

REDS DISBAND ASSEMBLY; BRESLAU AND GOEBEN SUNK

BRITISH WARSHIPS DESTROY 2 NOTED GERMAN CRUISERS

Breslau and Goeben, Reported Sold to Turkish Navy, Attempt Dash Out of Dardanelles; One Is Sunk, The Other Driven Ashore In Resulting Naval Battle.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 20.—In a naval action between British and Turkish forces at the entrance to the Dardanelles, the Turkish cruiser Midulla, formerly the German Breslau, was sunk and the Sultan Yawuz Selim, former the German cruiser Goeben, was beached. This announcement was made by the admiralty tonight.

FRENCH REPULSE GERMAN.

Today's war office statement on the Franco-Belgian front military operations reads:

"The night passed quietly. There was nothing of special interest to report."

Paris, Jan. 20.—"Two raids by the Germans, one in the region south-east of St. Quentin and the other north of Courtecon, were easily repulsed by our troops," says today's official statement.

"On the remainder of the front there were intermittent artillery fire."

The official communication issued by the war office tonight reads:

"Northwest of Rheims and on the right bank of the Meuse there was quite active artillery fighting. An enemy raid on our small posts in the neighborhood of Lorraine failed. North of St. Mihiel our patrols brought back prisoners."

"Aviation—On Saturday our aerial crews were engaged in a number of combats. Six German airplanes were destroyed; two others seriously damaged fell within their own lines."

"Artillery Active On Italian Line. Rome, Jan. 20.—Lively artillery fighting in the Italian northern front is reported in today's war office statement. There also was lively artillery activity along the Piave line. No infantry operations of moment are noted in the official statement."

Ostend Bombed by Allies. Berlin, Jan. 20.—Via London, Ostend, on the Belgian coast, has been bombed by naval forces, it was announced in today's army headquarters report.

Considerable artillery fighting occurred at various points along the western front. The British fire being especially intense south of the Scarpe, while on the French front there were bursts of activity in the Verdun sector and on both sides of the Rhine-Marne canal.

Spanish Mob Forces Many Factories to Close

Madrid, Jan. 20.—Disorders occurred yesterday at Alicante, the chief seaport of Valencia. They are reported in an official telegram from Alicante, which states that a mob forced the factories to cease work and attacked shops and private houses. Women of the middle class were compelled by the demonstrators to join them, it is declared.

American Sailor Honored For Bravery Under Fire

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—Secretary Daniels announced tonight that he had commended for devotion to duty Chief Boatswain's Mate Stief Homiak, and his men of the armed naval guard aboard the American steamer Armenia, which was torpedoed early in December, but was taken safely to port, the naval personnel aiding materially in saving the ship. The bluejackets stood fast at their guns after the explosion.

Head of "Henry's," Famous Paris Hotel, Kills Self

Paris, Jan. 20.—Henri Tepe, proprietor of "Henry's Hotel," which contains one of the most widely known bars in Paris, committed suicide last night. He left his guests at dinner, went to the fifth floor and leaped from a window. M. Tepe also was the owner of a racing stable.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair; cold.

Table with 2 columns: Hour and Temperature. Shows temperatures for various hours from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., ranging from 4 to 22 degrees.

Table with 2 columns: Year and Precipitation. Shows precipitation for 1918, 1917, 1916, 1915, and 1914, with values ranging from 2.0 to 4.7 inches.

'TRAITOR' IS SHOUTED AT BAR MEETING

William Wappich's Application for Membership in City Lawyers' Association Rouses Storm; Says He Is Patriotic.

Charges of "treason" and "traitor" were hurled at a stormy meeting of the Omaha Bar association in the Commercial club Saturday, when the name of William F. Wappich, an Omaha attorney, was presented for admission to membership.

"I would consider it treasonable to vote in favor of admitting to this organization, representing the law and social order of this country, a man who on May 14, 1917, after the declaration of war with Germany wrote an article in the 'public pulse' of an Omaha paper defending the German-American alliance and openly triumphing in the fact that it had forced the school board to adopt the teaching of German in the public schools," was the vitriolic objection offered by H. L. Mossman, when Wappich's name was proposed.

Alliance Is Assailed. Mr. Mossman accused Wappich of being a member of the German-American alliance and of publishing German propaganda after war had been declared.

Mr. Wappich, who resides at 310 North Fourth-first street, was present, although not yet a member of the association.

"The German-American alliance is the most insidious and traitorous organization in America today," said Mr. Mossman, continuing his indictment, "and until Mr. Wappich recants his statement endorsing that organization and tells us he is done with that traitorous machine I for one shall not vote him a member of this association."

The letter referred to was written by Wappich and appeared in the "Public Pulse" column of the World-Herald, May 14, 1917.

For Keeping Bars Up. "Are we going to throw down the bars and admit traitors to our midst?" asked Attorney Murray. "That nefarious alliance had its inception in Berlin and its purposes in this country were treasonable from top to bottom."

"I did not like Mr. Wappich's letter in the World-Herald and I did not like Senator Hitchcock's attitude in the senate toward Germany and toward America and the war, and I never have been very well satisfied with the things he publishes in his paper," observed Judge Shields in condemnation of a too lenient attitude toward the publication of German propaganda.

Discussion waxed so warm that Mr. Wappich was given leave to retire while the meeting adjourned for a session of open discussion. He remained, however, and asked to make a statement.

Says It's Rot. Mr. Wappich said that he was a citizen of the United States and that his father was a citizen before him. He maintained that the letter referred to made no statement criticizing the president or the government or any reference to our entry into the war.

"This is all rot," he said. "I am a loyal and patriotic to the United States as any man under this roof. There was nothing in my letter that was not loyal to this country. I have bought Liberty bonds, I have subscribed to the Red Cross and the Young Men's Christian association fund. I served five half-days with you other attorneys on the legal advisory (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)"

British Make Mile Gain Near Jerusalem

London, Jan. 20.—The war office last night issued the following statement in regard to the operation in Palestine: "Yesterday our line was advanced to a maximum depth of a mile on a four-mile front in the neighborhood of Durah, 12 miles north of Jerusalem. Some prisoners were captured."

Old Well Popular Than Canteen With Soldiers



ALL THE OLD WELL. Courtesy of Public Information, Supplied by P. I. S.

This trusty old well, which is only a short distance behind the French battle lines, is the haven of the tired Polish returning from duty in the trenches. The water systems which formerly supplied the French cities have completely disappeared, which makes it necessary for the French to draw all the water from the earth. The photo shows Red Cross men carrying water for a nearby base hospital.

AMERICA EMERGES FROM SHADOW OF FUEL FAMINE

Coal Moves Freely to Ships and Homes; Many Industrial Plants Added to Exemption List; Storm in Middle West Threatens to Retard Government's Rail Efforts.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—A marked improvement in coal famine conditions was reported by the fuel administration tonight as a result of the second day's operation of the government's fuel restriction order.

Houses were warmed, ships were bunkered and in the extreme east railway congestion was cleared to some extent, fuel administration officials said, after going through telegraphic reports from 28 state fuel administrators. In the middle west a heavy snowstorm and zero temperatures, however, reduced rail movement sharply.

INCREASE EXEMPTIONS.

The only important change in the closing order made today was a ruling permitting all places of amusement to remain open on the Monday holidays and close on Tuesdays instead. A large number of industrial plants were added to the War and Navy departments' exemption list, but the names of none were made public.

A special effort was made today to provide ships with bunker coal and Fuel Administrator Garfield arranged with Chairman Hurley of the shipping board to pool tugs and barges in each Atlantic port where vessels are held to expedite the work.

Pooling was suggested when it was found that some piers supplied with coal had no barges to transport it and that others with no coal on hand were well supplied with barges.

Bunker 13 Ships. Reports from New York said 13 ships were bunkered there today. Railroad officials reported that coal was moving much more freely to the piers and that it now was a question only of getting it aboard ships. To that end men will be kept hard at work all day tomorrow.

"I am determined to take any steps," said Fuel Administrator Garfield tonight, "which may be necessary within my authority to facilitate the supplying of ships with fuel."

A new danger threatened the coal output today. Empty cars began to reach the chief bituminous mining regions in diminishing numbers. This was due, it was said, in part to delay attending the diversion of coal from industries closed down to those permitted.

Wanted—Hello Girls For Service in France

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 20.—The signal corps needs women telephone operators between 23 and 35 years old, who are in good health and speak French and English fluently. Experienced operators preferred. Salaries range from \$60 to \$125 a month with rations and quarters, the same as received by army nurses.

Units of women operators to be sent abroad will wear distinctive uniforms and be considered from a military standpoint as in a similar position to the members of the British women's auxiliary corps. Wives of army officers and enlisted men in Europe or about to go will not be accepted.

REPUBLIC IS DEMANDED BY RUSS 'REDS'

Urge Constituent Assembly to Repudiate National Debt and Transfer Land to Working Classes.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 20.—A Petrograd dispatch to Reuters Limited, says: "Following is a summary of the provisions of the declaration of workmen's rights adopted by the central executive committee of the workmen's and soldiers' deputies, and read to the constituent assembly: The constituent assembly resolves that Russia be declared a republic of Soviets."

The central and provincial power appertains to these soviets. The republic of Soviets is formed on the basis of a free alliance of free nations under the constitution of a confederation of national soviet republics.

Then follows a long series of provisions. Article 2 declares as abrogated the right of private proprietorship of land, which is declared to be the property of the state. In the same article the principle of obligatory work for all is laid down, and the arming of the working classes, the disarming of the leisure classes, the organization of the Red soviets and the arming of workmen and peasants are announced.

"Article 3 approves the policy of the workmen's and soldiers' deputies for a democratic peace and approves the decree repudiating all Russian loans."

"Article 4 says: 'There having been an election on the electoral registers, drawn up before the people had begun to organize a social society, the constituent assembly considers that it can in no way oppose the power of the workmen's and soldiers' government. "At the moment of the decisive struggle of the people against those who have exploited them, the latter can find no place in the governing body. The power must lie exclusively in the hands of the working classes and their representatives, the soviets. "It is considered probable that the workmen's and soldiers' delegates and the bolshevik constituents now will proclaim themselves in a national convention."

Bloodshed at Moscow.

"It is reported from Moscow that shooting occurred there during a demonstration in support of the constituent assembly. "One soldier carrying a flag remained in the middle of the road and shouted to the red guards: 'I have been three years at the front. Kill me if you wish.' He was shot dead. "Red guards tore off the badges of the paraders and several banners were burned. There were many women and girls, as well as officers and disabled soldiers in the processions."

Noted British General Found Dead in Bed

London, Jan. 20.—General Sir Beachamp Duff, commander-in-chief of the British force in India from 1913 to 1916, was found dead in his bed in a West End club this morning.

General Duff, who had a long and distinguished army career, winning honors in active campaigning and filling numerous responsible active positions, including that of assistant military secretary for India affairs at the war office and the posts of adjutant general and chief of staff in India, before coming commander-in-chief there, was in his 63d year. In August, 1916, he was succeeded in the India command by General Monro.

Gasoline Exposition in Paris Injures Americans

Paris, Jan. 20.—A gasoline can exploded this morning as some American soldiers were filling an automobile tank at the famous Moulin de la Galette dancing hall, now used as a camouflage school for the American army. The tank also exploded and two American soldiers were seriously injured. They were taken to the American ambulance hospital at Neuilly.

Swift Plant Burns.

Rio Janeiro, Brazil, Jan. 20.—The packing house of Swift & Co. was destroyed by fire today. The loss is estimated at \$500,000.

Britishers Stage Near-Riots In Effort to Get Sunday Feeds

(By Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 20.—Demonstrations demanding better distribution of food were held at Brighton in Eritia, Kent, and at other places in England today, while men, women and children stood in queues, in many cases, in vain, for a Sunday roast, margarine butter or tea.

At Eritia 3,000 workers from one of the big factories marched to the food committee's offices to protest against their wives and children having to wait long hours outside the shops and then being obliged to come away empty-handed. The men say that owing to the scarcity of food they are unable to work, and the percentage of sickness has been high.

BOLSHEVIKI USE FORCE TO BREAK UP RUSS ASSEMBLY

Incensed at Its Unwillingness to Approve Conduct of Peace Parleys, Send Armed Sailors to Disperse Session And Issue Decree of Dissolution; Reds Fire On Moscow Demonstration.

(By Associated Press.)

Petrograd, Jan. 20.—The constituent assembly has been dissolved by the bolshevik authorities, it is officially announced today. Sailor guards closed the assembly at 4 o'clock this morning and a decree of dissolution will be issued during the day, the official statement says.

GENERAL STRIKE IN AUSTRIA TO COMPEL PEACE

Openly Anti-German, Closes Down All War Munition Factories and Makes 100,000 Idle.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 20.—A general strike is on throughout Austria, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Paris today, which reports 100,000 men quitting work in Vienna and Neustadt, closing down all the war factories. The strikers are described as openly anti-German and the movement as both political and economic and especially aimed at obtaining peace.

Public demonstration, it was added, have been held in many places at which hostility was voiced toward Berlin for trying to force the Austrians to continue the war. "It is considered probable that the workmen's and soldiers' delegates and the bolshevik constituents now will proclaim themselves in a national convention."

REPORTS REACH SWEDEN.

Stockholm, Jan. 20.—Reports of strikes and other demonstrations in Austria, which the Austrian government has permitted to be telegraphed abroad, acquire new significance when read in connection with the Vienna Arbitrator Zeitung's report of five socialist meetings held in Vienna Sunday.

The meetings, which were attended by vast numbers of persons, protested against "robbing the Austrian people of all influence in the peace negotiations by continually postponing the meetings of the chamber of deputies and the delegates and by suppressing all criticism in the press of Germany and Austria's foreign policy."

Spormann Enemy Alien Interned at Onalathorpe

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 20.—Walter Spormann, 31 years old, who was arrested 10 days ago near Langley aviation field, Virginia, by agents of the department of justice, and who was brought to this city last Tuesday on the charge of violating his alien enemy permit, today was sent to a prison camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

Rev. Father Jonaitis Goes East to Meet Lithuanians

Rev. Father Jonaitis, pastor of the Lithuanian Catholic church, left Omaha Sunday night on a trip through the east. He will stop in Ohio and Pennsylvania to meet with Lithuanian leaders there. Rev. Father Jonaitis was the instigator of the Lithuanians of Nebraska sending a petition to President Wilson asking that the freedom of Lithuania be included in the United States' terms of peace.

Kansas City Man Goes to Federal Shipping Board

Kansas City, Jan. 20.—James E. Holden, vice president in charge of traffic for the Kansas City Southern railway yesterday was named supervisor of transportation and traffic for the federal shipping board according to a telegram from Washington received at the offices of the road here. The appointment was made by Secretary McAdoo.

U. S. War Board Will Control Neutral Shipping

Washington, Jan. 20.—Control of neutral shipping at American ports will be undertaken by the war trade board February 1, to prevent Germany from receiving information or goods from the United States. Several sailors have been under suspicion for some time as media of communication between Germany and its agents in this country.

General Pershing Reports Two Deaths of Soldiers

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—General Pershing tonight notified the war department of the following deaths from natural causes: Private George W. Vroman, ammunition train, pneumonia, Caspar, Wyoming. Private John V. Sissel, infantry, pneumonia, Gazelle, Calif.

Ft. Omaha Balloon Lands Near Dunavant, Kan.

Lieutenant L. B. Schiff, who piloted a free balloon in a flight from Fort Omaha Saturday, reported to the fort that he had landed near Dunavant, Kan. He was expected to return to Omaha late Sunday night. No details of the flight were told in his message reporting his safe landing.