



RUSS TURK DOWN GERMAN PEACE; WILL RESUME WAR

WAR OFFICE BLAMED FOR MANY LIVES LOST

Chamberlain Answers Wilson's Denunciation of Attack on Military Establishment; Declares President Does Not Know Truth Regarding Conditions; Epidemics Could Have Been Prevented.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Standing firmly by his charge that America's military establishment is enmeshed in inefficiency, Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, chairman of the military committee, replied in the senate today to President Wilson's denunciation of his recent New York speech by repeating the statement which drew the president's fire and declaring that the president himself does not know the truth.

DEPARTMENT TO BLAME

Senator Chamberlain declared he would show that the deaths of the hundreds and thousands of men at cantonments and camps were due to the War department and "that all epidemics could have been prevented if the War department had been effective."

VERACITY WAS QUESTIONED.

"Now that my truthfulness has been questioned," Senator Chamberlain continued, "I feel it my duty to tell the country something I might not have told it under ordinary circumstances."

"I do it as a man who loves his country best of all and who would willingly give his life for it. I do it fearlessly as an American citizen who desires to help and not to hinder."

He repeated he had not distorted the truth in his speech made in New York, but that owing to the great rush of business due to the war the president has probably not been able to ascertain the truth and does not know that truth.

Cannot Learn Truth.

"From the lips of those closest to the president, the chief executive cannot learn the truth, not because his advisers desire to mislead him, but because they are situated in the same position as he is."

"The secretary of war, in a general statement to the senate, which was carefully and ably prepared, tells us that \$3,200,000,000 have been appropriated for the ordnance department and that contracts for \$1,079,000,000 have been awarded," he continued.

"This is true. But the secretary failed to tell the country that America failed to stand prepared."

"France, bled white," he continued, "is furnishing America today and the troops going abroad with heavy ordnance, machine guns and airplanes."

"If we relied on the ordnance department in this emergency, (and this is a war of artillery) the war would be completed before we ever got enough to go to the front. France agreed to deliver this artillery to win America? Did it furnish it in order to invite America?"

"It was improper, he said, to give details of American purchases of ordnance from the allies, but referred senators to the confidential testimony before the committee by Major General Crozier, chief of ordnance."

"If the administration had wanted to be fair to the American people," he shouted, "why didn't the secretary of war let the people know, so that the people would assist in getting ready for this terrible calamity."

Senator Chamberlain charged that the ordnance bureau failed in 1916 to (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

Situation on West Front Critical, Says War Expert

London, Jan. 24.—The situation on the western front is critical, in the opinion of Colonel C. A. Repington, one of the foremost English military critics, who recently resigned from the Times and became military correspondent of the Morning Post.

In his first contribution to the Post, in today's issue, he criticizes Premier Lloyd George and the war cabinet severely because, he asserts, they have failed to maintain the strength of the British armies in the west, thereby creating the present conditions.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair; colder; cold wave, with temperature to zero or below by Saturday morning, with exceptionally strong northerly winds.

Colder

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday:

Table with 2 columns: Hour, Temp. High, Rain.

Comparative Record.

Table with 2 columns: Year, High, Low.

Station and State Temp. High. Rain. Chyenne, cloudy 28 41 0.00 Denver, snow 28 41 0.00

T. R. HITS STONE'S ATTACK AS MOVE TO AID GERMANY

Declares in Speech Before National Press Club Missouri Senator's Address "Insidious Effort" to Aid Enemy.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 24.—Colonel Roosevelt answered Senator Stone's attack upon him in the senate Monday in a speech late today before the National Press club, characterizing the Missouri senator's address as an insidious effort on behalf of Germany and as the first injection of partisanship in discussion of the government's conduct of the war.

Next to assailing an efficient public servant, Colonel Roosevelt said, the worst offense is to defend an inefficient servant, and for that reason he was supporting Senator Chamberlain and his associates on the military committee who were investigating the "mal-administration" of the War department.

Voted Against War.

"This is the same Senator Stone," he cried, "who voted against the declaration of war last year; who engaged in filibustering operations against our taking action to defend ourselves, operations of a kind which drew public rebuke to those engaged in them from the president of the United States."

The colonel said the navy was in bad shape the first six months of the war and would have met disaster if there had been a test with the enemy, but that it was "fine" now. He approved the war council and munitions director legislation.

FIRE DESTROYS PLANTS MAKING WAR MATERIALS

Camden, N. J., Jan. 24.—Two manufacturing establishments engaged in the manufacture of war materials were destroyed in a fire which swept a two-story building covering a half block today.

One of the tenants estimated his loss at \$300,000 and the entire loss will reach \$500,000, it is believed. One tenant in the building was manufacturing patterns for submarine chasers and another made gaskets for United States airplanes. The fire spread with such rapidity through these plants that incendiaries is suspected.

Will Drive "Moonshiners" Out of Business

Washington, Jan. 24.—Discovery that manufacture of moonshine whisky is increasing rapidly in bone-dry states and that quantities have been sold illicitly to soldiers in southern camps caused Internal Revenue Commissioner Roper to announce today a nationwide campaign against illegal distillation in co-operation with state governors.

Enforced Reduction in Sale of White Flour

Washington, Jan. 24.—To create a large export surplus of flour for the allies, the food administration is considering a plan of forced reduction in flour sales all the way from the miller to the consumer.

Millers, wholesalers, retailers and bakers probably will be required to hold their sales of flour down to 75 per cent of the amount now handled.

Mormon Apostle Dead.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 24.—Hyrum M. Smith, apostle of the Mormon church and son of Joseph F. Smith, president of the church, is dead. He was 45 years old.

In 1904 he testified at Washington in the case of Senator Reed Smoot, also an apostle, whose right to a seat in the United States senate had been questioned by alleged foes of the church.

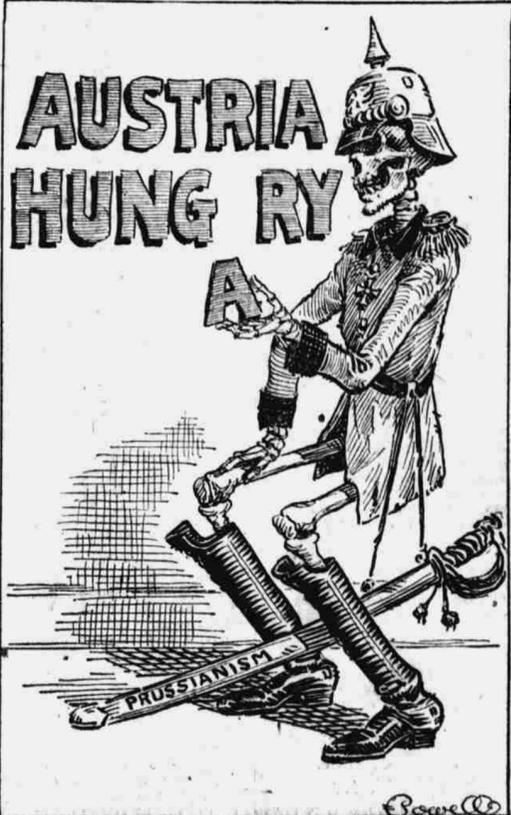
International News Service Walks Into Trap Set by Rival

New York, Jan. 24.—The United Press association today announced that the International News Service, against which the Associated Press recently obtained an injunction to prevent the pirating of news, has walked straight into a trap set by the United Press to show that the International News Service was pirating the news of that organization.

The International News Service incidentally brought into newspaper fame a hitherto unknown official, Under Foreign Secretary Netolsky, whose name spelled backwards, reads "stolen" with the "ky" thrown in for Russian camouflage.

"The United Press early today inserted 'Netolsky' in a dispatch from Petrograd, but soon afterward, 'killed' this name to all its papers. Within a short time, however, the United Press says that papers receiving the International News Service appeared with 'M. Netolsky' figuring prominently in an alleged dispatch from London recounting in a general way the same facts set forth in the United Press cable from Petrograd."

Taking Food Out of Hungary



FOOD SITUATION BECOMES ACUTE IN ROUMANIA

Peasant Women Almost Starving or Existing on Maize; Newly Born Deformed From Malnutrition.

(By Associated Press.)

Petrograd, Jan. 24.—British officers who have made a thorough investigation of conditions in Roumania returned to Petrograd today and gave an account of the food situation there. They said Roumanian peasant women have been almost starving for months or existing solely on maize. The effect is shown particularly among newly born children, many of whom are deformed.

The effect of starvation on future generations is causing more concern to the officials than the present state of affairs. The Roumanians have sufficient maize to feed the peasant population until May, but this diet by itself will not give proper sustenance. Discipline Maintained.

Notwithstanding this and other privations, the Roumanian army is maintaining discipline. Information from authoritative sources emphatically contradicts rumors of any pronounced movement against King Ferdinand. It is declared that only the smallest minority seeks to overthrow the government.

Roumanian troops are aiding the Russian commander in the gradual demobilization of the Russian army on the Roumanian front. The Roumanians are on guard against marauding bands of Russian soldiers, insisting that all give up their arms before being released from their units. A battle occurred four miles from Jassy between Ukrainian and Bolshevik forces. It lasted for eight days. The Bolsheviks seized the important railway junction of Harkov.

Transportation Difficult. Owing to happenings such as these it is very difficult to send food to Roumania, or to the northern Russian cities and the western and northern Russian fronts. Some food is now moving from Ukraine to north Russia by special agreement, but transportation difficulties are growing.

Increased sentiment in favor of the Bolsheviks is reported in Ukraine, although the Bolsheviks there are not connected officially with those of Petrograd.

An attempt to assassinate Lieutenant General Stecherbatcheff, commander of the Russian forces in Roumania was defeated on December 20. Several persons were killed recently in a battle at Kiev, brought on by an attempt on the part of sailors to compel officers to give up their epaulettes.

Forty Killed in Moscow In Riots "Bloody Sunday"

Petrograd, Jan. 24.—Forty persons were killed and 200 wounded in riots at Moscow on Tuesday during a demonstration at an anniversary celebration of "Bloody Sunday."

Russians Refuse to Accede to Kaiser's Demand That They Give Up Courland and Baltic Provinces; Germans Threaten Immediate Resumption of Hostilities; Last Offer Is Made.

Petrograd, Jan. 24.—The Russian delegates to the Brest-Litovsk peace conference unanimously decided to reject the terms offered by the Germans, which included annexation of the Baltic provinces and Courland by Germany.

The threat informed the Russ delegates that a refusal meant that Germany would resume military operations and occupy Reval within a week.

The peace conference has adjourned until January 29, when the formal answer of the Russians is expected.

FOOD FAMINE IN PETROGRAD HAS BECOME SERIOUS

Russian Capital Threatened With Starvation; Impossible to Obtain Foodstuffs From Siberia.

Petrograd, Wednesday, Jan. 23.—"Petrograd is on the verge of famine. Our purpose now is to make it come gradually, not suddenly; to have an organized famine, so to speak," said Madame Smith-Falkner, a member of the food control committee, in an interview yesterday with the Associated Press in connection with the reduction of the bread allowance.

She said that the chief causes of scarcity of food are the war, civil war and depreciation in the value of the ruble.

"As to Petrograd, the differences with the Ukraine have made it impossible to obtain foodstuffs from the southern provinces, which are the main source of food supply for northern Russia," she said.

"We have been getting grain from Siberia, but recent snowstorms have delayed the arrival of trains, and consequently there is an acute shortage. There is plenty of grain in Russia now, but the peasants don't wish to sell it, because paper money is worthless."

To remedy the situation we shall all declare certain manufactured articles, such as clothing and metal products, to be state monopolies and exchange them for grain. The peasants will thus have the things they need most and so shall we."

Madame Smith-Falkner said that the 22 central provinces which always import grain received 400 cars last month instead of the required 6,000. The food control committee was disappointed by the Moscow food congress held in December. It is not recognized by the Bolsheviks.

Omaha Actor and Playwright Attracts Attention in East

Colin Clements, an Omaha boy, is attracting attention in Pittsburgh, Pa., for his work with the Carnegie repertoire theater. His first performance in the east was as Harry Spreadbrow in Gilbert's play, "Sweethearts."

He also did "Grabtree" in "The School for Scandal" and at present is playing in "Atlanta in Cadydon."

Mr. Clements is a writer as well as an actor. Two of his plays, "Just Women" and "Sophocles and Soap," have been produced by the San Francisco Little theater and the Carnegie Repertoire theater. Other of his plays have been published in Post Lore and the Stratford Journal. His "Somewhere in America" and "Mixed Numbers" are now in rehearsal and will shortly be produced in government training camps.

U. S. Aviators With French Army Bring Down Two Planes

Paris, Jan. 24.—David Putnam of Brookline, Mass., and Austin Tephore of Westfield, N. J., American aviators in the French army, both shot down German airplanes on January 19.

Tephore had been rejected by the American aviation officials on account of a defective ear.

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