In these textile mill towns, it is stated, small scale gardening has been encouraged for a number of years by the mill owners and has been found profitable by the mill workers. The plan has resulted in local retail prices for garden truck which are only one-third to one-fourth that of present prices in other places. As a consequence the amount of food raised on each garden is considerably in excess of what could be purchased elsewhere for \$30.

The mill companies, it is explained, furnish their employees with a house and plot of land at a very small rent. The people are helped to make themselves self-sustaining so far as possible. One company employs an expert to demonstrate the best methods for growing the products best adapted to the region.

Success in gardening, it was found, depended entirely upon the industry of the workers. Some families failed to give their gardens the proper amount of attention and raised correspondingly poor crops. Others who were more industrious, greatly exceeded the average amount of food produced.

Where chickens were kept they were found to yield an average net return of \$1.08 a fowl. Pigs also were profitable but were not so numerous. Many of the people have cows. One mill owner puts a purebred bull at the disposal of his employees who own cows, and is building up the grade of cattle in this way. Tracts of land for community pasturage are common.

BAPTISTS MEET IN FIRST SESSION

SUCCESSOR TO DR. LANSING BURROWS TO BE CHOSEN AND OTHER OFFICERS WILL PROBABLY BE CHANGED

(By United Press)

New Orleans, May 16.—War's effect upon missionary and educational activities occupied the attention of delegates to the annual Southern Baptist Convention which started its sessions here today. Dr. Oliver F. Gregory of Baltimore, one of the secretaries, declared that the recall of missionaries in foreign fields was not contemplated. It is generally understood arrangements must be made to curtail their work.

Consideration of the revision of the constitution and election of missionary boards of the church are other matters before the convention. All Baptist congregations east of Mississippi and south of the Ohio River, including Maryland, District of Columbia, and Virginia are represented.

A successor to Rev. Dr. Lansing Burrow, of Americus, Ga., president of the convention, is to be chosen and it is probably there will be other changes among the officers. Dr. Burrows term of office expires by limitation. He has served three years. The secretaries are Rev. Dr. O. F. Gregory of Baltimore, who has served in that capacity for 37 years and Rev. H. C. Moore of Raleigh, N. C.

The proceedings of the convention are limited by the laws of the church to missionary and educational subject. The founding of a theological seminary in the South—the germ of an idea at the last convention—probably will come in for discussion.

NORTHERN BAPTISTS MEET IN CLEVELAND

(By United Press)

Cleveland, May 16.—Three thousand delegates came to Cleveland today to attend the Northern Baptist Convention. All Northern states from coast to coast are represented at the meeting. Nineteen big meetings will be held.

John D. Rockefeller was expected to attend in response to a special invitation.

ATTEMPT TO DESTROY LOCKS

FOUR KILLED, THREE FATALLY INJURED IN EXPLOSION AT GREAT GRAIN GATE IN MICHIGAN

(By United Press)

Sault Sainte Marie, Mich., May 16.—Four were killed and three fatally injured in an explosion today which damaged the Government Pier near the Soo Locks.

Preliminary investigation indicates that the explosion was an effort to destroy the locks which have been kept under guard for weeks.

The explosion rocked the city. Two unexploded dynamite caps were found.

Millions of tons of grains are sent through these locks annually, exceeding the tonnage of either Suez or Panama.

GERMANS TAKE NO CHANCES

(By United Press)

Amsterdam, May 16.—German officialdom is taking no chances at popular revolution in order to achieve democracy. This must be hinted in the speeches of the extreme socialists at the Reichstag today.

Police guards in all the large cities have been strongly increased in order to suppress any disturbances.

HERNDON—HEYWOOD

Mr. Lavert Russell Herndon and Miss Ella Mae Heywood both of Newport News, Va., were married by Justice of the Peace, J. W. Hudson, at