

AMERICAN TROOPS GASSED; GERMAN SUB SHELLS DOVER

JAPAN MAY INTERVENE SOON IN RUSSIA IF ORDER IS NOT RESTORED THERE

Russ Situation Threatens Peace of Far East, Japanese Publicist Declares; Warns Bolsheviki Against Violating Terms of Entente Agreement; Will Not Hesitate to Take Action.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 16.—Dr. T. Iyenaga, a prominent Japanese publicist and director of the East and West news bureau, a Japanese organization, speaking at a luncheon given by the Lawyer's club here today, said that chaos in Russia is threatening peace in the east, and suggested the possibility of Japanese intervention in restoring order in Russia.

EAST THREATENED.

"It would be foolish to predict that no emergency will arise when it will become the imperative duty of Japan to sacrifice all at the altar of the common cause," said Dr. Iyenaga.

"Such an emergency, if it ever arises, will come from the developments in Russia.

"It is not our part to interfere with the internal troubles of another sovereign country.

"I must say that the chaos in European Russia is gradually spreading to the Russian possessions in East Asia.

"This is the cause of the greatest measure of anxiety on the part of Japan; for, because of that chaos, peace in the far East is threatened."

Quoting the recent declarations of Count Terauchi, Japan's premier, before the Diet, "that the Japanese government will not hesitate a moment to take proper measures" in the event of peace in the far East being endangered, Dr. Iyenaga said that this statement was prompted because Japan holds herself responsible for the maintenance of peace in that part of the world.

Warning to Russia.

"While this responsible statesman expressed on behalf of the Japanese people their true sentiments of friendship and good will for the Russian people," he continued, "there runs at the same time a strong undertone in his utterances, intimating that it would be well for Russia to think thrice before she defies the solemn agreement to make no separate peace."

"Yes! She has not yet made any separate peace, but she seems to be cutting loose from her agreements with the entente powers.

"What shall we do under the circumstances? Until the last hope is gone, until Russia's course is definitely determined, caution and best endeavor should be our watchword.

"Caution is not the last word for Japan."

Speaking on behalf of Japan, Viscount Motono, foreign minister, told the Diet the other day that "in order to assure lasting peace we are firmly confident that Japan must not recoil from any sacrifice she may be called upon to make."

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Counsel for the employes in the stock yards wage arbitration proceedings today asked to have J. Ogden Armour, president of Armour & Co., and Nelson Morris, chairman of the board of directors of Morris & Co., appear as witnesses before Federal Judge Samuel Alschuler.

An effort will be made to have them testify today.

Attorneys for the packers protested against the calling of Mr. Armour and Mr. Morris and asked what was expected to be proved by their testimony.

"Most emphatically we will not say," replied Attorney Welsh.

"These gentlemen are no different from other witnesses and nobody can say in advance what they may testify to here," said Judge Alschuler.

"Please see that they are here this afternoon."

Counsel for the packers promised to produce both witnesses.

The Weather

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour High Low

5 a. m. 40 30 25

6 a. m. 40 30 25

7 a. m. 40 30 25

8 a. m. 40 30 25

9 a. m. 40 30 25

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11 a. m. 40 30 25

12 m. 40 30 25

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12 m. 40 30 25

Normal temperature 32

Deficiency for the day 15

Total deficiency since March 1 640

Normal precipitation 82 inch

Excess for the day 39 inch

Total rainfall since March 1 23.34 inches

Deficiency since March 1 7.67 inches

Deficiency for cor. period, 1917-12.93 inches

Deficiency for cor. period, 1916-.75 inch

Comparative Local Record.

1918, 1917, 1916, 1915.

Highest yesterday 40 30 25 45

Lowest yesterday 30 25 20 24

Mean temperature 39 44 40 34

Precipitation .41 .60 .80 .00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal.

Normal temperature 24

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The Perplexed Housewife



GERMANY INVOLVED IN MAZE OF DIFFICULTIES OVER UKRAINE PEACE

Great Benefits Expected From Russia's Withdrawal From War About to Be Swept Away; Poland Embittered by Cession of Territory; Austria Not to Join Attack on Russia.

Germany has suddenly found herself involved in a maze of difficulties on the eastern front and is in danger of losing all the large benefits she was calmly preparing to realize from her peace with the Ukraine and the Bolshevik withdrawal of Russia from the war.

Poland, that land which so frequently in the course of history has proved a thorn in the side of military conquerors, is threatening to constitute herself the rock on which the German hope of peace and gainful expansion in the east may be shattered.

Embittered by the tearing off of a strip of their territory to be given to the Ukraine for breaking away from the Bolsheviks and signing a peace with the central powers, the Poles are in what appears to be virtually a state of revolt.

Even the very weapon which Germany and Austria were at such pains to forge in the hope of deriving military benefit—the Polish army—bids fair to be turned against them.

Reports in the German newspapers which express dismay and alarm over the Polish situation, indicate that the Polish eagles now are an effective military force in the side of the prevalent Polish sentiment of bitterness against the central powers.

Austria-Hungary is particularly involved in the difficulties because of the prominent part which it was expected it would play in the future government of Poland.

Turning to the north it already has been reported that Germany purposes resuming military operations against northern Russia, and this report gains color by the announcement that the commissions representing the central powers at Petrograd have left the city.

Such a condition is not desired by the business men of America and they point out that when the excessive armament has been removed and if the German government in reality becomes a responsible instrument controlled by the German people trade will be resumed as usual.

goods, cutting off German trade to prevent the growth of their armament.

GERMAN PLANES DROP GAS BOMBS ON YANKEE POSITION IN LORRAINE

U. S. Artillery Forces Enemy to Scurry to Cover After Two Hours' Bombardment; Sammies Don Masks and Escape Deadly Fumes Released Over Trenches.

(By Associated Press.)

American positions on the sector east of St. Mihiel have been subjected to a bombardment of gas shells, which lasted two hours, and the American and enemy artillery and airmen have been more active.

GERMAN U-BOAT SHELLS DOVER; CHILD KILLED

Submarine Fires 30 Rounds at English Coast Town Before Driven Away by Shore Batteries.

London, Feb. 16.—An enemy submarine bombarded Dover early this morning, it is officially announced.

The firing continued from three to four minutes. The short batteries replied and the enemy ceased fire after discharging about 30 rounds.

The casualties were: Killed, one child; injured, three men, one woman and three children.

Cases have not been infrequent of German submarines bobbing up off the British coast and shelling shore points.

It is not often, however, that the U-boats have cared to take chances with such a well defended town as Dover, the most important point in southwestern England, opposite Calais, on the Straits of Dover, across which flows a constant stream of war traffic between England and France.

It was only Friday that a powerful squadron of German destroyers made a sudden raid in the Straits of Dover and sank eight British small craft out on a submarine hunt.

London, Feb. 16.—Belief that a naval engagement has occurred is expressed in a dispatch received in Stockholm from Gothenburg and forwarded by the correspondent of the Morning Post.

The dispatch reports the recovery of a large number of bodies of German sailors who apparently belonged to a warship.

Gothenburg is on the western coast of Sweden and is near the Skagerrak, one of the bodies of water connecting the North and Baltic seas and the one nearest the North sea.

The North sea in the vicinity of the Skagerrak has been the scene of previous naval engagements, the great battle of Jutland having been fought there.

San Francisco, Feb. 16.—A warrant charging the forging of a government stamp used to signify that billets of steel have been adjudged suitable for government work, and charging that this forged stamp had been placed on defective steel sold to the United States, was issued today by a United States commissioner against Prosper J. Forrest, son of the owner of Edwin Forrest Foundry company.

His actions, according to a government official here, "endangered the lives of thousands of United States soldiers who have been ordered to Europe."

The defective steel, it was charged, was sold for use in crank shafts and other parts of the machinery of government vessels.

The specific charge against Forrest is defrauding the United States government.

The evidence was gathered by the Naval Intelligence bureau, in conjunction with other federal authorities, who say Forrest has been in charge of the foundry while his father was in the east.

He has been pursuing his alleged illegal practice since last December, the federal authorities charge. Some of this steel has been utilized already in the construction of government vessels which are now at sea.

Immense profits accrued to Forrest through his alleged illegal practices, the federal authorities said.

Fair and Warmer Weather Predicted for This Week

Washington, Feb. 16.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Sunday issued by the weather bureau today are:

Upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys: Weather will moderate Monday and Tuesday, with local snows in north and rains in south portions Tuesday or Wednesday. Decided temperature changes not indicated and the week as a whole will be one of generally fair weather and higher temperature.

SHIP BUILDERS ASK PRESIDENT TO ADJUST WAGE

William L. Hutcheson Wires Executive to Call Conference in Interest of Ten Thousand Carpenters.

New York, Feb. 16.—Insisting that he was unable to call off the strike of ship building carpenters, 10,000 of whom were said to have failed to report for work today in plants along the Atlantic coast, William L. Hutcheson, president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, tonight sent telegraphic appeals to President Wilson and Secretary of the Navy Daniels, asking for a conference.

He expressed the belief that the president and the secretary of the navy could settle the trouble quickly if he was allowed to state the men's case to them.

This action was taken after receipt of the labor leaders of advice from Washington announcing that the United States shipping board's labor adjustment committee has agreed to increased wages, definite working conditions and overtime pay for all ship yard carpenters in the so-called Delaware yards, comprising about 60 per cent of the workers on the Atlantic coast.

The telegram to President Wilson follows:

"The situation now existing in the ship yards is of a nature that requires immediate attention. I, as president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, endeavored to reach an understanding with the officers of the United States shipping board, but was unable to do so.

"I feel that if given the opportunity (Continued on Page Seven, Column Two.)

RUSSIAN POLES PROTEST TERMS UKRAINE PEACE

German Soldiers Patrol Streets of Warsaw; Workmen Plan Big Demonstration Against Central Powers.

London, Feb. 16.—There is much feeling against the central powers in Warsaw, the capital of Russian Poland, and great excitement prevails, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen.

Workmen are said to be planning demonstrations.

The streets are being patrolled by soldiers and policemen.

Much feeling has been aroused in Russian Poland over the Ukrainian peace terms, by which the province of Cholm, formerly contained in Poland, was ceded to the Ukraine.

Polish Ministry Resigns.

A Stuttgart newspaper, according to a Zurich dispatch Thursday, declared it was reported in Berlin that the Polish ministry at Warsaw had resigned in protest against the peace terms.

A dispatch from Amsterdam Friday reported a Berlin newspaper as saying that the Polish members of the Austrian Parliament were embittered against Austria because of the peace arrangements. In addition to losing Cholm, Poland was to be stripped of Lodz and Dombrovitz and access to the sea was refused the Poles.

BRITISH RAID NEAR YPRES.

London, Feb. 16.—"A successful raid was carried out by Lancashire troops early last night in the neighborhood of the Ypres-Staden railway," says today's war office report.

"Eleven prisoners were taken by our troops, and our casualties were slight.

"The hostile artillery was active in the course of the night in the region of Lens and opposite Wytschaete and La Bassée."



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