

RUBLES POUR IN ENDLESS STREAM FROM PRESSES

Bolsheviki Scatter Paper Money Among Returning Prisoners in Effort to Gain Allegiance.

Warsaw, Dec. 25.—The flocks of released Russian prisoners who are making their way homeward through Poland, all of whom appear to be tainted with bolshevism and are recognized as a danger in this respect by the Polish authorities, are in fact already causing much trouble by their lawlessness in their search of food.

The bolsheviki are taking advantage of the penniless plight of these first thousands of released prisoners whose total number is estimated at 2,000,000 and have picked up several thousand of them for their army by offering the men clothes, food and money, the last of which it is plenty, since the bolsheviki control the printing presses for the production of rubles.

Bolshevik Emissaries Arrested.
The first important arrests have just been made of bolshevik emissaries who are arriving from Russia with millions of rubles for the purpose of agitation and are spending several thousands of rubles daily. Four men were taken in custody on this occasion. They claimed they had the right to spend their money as freely as they pleased. They are declared to be for the most part Russian Jews, nearly all of them bearing passports issued by Count Kessler, who was expelled from here a week ago as representative of the Berlin government. They were sent here by Leon Trotsky, as members of an alleged Red Cross delegation, claiming that their mission was the care of Russian prisoners. With the Russian rubles flowing so freely, the Polish police are attempting to find the source of the paper ruble epidemic.

Favors American Intervention.
"Only American interference can destroy bolshevism," declared Count Alexander Leluchin, today in talking with the correspondent. "It will not be downed by mere hunger. It is a mistake to assume that it will die with hunger, because that is what it started with. At the present time there is no food in the cities and towns, no tobacco, no salt and no sugar."

"The bolsheviki began by robbing and killing the nobles and the rich. Then they attacked the bourgeoisie, the merchants. Now they are reaching the bottom and trying to rob each other."

England Announces Demobilization Plan for Fighting Force

London—Married men and those who have seen long service in the British armies will receive first consideration in the demobilization of British fighting forces, says Dr. reconstruction, "Pivotal" man, he said, would come back early.

The demobilization, said the minister, should be so conducted that millions of men in the army and navy would have an early opportunity of employment. Accordingly a plan arranged on industrial requirements had been prepared.

As men are demobilized they will be re-employed in the various industries from which they were withdrawn to enter the army. There will be special facilities giving access to the land, said Dr. Addison. Gardens or larger plots will be provided.

Councils, composed of employers and workmen, have been organized in 40 or 50 different trades. Already these bodies are removing sources of irritation and bringing in a spirit of solidarity, a better spirit than prevailed under former agreements, said the minister.

Inasmuch as the necessity for producing as much food as possible will not end with the war, Dr. Addison said, he believed some control over the use of the land would continue to be exercised by the government. Great Britain should manufacture nitrates for manure on a large scale.

The minister declared that unless care was exercised there would be a great deal of speculation while the demobilization of the army was in progress and prices might advance to the great detriment of industry.

Appeal for Brotherly Love Made by Cardinal Gibbons to Soldiers

Camp Meade, Dec. 25.—An appeal for brotherly love was made by Cardinal Gibbons in a Christmas message to the soldiers at this army cantonment, which was read at the masses this morning and issued in the form of a memorandum to be read to soldiers in the usual manner in which military matters are brought to their attention. The message was sent to the men by the cardinal through Bernard J. Flynn, director of activities for the Knights of Columbus at the camp.

The message read:
"Who is it that gladdens today the heart of young and old; of rich and poor and of pilgrim; and that knits again the bonds of family love? All are warmed by the rays that emanate from the Babe of Bethlehem and may He bless you and make you regard each other as brothers, recognizing Christ as your older brother."

Ban Off Petroleum.
Paris, Dec. 25.—A decree published today re-establishes the free sale and use of petroleum January 1.

Lvoff Believes Army of 200,000 Men Would Bring Order in Russia

Paris, Dec. 25.—Prince Lvoff, who is the guest of Basile Maklakof, Russian ambassador to France, and who is participating in the lengthy conferences being held here by Russian statesmen, discussed his views of the immediate future in Russia with the representatives of the Associated Press. He said:

"Additional entente military forces are necessary to restore order and check anarchy in Russia. It is impossible for the disorganized country to right itself otherwise."

"I am not a military expert," he said, when asked how many troops would be necessary, "and my opinion on that subject would be of little value, but, in my judgement, 200,000 soldiers would be adequate. The opposition is weak; Petrograd practically has ceased to exist and could be taken with slight resistance."

Paul Milukoff, former Russian foreign minister, who was ordered to leave France because of alleged passport irregularities, has gone to London. He was accompanied by several politicians from Ukraine who came from Odessa with him.

Gen. Rhodes Recovering.

Paris, Dec. 25.—The condition of Maj. Gen. Charles D. Rhodes, head of the American armistice commission, who was injured in the fall of an airplane near Paris, Monday, continued to show improvement today. Unless unforeseen complications occur his complete recovery may be expected.

WYOMING GIVES WARNING TO GO EASY ON STOCKS

Attorney General Says Eighty Per Cent of Oil Companies Organized There Are 'Schemes.'

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The recent warning of Frank L. Houck, secretary of state of Wyoming, that investors in all parts of the nation were being fleeced by oil companies organized under the lax corporation laws of this state and that it is the duty of Wyoming to enact legislation to prevent the continuation of this situation, is seconded in the biennial report of Attorney General D. A. Preston, who asserts that 80 per cent of the oil companies organized during the last three years and purporting to be operating in Wyoming are merely "get-rich-quick" schemes of wily promoters. Characterizing the Wyoming corporation laws as "entirely inadequate and unsatisfactory," the attorney general says:

"It is estimated that in Wyoming and Colorado more than 1,000 oil companies, aggregating a capitalization of more than \$800,000,000 have been incorporated in the past three years, all purporting to be operating in Wyoming. More than 80 per cent of said incorporated companies are not even 'wild-catting' companies."

Brief City News

Have Root Print It—Beacon Press.
Carey Cleaning Co.—Web, 392
25 Per cent discount on electric table lamps.—Burgess, Grandin Co.
Fine nropiece goods at underwear's.
Will Elect Officers.—Omaha Lodge No. 354 of the I. O. B. B. will hold their annual election of officers in the club room, on the third floor of the Lyric building, Thursday evening, December 26. The delegates to the grand lodge convention will be chosen at this time.

but are companies incorporated by unscrupulous 'get-rich-quick' promoters after having obtained, by purchase or otherwise, holdings not even 'in likely territory,' and by alluring 'prospects' artistically worded, and other artful means, these unscrupulous promoters have succeeded in separating 'investors' from their money in exchange for worthless stocks."

Twin Dies at Age of 88.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 25.—William Perkins, said to have been one of the oldest living twins in the United States, died at the home of his son here yesterday at the age of 88 years, it became known today. His twin brother, Dr. Willard Perkins, resides in Omsted, Mich.

Howard Gould Ill.

New York, Dec. 25.—Howard Gould, third son of the late Jay Gould, is seriously ill in London, according to word received here tonight. Mr. Gould, who is 47 years old, is known internationally as a yachtsman.

NEUTRALS MAY PARTICIPATE IN PEACE COUNCIL

General Conference Probably Will Not Assemble for Three Weeks; Details Not Yet Settled.

Paris, Dec. 25.—More than three weeks probably will elapse before the general peace conference assembly. It is unlikely that any official statement will be issued in the meantime concerning the number of delegates to be represented or the tests to be applied to determine the right of applicants to participate.

Technical experts attached to the delegations of the principal powers already have given much study to this subject. If negotiations to reach an agreement on this point have not been undertaken already it is certain they will be immediately after President Wilson's return from London.

Notwithstanding the indisposition of the British government to inject business into President Wilson's visit it is possible in his conferences with Premier Lloyd George and Foreign Minister Balfour the foundation may be laid for settlement of the question of representation, which Mr. Wilson probably has discussed with Premier Clemenceau. Conditions which will confront the

peace conference when it opens will not be unlike those marking the opening of a new congress in the United States or a national convention. In the first the house clerk determines the tentative membership and in the second the committee on credentials prepares a tentative list of delegates. At the peace conference delegates must be prepared to present adequate credentials from their legislature, king, president or other executive authority.

It is considered probable several countries on the tentative list will be omitted. But additions to the list of delegates may be made later when the conference gets down to details and general principles. Still later another class of nations may be admitted, including the central powers, to lay the foundations for the formal signing of peace treaties.

Theoretically these questions are subject to mutual examination and challenge in case of doubt but actually in the forthcoming conference the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and later perhaps, Belgium, by reason of sentimental considerations, probably will reach an understanding as to the admission of delegates.

Neutrals May Be Admitted.

The neutral powers probably will be allowed to participate when the stage is reached where it is desirable there should be a world-wide adoption of the plans prepared at the preliminary sessions for the permanent settlement of war issues and the assurance of permanent peace.

There already are indications that there will be applications for numerous small states, some of them existing before the war and others

resulting from the collapse of Russia and the division of Austria and Turkey. In this category are the Zionists of Palestine, Arabs, Armenians, Georgians and small governments in Mesopotamia, which the British and French governments already have promised recognition or protection.

The Czechoslovak republic already has been recognized by most of the nations of the entente and by the United States. Siberia, Finland and Ukraine, Estonia and numerous other fragments of Russia are seeking recognition.

Germans Now Fighting to Win Favor of U. S., Says General Mangin

With the Franco-American Army of Occupation, Dec. 25.—General Mangin said today it was doubtful if the Germans yet realized the enormous part the Americans would have played in the war had they been given the opportunity.

To the American correspondents, whom he invited to a pre-Christmas luncheon at his headquarters at Mayence, General Mangin praised the work of the Americans, especially those divisions which had fought under him.

The general pointed out how the Germans were now fighting to win the favor of the foe from across the sea, saying that their propagandists were picturing President Wilson in the benignest tone instead of denouncing the war as stemming from the "world," as they previously had done.

IOWA FARMER SHOOTS HIMSELF ON CHRISTMAS

Despondency Over Divorce Action Causes Fred Berg to Commit Suicide in Daughter's Home.

Despondent over a divorce suit to be tried in a few days, Fred Berg, retired farmer, aged 61 years, chose Christmas morning to commit suicide.

The tragedy occurred about 8 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Mudge, 1307 Seventh avenue, Council Bluffs. Mrs. Mudge was not in the house at the moment and no one heard the shots. When she missed her father at the breakfast table she began the search that finally disclosed his dead body in the basement of her home.

Sues for Divorce.

The marital troubles began three years ago, when Mrs. Berg, a second wife, began a divorce action but subsequently withdrew it. Several months ago the husband filed a suit, claiming desertion of two years' duration, and Mrs. Berg followed with a cross petition alleging cruelty, asking for the divorce and claiming alimony. The suit was to be called for trial in the near future, and the dread of it preyed upon the husband's mind.

JIMMY—He Nearly Loses His Grandfather

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