

RUSS CABINET MINISTERS RETIRE

Serious Division Arises Over Ukraine Petition and Four Members Tender Their Resignations.

Petrograd, July 17.—Three members of the cabinet have resigned and a special session of the council of ministers has been convoked in an effort to avert a crisis.

A. I. Shinaroff, minister of finance; Prof. Manuiloff, minister of education, and Prince Shakhovskiy, head of the department of public aid.

The resignation of these ministers followed a disagreement over questions involving the Ukraine, an extensive region in Russia embracing part of the territories of the old kingdom of Poland.

The split in the ministry occurred last night at a ministerial conference called to consider a report submitted by M. Tereschenko, minister of foreign affairs, and M. Tseretelli, minister of posts and telegraphs, as a result of their negotiations concerning the Ukrainians.

Division Over Ukraine.

The resigning ministers criticized the text of a declaration made to the Ukrainians, first, because it abolishes all power of the temporary government in the Ukraine; second, because it did not specify of what territories the Ukraine consists or make clear how it shall be governed.

The opposition members of the cabinet assert that only the legislative body has a right to determine the future form of the government of the Ukraine, whereas, according to the declaration of M. Tereschenko and Tseretelli, the Ukrainians appear to be proceeding informally to draw up their own government.

The ministers insist their resignation is not to be taken as an objection to the principle of autonomy for the Ukraine.

Fourth Minister Resigns. London, July 17.—A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says M. Stephanooff, acting minister of commerce, also has resigned.

DRAFT DRAWING MAY BE MADE LATE THIS WEEK

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To this end attention was directed today to various sections of the registrations, over which questions have arisen and it was suggested the local boards and the press co-operate during the week or so remaining before lots are drawn to insure that the registered men know just how to perform their part in the great task of examination and exemption.

Post Lists Prominently.

So that easier access may be had to the lists of registration numbers in the hands of local boards Provost Marshal General Crowder telegraphed the governors of all the states, asking that instead of posting the lists at the board offices, they be placed "in some safe, central office such as police headquarters." In the larger cities especially, the provost marshal general said much inconvenience has been caused by having the lists available only at out-of-the-way board offices.

Reasons For Exemption.

Officials here are anxious that local boards make it clear everywhere that no question of exemption of any registered man for any other cause than physical disability or dependent relatives can be taken up before the local boards. The whole matter of industrial exemptions is left to the superior boards, one of which has been created in each federal judicial district.

No individual case where exemption is desired because the registrant is engaged in an industry classified as vital to the conduct of the war will be taken up until that individual has been called up for exemption by his local board, found to be without dependents and physically fit for military duty and certified to the superior board. After that, application to superior board for exemption on other grounds will be admissible. The registrant or his employer may file necessary affidavits with the superior board seeking exemption, and the case will be heard promptly.

Men Away From Home.

Another point on which there has been much doubt is the status of registrants absent from their registration districts. Requests of registrants have come from men in this situation asking if they will have to return to their home towns for examination. They have been informed that if they are selected for examination, each will be notified by mail by his local board and then can apply to the local board for permission to undergo examination in the town where he is located. Such action cannot be taken, however, until the registrant actually has been summoned by his local board.

The government has distributed to boards complete sets of blanks to cover appeals, transfers and any other matters in connection with the process. Registrants may examine these at the quarters of local boards, but every effort has been made to prevent the filing of affidavits or other documents that do not apply to a case actually under consideration. Otherwise the boards would be swamped with efforts to get a decision in advance.

Industrial Exemption. Probably the point in the whole process which has led to the greatest misunderstanding and confusion is the method by which industrial exemption is to be granted.

Many persons have regarded it as certain that men in munitions-making or other strictly war industries would be exempted as a class. That is not the fact. What is to govern the process is the importance of the individual in such an industry. If another man could take his place without prejudice to the working of the plant he will not be granted military exemption.

The bulk of exemption will be for physical unfitness and on account of dependents and consideration of these causes will keep the local boards fully occupied, leaving to the more deliberative superior board the entire handling of the much more vexing questions of industrial exemptions.

GERMAN MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR RESIGNS.



DR. KARL HELFFERICH. Amsterdam, July 17.—Count von Roeder, German finance minister, replaces Dr. Karl Helfferich, secretary of the interior, according to the Berliner Tageblatt.

Majority Bloc to Present Ultimatum To Dr. Michaelis

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of high diplomatic qualifications, but chiefly on account of his antecedents.

Apparently it is felt that a former naval officer, particularly one who played such a prominent role as Manila in the events of 1898, will offer the necessary guarantee that the German foreign policy in regard to peace negotiations will be afterwards conducted along desired energetic lines. The emperor is said to favor Von Hintze.

Bernhard for Bernstorff.

The Bernstorff party, which sprung up since the return of the ex-ambassador, is endeavoring to organize a boom for him. George Bernhard, the political writer, enthusiastically recommends Bernstorff to Chancellor Michaelis not only as a capable and experienced diplomat, but as a person of the necessary caliber and qualifications whom the chancellor will need as coadjutor and adviser in the coming peace negotiations.

The Tageblatt, the Mittags Zeitung and the socialist organ, Vorwaerts, all of Berlin, unite in declaring that the candidacy of Admiral von Hintze for foreign minister is a move of the super-annationists. The Tageblatt and Vorwaerts warn Dr. Michaelis that he cannot accept Von Hintze without compromising the administration with a pan-German taint.

Bernstorff Goes to Copenhagen.

Paris, July 17.—A Zurich dispatch to the Petit Parisien says Count Von Bernstorff has been appointed German minister at Copenhagen in the place of Count Vroekdorff-Rantzau.

Baker Denies Tampering With Young Pitcher

Chicago, July 17.—Official denial of alleged tampering charges was made by J. Franklin Baker, third baseman with the New York Americans, in a letter to President Johnson of the American league today. Baker said that instead of attempting to induce Allen Sothoron of the St. Louis club to jump his contract he had strongly urged the young pitcher to remain with St. Louis.

Dakota City Volunteer Dies.

Dakota City, Neb., July 17.—(Special)—Howard J. Rockwell, son of County Assessor J. P. Rockwell and the first one to volunteer for army service from this city, died suddenly at Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, Cal., Sunday morning, according to a telegram received by the family. A brother of the deceased man living at San Diego is bringing the body here for interment.

HARMONY RULES IN MEETING OF LUTHER LEADERS

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mately 77,000,000 Lutherans. Unbelievable ignorance prevails about the Lutherans. I have been asked whether the kaiser isn't the head of the Lutheran church in America. I see you smile, and well you may, at such a display of misinformation. The kaiser isn't even the head of the Lutheran church in Germany. Lutherans have distinguished themselves in the wars of this country. Rev. and General Peter Muhlenburg was one of Washington's great generals. When the present war was declared the heads of the great Lutheran bodies in this country adopted and signed resolutions of loyalty to this government. These officials are elected by the churches. The Lutheran church is as democratic as the government under which we live.

Committee Appointed.

After reading of the resolutions by Rev. E. G. Chinlund, the following committee was appointed to consider them: Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, editor Luther League Review chairman; Rev. C. F. Sandahl, president Nebraska conference of the Augustana synod; Rev. C. B. Harmon, president Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska; Rev. Anton M. Anderson, United Danish synod; Rev. Alfred Sorenson, Danish Lutheran synod; Rev. M. W. Halversen, Norwegian Lutheran Synod of America; Rev. E. T. Otto, Missouri synod; Rev. H. T. Schmidt, German Nebraska synod; Rev. J. Gersten, vice president United Danish Lutheran Synod of America. The committee spent forty-five minutes in considering the resolution and brought it in with only minor changes. It was adopted unanimously. A copy was ordered filed with the Nebraska State Council of Defense. The resolution is as follows:

"Whereas, The Nebraska State Council of Defense in a statement given the public have assailed the loyalty of the Lutheran church, and whereas, officials and representatives of the various branches of the Lutheran church in Nebraska we reply to these aspersions by giving the public the following statement:

The doctrinal basis of the Lutheran church as expressed in its great symbol known as the Augsburg Confession, to which the ministry of the church is obligated, in express terms commands loyalty to the government, and

The small catechism in which the laity is instructed in preparation for confirmation or membership in the church in the Table of Duties enjoins obedience unto the higher powers, saying: "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether it be to the king, as supreme, or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him." (1 Peter 2:13.)

The Lutheran church stands not only in Nebraska, but before the world, committed by its fundamental teachings without equivocation or reservation to the unquestioned loyalty to the government and in this respect requires no defense from us.

It is singular that the Nebraska State Council of Defense, because of cases of indiscreet conduct or speech upon the part of individuals, has particularized our church for the mark of odium when undoubtedly among all creeds there have been those likewise guilty, and yet these creeds have been passed unnoticed. To this evident injustice on the part of the Nebraska State Council of Defense we take exception and enter our most solemn protest.

Further, that the public may be reassured of the loyalty to the government of the Lutheran church in Nebraska, in harmony with the declaration of all our general bodies already made public, we, representatives of the Lutheran bodies in the state of Nebraska, declare our honor and the loyalty of both our ministry and laity as a whole in unwavering devotion to our common country, the protection of whose flag we enjoy and with whose destiny we have cast our lives and our all, and in defense of whose welfare and to secure whose triumph our people are responding.

The opening service of song and prayer was led by Rev. C. F. Sandahl and the closing service by Rev. J. Gersten.

Sing "America."

A large American flag decorated the chairman's table. "My Country 'Tis of Thee" was sung at the close of the meeting.

A resolution was passed unanimously making the resolution committee a permanent committee, subject to call by the chairman at any time, "though I do not anticipate any necessity for calling it together in the future," said Chairman Kuhns.

This resolution was moved by Rev. E. T. Otto, pastor of St. Paul's German Lutheran church, Omaha.

Rev. G. H. Mickelman, president of the German Nebraska synod, wrote from Grand Island, that he could not be present. "I am completely in sympathy with the purpose of the meeting," he wrote. "My motto is the words of Carl Schurz: 'My country, right or wrong; if right, to be kept right; if wrong, to be set right.'"

All the Lutheran pastors of Omaha, except two or three who are out of the city, were present. The following pastors were present from the various synods: General Synod—Rev. W. T. Kahse, Rev. A. T. Lorimer, Rev. O. D. Baltzly, Rev. George Washington Snyder, Rev. C. J. Ringer, Rev. C. B. Harmon, Rev. N. S. Swihart, Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, Rev. S. H. Yerian. General Council—Rev. C. F. Sandahl, Rev. F. A. Linder, Rev. John A. Johns, Rev. P. M. Lindberg, Rev. E. G. Chinlund, Rev. J. T. Olander, Rev. John V. Carlson, Rev. A. T. Lorimer, Rev. C. G. Bloomquist. Missouri Synod—Rev. Titus Lang, Rev. E. T. Otto, Rev. H. W. Saeger. German Nebraska Synod—Rev. H. F. Schmidt.

United Danish Synod—Rev. H. Berthelsen, Rev. J. Gersten, Rev. A. Sorenson, Rev. A. M. Andersen, Prof. P. S. Vig. Norwegian-Danish Synod—Rev. M. W. Halversen.

Officials Send Protest.

Blair, Neb., July 17.—(Special).—Members of the executive committee of the Nebraska district of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran church in America have united in sending a protest against the accusations made against the Nebraska Council of Defense as to the loyalty of the Lutherans of the state. The protest is signed by L. Jensen, president and pastor of the church at Ruskin, Neb.; M. T. Jensen, secretary and pastor at Fremont, Neb.; L. A. Larsen, president Trinity seminary; C. X. Harrison, principal, Dana college; N. P. Lang, professor practical theology. The protest follows:

"Whereas, There has appeared in the papers of the state an attack on the Lutheran church by the Nebraska National Defense Council.

"Whereas, The Lutheran church of Nebraska as a whole has thus been charged with disloyalty, treasonable activity in hindering defense measures and otherwise showing sympathy with Germany.

"Whereas, We the undersigned representatives of the Nebraska district of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, are convinced that the above charges are entirely unwarranted and unjust.

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earnest protest against said charges. "Furthermore, we fear that such indiscriminate and indiscreet statements on the part of the Nebraska National Defense Council will hinder rather than further the cause of common defense.

"Furthermore, we protest against the use of the name of the church, where, at best, only individuals may be concerned."

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Britons Capture Six German Steamships

London, July 17.—The admiralty announces the capture of six German steamers by British destroyers in the North Sea.

The steamers are the Pellworm, Briezweig, Marie Horn and Heinz Blumberg. Two other German steamers were with the four vessels, later captured, when the group was signaled by the British war craft. All six made for the Dutch coast and two of them reached the shore. These two were badly damaged by gunfire.

A Reuter dispatch from Ymuiden says four German ships have been sunk by British destroyers in the North Sea, four captured, three stranded and three forced to return to Rotterdam.

The captured steamers are all small, the largest being the Briezweig of 1,495 tons gross, owned in Hamburg. The Pellworm, 1,370 tons gross, also was owned in Hamburg.

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