

BOLSHEVIKI RULE WITH HEAVY HAND; PLOT TO RESTORE ROMANOFFS IN RUSSIA

KAISER SEEKS TO DOMINATE SLAVS BY NEW MONARCH

Bolsheviki Rule Said to Favor Enthronement of Former Despots; Populace Half Won Over By Royalist Propaganda; Declare Monarchy Only Fit Government for Russian People.

London, Dec. 14.—The real aim of the Bolsheviki is a monarchy at least, and possibly a despotism, in the opinion of the Petrograd correspondent of the Post. He wires that for more than a month the Bolsheviki have been openly preparing public opinion for acceptance of what, he says, after all, is the only fit form of government for Russia.

REDS FAVOR CZAR.

It is this design of the Bolsheviki, the correspondent asserts, which is the secret of their antagonism to the social revolutionists, social democrats and constitutional democrats, all of whom were formidable enemies of the old regime.

Active propaganda long has been carried on under cover, on behalf of the Romanoff family, he says, and this propaganda incidentally turned the Russians against England, which is reported to have desired the overthrow of the autocracy.

WIN PEOPLE OVER.

"The Bolsheviki will in one way or another re-establish the throne and possibly re-erect the despotism," the correspondent adds. "The populace is half won over to this by methods which are well understood by those who know Russia."

After saying that space prevents detailing the subterranean propaganda, the writer refers vaguely to the "unprecedented and unfortunate division in the Romanoff family," which, he says, makes it impossible to judge the precise solution of the problem those behind the Bolsheviki eventually will reach. The popular rumor at present, he adds, is that the former Russian heir to the throne, Grand Duke Alexis, will be made emperor under the German aegis.

ROMANS REPEL FOE, WITH HEAVY GERMAN LOSSES

Washington, Dec. 14.—Austro-German operations aiming at the penetration of the important coastal region of the Venetian lagoon in Italy have been frustrated with heavy losses to the invaders, official dispatches from Rome today announced.

Heavy fighting took place at the Caposile bridgehead, during which the Austro-Germans, after temporary success, were counter attacked by the Italians and driven off. They repeated their attack with frequent successive waves of massed troops, but were able to reach only part of the defenses, from which they eventually were expelled by the Italians. The enemy operations were favored by exceptional weather, which has caused the water in the inundated regions to reach an extremely low mark.

Between the Brenta and Piave rivers, where the greater Austro-German forces are being massed, under command of General von Below in the west and General Krobatin in the eastern sector, artillery firing is particularly active.

NO AUSTRIANS ON FIRING LINE IN NEW U. S. ARMY

Washington, Dec. 14.—First steps to place soldiers of German or Austro-Hungarian birth or extraction at duty apart from the actual fighting forces appear in today's army orders.

Orders show the transfer of nearly a hundred enlisted men of the regular or national army to duty with the disciplinary barracks guard at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. The list contains hardly a name that does not appear to be of German, Austrian or Hungarian origin. There are several non-commissioned officers, including Sergeant Martin A. Stolz, of the quartermaster's corps at Fort Robinson, Neb. All will be privates in the barracks guard.

Three men come from the American expeditionary forces in France and in other cases it is evident that men were withdrawn from recruits about to sail to join General Pershing's command.

One Man Killed, Five Injured by Explosion

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 14.—One man is dead and five injured as a result of a fire which followed an explosion today at an acid plant of the Du Pont Powder company, 18 miles from here. After the firemen had been summoned from this city, fire broke out in the Wilmington power house, cutting off all light and electric service.

Grand Duke Alexis, Who May Now Be Russ Monarch



CROZIER UNDER FIRE SAYS MEN WILL HAVE GUNS

Questioning Developed That Appropriations for Rifles Were Used for Pistol at High Royalties.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Statements regarding the prospective delivery of rifles, considered confidential by the War department, and other matters the witness declined to discuss publicly, were given today by Major General Crozier, chief of ordnance, at an executive session of the senate military committee's inquiry into alleged delays in supplying the war army.

General Crozier's examination today went further into details of the rifle and machine gun situations. Several senators sharply questioned him in what were described as "somewhat heated" exchanges. Some of the members were said to be inclined to attribute to General Crozier himself responsibility for the reduction of 50 per cent in rifle production at private plants due to the change in type.

NO PROSPECT OF LETUP IN BELOW ZERO WEATHER

Ninth Consecutive Day of Wintry Temperatures Sends Shivers Over Omaha and Middle West Country.

The ninth consecutive day with a below-zero temperature came Friday with no prospect of any let-up in the extreme cold under which Omaha and the state and most of the central west are shivering.

The official thermometer at the weather bureau registered 7 degrees below zero at 8 a. m. and a brisk wind from the northwest made the cold felt the more. And while the weather bureau says it will be "not quite so cold tonight," it also predicts "colder tomorrow."

Freezing temperatures extend all the way to the Gulf of Mexico, enveloping the southern states in extraordinary cold. Frost was reported this morning as far south as Jacksonville, Fla.

To the north the cold is extreme, Prince-Albert, Sask., reporting 36 below; Bismarck, N. D., 24 below; Sioux City, 12 below; Valentine, Neb., 12 below; North Platte, Neb., 2 below.

The greater part of the whole country is having snow or rain, snow in the states north and northwest and rain on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. New York last night had a wind that reached a velocity of 84 miles an hour.

Blizzard in Gotham. New York, Dec. 14.—A snowstorm, approaching blizzard proportions, that raged throughout the night, crippled all traffic in New York today, interrupted telegraph and telephone service, brought intense suffering to the poor and accentuated the serious shortage of coal.

The coal situation, which has been acute for weeks, caused much apprehension. In the Bronx yesterday the entire supply of coal was exhausted and crowds of people besieged empty yards in vain. In Brooklyn and on the New York east side there were many small riots in which the chief participants were women, who pleaded that their children were dying of cold at home.

Health officials, alarmed at the increasing number of deaths from pneumonia, due to the recent cold weather, have appealed to the fuel administrator to help the situation.

Wind Dies Down. While the railroads still found the weather cold, temperatures out in the state and farther west were, not (Continued on Page Ten, Column One.)

ARTILLERY IS NOW ACTIVE ON FRENCH FRONT

Paris, Dec. 14.—Heavy artillery fighting occurred last night in the Champagne, the war office announces. "There were violent artillery actions in the region of Maisons de Champagne. East of the Suippes and in Alsace, southwest of Cernay, we raided enemy trenches successfully. "On the remainder of the front there is nothing to report."

LITTLE CHILD MAKES PLEA FOR MITTENS

Bee and Associated Charities, Working Together, Relieve Many Worthy Cases of Acute Suffering.

One of the many letters received by Mrs. G. W. Doane, general secretary of the Associated Charities, was from a child, and it reads as follows:

"I would like to have some mittens, a cap and stockings, and my brother would like the same, for we have a long way to go to school; and don't forget a kewpie doll for my baby sister, and we would all like a good dinner. There are four children in our family. I am 12, my sister is 9, I have a brother, 10, and baby sister is 3 years of age. Papa has been sick and out of work and we are afraid we won't get anything for Christmas."

"There are many cases like that," commented Mrs. Doane.

Many Are Helped. It is to relieve such cases as much as possible during the Christmas season that The Bee and Associated Charities are co-operating in an effort to spread Christmas cheer in a practical manner where it is most needed. The family of seven children whose mother died this week will be remembered, and many other unfortunate homes will have occasion to feel that Christmas this year will mean something to them even in the face of misfortune.

Hiram Prucha sent a check for \$5 for this relief work. E. C. Liggett, 308 South Eighteenth street, contributed \$5, and Mrs. J. M. Zentz sent a check for \$4. Packages of garments were received from Mrs. W. Randall, 820 Park avenue, and M. F. Thomas, 1012 South Twenty-ninth street, all of which were received at The Bee office and forwarded to the Associated Charities.

Wants Soft Coal Stoves. Mrs. Doane stated that she can place to good advantage six soft coal stoves that are in workable condition.

"And don't forget the shoes for the children," she added.

Money, garments, shoes, orders for coal or shoes, or any other forms of relief, may be sent to Associated Charities office, 519 Farnam building, Thirteenth and Farnam streets, or to The Bee office.

The Christmas relief work is in full swing. It is not necessary to wait until Christmas to aid these families who are in need.

MEASLES NOT NOW MENACE TO MEN IN TRAINING CAMPS

Washington, Dec. 14.—The measles epidemic in the camps of the Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth divisions of the National Guard troops no longer constitutes a menace, according to a report for the week ending December 13, made public today by Surgeon General Gorgas.

The epidemic has spread somewhat, however, in the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth divisions and to a greater extent in the Thirty-sixth. Pneumonia, following measles, is particularly increased in the Thirty-sixth division and slightly increased in the Thirty-fourth, Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth.

All other National Guard camps show a decrease in measles, although there have been a number of pneumonia independent of measles in all national army and National Guard camps.

The report shows 190 deaths during the week at the National Guard, of which 171 were from pneumonia; 74 deaths in the national army, of which 47 were from pneumonia.

Lobeck Lands Jobs for Joe Walker and Guy Axtel

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Through the efforts of Congressman Lobeck, J. C. Walker, an Omaha newspaper reporter, and Guy L. Axtel of Omaha have been appointed deputy income tax agents for Nebraska.

Upstate Banker Hears Omaha Cafes Serve Baked Muskrat

Baked muskrat hams and apple sauce—do they or do they not appear on the menu of certain hotels and restaurants in Omaha? The Commercial club of Omaha cannot answer the question, though the question has been put to them by a Hyannis banker. J. W. Mann, cashier of the Hyannis State bank, Hyannis, Neb., has written the Commercial club a letter in which he says he has heard that Omaha hotel and restaurant people are paying 15 cents apiece for the hind legs of muskrats. He wants to know if this is true. "As we have customers who do a lot of trapping of muskrats," he continues, "as an accommodation to

RED TROOPS ROUT KORNILOFF AND HIS COSSACKS

"Death Battalion" Annihilated in Bielgorod Battle and Extremists Now Control; Constituent Assembly Will Protest Arrests; Letts Form Government for Lithuania and Courland; German Prisoners Released.

Petrograd, Thursday, Dec. 13, 6 p. m.—In the battle near Bielgorod, according to a Bolsheviki staff report, General Korniloff's Cossacks were defeated. They retreated to Vasileika.

FARMERS' UNION AND UNCLE SAM GO TO THE MAT

Food Administrator Wattles Calls the Defy of President Gustafson and Issues Order on Sale of Sugar.

C. H. Gustafson, president of the Farmers' Union State exchange, not long ago gave out the information that the organization of which he is the head and which has its warehouses in Omaha, would continue to sell sugar to its members, and in 100-pound lots, regardless of what Federal Food Administration Agent Wattles might say, or do. He took the position that this was one of the things that the company had a right to do and that in doing so, it was not acting in conflict with the general rules of the food administration.

The statement of Mr. Gustafson came to the attention of Mr. Wattles and now the two men have gone to the mat. It is said that Friday afternoon Mr. Wattles won the first fall when he served notice on the Williams, Murphy company, a South Tenth street-house, that is said to have been selling sugar to the Farmers' union, and which sugar has been sent to members out in the state in 100-pound lots.

In his notice to the Williams, Murphy company, Mr. Wattles says:

Makes It Official Notice. "It has come to my knowledge, from statements furnished by the Farmers' Union State exchange, that this Farmers' Union State exchange is operating without a license from the federal government and is clearly operating in violation of the rules and regulations of the food administration.

This is especially true in the matter of the sale of sugar. This state exchange has been selling and shipping, or causing to be shipped, through your company, sugar in amounts largely in excess of the legitimate requirements of the purchaser for the period of 60 days. This exchange advised my representative that it would continue to make shipment in 100-pound lots, or in excess thereof, so long as it could obtain the sugar with which to fill the orders, unless forbidden by some authorized representative of the federal government. I am advised that it is at the present time securing this supply of sugar through you.

"Please be advised that from this date, and until further order from this office, you will not deliver to the Farmers' Union State exchange, or ship to any person whom it may designate, any sugar in any amount whatsoever. You will please accept this as official notice and govern yourselves accordingly."

Wattles Issues Statement.

In regard to this order Gurdon W. Wattles, federal food administrator for Nebraska, makes the following statement:

"Several days ago an interview appeared in some of the Omaha papers with C. H. Gustafson, in which he stated in substance that the organization which he represented was selling sugar to its members in 100 pound (Continued on Page Four, Column Two.)

KORNILOFF DISAPPEARS.

In connection with the battle at Rostov the evening newspapers report the Cossacks as victorious, the Bolsheviki forces having retreated to Nakhitchevan.

The staff report on the Bielgorod fighting says that the Korniloff forces lost 50 killed and 80 prisoners. The report adds that General Korniloff has disappeared.

Defeat Death Battalion.

The Bolsheviki forces have defeated a "death battalion" in the vicinity of Bielgorod, where the fighting with the Korniloff and Kaledines forces centers. In the Orenburg district, where General Dutoff has a large force of Cossacks, there has been little fighting and the Bolsheviki have sent agitators to work among his troops. It is reported that Kaluga has been taken by the Bolsheviki.

The commander of the Black sea fleet has called upon all the sailors to fight against Kaledines, declaring "Kaledines, together with the allied imperialists, has declared civil war." The employees of the food supply department called today at the Smolny institute, the Bolsheviki headquarters, and urged that they be declared a neutral department. Otherwise they would decline to work under the people's commissaries. Their demands were refused.

The senate, the highest Russian court, which has been abolished by the Bolsheviki, today held a secret meeting, at which it was determined that the members would continue in their offices.

The socialist newspapers appeared this morning without advertisements, but they carried a long protest against the Bolsheviki advertising monopoly.

Army Election Begins.

It is announced that elections of officers of the army, for which all men are eligible, will begin today. A decree abolishing all ranks and titles becomes effective tomorrow. The commissaries have declared all agricultural implements a government monopoly and all machines will be distributed for the equitable farming of all lands.

Constituent Assembly.

The constituent assembly is determined to protest against the arrest of Prince Dolgoroukoff, A. I. Shingarov and M. Kolkolkin by the Bolsheviki, despite their membership in the assembly, because this position brings immunity. The Bolsheviki have brought another regiment to Petrograd to strengthen their forces. Bolsheviki delegates to the constituent assembly are hastening toward Petrograd from all parts of Russia, in response to an appeal from their headquarters here. Now, of the Bolsheviki attended the preliminary organization meeting of the assembly yesterday. It is believed they are holding off until control is assured by sheer force of numbers.

The preliminary meeting was attended by about 70 delegates, mostly social revolutionists. Mayor Schreider of Petrograd, who presided, made a speech in which he declared that the assembly had been opened, but that delegates later compromised by adopting a resolution declaring that the assembly would have all power when it was legally opened, which, according to their view, would be (Continued on Page Ten, Column Two.)

A Violin For a Diamond

This is just one of the many trades recently made by small ads in The Swappers' column.

If you have any articles of furniture, clothing, office fixtures, musical instruments or personal effects that have ceased to be of value to you

Trade Them for something you can use by putting a small ad in

The Swappers' Column of The Bee. You can count on a rapid exchange.

Swappers' Column Rates are 25c for a 3-line advertisement 3 times, and 3c for each answer you received.

Advertisement for 'Food Don't Waste It' featuring illustrations of the Washington Monument, U.S. Capitol, and Douglas County Court House, with a central figure holding a sign.