



THE UNION ALLIANCE IS BREAKING OVER PEACE

BAKER SAYS ARMY OF 2 MILLIONS READY

500,000 SOLDIERS TO FRENCH FRONT EARLY THIS YEAR

Has Million and a Half More Ready to Go All Fully Equipped and With Plenty of Artillery; 600 Miles of American Railroad in France And Transportation Assured.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Five hundred thousand United States troops in France early this year and a million and a half more ready to go—fully equipped and with the artillery to support them—this was the answer Secretary Baker today gave the senate military committee to the charge of inefficiency and breakdown in the military establishment.

BARES MILITARY SECRET.

As the climax of a day's explanation of all that the military establishment had done, freely confessing faults and imperfections in so vast an undertaking, but maintaining that out of each deficiency the remedy has been found, the secretary of war disclosed what hitherto has been regarded as a military secret, and what the German people little suspect.

Secretary Baker told the senators the United States would have a half million fighting men in France early this year, and that 1,500,000 American troops in all would be available for foreign duty.

This great fighting force, probably little expected by the German general staff itself, will be composed of the men now with General Pershing, the 32 divisions of troops now in encampments and camps in the United States and ready to move, Secretary Baker said, and by the next increments to be drawn and trained this spring under the selective service law.

Allies Supply Guns.

Elemental equipment of the men from the United States is assured and the artillery necessary to their support will come from the British and French governments, which have such an excess of ordnance that they have, on their own initiative, offered to supply the guns and save ships which would be used for their transport.

The secretary of war went further, and laid bare facts regarding preparations for the American army in France which have hitherto been held as close military secrets or shared by only a few, who have enjoyed the confidence of government officials.

Many of the facts have been known to newspaper correspondents here in the capital, but co-operating with the government under the voluntary censorship they have not until this time been given to the public by the newspapers.

Built Big Railroads.

Mr. Baker described to the committee how the American army has built great lines of railroads, one of them 600 miles long, up to its headquarters in France; how ports and terminals have been constructed to handle the great quantities of supplies and equipment which the army will need on the fighting line.

All this has been done by Americans and since General Pershing's troops landed last June, the leaning forward and addressing the senators earnestly, the secretary of war told a story the German general staff probably would have given much to know long before. He

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The Weather

Table with weather data for Nebraska, including temperature, wind, and precipitation for various cities and times.

Comparative Local Record.

Table with comparative local record data, including highest and lowest temperatures, precipitation, and other weather statistics for various years.

L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

"Germany's Hangman" Title Given Kaiser

By Berlin Newspaper (By Associated Press.) London, Jan. 28.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam says Deutsche Tages Zeitung openly calls on the German people to revolt against the present regime. "We too," said this Pan-German organ, "have a Judas among us today. He appears in the red coat and mantle of Germany's hangman. Who will save Germany from these traitors, but the German people. It is not Germans help yourself and God will help."

TWO STEAMERS TORPEDOED, 14 PERSONS LOST

Sunk Without Warning, Many Passengers Being in Their Berths at the Time; Cunarder Goes Down. (By Associated Press.) London, Jan. 28.—The steamship Cork has been torpedoed. Seven passengers and five members of the crew were lost. The Cork was torpedoed without warning. The torpedo struck her amidships and it sank in five minutes.

Big Cunarder Goes.

The Cunarder Andania, reported to have been torpedoed, but not sunk, went to the bottom in spite of the effort to get it into port, according to information reaching the Associated Press today.

First Shot Misses.

The first torpedo missed the steamer, but the second found its mark amidships. The captain ordered the ship abandoned and passengers and crew embarked in the ship's boats.

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Some of the ships of the Swedish fleet now in American waters will be allowed to sail with their cargoes, while others, it is understood, will be unloaded and put in the service of the United States.

Negotiations are proceeding in a satisfactory manner and a final agreement is looked for shortly.

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OBBEY NEW FOOD RULE, SAYS ALLN

Grocers Are Warned to Firmly Adhere to the Pound for Pound Order Recently Promulgated. A general increase in the orders for white flour from grocers, and a partial enforcement of the pound for pound substitute rule, was the result of the first day in Omaha under the new rules and regulations of the food administration.

Under a proclamation by President Wilson and an order by United States Food Administrator Hoover, retailers were requested to sell a pound of substitute flour with every pound of white flour, the order effective yesterday.

Some grocers of Omaha yesterday were rigidly enforcing the order; others partially enforced it; and others did not put it into effect at all. Those that partially enforced the order said they did so from a misunderstanding of the provisions, reading the order to mean that they must sell 5 per cent of substitutes instead of an equal amount.

Others said they understood the order but did not put it into effect because they had not received official notice to do so.

Ed Wise, president of the Omaha Retail Grocers' association stated that the grocers had different ideas of the ruling but that there might be a standard interpretation of the order.

The increased orders for white flour were apparent more in the suburban groceries than in the downtown places of business. On the South Side the 5 per cent rule were made.

All stated that they would put the new order into effect today and that the pound for pound sales would be insisted upon.

That the new rules mean pound for pound and are effective immediately were emphasized last night by Oscar Allen, county food administrator for Douglas.

"These rules mean just what they say," said Mr. Allen. "A pound of substitute flour must be sold with every pound of white flour. Not only must the retailer sell in those proportions, but he will be required to buy in the same proportions."

The order says that wholesalers can buy only 20 per cent of their former amounts and they must resell to the retailer with a pound of substitute flour for every pound of white flour.

"The new ruling became effective Monday morning, and ignorance of the rulings excus' no one." The new rules and regulations were published in all the Omaha papers and were explained, giving no reason for a misunderstanding.

"That 5 per cent applies only to bakers and stipulates the amount of substitute cereals they must put in their bread immediately. This amount must be increased to 20 per cent by February 24."

CONGRESSMAN REAVIS TELLS OF CONDITIONS IN HAWAII; JAPS GAINING IN INFLUENCE

Nearly Two Hundred Japanese Families Started at Honolulu Every Month Through the Arrival of "Picture Brides;" Mondell of Montana, an Interesting Character, Slated for Senate.

By EDGAR C. SNYDER.

Washington, Jan. 28.—(Special)—Looking out over a snow-covered Washington with the thermometer shivering around zero, Representative Reavis of the First Nebraska district mentally living over again his recent trip to Hawaii and recalling the balminess of its climate, the invigorating air from the sea and the indescribable blue of the sky, fell to talking about conditions he found in our island possessions.

Mr. Reavis was a member of a party of 22 senators and representatives who made the journey to Hawaii late last fall under the auspices of the Hawaiian legislature, the funds for the trip having been appropriated out of the native treasury.

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Pan-Germans Angered At Count Czernin's Attitude Toward U. S.

London, Jan. 28.—Nothing has so angered the pan-Germans, according to reports in special dispatches from Holland, as the statement attributed to Count Czernin, that his speech on peace previously had been communicated to President Wilson.

The statement, it was said, was greeted with loud cheers by its hearers, but was received with an outburst of rage and contumely by the pan-Germans, whose fury it brought to a climax.

The idea of any exchange of opinions between Austria and America is criticized bitterly, and, according to Count Czernin, can only be regarded as "endangering Germany's life interests."

Allusions in pan-German newspapers that Count Von Roeder, secretary of the treasury, is one of the four men responsible for Germany's position is said to concern a financial memorandum he is said to have submitted the emperor.

One report of the incident declares that he warned the emperor that the financial situation of Germany was such that a further development of offensive operations was inadvisable.

It was reported from Holland that the pan-German Kreuz Zeitung of Berlin has been suspended for publishing a violent article, under the heading "Austria Must Be Abandoned."

FORTY LIVES ARE LOST WHEN SHIPS STRIKES MINES

French Freight Transport Drome and Trawler Kerbihan Strike Mines Off Marseilles and Sink. (By Associated Press.) Paris, Jan. 28.—Forty lives were lost through the sinking of the French freight transport Drome and the trawler Kerbihan, which struck mines January 23 within sight of Marseilles.

The Drome first came into contact with a mine and the Kerbihan shortly afterward struck another near the same place.

Aviators later discovered other mines in this region, which immediately was swept in an endeavor to clear them away.

Available shipping records do not contain a steamer of the name of Drome. There is, however, a vessel of 3,236 tons named La Drome. This vessel was built in New Castle in 1900 and is owned by a French line.

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house office building over the capitol grounds, covered inches deep with a snowy mantle.

"The great sugar plantations, which are yielding a financial return of staggering proportions, are largely upon the public domain under leases with the government. Many of the leases are about to expire and the planters are providing against the evil day through the instrumentality of an antiquated homestead law.

"Various inducements are made by the planters to secure homestead filings within their plantations. All the expense of filing, occupation, improvements, etc., are paid by the planters, usually under a contract that the title shall be conveyed to them when the patents are issued.

"One instance of a planter securing the title to more than 7,000 acres of land was related to us. If legislation radically reforming the homestead law is not immediately forthcoming the result will be that Hawaii will be a land controlled by a landed aristocracy.

"Another serious menace to the progress of the islands is the shortage of labor best fitted to perform the tasks of a tropical climate. But a few years ago, Hawaii was unexcelled in rice production. The crop was profitable and the produce was generally recognized as the finest in the world.

The Jap Question. Today rice production in the islands is little more than a memory. Chinese labor is essential to this crop. No other class of labor seems able to endure the rice swamps in this latitude. The same is true of coffee. (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

BERLIN AROUSED AT AUSTRIAN WAR AIMS

CZERNIN'S REFERENCES TO U. S. CAUSE GREAT SENSATION IN GERMANY

Emperor William Attacked By Pan-Germans; Industrial Disturbances Along Rhine Quelled By Troops With Machine Guns; Imperial Treasurer Says Germany Not in Condition for Offensive.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 28.—Count Czernin's speech on Austrian war aims and the statement that it was sent in advance to President Wilson has aroused the Pan-Germans and their newspapers are bitter in their denunciation of the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister.

MEANS BREAK IN ALLIANCE.

It is declared that the count's action means a break in the Austro-German alliance and one Pan-German newspaper has been suppressed for suggesting that Germany abandon its foremost ally.

While the workmen in Austria apparently have returned to work, reports of disturbances in Holland of industrial districts along the Rhine in Germany. Few details have been obtained, but it is stated that troops with machine guns have been sent to Muelheim, a manufacturing town on the Rhine opposite Cologne.

CRITICIZE EMPEROR.

Meanwhile pan-Germans continue to attack leading politicians, including the emperor, and have criticized Count von Roeder, the imperial treasurer, who is said to have told the emperor that Germany is not in financial condition for offensive operations.

Dr. von Kuehlmann, the foreign minister, has defended his course in the Russian parleys by assailing the

Lansing Did Not See Czernin's Speech

Washington, Jan. 28.—Surprise was expressed at the State department today at news dispatches saying that Count Czernin had forwarded to President Wilson a copy of his speech before it was delivered in Austria.

Secretary Lansing declared no copy had been received in advance of publication nor since. Mr. Lansing returned to his office today after an absence of more than a week from illness.

Bolsheviki government and its purposes.

His efforts, however, failed to check socialist attacks on the government's peace attitude toward Russia.

Troops Sent to Muelheim. London, Jan. 28.—Reports of disturbances in Germany are again current in Holland and severe outbreaks are said to have occurred in the Rhine industrial districts. Troops with machine guns have been summoned to Muelheim on the Rhine opposite Cologne.

The Cologne Gazette's Vienna correspondent, according to a dispatch reaching here, says that Count Czernin, Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, informed the Austrian delegation Saturday that the text of his speech on the war aims had already been forwarded to President Wilson before its delivery.

This paper says that the statement has caused an enormous sensation and confirms the belief that Count (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

REVOLUTION IN FINLAND; RUSS AIDING REDS

Stockholm, Jan. 28.—The long-threatened revolution in Finland is proceeding in the eastern provinces, according to sparse reports reaching Haparanda and forwarded here.

The railway station at Helsinki is reported to have been occupied by the Russian red guard.

Sharp fighting has taken place at Viborg. Russian soldiers are said to be aiding the red guard and reinforcements are reported to have been sent from Petrograd.

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Federal Control Of Oil Expected At Early Date

Washington, Jan. 28.—Early measures looking to government control of the production and distribution of oil were forecast today after a visit to the White House of Fuel Administrator Garfield.

Complete plans for instituting a licensing system, it was said, were presented by the fuel administrator.