



PUSH TEUTONS FROM CAMBRAI GAINS; OMAHANS ASK FOR FAITH IN RUSSIA

SLAV FIGHTERS HERE ROUSE THEIR HEARERS TO BELIEVE IN NATION

Real Voice of Russia Soon to Be Heard Is Declaration of Commissioners from Eastern Land Now Torn With Cruel Strife; Will Land on Side of Allies.

Russia will yet be a factor in the world war," was the strong note of the speeches made Saturday at the Hotel Rome by the members of the Russian commission who appeared at the mass meeting there.

"Everyone must be prepared to hear the real voice of Russia very soon," said A. J. Sack, member of the commission, who told in a touching way of the sacrifices Russia has already made, and the sacrifices its people are still prepared to make, even though the Bolsheviks have temporarily seized control of affairs in Petrograd.

VETERANS TELL OF FIGHT.

"The real leaders in our country are working hard, and will eventually put a stop to the German intrigue there," said Lieutenant Commander Hwoschinsky, veteran of many fights, and hero of a charge of a regiment 3,500 strong in which he and 135 privates were all that survived.

It was Major Stanley Washburn, the American correspondent, soldier and diplomat, at the head of the party, who told the story of the great fight in 1915, in which Hwoschinsky's regiment was all but annihilated. The 400 people in the audience cheered and cheered at this announcement, until the Russian commander was obliged to raise and bow several times in acknowledgment.

Make Great Sacrifices.

The tone of all the talks was that the Russians have wonderful staying qualities, that they have made the enormous sacrifice of 8,000,000 lives in this war, and that no American has earned the right to criticize the people of that great country in the present temporary embarrassment and crisis, until this nation has made some sacrifice, until this nation will realize what such sacrifice means.

Ask U. S. to Aid.

At the close of the meeting, John L. McCague, who presided, read a resolution which was unanimously adopted, that the mass meeting in Omaha urge the American government never to falter in its policy to stand back of Russia in this hour of need and give its all moral and material support consistent with the policy of the nation.

Men Without Munitions.

Major Stanley Washburn made an earnest and convincing talk on the matter of Russian morale. "The morale of an army," he said, "never rises higher than the capacity for sacrifice at home. There is in Russia today one of the great moral forces of the world."

He pointed to the sublime acts of heroism of the Russian peasant soldiers in the early stages of the war when they fought without half or even one-tenth enough munitions or guns at times. This, he said, was never fully understood here. He showed by facts and figures that the only important retreats the Russians made before the Germans were always made because they absolutely had no munitions, though at times, he said, when they were out of ammunition they charged the Germans with bayonets in the face of terrible artillery fire, and drove them temporarily back.

Major Washburn was in Russia during the early stages and was present at no less than 20 important engagements.

Betrayed at Base.

A. J. Sack, in his talk showed that the Russians, due to the German intrigue which had fastened itself upon the country, had often been so short of munitions that the armies were sent into the field with but one rifle to four men, while at times they had but one rifle to 10 men. "Time after time," he said, "the soldiers in the rear had to wait and watch until their comrades in the front lines were killed so they could rush out and get their guns to fight with."

Major Washburn confirmed these statements and said, "Yet day after day, following retreats, these soldiers (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)"

The Weather

For Nebraska—Unsettled; colder in east portion.

Table with weather data for Omaha, including temperature, precipitation, and wind speed for various times of day.

Russ Envoys' Official Report of Parley Says German Commander of East Front Received Party With Open Arms

Arrangements Made for Second Meeting Within German Border; Steps to Order Slav Armies Out of War.

Petrograd, Thursday, Nov. 29.—The report of the representatives sent through the German lines by Ensign Krylenko, the Bolshevik commander-in-chief, to begin negotiations for an armistice, was given out here today. It shows that the agreement to take up the negotiations was made on behalf of the Germans by their commander-in-chief. It was agreed that the conference should be held Sunday, December 2, at German headquarters in Brest-Litovsk. The text of the report follows:

"We crossed the line, preceded by a trumpeter carrying a white flag. Three hundred yards from the German entanglements we were met by German officers, our eyes blindfolded, we were conducted to a battalion staff of the German army, where we handed over our written authorization from the national commissaries to two officers of the German general staff, who had been sent for the purpose.

The negotiations were conducted in the French language. Our proposal to carry on negotiations for an armistice on all fronts of belligerent countries in order later to make peace, was immediately handed over to the staff of the division, whence it was sent by direct wire to the staff commander of the eastern front and to the chief commander of the German armies.

Taken to Ministers' House.

"At 6:30 o'clock we were taken in a motor car to the ministers' house on the road from Dvinsk to Ponevezh, where we were received by divisional General Von Hoffmeister, who informed us that our proposal had been handed to the highest commander and that a reply probably would be received in 24 hours.

"But at 7:50 o'clock the first answer from the chief of the general command already had been received, announcing agreement to our proposals and leaving the details of the next meeting to General Von Hoffmeister and the parliamentarians. After an exchange of opinion and further communication by wire from the chief of the general command at midnight were given by Von Hoffmeister a written answer to our proposals. The reply was:

Germany Wants Peace.

"The chief of the German eastern front is prepared to enter into negotiations with the Russian chief command. The chief of the German eastern front is authorized by the German commander-in-chief to carry on negotiations for an armistice.

"The chief of the Russian armies is requested to appoint a commission with written authority to be sent to the headquarters of the commander of the German eastern front. On his side the German commander, likewise, will name a commission with special authorization.

"The day and hour of the meeting are to be fixed by the Russian commander-in-chief. It is demanded that the German commander be warned in due time to prepare a special train for the purpose. Notice must be given at that part it is intended to cross the front. The commander of the German eastern front will place at the disposition of the Russian commission the necessary apparatus so that it may keep in communication with its chief command.

'Signed'—Von Hoffmeister.

"The Russian parliamentarians decided to appoint the place of junction of the Dvinsk-Vilna line, whence the Russian representatives will be conducted to the Brest-Litovsk headquarters of the German commander. The time appointed is midday of November 19 (Russian calendar), or December 2 (new calendar). At the same time we were informed that no firing would occur unless prompted and that enemy fraternization would be stopped. We were blindfolded again and conducted to our lines."

Ask Hammond to Talk.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Dec. 2.—(Special.)—The State Council of Defense has invited Ross L. Hammond to address the people of Lincoln at a meeting to be held soon in the city auditorium on matters pertaining to the war witnessed in his recent trip to the battle fields of France.

Always a Russian Front.

"One thing sure, however, there will always be a Russian front. A question which may bear close consideration soon will be whether the (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)"

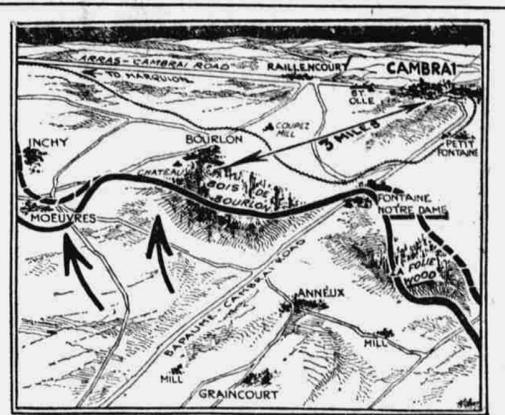
Deadly Germ-Laden Toy Balloons Float From German Trenches

(By Associated Press.) Boston, Dec. 2.—Stories of germ-laden balloons that floated across the line from the German front were related today by the members of a party of 18 American volunteers in the ambulance service who arrived in this country on Thanksgiving day. "Toy balloons are the favorite instrument of unofficial communication with the allies in the trenches when the Teutons have depressing news to make known. It has been discovered, however, it was said, that the little red colored messengers frequently carry also deadly germs intended to breed epidemics and now no soldier is permitted to touch one

Wash the Soda Glasses Five Minutes, Says Law

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 2.—Drinking cups and glasses used in restaurants, at soda fountains and other places must be washed five minutes in boiling water containing a 5 per cent solution of lye, according to regulations promulgated today by the California State Board of Health for the enforcement of the law governing the sterilizing of drinking utensils.

Where Germans Fight to Check Byng's Cambrai Push



From a short distance east of Moeuvres almost to La Polle Wood, British and German infantry are locked in a desperate hand-to-hand struggle. The fighting is for the possession of Bourlon Wood and village of Fontaine Notre Dame. Along this narrow front the tide of battle surges back and forth as each side brings up fresh reserves. Furious German assaults drove the British from Bourlon village. In that direction, as indicated by the arrows, General Byng has attempted an encircling movement, with Cambrai as his ultimate objective.

RAIL EMPLOYEES ASK 40 PER CENT SALARY RAISE

Request Answer by December 31; Urge Managers Consider Reply Jointly; Result of Referendum Vote.

Secret Agreement Bared by Bolsheviki Discloses Romans to Be Awarded Territory in Final Apportionment.

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To Destroy Austrian Navy.

Italy was to have the assistance of the French and British naval forces until the Austrian naval force was destroyed. After peace, Italy was to receive the Trentino, the southern Tyrol to the Brenner Pass, Trieste, Istria and Dalmatia, with additional geographical boundaries outlined in great detail.

Combine Against Pope.

France, Great Britain and Russia the papal influence from ending the war and in regulating questions concerning the war. Italy's co-operation was to begin one month after the ratification of the agreement.

Orva Williams' Body Sent To Old North Platte Home

Camp Cody, N. M., Dec. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The body of Private Orva C. Williams, Company E, 134th Infantry, Fifth Nebraska, who died in the base hospital here after an operation for abscess on the brain, was sent to the former home of the soldier at North Platte, Neb., for interment.

206 Millionaires Reported in U. S.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Two hundred and six men with millionaire incomes—10 of them with annual incomes of more than \$5,000,000 and 196 with incomes ranging from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000—are shown in the income tax figures of the internal revenue bureau for the fiscal year 1917.

Rates for Conductors.

Rates to be paid employees on steam trains or upon trains propelled by other locomotive power, on runs of 155 miles or less per day: Conductors not less than 35 cents per mile, \$5.43 per day or \$162.90 per month. Ticket collectors, not less than 3 cents per mile, \$4.65 per day, or \$139.50 per month.

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Petrograd, Dec. 2.—The text of a secret agreement among France, Great Britain and Russia and Italy has been published here by the Bolsheviki government. The agreement gives Italy sanction to annex certain territory in return for entering the entente alliance and embraces the inadmissibility of the intervention of Pope Benedict with a view to stopping the war.

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GERMAN ADVANCE WILTS AS HAIG'S MEN STRIKE BACK

Temporary Teuton Successes Pale Before Stout Counter Attacks of British; Foe Suffers Complete Reverse in Northern Push; Captured Orders Show Big Offensive Carefully Planned.

(By Associated Press.) British Headquarters in France, Dec. 1.—Field Marshal Haig's troops yesterday were continuing their counter attacks against the German forces, who Friday penetrated the British defenses in the Connelieu sector and who pushed a considerable salient into the British territory. Desperate fighting was proceeding about Connelien this morning.

PUSH GERMANS BACK.

At an early hour of the forenoon the Germans had been pushed back over a considerable amount of ground which they overran yesterday. Gouzeaucourt, which the enemy held five hours and which represented their extreme advance, was cleared a little after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and later the British operations resulted in the Germans being pushed back from Quentin ridge to the east of Gouzeaucourt and from Guache wood, which lies west of Villers-Guislain.

KAISER'S MEN ARE NOW BUSY IN RUSSIAN ARMY

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Complete Teuton Reverse.

The Germans in their northern attack met a complete reverse at the hands of the counter attacking British and the enemy suffered exceedingly heavy losses both in killed and wounded. This attack extended from a point just west of Moeuvres and the Bourlon wood and thence down to the region of Cantaing.

Planned Crushing Blow.

London, Dec. 2.—The official report from headquarters in France tonight says: "Reports from various sectors on the Cambrai battle front, together with captured orders and objective maps, enable the following account to be given of the battle, which began yesterday morning: "The enemy's intention was to deliver simultaneous encircling attacks with a large number of divisions and drive our troops from the important positions we had gained November 28. The following order was issued on November 29 by General von Derwitz, commanding the Second German army:

Appeal to Soldiers.

"Soldiers of the Second Army: The English, by throwing into the fight countless tanks on November 20, gained victory near Cambrai. Their intention was to break through, but they did not succeed in doing so, thanks to the brilliant resistance of our troops, who were put into the line to check their advance. We are going to turn their encircling victory into defeat by an encircling counter attack. The fatherland is watching you and expects every man to do his duty."

Discover Guns and Clothes of Fiendish Slayer

Osceola, Neb., Dec. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Sheriff Potter of Osceola, accompanied by a number of citizens of the county, started in this morning for a thorough search of the Platte river bluffs to see if they could find the trunk and other personal effects which had been left by Louis Chobar after his escape after the murder of A. A. Blender Wednesday night.

After going over much of the ground, the sheriff, who was accompanied by Alfred Forss, the man who had first reported seeing Chobar after the crime, discovered the entire personal effects of Chobar and those articles which had been stolen from Blender subsequent to committing the murder.

The trunk was found in a ravine about 200 yards from where the auto had been abandoned. With the trunk was a rifle, a 32 caliber revolver, a lantern, fur overcoat and fur robe, together with two or three buckets of paint.

The revolver had four cartridges and one shell which had been expended. It is now almost certain that it was the gun that was used in killing Blender.

The revolver was found only a few feet away, hidden in the forks of a tree. The sheriff brought all of the property to Osceola where it will be held awaiting the arrival of the York county officers.

Bread at 9 Cents in Chicago Bakeries

Chicago, Dec. 2.—The price of unwrapped bread in Chicago will be reduced 1 cent starting Monday, according to an announcement tonight by wholesale bakers. A pound loaf of bread will cost 7 cents wholesale, and it is expected that a corresponding reduction by retailers will make the cost to the consumer 9 cents.

Prisoners and Guns.

"In these operations we have taken several hundred prisoners and many machine guns, in addition to inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. "This afternoon the enemy repeated its attacks on our positions in the neighborhood of Masnières, Marconing, Fontaine Notre-dame, Bourlon and Moeuvres, and so far as reports hitherto show, he has been completely repulsed.