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CRISIS OVER RETIREMENT OF ROBERTSON HAS BEEN SURMOUNTED

Statement Made by Premier Lloyd-George is Generally Accepted as Satisfactory---General Haig's Power Over Troops Will Not be Diminished.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Premier Lloyd George and his government have surmounted another crisis, and the parliamentary waters at Westminster appear to run smoothly once more after a week's turmoil stirred up by the retirement of General Robertson, Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

A majority of the morning newspapers accept the statement made in the House of Commons yesterday by Premier Lloyd George as satisfactory and entirely approve of the Versailles agreement and consider the whole incident straightened out. Hostile newspapers continue to be unconvinced and reiterate their sharp criticisms, but seem resolved to accept the situation. They express the opinion that no government crisis is likely to arise at present, although they believe the government has been weakened by recent events.

Some of the papers which accept readily enough the Premier's statement and commend it, nevertheless endorse the regret expressed by former Premier Asquith that the premier had not spoken with equal clearness a week ago. Several support the appeal of Austen Chamberlain that the government sever its connection with the press.

UNDER NEW SCHEME FIELD MARSHAL HAIG WILL HAVE SAME POWER OVER TROOPS AS BEFORE

LONDON, Feb. 19.—In the House of Lords, Earl Curzon, Lord President of the Council and member of the War Cabinet, said that under the new scheme Field Marshal Haig would have the same power over the movement of his troops as before. The only difference was that the Versailles Council would have certain troops at their disposal, which they could add to Haig's forces or send elsewhere, according to the exigencies of the moment.

RENEWAL OF WAR WITH RUSSIA NOT POPULAR WITH THE TEUTONS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Germany's new war against Russia apparently is not popular with the German or Austrian people, according to comment in the press of the two countries. When the Brest-Litovsk negotiations closed, all talk in Germany was of peace. The school children were given a holiday, and joy bells were rung. The public apparently did not discriminate between peace with the Ukraine and with Great Russia, but acclaimed it as a general peace with Russia. George Bernhardi, in the Vossische Zeitung, emphasized this point, and wants an explanation of who is responsible for this disappointment. The socialist paper Vorwaerts takes the same line, and says: "The more we meddle in Russian affairs the more we get away from peace. What must be done is to stick to defence of our own soil, and to make peace whenever possible, without annexation or forcible amputations." A large section of population in Austria-Hungary also is alarmed over the prospect of a renewal of war with Russia.

MAN POWER PROPOSALS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Feb. 20. — As a result of the ballot the chairman of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers at a meeting with the trade union conference committee declared that they much maintain their contention that the government must negotiate with them separately on manpower proposals. The government offered once to do this, but other trades unions objected to the Society of Engineers receiving any different treatment than was accorded to them.

PRINCE OF WALES IS NOW A PEER

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Feb. 20. — The Prince of Wales took the oath in the House of Lords today. Queen Mary and the Princesses Mary and Victoria were present in the royal box. The prince wore royal robes and the collar of the Order of the Garter. He was introduced to the peers with the usual ceremony. The peers in the procession wore their parliamentary robes.

A SUSPICION OF FOUL PLAY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Feb. 19.—In the House of Commons today, Noel Pemberton Billing asked whether, in view of the fact that the late Sir Cecil Spring-Rice the British ambassador at Washington was instrumental in the Caillaux-Bolo disclosures and inquiry would be held to determine if the death was due to any cause other than that announced. The speaker replied that Mr. Billing was required to put his question in writing and that it would be answered in the regular order.

NO ALIENS FOR U. S. VESSELS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 20.—Neither British nor Russian subjects will be permitted to ship on American vessels in the future unless they have filed their declarations of intention to become citizens of the United States, according to instructions issued by United States shipping commissioner Paddison here. No other aliens, Commissioner Paddison said, will be shipped unless they have consular permits to establish their identity.

Mr. H. R. Ledshan of Toronto, is registered at the Barker House.

CONTRACT FOR THE VOCATIONAL BLDG. AWARDED

SCOTT & FORBES TO PROCEED AT ONCE

Contract for M. H. C. Buildings Now in Course of Erection will be Finished Soon.

Scott & Forbes, contractors on the buildings being erected on the Old Government House Grounds by the Military Hospitals Commission were also the successful contractors for the Vocational Building which is to form part of the equipment. Work on the building will begin at once.

Description of Building.

The Vocational Building will be situated at the western end of the Old Government House. The material will be the same as that used in construction of the other buildings, wood with stucco finish. The dimensions will be 102 by 82 feet and a height of two and a half stories. The ground floor will contain offices and class rooms. A completely equipped bowling alley will be located in the basement. The second story will contain an auditorium with seating capacity for 450 persons. A moving picture machine is to form a part of the equipment here. The building also will contain drafting rooms and a workshop. The sanitary equipment will be complete in every detail.

Other Parts of Plant.

It is expected that the other buildings which were begun last autumn will be ready for occupation by April 30. It had been expected that the work would be finished before that date but delay in the manufacture of the boilers for the heating plant kept back the painting and finishing of the interior.

TRIED TO KILL DUMA CHAIRMAN

Petrograd, Feb. 18. — An attempt was made today to assassinate M. Rodzianko, former chairman of the State Duma. Several shots were fired by the assassins, and Rodzianko and his coachman were slightly wounded. One hundred and fifty arrests have been made in connection with the plot to kidnap Nikolai Lenin.

BOTH SIDES ARE READY FOR THE BIG OFFENSIVE

U. S. Secretary of War Makes Announcement in His week end Statement--Three German Raids Repulsed.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—After extensive preparations, silently and systematically carried on, it is apparent that both the Germans and the Allies are ready for the long expected offensive in the west, Secretary of War Baker says today in his review of military operations for the week ending Feb. 16th.

German Raids Repulsed.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—"Three German raids on small French posts in the region of Guinchy wood, northwest of Courtrai, and in the sector of Vauquois, were repulsed by the French fire," says today's local report. "There was rather violent artillery fighting in the Champagne, in the region of Butte du Mesnil, where American batteries took part in the French attack, and in the Vosges. On the remainder of the front the night passed in comparative quietness."

Low Point is Passed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The low point of available Allied shipping has been passed, two or three weeks earlier than officials expected, and confidence was today expressed that the amount of shipping available for the future would increase steadily.

ENEMY FIRMS UNDER THE BAN

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Manilla, Philippines, Feb. 20.—Acting on behalf of the custodian of alien enemy property, Governor Harrison today seized nine German and Austrian firms in Manilla, naming one British and eight American receivers. The provincial branches of these houses were closed and placed in the hands of the constabulary, pending action by the receivers.

Russia Forced to Accept A German Made Peace

BOMBING HUN DOCKS IN BELGIUM

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Feb. 20.—Naval airmen continue to bomb docks, airdromes and other targets in Belgium and have accounted for four German airplanes, the Admiralty announced in an official statement issued last night.

The statement follows: "Naval aircraft dropped many tons of explosives Monday night on St. Denis Westrem and the docks at Bruges, and drove down an enemy machine. Large quantities of explosives were dropped Tuesday on the airdrome at Aerteycke, and the dump at Engel, with good results. An enemy seaplane was brought down at sea, another was downed within the British lines and a third was sent down out of control."

PEACE TREATY WITH UKRAINE SUPPLEMENTED

Basel, Switzerland, Feb. 20.—Dr. Von Seydler, the Austrian premier, has announced to the Reichsrath representatives that the Ukraine Rada and the Austro-Hungarian government have signed an agreement supplementing the Ukraine peace treaty by which the province of Cholm will not revert to the Ukraine republic. A mixed commission will be appointed to decide its fate on race principles and with regard to the wishes of the population. The announcement is said to have been applauded heartily.

Much feeling has been aroused among the Poles through the fact that the old province of Cholm, a part of Poland, had been given to the Ukraine by the peace treaty signed at Brest-Litovsk.

PERSONAL.

Mr. S. A. Poirier of Campbellton, arrived in the city last night. Mr. F. E. Foreman of Woodstock, is registered at the Queen. Mr. G. P. Olts of Meductic, is at the Barker House. Mr. C. H. Dexter of Hampton, is at the Barker House.

Official Announcement Made by Premier Lenine and Foreign Minister Trotzky ---Chaotic Domestic Conditions Responsible for the Surrender.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Russia is now forced to sign peace on conditions proposed by Germany, says an official Russian statement received here today.

The official statement was signed by Premier Lenine and Leon Trotzky, the foreign minister. It protests against the German resumption of the war and says the council of people's commissioners is now forced to declare its readiness to sign a peace as dictated by the delegations of the quadruple alliance at Brest-Litovsk. It promises to give a detailed reply without delay to the German peace conditions.

The statement was transmitted through the wireless telegraph stations of the Russian government to the government of the German Empire at Berlin.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT PREPARED BY LENINE AND TROTZKY AND FORWARDED TO BERLIN

The text reads: "The council of people's commissaries protests against the fact that the German government has directed its troops against the Russian council's republic, which has declared the war as at an end and which is demobilizing its army on all fronts. The workmen's and peasants' government of Russia could not anticipate such a step because neither directly nor indirectly has any one of the parties which concluded the armistice given the seven days' notice required in accordance with the treaty of December 15.

"The council of people's commissaries regards itself as forced to formally declare its willingness to sign a peace upon conditions dictated by the delegations of the quadruple alliance at Brest-Litovsk, and a detailed reply will be given with delay to the conditions of peace as proposed by the German government. Signed for the council of the people's commissaries "LENINE. TROTZKY."

BOLSHEVIKI BELIEVED THAT THE GERMANS WOULD NOT CONTINUE FIGHT AGAINST RUSSIA

Russia's decision to yield to Germany comes on the day after the resumption of military operations by the Germans, resulting in the occupation by them of Dvinsk and Lutsk.

Whether it was the threat of German military power or the chaotic domestic conditions which induced the Bolsheviki to accept German terms is not made clear by the advices thus far received. The Bolsheviki had declared the state of war to be at an end, and ordered demobilization of the Russian forces on all fronts. The Bolsheviki leaders professed the belief that Germany, desiring Russia's friendship, and not wishing to antagonize the workmen at home, would not undertake a further advance into Russia.

GERMAN ATTACK ON BRITISH POSITIONS WAS EASILY REPULSED

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Feb. 20.—A German raiding attack on British positions near Arleux en Gohelle, south of Lens, was repulsed last night by the British, it is announced officially. The statement follows:

"After a heavy preliminary bombardment the enemy attempted to raid our line last night east of Arleux en Gohelle. The attacking party was completely repulsed by our troops with the loss of a number of Germans killed or taken prisoners. A successful local enterprise was carried out early last night northeast of Wytschaete. Several prisoners were captured by us. Except for some patrol activity northwest of St. Quentin nothing further of special interest occurred."

BANKERS MUST SUPPLY MONEY

Petrograd, Feb. 20.—Colonel Muraviev, the Bolsheviki commander, has ordered the bankers at Kiev immediately to furnish ten million rubles to support the families of the Bolsheviki killed or wounded during the fighting Kiev.

APPROVES OF PEACE TREATY

Amsterdam, Feb. 20. — The federal council of the German empire, a despatch from Berlin says, approved the peace treaty with the Ukraine.

Musical Revue. The Anagwakade Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire purpose giving a Musical Revue the first week in April. Among the features will be a minstrel circle.

MURDER AT GARDINER, ME.

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Gardiner, Me., Feb. 20.—Fred Gardiner, of Concord, Mass., was instantly killed and Mrs. John F. Holland, of Attleboro, Mass., was probably fatally wounded at the home of the latter's parents here today. The shooting was done, according to the police, by John F. Holland, the woman's husband, who was arrested later at Hallowell.

GERMANS WANT PEACE AND ORDER

Amsterdam, Feb. 20.—"We can no longer believe in the pacific intentions of Russia and must see that peace and order prevail in the occupied regions of the adjoining countries," declared Von Kuehlmann, the German foreign minister, addressing the reichstag.