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## Majority Caucus Reveals That Lenine Faction Will Dominate All Russian Soviet Congress.

## TO HASTEN JAP ACTION Decision Leaves Empire Open To Economic Domination by Teutons—Means Reopening of Trade.

By Associated Press.  
From Russia today comes news of a vote by delegates to the All-Russian congress of soviets at Moscow overwhelmingly in favor of ratifying the peace treaty dictated by Germany to the Russian delegates at Brest-Litovsk.

The wording of the meager advice leaves the significance of the ballot somewhat in doubt, but it appears probable that the vote of 453 to 30 recorded was cast by the members of the majority, or bolshevik party in a caucus.

If this is the fact the final decision on the ratification of the treaty had not yet been taken when the dispatch was filed yesterday. The forecast in Moscow dispatches of earlier date, however, was that ultimate ratification seemed probable and the bolshevik vote would indicate an extremely strong current running in that direction.

Petrograd, Thursday, March 14.—The All-Russian congress of soviets meeting at Moscow yesterday, by a vote of 453 to 30, decided to ratify the peace treaty with the central powers.

M. Ryazonov, a prominent bolshevik theorist and representative of all the professional unions resigned from the bolshevik party after the vote.

One year ago today Emperor Nicholas abdicated as ruler of Russia and yesterday the all-Russian congress of soviets by an overwhelming vote agreed to German peace terms.

German militarism takes from the present Russian government thousands of square miles of land and millions of inhabitants contained in the former imperial territories of Finland, Poland, Courland, Lithuania, Estonia, Livonia and the Ukraine in Europe and Bessarabia and Erivan in the Caucasus. The Russian army must demobilize, the Russian fleet is interned and the Russian navy is to be given Germany and her allies.

The action of the all-Russian congress of soviets in accepting the peace treaty clears the way for announcement of allied intentions as regards Japanese intervention in Siberia and the economic penetration of the former Russian empire. The decision of the congress is the culmination of a series of steps begun by the bolshevik government last December.

The first peace conference at Brest-Litovsk was attended by German and bolshevik representatives and the bolshevik government decided to accept Germany's peace terms. Foreign Minister Trotsky refused to sign the peace treaty and Premier Lenin sent Zinovief, a close follower of his.

The pacifist policy of Premier Lenin brought a break in the bolshevik ranks and Trotsky resigned several days ago. This cleavage apparently had no effect on Lenin's mastery of the congress of soviets.

By the peace terms Russia must give up Poland, Courland, Lithuania, Estonia and the Ukraine. In the Ukraine the Russians are compelled to retire from Armenia and to cede to the Turks the Russian districts of Baku, Erivan and Batumi.

Russia must renounce all claims to the occupied territories in Europe, Germany and Austria-Hungary to decide on the future of these regions in agreement with their populations. The Russian army must be demobilized and Russian warships are to be dismantled.

More important to the central powers is the reopening of navigation in the Black and Baltic seas and the signing of a peace treaty under compulsion of a most favored nation treatment, at least until 1925. The bolsheviks also promised to put an end to all propaganda and agitation within the central empires and in occupied territories under their control.

## PEACE WITH UKRAINE.

Amsterdam, (Wednesday), March 13. The opening of peace negotiations at Kiev between Russia and Ukraine is reported in a dispatch from the Ukraine in a Vienna dispatch to the Vossische Zeitung of Berlin.

The Ukraine rada, the dispatch says, will meet soon to ratify the peace treaty with the central powers.

The government set up in Ukraine after its declaration of independence from the bolshevik, who sent troops to support a bolshevik movement in the Ukraine, and battles were fought and Kiev was captured by the bolsheviks. The terms imposed by the central powers in the peace treaty with Russia and the advance of Teutonic troops into Ukraine however compelled the bolshevik to give up their campaign.

## WASHINGTON IN DARK.

Washington, D. C., March 15.—Aside from press dispatches, Washington had no information today on the decision of the all-Russian congress of soviets at Moscow ratifying the German peace terms. Nothing had come either from Ambassador Francis at Volodga or the American consul general at Moscow.

Officials have no means of knowing whether the action was taken before or after receipt of President Wilson's message to the people of Russia promising American aid in obtaining for Russia full independence from German aggression. The message was sent March 11 and the congress decided to ratify the peace with Germany March 14. Its receipt has not been acknowledged by the American consul general at Moscow, by whom it was to have been delivered.

## BOLSHEVISTS DOMINANT.

London, March 15.—A Reuter dispatch filed yesterday at Petrograd says that the bolshevik majority at the Moscow conference decided to ratify the peace of 453 to 30 to support the peace treaty.

The foregoing dispatch indicates that only the bolshevik delegates to the Moscow conference were represented in the vote taken, in what may have been a majority caucus. The members of the other factions are reported to be at the conference, but owing to the strength of the bolshevik it is improbable that the decision could be reversed. Owing to the present condition of cable transmission dispatches received from Russia are incomplete and frequently almost unintelligible.

# STEPHENSON, FORMER U.S. SENATOR, DEAD

## Succumbs to Illness Resulting From Infirmities Due to Old Age.

Marinette, Wis., March 15.—Former United States Senator Isaac Stephenson died at 1:30 o'clock this morning.

Senator Stephenson had been ill at his home here for a week, due to infirmities of age. His condition suddenly grew worse yesterday and physicians expressed doubt for his recovery, but later in the day he rallied and last night was resting comfortably.

# MUST OVERCOME HUN INFLUENCE

## British Foreign Secretary Tells Parliament Allies Cannot Stand by and See Slav Empire Wrecked.

London, (Tuesday), March 14.—Debate on the question of Japanese intervention in Siberia in the house of commons today brought from Foreign Secretary Balfour the declaration that German penetration in Russia must be combated. The allied point of view was that they should help Russia in protecting herself against Germany.

Although he did not think that Germany would send an army to Vladivostok, he said he had absolute faith in Japan's loyalty in carrying out any decision reached by the allies.

Discussing the situation in Russia, Mr. Balfour said: "If Russia had not been at war, it would have taken many years to complete the beneficent course of the revolution. When autocracy fell almost without a blow, Russia immediately fell into chaos. It is untrue to say that the same thing happened in the French revolution, for there the effect was not the disintegration but the integration of France. Precisely the opposite happened in Russia. The revolution came and all the old divisions between regions and creeds became marked and prominent.

## Situation Doubly Difficult.

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"There will be classes, some from patriotic, others from selfish motives, ready to welcome anything promising a semblance of stability and order in the government. When that time comes I can imagine Germany trying to re-establish possibly the old form of autocratic government. We should then have Russia short of some of its fairest provinces and with a kind of autocracy far worse than the old autocracy, because it would lean upon a foreign power for continued existence. If that came to pass, all our dreams of Russian development and Russian liberty would be gone and Russia would become a mere outpost of the central powers.

"That is the real difficulty of dealing with the problems raised in this debate. Mr. Lees-Smith's speech is a strong attack on what he conceives as the government's policy with regard to Japan and Siberia. It is entirely oblivious of the facts I have just brought before the house and is based on a profound misunderstanding of what any human being had ever thought, contrived or desired with regard to allied intervention, Japanese or other in Russian affairs."

## Questions Japan's Faith.

H. B. Lees-Smith, a liberal in questioning Mr. Balfour as to the British attitude, had declared that if Japan entered Russian territory and occupied it at the mandate of the alliance, it followed with almost absolute certainty that this territory would not be returned.

"I cannot let this debate end, said Mr. Balfour in conclusion, "without repudiating to the full Mr. Lees-Smith's suggestion that Japan would be moved by selfish and dishonorable motives. The course which may be discussed in Japan, either among her statesmen or with the allies.

"Japan has behaved with perfect loyalty and if she gives promises with regard to Russian integrity or any question connected with Russia, she would keep them as she has kept all promises she had made in connection with this war or any great public transaction with the United States and the allies. I draw no distinction in this matter between Japan and the allies who make up the great body of the belligerents on the entente side.

"The decisions the allies may have to take will not be without difficulty, but the principle upon which these decisions may be arrived will be neither ungenerous, unfair, nor hostile to Russia and the Russian revolution. Our object is to see Russia strong, intact, secure and free and if these objects can be obtained then, and then only, will the Russian revolution bring forth all the fruits its best friends desire to see."

## RUOSEVELT SENDS HIS SON CONGRATULATIONS

New York, March 16.—Colonel Roosevelt, through the United Press, today sent the following message to Capt. Archie Roosevelt, recently wounded and decorated by the French government:

"Archie: We are very anxious, but we are prouder than you can imagine, that the baby is all right. Your decoration is the greatest possession of this family.

"Theodore Roosevelt."

## RUSSAINS NOT REALLY SEAMEN BUT PLOTTERS

Norfolk, Va., March 15.—Forty-three members of the crew of the Russian steamer Osmik in port here, today faced charges of violating the espionage act as the result of their efforts Thursday night to seize the steamer. Documents found aboard the vessel indicated that the crew were not bona fide seamen, but rather highly intellectual parties to a political plot which planned to divert the Osmik's cargo to Russia.

The ship's cargo of cotton is consigned to Liverpool.

# FRANKS HOLDING HUN TRENCHES

## American Troops Now Occupy Mile and Half of Line After Driving Out German Occupants.

## FIRST GAIN BY U. S. ARMY Higher Ground Gives Them Ad- vantage—Counter Attacks Are Beaten Off By Ef- fective Fighting.

By Associated Press.  
Washington, D. C., March 16.—General Pershing's casualty list today, it is learned at the war department, will be longer than any previously issued and for that reason may not be available for publication before tomorrow morning.

There is no outward indication of what a longer casualty list indicates, although American troops in the last few days have been active in an offensive against the German trenches.

## By United Press.

With the American Army in France, March 16.—American troops now occupy their first German trenches. They consist of nearly a mile and a half of front line positions in the Badenville region on the Luneville front.

The positions were occupied in broad daylight by the Americans after German evacuation.

The German barrage later forced a withdrawal but the Sammies returned and now firmly hold the posts. The posts have been consolidated. Automatic rifles have been mounted and the posts are fully defended. The trenches were so dominated by Yankee artillery that the boches evacuated. The American found the trenches supported by strong timbers. The broken ones having been replaced.

The boches are playing a safe defensive game on all fronts today, where they are occupied by Americans. This has been made apparent by recent raids. In expectation of the raids the enemy simply evacuates all front positions now clearly how many of the rear lines. The Sammies are alert and active and the Germans are unable to tell when to expect something.

There was considerable sniping today on the Luneville front. The Sammies are becoming exceptionally proficient at this art. There was also much grenade-throwing and forth while aerial activity is constantly increasing.

This, though a small forward movement, marks the first permanent advance by the American Army in France. The consolidation of the trenches enables the Americans and French to operate from higher ground than heretofore.

## ON OTHER FRONTS.

By Associated Press.  
Fighting activity on the British front from Ypres south toward Arras continues at a sharp pitch. On the hitherto quiet sector between Armentieres and Vermelles, about 15 miles, the German artillery fire continues intense, as it has been for several days past. A strong German detachment attempted a raid on this front, but was thrown back by the Portuguese. On the southern end of the Ypres front, where the Germans have been successful in raids into enemy lines and in repulsing German raiding parties. There has been heavy artillery firing on the French front and the French have repulsed three German raids.

## IOWANS ARE DECORATED.

With the American Army in France, March 16.—Col. Douglas MacArthur, Captain Handy and eight enlisted men, including Private O. S. Bordon, of Iowa, have been decorated with the French croix de guerre for bravery in action.

MacArthur (deleted by censor) the troops in the Luneville sector. The colonel went over the top with the French recently when they took several German prisoners, after passing through a German barrage. He also went over the top in Saturday's raid. The others received the war cross for action in the same region.

## FRENCH MAKE GAIN.

Berlin, March 16.—A strong French detachment gained a footing yesterday west of the Nauroy road on the German crown prince's front (Champagne district), says today's army headquarters announcement.

## TWO WOMEN KILLED AND 15 INJURED IN WRECK

Harrisburg, Pa., March 16.—Two women were killed and 15 other passengers were injured when the Cincinnati, Indianapolis & Chicago express west bound on the Pennsylvania railroad, before the boulders which rolled on the track, while the train was passing through a cut near Elizabethtown, 17 miles east of here, early today. The boulders wrecked two sleeping cars, causing the death of the women.

## PILOT OF MONT BLANC DISCHARGED BY COURT

Halifax, N. S., March 16.—The charge of manslaughter against Francis MacKay, who piloted the French munitions ship Mont Blanc at the time of her collision here, with the Belgian relief ship Imo, was dismissed today by Judge Russell. The court held there seemed be no evidence upon which an unbiased tribunal could hold MacKay criminally culpable. The pilot was discharged from custody.

The explosion, which occurred when the vessels crashed, caused the loss of about 1,500 lives.

## DEMURRER OF TOWNLEY OVERRULED BY COURT

Fairmont, Minn., March 15.—Judge Tisk of Glencoe, sitting in the district court of Martin county, today overruled the demurrer of attorneys representing A. C. Townley against indictments recently returned against Townley, charging circulating a pamphlet, and other literature opposing the war and discouraging enlistments.

The matter will now go to the supreme court and if the demurrer is overruled the case will be put on trial at Glencoe.

# NOTCH WARRED NOT TO SUBMIT

## German Press Thrown Into Hot Rage by Allied Action in Re- gard to Use of Hol- land's Ships.

## 'UGLY POLICY IS EXPOSED Teutons Seek to Intimidate and Browbeat Neutral Neighbors and Cripple Their Fu- ture Trade.

London, March 16.—The notice served on Holland by Great Britain and the United States regarding the taking over of Dutch shipping in allied ports has thrown the German press into a towering rage, the Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company cables. The newspapers demand that Germany take the most drastic counter-measures if Holland gives way to the allies.

Washington, D. C., March 15.—Germany's latest campaign of ruthlessness against neutral shipping is attributed by the war trade board to a deliberate plan for cutting off the north European nations from American and allied food supplies and thereby reducing them through starvation to a political and economic dependence upon the Teutonic war lords.

While the board makes no reference to the determination of the United States and Great Britain to take Dutch ships as American and allied ports unless The Netherlands government accepts a pending economic agreement, its statement throws interesting light on the situation which led to this decision. The hope is expressed that the neutrals will contrast the respective attitudes of the United States and Germany toward the problem of feeding them.

## To Starve Out Neutrals.

Following is the statement in part: "German war leaders are using the submarine war weapon to prevent fulfillment of American agreements to feed and relieve European neutrals. A mass of cumulative evidence and indications in the possession of the war trade board show that Germany is employing the submarine menace to prevent neighbor neutrals receiving any food or favors at the hands of the United States and its associates in the war and to force these neutrals to accept German starvation into political and economic dependence upon Germany, quite as much as to strike at the communications of its opponents—Germany's ostensible aim in proclaiming the neutrals' submarine campaign."

"Further indications tend to show that the submarines are being used, along similar dog-in-the-manger lines, to destroy neutral shipping without regard to its employment in order to weaken prospective neutral competitors after the war, and to drag down neutral tonnage as far as possible toward a position of equality (or inferiority) with the German mercantile fleet, which has been for 40 years 50 per cent of its ocean tonnage, so that the neutral trader may be equally as badly off as his German rival for tonnage in the after-war race for commerce.

## Hun Gamers Exposed.

"The intent of the Germans to prevent neutrals receiving food and supplies under relief agreements concluded with the United States, is illustrated by the German veto placed upon the temporary modus vivendi with Holland regarding the provisioning of that country. Two food ships loaded with supplies for the Netherlands along with 11 Belgian relief ships, have been waiting in American ports for weeks, unable to sail because of the refusal of Germany to permit an equivalent amount of tonnage leaving Dutch harbors, the obvious plan of the German authorities being to gather all Dutch ships into home harbors and then prevent them from sailing by threats to torpedo any vessel leaving Holland waters."

"The present campaign of threats and intimidations against the Scandinavian neutrals was carried on in the semi-official North German Gazette, and other organs of the German press, is obviously intended to frighten the northern neutrals from completing agreements which benefit the neutrals quite as much as the United States and its associates."

## MAINE PLAN PRAISED BY PRESIDENT WILSON

Augusta, Me., March 16.—A telegram from President Wilson saying that Maine in extending its national defense organization by the creation of community councils was making an advance of vital significance, was received today by Harold M. Sewall, chairman of the state committee on public safety.

"It will believe result, when thoroughly carried out in welding the nation together as no nation of great size has ever been welded before," President Wilson said. "It will build up from the bottom an understanding and sympathy and unity of purpose and effort which no doubt will have an immediate and decisive effect upon our great undertaking.

"It is only by extending your organization to small communities that every citizen of the state can be reached and touched with the inspiration of the common cause.

"Through this great new organization we will express with added emphasis our will to win and our confidence in the utter righteousness of our purpose."

## TIMBER SEIZURE BILL CONSIDERABLY MODIFIED

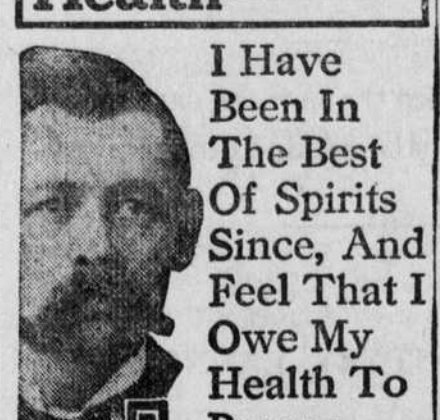
Washington, March 15.—Provisions in the administration's timber requisitioning bill to authorize the president to prescribe regulations for all timbering operations were struck out today by the Senate military committee, they had drawn vigorous opposition from lumber interests.

The bill itself, retaining its principal provisions for commandeering timber and its products for the use of the army, the navy and the shipping board, was ordered favorably reported.

## HE PAYS FINE AND BUYS LIBERTY BONDS

Des Moines, Ia., March 15.—Abel Moore of Van Meter, found guilty in federal court of inciting insurrection against the draft, was freed today by Judge Wade upon producing receipt showing that he has purchased \$1,000 in Liberty bonds. In addition, Moore paid a fine of \$1,000.

# Five Bottles Peruna Restored Me To Complete Health



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## Tell All He Knew.

"We had been asked to entertain the bishop of a church strictly opposed to card playing and dancing during his visit to a convention held in our city. The bishop made a most charming guest and attempted to make friends with our small son, Bobby, by beginning a conversation.

"Can you tell me how many days there are in a week, my boy?" he asked.

Bobby answered correctly and the bishop continued: "And how many weeks are there in a year?"

"Fifty-two, proudly answered Bobby, and then, prompted by some evil spirit to show his immense stock of knowledge, added: "Just as many as there are cards in the deck."—Chicago Tribune.

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## Voice of Prejudice.

"I told you it was a mistake to take over those Hawaiian islands," said the man who never gives up.

"Why, those islands are now among our valued possessions."

"But look at the comfort they have destroyed. As soon as they got a little encouragement they flooded the whole western hemisphere with ukuleles."

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