



BOY AUTO THIEVES CONFESS; 'LUCKY 7TH' IS DISBANDED

KAISER CALLS OFF RUSS CONFERENCE; UNABLE TO AGREE ON MEETING PLACE

Socialist Party is Stumbling Block to Plans of Kaiser's Government; Berlin Denies Report That General Von Ludendorff Has Resigned; German Crown Council Discusses Demands.

Russian efforts to have Germany acquiesce in the transfer of the peace negotiations from Brest-Litovsk, in German control, to the neutral city of Stockholm apparently have failed.

The report from German sources that fear of intrigue in Stockholm on the part of entente interests would endanger the work of the plenipotentiaries is not confirmed from Petrograd.

SOCIALISTS MAY DESERT. In Germany the political situation is much disturbed over the attitude of the liberal parties concerning the government's stand upon the proposed transfer.

Crown Council Meets. London, Jan. 6.—German advisers Saturday were to the effect that the Bolshevik delegates, on finding that the representatives of the Teutonic allies were at Brest-Litovsk awaiting them, had started for this town.

Situation Serious in Berlin. Dispatches from Berlin indicate that although the Reichstag parties in the main are supporting the government, considerable political unrest is prevalent.

Armistice in Ukraine. An armistice has been declared in the Ukraine region, the Rada, the Ukrainian legislative body, and the Bolsheviks having agreed to a compromise of their difficulties.

The Petrograd Post says the king of Roumania has called the entente allies that the Roumanians are determined to continue the war notwithstanding the desires of the troops on the Russian-Roumanian front.

Discussion Favors Germany. Another telegram from Brest-Litovsk states that informal discussions there Friday between the Germans and Ukrainians took a direction favorable to Germany.

City Commissioners Approve Plans for Three Comfort Stations. City commissioners, in committee of the whole, approved plans for three public comfort stations.

Hard for Howard. Governor Neville's resignation was conditional. It was to take effect immediately upon the mustering of the regiment into federal service.

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MAKE SIGNED CONFESSION. Signed confessions telling of motor car thefts on a scale without parallel in the history of youthful crime in the middle west were made by the lads, detectives said.

REGIMENT, WHICH GOVERNOR NEVILLE RESIGNED HIS OFFICE TO COMMAND, ORDERED MUSTERED OUT OF SERVICE

War Department at Washington Notified Colonel Neville that Troops Cannot be Used in Federal Service and Adjutant General of Nebraska Immediately Ordered Regiments Mustered Out; Facts Known at Lincoln Since December 15; Delayed in Mails.

The Lucky Seventh, or, as it has become more familiarly known, the Unlucky Seventh, is no more, according to information given out by Governor Keith Neville at Lincoln this morning.

Members of the Seventh received the word at their headquarters with shouts of approval. "At last we know our status in the war," was the opinion expressed, and seemed to be unanimous.

MEN WILL ENLIST. "I am going to enlist in the United States army or navy as soon as they will take me and I am going to fight under the Stars and Stripes. I am an American and always will be and that is the country I will fight for."

Governor Neville, who resigned as chief executive of the state, to become colonel of the regiment as soon as it was mustered into federal service, expressed his regrets that the regiment had been ordered disbanded.

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FIVE LADS ADMIT STEALING TWENTY OMAHA MACHINES

Five Lads, Four of Them Under Age, Make Signed Confessions of Thefts on Big Scale; Ringleader Blames Bad Companions and "Joy Riding" for Their Downfall.

Confessions of recent wholesale automobile and merchandise thefts in Omaha were obtained from five youths Monday, according to police.

PRO-GERMANISM CHARGE HURLED AT WOMAN'S CLUB

Motion to Buy Thrift Stamps Voted Down and Mrs. Charles Rosewater Makes Accusation Which Starts Wrangle.

A discussion on buying war thrift stamps, club finances and patriotism terminated in a hopeless tangle and charges of pro-Germanism in the most stirring business meeting of the Omaha Woman's club has held this winter.

Liberal investment of club funds in Liberty bonds and contributions to Young Men's Christian association and Young Women's Christian association war funds made by motion of the house, has drawn so heavily on the club's treasury that a motion was introduced and passed early in Monday's business session that expenditure of club funds should be referred to the club directory for investigation before action by the house.

Mrs. Charles Rosewater then moved that 10 per cent of the club's yearly income be used to purchase war thrift stamps.

Charges Pro-Germanism. "I am amazed at the pro-German sentiments expressed in this club," came from Mrs. Rosewater. "You don't need the clubhouse for which you are hoarding the money in the bank. What will you do with a clubhouse if your boys are killed in the war. I'm ashamed of you, every one of you," she exclaimed.

Mrs. F. J. Birss, Mrs. S. A. Collins and others jumped to the floor to refute the charge. "We voted the motion down in order to have the business carried on through the channel indicated by our first motion," they explained.

Wrangle Ensues. The wrangle ensued until one calm person moved to refer the matter to the directory.

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Army Commanders Uniforms In Stock of Omaha Retail Stores. Officers from the quartermaster department of the army stationed in Omaha a week ago took over all stock on hand of certain sizes of army uniforms.

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REDS PREPARE TO GIVE BATTLE TO GERMAN FOE

Bolsheviki Declares Radicals Do Not Desire Help of Allies, Raising Army to Fight for Ideal.

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The Weather For Nebraska—Snow and warmer. Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday. High, 34; low, 20; mean, 26. Precipitation, 0.00.

