



146 LIVES LOST AT SEA; RUSS YIELD TO TEUTONS

GERMAN PEACE TERMS INCLUDE SLAV TERRITORY

Livonia and Esthonia to Be Occupied By German Police, Russ Warships Disarmed and Indemnity Paid In Gold Are Among Humiliating Demands Made By Germany.

BULLETIN.

London, Feb. 24.—Germany's peace terms have been accepted by Nikolai Lenine, the bolshevik premier, and Leon Trotzky, foreign minister, acting for the central executive of the Soviet.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 24.—A Russian wireless government statement received here tonight says:

"Germany will renew the peace negotiations and will conclude peace on the following conditions:

"Both to declare the war ended.

"All regions west of the line indicated at Brest-Litovsk to the Russian delegation, which formerly belonged to Russia, to be no longer under the territorial protection of Russia.

RENOUNCE ALL CLAIMS.

"In the region of Dvinsk this line must be advanced to the eastern frontier of Courland.

"The former attachment of these regions to the Russian state must in no case involve for them obligations toward Russia. Russia renounces every claim to intervene in the affairs of those regions.

"Germany and Austria-Hungary have the intention to define further the fate of these regions in agreement with their populations.

"Germany is ready, after the completion of Russian demobilization to evacuate the regions which are east of the above line. So far as it is not stated otherwise, Livonia and Esthonia must immediately be cleared of Russian troops and red guards.

Police Baltic States.

"Livonia and Esthonia will be occupied by German police until the date when the constitution of the respective countries shall guarantee their social security and political order. All inhabitants who were arrested for political reasons must be released immediately.

"Russia will conclude peace with the Ukrainian people's republic. Ukraine and Finland will be immediately evacuated by Russian troops and red guards.

"Russia will do all in its power to secure for Turkey the orderly return of its Anatolian frontiers. Russia

Kaiser's Peace Reply Sealed Goes to Russ

Petrograd, Feb. 24.—The bolshevik headquarters has received a wireless message signed by General Hoffman, saying that the German answer had been handed to the courier of the Russian government, who immediately started on his return to Petrograd. The message gave no intimation of the contents of the reply.

A second wireless message addressed to Leon Trotzky, from the Austrian-Hungarian government, has been received, announcing that Austria-Hungary is ready with her allies to bring the peace negotiations to a final conclusion.

recognizes the annulment of the Turkish capitulation.

"The complete demobilization of the Russian army inclusive of the detachments newly formed by the present government must be carried out immediately.

Scatter Russ Warships.

"Russian warships in the Black Sea, the Baltic sea and the Arctic ocean must immediately either be sent to Russian harbors and kept there until the conclusion of peace or be disarmed. Warships of the entente which are in the sphere of Russian authority (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

MILLION DOLLAR MOTOR CAR SHOW READY TO OPEN

First War Time Automobile Display in Omaha Most Pretentious Affair in Annals of History.

Omaha's 13th annual motor car exposition opens at the Auditorium today. It continues the remainder of the week.

Despite the fact that this will be Omaha's first war-time show, automobile men expect it to be the most successful of the series. Neither the manufacturers nor the dealers have permitted war retrenchments to interfere with their show plans and they declare the exposition opening today will be as large and imposing as though no war was in progress.

Many New Models.

The auto show this year contains especial significance for the motorist for the reason that this year as never before manufacturers have made radical departures in model, style and design. Even the more conservative manufacturers, who have struggled to maintain similarity of models each year insofar as that was possible, have found it necessary to make constitutional changes. These changes are not only in body design, but in construction and motor.

The 1918 cars are to be distinctly different from the 1917 cars throughout. War has been largely responsible for this. In some instances the war has necessitated these differences.

Lower grades of gasoline, for instance, have forced motor builders to construct engines which do not require high test fuel. In other instances, the exigencies of war have so inspired invention that many new improvements have come to light. These have been incorporated into the new cars.

Million Dollar Display.

The Omaha display this year will be truly a "million-dollar" show. The cars which will be displayed are valued at far more than this sum. Every type of car from sport runabout to cabriolet, will be displayed and prices will run from less than \$500 to more than \$5,000. More than 50 different makes of machines will be exhibited.

This year the auto show will be larger than ever for the reason that more space is available. Arrangements have been made to use part of the new McCaffrey plant adjoining the Auditorium for show purposes.

Everything Is Ready.

Practically all of the cars to be exhibited at the show were placed yesterday. Some difficulty was experienced in moving six carloads of show cars from Des Moines to Omaha, because the express companies refused shipment, but persuasion finally was successful and these cars will be here today.

Everything will be in readiness by tonight, Manager Clarke Powell promises.

County Sunday Schools to Meet in Omaha Next Week

The annual Douglas county Sunday school convention will be held in Omaha March 8. The meeting will be held at the First Christian church.

Prior to the state convention, a number of district conventions are to be held at the various churches in and around Omaha.

W. H. Kimberly, state business manager, and Miss Margaret A. Brown, state general secretary, are to attend the convention.

Rev. H. Houseman will speak on the "Sunday School and the Boy Scout," and Mrs. W. T. More will speak on the "Sunday School and the Camp Fire Girl."

Campaign to Cause Strike in Germany Said to Exist

Amsterdam, Feb. 24.—There are numerous indications in Germany of a very systematic campaign to promote a new general strike, says a Berlin dispatch to the Weser Zeitung of Bremen.

POLITICIANS PONDER OVER EFFECT OF OUSTER HEARING

City Hall Men Wonder What Bearing Lynch Case Will Have on the Election Campaign.

EFFECT OF OUSTER HEARING

What effect will the Lynch ouster case have on the city election campaign, which is beginning to take on a little speed and which will gain momentum as the days grow more inviting for sidewalk discussions?

That question was heard more than once during a sight-seeing trip through the municipal monument across from the court house, the scene of the recent upheaval.

Some of the city hall dignitaries and newsmen, when they heard the news of the verdict in the Clark-Lynch suit, became stricken with a pallor which is usually caused by receiving bad news from home.

Tom O'Connell, Claude Bossie and a few more of the "administration leaders" asseverate that the Lynch ouster suit will have no effect on the city campaign. They made this statement in such an optimistic manner

that their words did not fall within the realms of jocosity.

The court house seems to have a new interest for the members of the city hall crowd. They look justly across to the great temple of justice, where there was once upon a time a gymnasium with shower bath, and they ponder over the hour glass of political fortunes and misfortunes.

Antent the city campaign, one hears comments regarding Commissioner Kugel, who was mentioned several times in the Clark-Lynch suit. "Will Kugel's identifications with Lynch return like chickens to roost?" is one of the many queries asked by those who are seeking for information.

"Did Kugel receive an immunity bath of the shower bath of 'Johnny's gym' at the court house?" is another question.

The city campaign will be a time in (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

BOLSHEVIKI HELPLESS IN FACE OF GERMAN ONRUSH

Livonia Completely Overrun With Teuton Armies; Invaders Near Important Slav City of Reval; Petrograd Threatened By Whirlwind Onslaughts of Kaiser's Legions; Americans Menaced.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 24.—The Germans, according to the latest dispatches from Petrograd, some of which were sent from there last night, are meeting with little or no opposition in their newest invasion of Russia, whose disorganized and scattered army is taking no notice of the appeal of the bolsheviks to engage in guerrilla warfare.

GERMANS NEAR REVAL.

Livonia is completely overrun with the German armies, and the Germans are not far from the outskirts of the naval base of Reval, the evacuation of which could hardly be completed, as Petrograd dispatches say the soldiers refused to assist in the work.

At Minsk the Germans are astride one of the main routes to Moscow, while further south Austrians and Ukrainians are on their way to Kiev. Until the Ukrainian peace these Ukrainian soldiers were prisoners of war, but have since been released and armed by the central powers.

Meanwhile the helpless bolsheviks are publishing appeals to the people to resist the invaders and there is talk at Petrograd of convoking the constituent assembly.

Some of the agency headquarters say that units of the German army are refusing to participate in the invasion, while disorders have been observed among the Austrians.

Urge War Measures.

Petrograd dispatches to the Exchange Telegraph company state that it was announced at a meeting of the Soviet that the main factor in the reorganization of detachments of red guards for service at the front.

M. Sinovieff, associate of Nikolai Lenine and chairman of the Soviet, reported that it required only 100 Germans to capture Dvinsk.

He added that the committee responsible for the defenses of the city would be tried by a revolutionary tribunal.

Letish snipers are resisting the German invaders near Walkand and have asked for support from the Soviet, which has decided to send 2,000 red guards to that region.

Three German Groups.

Petrograd, Feb. 24.—The Germans in their invasion of Russia are advancing in three groups, according to a report from the commander-in-chief of the Russian army on the northern front, who says:

"The Germans are advancing with great caution. They are marching in three groups: First, in the Walk region; second, in the Reishitsa region, and the third, in the Mohilev sector all is quiet."

Embassies May Leave.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Occupation of Petrograd by Germans, which is now considered imminent, would involve the flight from that city of 150 Americans, including 45 members of the diplomatic and consular staffs. Information at the state department indicates that of the 150 there are 30 women. The number of French and British nationals in the menaced capital is larger.

Ambassador Francis has not reported to the department the details of any plan for the departure of nationals of the co-belligerent governments, but it has been assumed that practically all will leave with the allied diplomats. It was taken for granted that Ambassador Francis and the allied diplomats would go to whatever place in the interior the bolsheviks may decide upon as the new headquarters. No new instructions were sent to him and none will be. Even the question of leaving the country has been left to his judgment.

Mr. Luebben, president of the bank, testified these certificates of deposit, which were issued and delivered to matters, were to be by him negotiated to obtain money for the bank to keep the bank supplied with money as a going concern. It was a method adopted by the bank to borrow money for its own benefit.

After the First National bank of Sutton failed, the bank claimed that matters had overdrawn his account and owed the bank money on account of some of these certificates of deposit. Matters claimed that he had paid into the bank more than \$10,000 above the amount he had drawn out, and that at the close of the bank's business there was owing him from the bank more than \$10,000.

The government's contention is that M. L. Luebben, president of the bank, had no right to issue these certificates of deposit; that matters knew that fact and, therefore, he had no right to deal with them. Matters has been twice convicted.

AMERICAN RED CROSS ASKS Aid for Chinese Flood Relief

Washington, Feb. 24.—Americans in charge of Red Cross flood relief work in China, have asked the society here through Ambassador Reisch at Peking, to transmit an additional \$75,000. Since the beginning of the floods in China, the Red Cross has expended \$125,000 out of the \$200,000 appropriated for that purpose.

London Goes on Ration Cards; Poor King George Has One, Too

(By Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 24.—This was the last day on which persons living in London and the immediate adjoining counties could buy meat, margarine and butter without producing a ration card.

When the stores open Monday morning the new plan will be in operation and every one will be compelled to produce a card before making purchases.

The newspapers have featured the details of the ration card plan to the exclusion of other news, giving prominence to the fact that King George has his food and meat cards like every other person in the city.

Voluntary rationing died hard. Long lines of people stood before the meat markets and margarine stores today. In most cases thousands sought in vain to get extra supplies to tide them over the still more lean days to come.

Bidding farewell to the days of voluntary rationing in these scarcest products and greeting the advent of the first compulsory ration for every one proved to be a more absorbing topic than the latest war news. Every one in London and vicinity has for several days concerned himself with the business of hunting up his ration cards. The last unrationed dinner will be served Sunday.

LINER SUNK BY TERRIBLE GALE TAKES BIG TOLL

Feeble Appeal By Wireless Operator of No Avail to Ill-Fated Craft; Beating Waves Swallow Prominent Englishmen on Way to New York and Sunny South.

(By Associated Press.)

St. Johns, N. F., Feb. 24.—The Red Cross line steamer Florizel, bound from this port for Halifax and New York, with 77 passengers and a crew of 69, was wrecked near Broadcove, 20 miles north of Cape Race, Sunday, and all on board are supposed to have perished. Six bodies were washed ashore during the day.

STRUCK IN BLIZZARD.

The steamer struck early this morning while fighting her way through a blinding blizzard.

In a few hours she had pounded to pieces on the rocks and at dusk her hull had settled under the battering until she was almost submerged.

The bodies washed ashore include those of Joseph Keane and Robert Snow, passengers, and James Long, a sailor.

Snow was one of six non-commissioned officers of the Newfoundland regiment, who were proceeding to Toronto to join the Royal Flying Corps.

MILLIONAIRES DROWN. Of the passengers 50 were saloon and 27 steerage.

Among the saloon passengers were John Shannon Munn, managing director of Bowring Bros. Co., Ltd., of Liverpool and New York, owners of the steamer; Major Michael Sullivan, commander of the Newfoundland forestry battalion; Thomas McNeil, principal owner of the McMurdo Drug company of this city; Fred Smythe, manager of the Newfoundland Woolen mills; William Butler, an architect, and his wife, who were on their way to Florida; William Earle, a fish merchant, bound for Canada on a business trip; Edward Berteau, Robert Snow, Norman Sellers, John Parsons, Ralph Burnham and Alex Ledingham.

Soldiers on Board. The last six named were cadets of the Newfoundland regiment who were to have joined the Royal Flying Corps at Toronto.

Others on the passenger list were buyers, commercial travelers and a number of women.

Accompanying Mr. Munn were his little daughter, 3 years of age, and her nurse. They were on their way to New York to join Mrs. Munn and her father, Sir Edward Bowring, and proceed to Florida with them.

The Florizel was a sister of the steamer Stephanos, which was sunk by German submarine U-53 off Nantucket, October 8, 1916.

Left St. John Saturday. It had been continued in the service between St. Johns and New York, but since the United States entered the war its movements had not been given publicly.

The Florizel sailed from here at 8 o'clock last night with a large number of passengers and a cargo which included 10,500 barrels of dry cod fish and lumber for New York and 1,200 barrels for Halifax, its only port of call between St. Johns and New York. The ship itself was valued at \$1,000,000.

A blizzard was brewing when it left and it grew worse toward midnight, but abated in the early morning hours. Mariners here think it probably put its head seaward to ward morning, its commander, thinking the wind moderated somewhat toward morning, her commander, thinking he had passed south of Cape Race, turned westward.

Sent Wireless Appeal. The ship struck in Broad Cove about 5 o'clock. It sent one wireless message of distress, which was received at the Cape Race radio station, saying that it was aground and in imminent danger of destruction. Its apparatus worked haltingly and soon was silent.

Nothing further was heard from it, and as the cove is in a remote and sparsely settled district, it was not until late in the forenoon that a rescue party reached the scene. They discovered the Florizel lying well in shore and subjected to a merciless pounding by heavy seas.

Some boats could not live in the surf, and efforts to escape from the ship were hopeless. In the absence of life saving equipment, no assistance could be given from shore.

Lashed to Rigging. Men could be seen on the bridges signalling for help and some had lashed themselves to the rigging.

Gradually under the buffeting, the hull disappeared from view and after a few hours the vessel was almost (Continued on Page Three, Column Three.)

Mysterious Fire Destroys \$5,000 Government Horses

Kansas City, Feb. 24.—Police of Kansas City, Kan., are investigating the origin of a fire that tonight destroyed a carload of government horses in the railroad yards there on the theory that incendiaries were responsible. Twenty-two animals, estimated as worth about \$5,000, were burned to death. A carload of mules was rescued.

The Weather

Table with weather data for Omaha, including temperature, wind, and precipitation for the current day and historical records.