

MILUKOFF LEAVES RUSSIAN CABINET

Reorganization of Ministry by Radicals May Save the Situation, Says Washington.

Petrograd, May 16.—(Via London.)—Paul N. Milukoff, minister of foreign affairs, has resigned, leaving the cabinet altogether. N. Tereschtenko, minister of finance, has been appointed foreign minister and A. F. Kerensky, previously minister of justice, has been named minister of war and marine.

Prof. Milukoff's decision to retire from the cabinet was announced at a sitting of the provisional government held last night. Its cause, the official news agency states, was a difference in views on the reorganization of the cabinet.

Washington, May 16.—Reorganization of the Russian cabinet was regarded here both as increasing the power of the radicals and as looking forward to a greater degree of unity. It is generally felt that the coming into power of the radical party is more desirable than a situation where the power was divided between radicals and moderates with both practically powerless to act.

The resignation of Foreign Minister Milukoff is regarded as the price demanded by the radicals for their active co-operation with the government. Milukoff incurred much enmity when he pledged Russia, without consulting the radicals, not to make a separate peace. He has also been unpopular in some quarters for his vigorous insistence that Russia be given Constantinople, which was regarded in conflict with the no-annexation pronouncement.

The resignation of many military officers is regarded as vastly more dangerous than the political shiftings of power, as the whole discipline and morale of the army may be affected.

Russians Return To Their Former Homes and Liberty

"Back to Russia and Russian liberty" is the slogan of thousands of Russians who have temporarily made their homes in the United States, was the statement of A. Gerko in the city this morning, the recognized leader of 100 Russians who have turned their faces toward the land of their birth.

The party of Russians, nearly all men and women, came from New York on a special train over the Milwaukee and after a short stop here left over the Union Pacific for San Francisco. From there they sail for Japan, crossing over to Manchuria, where, from Vladivostok, they entrain for Petrograd. The trip will consume sixty days.

According to Mr. Gerko all members of the party have at times in the past been objectionable to the former czar of Russia. For this reason they were banished to Siberia for life and anywhere from six to fifteen years ago escaped and made their way to the United States. They are now going home to take part in the affairs of the new Russia, the party to which they belong being in power.

Y. M. is to Well Man What Red Cross is to the Sick

Jean Cobbe, chaplain of the Fifth Nebraska regiment, has volunteered to help the local war work council of the Young Men's Christian association raise Omaha's share of \$20,000 of the national \$3,000,000 fund for Young Men's Christian association war work.

"I am strong for the Young Men's Christian association in the army," said Mr. Cobbe. "It does a work that the army chaplains do not and cannot do, and a work that is outside the province of the Red Cross. It is the only big influence in the army to keep the men away from booze, bad women and other evils.

"The Young Men's Christian association is to the well man what the Red Cross is to the sick man. The Red Cross is doing a great work. But the Young Men's Christian association work is just as important. It is of as great importance to keep the men away from the evils that undermine their health as it is to care for them after they become sick.

"A large majority of the men who are going to fight in the great war probably will never need the Red Cross. Every man in the army needs the Young Men's Christian association."

Nebraska Bankers Elect Hastings Man President

Cambridge, Neb., May 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Group four Nebraska Bankers' association met here today with over 100 prominent bankers in attendance.

John Marvel, Hastings, was elected president for the coming year. E. Van Peterson of Curtis, vice president, and I. Ford McWhorter, Bertrand, secretary. Dan Morris, president of the State Bankers' association, urged intensified food production.

George Thomas of Harvard spoke to the bankers and banks of their responsibility during the present war. E. M. Martin, attorney for the Nebraska State Bankers' association, urged the bankers as to the recent bank legislation. C. H. Cheney of the American Institute of Bankers told of the workings of the institute.

The question box in charge of Harry O. Palmer brought out some unusual questions that might confront the banker.

Hebrew Club Resolves for Conservation of Foodstuffs

At a meeting of the Omaha Hebrew club last Sunday the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That it is vitally necessary to our country and people that there be immediate conservation by the United States of foodstuffs, fuel and other basic commodities; that upon the prompt enactment of proper legislation of this kind will depend the safety and preservation of our nation and our success in the war, and that delay in adopting such a law will be fraught with dangerous consequences.

Resolved, That the congress of the United States be urged to enact at once a rigid and comprehensive food, fuel and commodity act that will vest in a commission to be appointed by the president full power to regulate and control the production, distribution, transportation and price of the foodstuffs, fuel and other basic commodities.

Resolved, That these resolutions shall be spread on our minutes and a copy thereof be sent to President Wilson, to Vice President Marshall, as presiding officer of the senate, and to Champ Clark, speaker of the house, and that a copy be furnished to the press.

Will the Bear Nibble?



ITALIANS MAKE IMPORTANT GAIN

Heights on Isonzo Front, Regarded as Impregnable, Are Taken; Fierce Fighting in France.

BULLETIN.
Rome, May 16.—(Via London, 6:35 p. m.)—The war office announced today that as a result of the offensive begun yesterday the Italians thus far have captured 3,375 prisoners, a mountain battery and thirty machine guns.

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It is an Efficiency Committee. The committee has pledged to President Wilson that it will see that more efficiency of freight car facilities comes out of the present equipment. They have agreed to co-operate as one line to eliminate wastes in operation. In line with this pledge the cars for all practical purposes have been pooled, there remaining only a minimum recognition of proprietor's title.

The committee holds that both carriers and shippers are at fault in bringing about the present waste in tractive power. It is pointed out that if the average loading were increased two tons per car 200,000 cars now in use could be released at once to rush to the aid of the shippers who have long been crying about the car shortage.

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Railroad Men Say Car Shortage Would Be Greatly Relieved If This is Done.

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A warning that it may become necessary to confine the distribution of coal to war purposes, unless production be increased and transportation and distribution improved, has been received by wholesalers from Francis S. Peabody of Chicago, chairman of the committee on coal production of the council of national defense.

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Must Guard Vital Interests. "If the demand continues to increase it may be necessary that active steps be taken to confine the distribution and use of coal to those activities which are more nearly vital to the welfare and protection of the nation. That this may not effect an unnecessary hardship upon the domestic welfare of our people it is necessary to promote the closest co-operation, and we urge that you co-operate with this committee in its efforts to promote the largest production, the most equitable distribution and the highest use to produce the best economic results."

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Rev. R. J. Montgomery of the local church gave an address of welcome, following which the conference sermon was delivered by Rev. J. Edward Kirby of Des Moines.

Many of the leading men of the church are here for the session. The visitors were taken on an automobile tour of the city this afternoon, and this evening the men partook of a banquet at the Johnson hotel. The women who are here to attend the annual meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary union were banqueted this evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Clark.

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